

National Award Congratulatory Speech

Volunteers truly are the lifeblood of PPA and its Affiliates. Every association has those extraordinary volunteers whose efforts on behalf of the Affiliate and its members deserve special recognition.

Seeking a way to thank these individuals, Professional Photographers of America created the National Award in 1958. Each year, PPA makes this prestigious award available to state, regional, national and international affiliates – who then present it to deserving individuals.

The highest honor granted by a PPA Affiliate, it recognizes those whose support for photography goes far beyond any regular expectations or contributions. The simple inscription on this plaque reads “for service to professional photography” – but we know that this award means far more than that.

We are here to honor one of those special individuals today. PPA is pleased to share with _____ (association)

in the presentation of the coveted National Award. On behalf of the Professional Photographers of America, I am pleased to extend my gratitude and congratulations to this year's recipient.

Would all those who have received the National Award please come forward to congratulate this year's recipient?

Now, here is _____ (presenter)

to tell us about this year's National Award recipient.

If PPA officer holds the National Award, then join other National Award recipients while the Affiliate presenter finishes the presentation. If not, then step away from the podium, but remain standing.