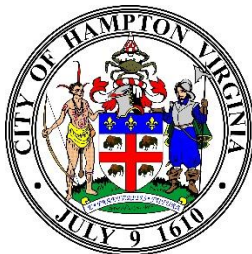


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Hampton's Distinguished Citizen Medal

Hampton's Distinguished Citizen Medal is the highest honor that City Council may bestow on an individual, the approximate equivalent of a "key to the city."

Individuals recognized by this award have served Hampton in such an extraordinary way as to distinguish themselves from other individuals or have been recognized with a state, national or international award that brings honor and distinction to the City of Hampton.

The award, which dates back to 1964, is not given annually. It is awarded infrequently for outstanding achievements at the direction of the City Council.

Hampton's Distinguished Citizen Award recipients include:

Ralph Shelman, December 12, 2018

Founder and Executive Director of Peninsula Center for Independent Living, for significant contributions to the public as a leader in the disability community.

Margot Lee Shetterly, June 13, 2018

Author of "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race." The best-selling book and the movie from it drew national attention to a chapter of Hampton's history.

Dr. William R. Harvey, February 28, 2018

President of Hampton University for 40 years, who has overseen a period of growth at the former Hampton Institute. The nationally recognized university added educational programs and degrees, cutting-edge research, cancer treatment and research.

Dois I. Rosser Jr., January 10, 2018

Founder of ICM, a Hampton-based charity that has helped build 7,000 churches in 86 countries, and former chairman of the POMOCO Auto Group. Also served as board member or trustee for numerous community organizations.

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George E. Wallace, approved September 14, 2016; presented August 21, 2016

Former mayor, vice mayor, councilman, city manager, assistant city manager and economic development director who served the city for 38 years in a variety of roles and represented the city on dozens of boards and commissions.

Charlie W. Hill, April 27, 2016

Co-founder of Hampton Roads Prostate Health Forum and advocate with Minority Men's Health Initiative; served on a variety of boards and non-profits.

Katherine G. Johnson, April 27, 2016

NASA mathematician who performed manual calculations for the Mercury and Apollo space programs, including launch windows, orbit trajectories and landings. One of the first African-Americans and women to work in such roles at NASA, she is the subject of the book and movie "Hidden Figures."

Dr. Linda M. Shifflette, May 27, 2015

Former Hampton City Schools superintendent who served the school system for more than 40 years. Under her leadership, the school system added career academies at the four high schools, opened two PreK-8 schools, implemented a personal tablet technology program, and had a school named a Blue Ribbon School.

Robert F. Shuford, Sr., September 24, 2014

Chairman, President and CEO of Old Point National Bank, based in Hampton but expanded to a regional financial institution, who has also been a community leader in multiple board, fund-raising and volunteer capacities.

Francena McCorory, September 12, 2012

Bethel High School and Hampton University graduate who won a Gold Medal in the Women's 4x400 Relay in the 2012 Summer Olympics held in London, England.

Hardy L. Cash, February 9, 2011; presented January 28, 2011

For over 60 years of service to the City of Hampton

Gwen Cumming and Will Moffett, February 9, 2011; presented January 26, 2011

Co-Chairmen - 400th Anniversary

Morton L. Olshan and Richard "Dick" Steinberg, April 14, 2010

For years of service to Hampton in connection with Coliseum Mall, Peninsula Town Center, etc.

Dr. Mary T. Christian, January 24, 2007; presented January 14, 2007

For years of service to the community

Dr. Turner M. Spencer, July 19, 2006; presented July 9, 2006

For 20 years of service on the City Council, 1986 – 2006

Andrew D. Greenwell, November 13, 2002

For efforts in the dedication of the Ruppert L. Sargent Administration building dedication

Mary E. Johnson, November 14, 2001; presented October 28, 2001

For outstanding Neighborhood Initiatives (restoration of the Little England Chapel, development of the Newtown Learning Center for neighborhood children; one of the first black principals in the City; commitment to her neighborhood; community activist)

Midge J. Eason, June 10, 1998; presented June 1, 1998

For outstanding support of City initiatives

James L. Eason, June 10, 1998; presented June 1, 1998

Mayor - July 1, 1982 - May 18, 1998

Michael L. Smith, March 12, 1997; presented March 3, 1997

Hampton High School Football Coach

Charles A. Wornom, August 14, 1996; presented July 17, 1996

Mayor and Councilman - July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1996 - 29 years

Hunter B. Andrews, January 24, 1996

Senator, Virginia General Assembly, 1963-1995

T. Melvin Butler, July 13, 1994; presented June 28, 1994

Vice Mayor and Councilman - 16 years

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hunnicutt III, April 13, 1994

Co-Chairmen USS Hampton Commissioning Committee

Mr. & Mrs. Harrol A. Brauer Jr., January 22, 1986

Co-Chairmen - 375th Anniversary

Ann H. Kilgore, July 9, 1980

Mayor and Councilwoman - 21 years

Steve Riddick, presented October 10, 1976

Olympic Gold Medalist – Track

Justice C. Vernon Spratley, October 11, 1967

Town Attorney for the Town of Phoebus and the Town of Hampton; Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit (Hampton, Phoebus, Elizabeth City County, and Newport News); retired from the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. Served as Town Councilman - elected June 1907 with 35 votes

L. Eldon James, November 9, 1966

National Commander of the American Legion

Charles Flax, presented 1960s

Hampton Institute Director of the Hampton Crusaders Male Chorus

John R. "Captain Johnny" Lawson, presented 1960s

Served as Councilmember: May 1, 1945 - June 30, 1952; and July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1961

Major General George Richard Edwin Shell, August 11, 1965

Hampton Native who served as Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute

Christopher Kraft, presented June 23, 1965

NASA engineer and manager instrumental in establishing Mission Control operation. The Phoebus native was flight director for all six of the manned Mercury missions.

Colonel Roy F. Zinzer, September 23, 1964

First Distinguished Citizen Award to Retiring Commander of Fort Monroe in recognition of meritorious service and outstanding achievement

NOTES:

File documents reflect that Steve Riddick, Charles Flax, John R. "Captain Johnny" Lawson, and Christopher Kraft received the Distinguished Citizen Award, however a thorough search of the minutes has shown that these awardees were not officially recognized by Council in their City Council minutes. The June 23, 1965 City Council minutes reflect an intent to award Christopher Kraft with the distinction, so this date was used for this record.

The City Council minutes also reflect Major General George Richard Edwin Shell received the award on August 11, 1965, although his name has not appeared on previous lists.