

List of Awards

2025

PRESIDENTS AWARD

To be announced at the award dinner

ENRIQUE CAMARENA MEMORIAL AWARD

Enrique Camarena made the ultimate sacrifice while trying to protect his fellow citizens from the too often violent and seedy world of narcotics. There is no way in which we can repay him or his loved ones for that sacrifice, however, we can pay homage to his memory through this award. The Enrique Camarena Memorial Award is granted to unit or individual that through outstanding effort continued the battle for which Special Agent Camarena gave his life.

Trooper First Class Jamie Cepero Massachusetts State Police

SHERMAN C. GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given in memory of the first New England NEOA member killed in the line of duty. Detective Sherman C. Griffiths was killed in the line of duty in February of 1988. Detective Griffiths, as a member of the Boston Police Drug Control Unit, stood for the best of character and support to his fellow officer.

DEA New Haven Connecticut

U.S. MARSHALL JOHN GIBBONS MEMORIAL AWARD

On May 2, 2023, Members of law enforcement across Massachusetts lost a pillar of strength with the death of former Massachusetts State Trooper and United States Marshal John Gibbons. John was a board of directors' member of the New England NEOA while he served 30 years with the Massachusetts State Police and became nationally recognized for over 10 years as the U.S. Marshal of Massachusetts District. Even with Johns great success he continued to mentor a guide officers and victims John was a great friend to all of us and a loving family man. This award is granted to an officer who has gone above and beyond the course of his/her daily duties to guide the next generation of law enforcement into the future.

Major James Bazzinotti Massachusetts State Police

EMMANUEL (MANNY) WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD

On September 2, 1992, Manny Wilson was killed in a motor vehicle accident while responding to an Officer in Trouble call. He is the second New England NEOA member killed in the line of duty. This award is granted to an officer who has shown an outstanding commitment to narcotic enforcement through inventive undercover work and dedication to duty.

Operation Raising Arizona

JEREMIAH P. SULLIVAN AWARD

It is only fitting that the New England NEOA pays tribute and perpetuate those who preceded our effort in the field of narcotic law enforcement. Men of vision such as Jeremiah P. Sullivan were among the first to address the enforcement dilemma and through their dedication to duty, developed procedures and guidelines still actively employed today. This award is given to an individual who best exemplifies Jeremiah P. Sullivan's tradition of service, loyalty and integrity.

Operation A-Spec

JOHN "SONNY" CARBONE MEMORIAL AWARD

John "Sonny" Carbone was a narcotics officer ahead of his time, initiating interagency partnerships targeting entire drug distribution organizations at a time when law enforcement was focusing on arrest and street level dealers. A Cambridge, Massachusetts detective, John was well respected by his peers in law enforcement earning a reputation as a tenacious, honest, and forthright officer. John's capacity to work with others and overcome interagency rivalries, combined with his ability to conduct quality criminal investigations, is remembered with this award named after him.

Operation Getting Lucky Again

JOHN RAMIK MEMORIAL AWARD

Trooper John Ramik of the Connecticut State Police represented everything that law enforcement in General and Narcotic Law Enforcement in particular stands for. Trooper Ramik lost his life to leukemia at a very young age. During the last two years of his life and in the face of great personal strife, he served his community in the best interests of excellence in narcotic law enforcement.

Operation Flat Tire

HENRY J. RINALDI AWARD

Sergeant Detective Henry J. Rinaldi a founding member of the New England NEOA and a loyal officer of the Boston Police Drug Control Unit was recognized for his inventiveness and courage. Hours of hard work and days and nights of long surveillance often paid off for the Sergeant. He had a strong determination to rid the community of the drug menace. Hundreds, even thousands of drug violators were arrested and prosecuted because of Sergeant Rinaldi's efforts. He was loved and respected by all who worked with him. This award is given in memory of Sergeant Rinaldi and the accomplishments of his career.

Operation Southern Cruz

PERRY H. HENDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Perry H. Henderson, a former employee of the New England Telephone Company was a pioneer in the drug awareness education field. His pioneering efforts in drug education opened many eyes to the effectiveness of drug education particularly with children. In continued support of those efforts and the efforts of others the New England NEOA grants this award to an individual or group that has shown outstanding effort in the field of drug awareness education.

Operation Summertime

MILTON T. CAMELLERI AWARD

This award is given in honor of the dedicated service to the New England NEOA exemplified by Mickey Camilleri. The award is designated in recognition of extraordinary contributions made to and on behalf of the New England NEOA.

Operation Last Kizz

MAJOR JOHN F. REGAN AWARD

Major John F. Regan was a member of the Massachusetts State Police. During his career, he was the recipient of many awards for his outstanding police work from both legislative and civic organizations. He developed many innovative programs, one of which involved the various New England State Police organizations. This effort presented a combined initiative to investigate major criminal conspiracies, particularly illegal narcotics distribution and organized crime activities on a regional basis. The New England NEOA grants this award to an individual or group that fosters Major Regan's efforts in multi agency investigations.

