

# **Past Recipients of the Patriot of the Year Award**

- 2018 Admiral C. S. “Steve” Abbot, USN (Ret)
- 2017 General Douglas M. Fraser, USAF (Ret)
- 2016 US Coast Guard Aviation Training Center-Mobile,  
Sector Mobile & Gulf Strike Team
- 2015 Admiral Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret)
- 2014 Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr., USA (Ret)
- 2013 James McEachin, USA Veteran,  
USAR Ambassador, Emeritus
- 2012 Lieutenant General Eric E. Fiel, USAF
- 2011 Rear Admiral J. L. “Doc” Abbot Jr.\*, USN (Ret)
- 2010 Ann-Margret
- 2009 Governor of Alabama, Bob Riley
- 2008 General John P. Abizaid, USA (Ret)
- 2007 Mobile Alabama and its World War II Generation
- 2006 U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions
- 2005 General John P. Jumper, USAF (Ret)
- 2004 Former U.S. Representative, H. L. (Sonny) Callahan
- 2003 Korean War Veterans
- 2002 General Wesley K. Clark, USA (Ret)
- 2001 Gold Crew, USS LST 325 (Landing Ship, Tank)
- 2000 Former U.S. Representative Jack Edwards\*
- 1999 Ambassador & Major General J. Gary Cooper,  
USMCR (Ret)
- 1998 Admiral Leighton W. Smith Jr., USN (Ret)
- 1997 WWII Women Airforce Service Pilots (W.A.S.P.)
- 1996 The Tuskegee Airmen

1995 WWII Veterans  
1994 General Charles A. Horner, USAF (Ret)  
1993 Former Astronaut Rear Admiral Alan B. Shepard\*,  
USN (Ret)  
1992 The Doolittle Raiders\*  
1991 General John W. Vessey Jr.\*, USA (Ret)  
1990 Rear Admiral and Former U.S. Senator  
Jeremiah A. Denton Jr.\*, USN (Ret)  
1989 U.S. Representative G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery\*  
1988 U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond\*  
1987 U.S. Representative William F. Nichols\*  
1986 Admiral Thomas H. Moorer\*, USN (Ret)

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USA—United States Army

USCG—United States Coast Guard

USAF—United States Air Force

USMCR—United States Marine Corps Reserve

USAR—United States Army Reserve

USN—United States Navy

USNR—United States Navy Reserve

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## **Criteria for Selection of the Patriot of the Year**

(Abbreviated)

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Military or civilian
3. If military, may be active duty, reserve or retired
4. Nationally or internationally recognized
5. Contribution should be national or international in scope, with lasting impact
6. Contribution could be a single event, series of events or a sustained contribution over a long period of time
7. Award is given without political partisanship
8. One time award