Operation Bully Bling

FRANCIS A. GRONDIN AWARD

Before his death, Detective Grondin worked in the Quincy Drug Enforcement Unit. He was in charge of several undercover drug investigations and received a commendation from that department for his professional leadership abilities, as well as his exemplary work performance. He was a model for all narcotic investigators to follow. This award is granted to an individual who best exemplifies the standards set by Detective Grondin.

Operation Bling Bling

HENRY "HANK" HAVERKOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

Hank Haverkock was a member of the Bennington Vermont Police Department where he distinguished himself as an outstanding police officer. Hank worked hard to keep the youth of his community drug free. Hank had a tremendous ability to remember information and Hank was fondly called the "Computer". Hank's career was cut short after a lengthy bout with cancer. Hank will be remembered as the brother officer who never gave up the fight, and is remembered with this award named after him.

Operation Clean Sweep

SGT. JOHN F. PETROWSKI MEMORIAL AWARD

John was a member of the Connecticut State Police for twenty- seven years retiring at the rank of sergeant. The majority of his time was spent in narcotic enforcement where he was assigned as commander at the southwest office of The Connecticut Statewide Narcotics Task Force. John was known for his investigative knowledge. He would never be satisfied with what was apparent. John's squad at the Southwest Office was a pivotal factor in the largest seizure of cocaine in Connecticut's history. John also fought his battle with cancer with a bulldog attitude. This award is given in memory of Sergeant John Petrowski and the accomplishments of his career.

Operation Dyadi

WILLIAM "BILLY" YOUT MEMORIAL AWARD

William "Billy" Yout was a Special Agent with the DEA for 32 years. For 10 of those years Billy had been the Resident Agent in Charge of the Manchester, NH Resident Office. As a leader, he instilled in his people the law enforcement traits he held in the highest regards, dedication, commitment, and teamwork. His legacy lives on today within the DEA New Hampshire Office.

Operation Witches Brew

THE MATTHEW SEIFER ACHIEVMENT AWARD

Matthew “Matty” Seifer was one of New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association founding fathers. In 1941 Matty began a career as an Agent with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in Boston. In 1967 that agency would become known as the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Ultimately the BNDD became what we know today as the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. During World War II Agent Seifer was drafted and served in the United States Navy from 1944 and 1945. After the war he returned to the Bureau of Narcotics and was transferred to New York. Agent Seifer would later return to the Boston office. During his thirty four year career Matty Seifer was the individual other law enforcement professionals and agencies would turn to with questions regarding narcotic intelligence. Matty Seifer was the go to agent during an era where everything was new and most challenging. During his career Matty Seifer held a number of other positions and posts of responsibility. The one thing Agent Seifer never stopped doing was enforcing federal drug laws. During 1973, at age 65, Agent Seifer purchased 100 kilos of marijuana at a Beacon Street Hotel in Boston. Matthew Seifer retired at age 69 in 1977. Matthew Seifer is the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association oldest living member as of May 2006 at age 98. He has been an NENEOA member since its inception. Matty Seifer has spent a lifetime serving the law enforcement community and his country.

Operation Addy-Boro

PHILIP CAVANAUGH MEMORIAL AWARD

Philip Cavanaugh was one of the founding fathers of the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association. Phil served as the past NENEOA president and was a Board of Director Member for more then thirty years. His brilliant career took him from a Patrol Officer to Deputy Chief at U-Mass Amherst. During that career he exemplified what narcotic enforcement should encompass. He never stopped learning, never stopped teaching, was continuously innovated, and never stopped enforcing the drug laws while he never stopped serving the community.

Francisco -Resposa-Mesa

HAROLD B. MOSHER MEMORIAL AWARD

Harold “Hal” Mosher was a Diversion Investigator (DI) for the DEA in Boston for over fifteen years, retiring in 2001. Prior to his years as a DI, Hal was a police officer for the towns of Hanson and East Bridgewater, MA and an Assistant Clerk Magistrate for the Plymouth, MA Court. Hal passed away on January 13, 2016 at the age of 77 after a short illness. DI Mosher was well known and respected as a tenacious investigator during his years at DEA conducting pharmaceutical investigations. He brought a wealth of knowledge from his days as a street cop to the world of federal investigations.

DEA NEFD Cape Cod Resident Office Operation Lambert

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Walpole Police Detective Andrew Kiewlicz

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Operation Family Link

CHIEF THOMAS KINDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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DEA TFO Millis Police Sergeant Dominic Tiberi

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Drug Enforcement Administration GS John "J-Mac" McDonald

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Alcohol Tabaco and Firearms RAC Robert "BJ" White

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Walpole and Newton Police Chief John Carmichael

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Weymouth Ma Police Department and South Shore Task Force Detective Robert Gervasi

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Drug Enforcement Administration GS Brian Dejoy

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Drug Enforcement Administration Rac David Ditullio

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Natick MA Police Department Metrowest Drug Task Force Dan Brogan