

recipients of past awards



IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR

M. Raymond McGowan*	1974	Michael J. Doolan*	1998
Brother Bernard McKenna*	1975	Raymond B. O'Hare	1999
Paul Kiernan*	1976	Brother Peter Mannion, FSC*	2000
John L. Keaveney	1977	Timothy E. Ryan	2001
David B. Kelly*	1978	William B. O'Grady, MD	2002
Edward J. Simmons*	1979	Clarence G. Reed*	2003
Monsignor John E. Grimes*	1980	Joe Finn*	2004
Henry T. Leonard*	1981	Patrick J. Dwyer, MD *	2005
Thomas F. Kelaher*	1982	Michael T. Warshaw, Esq.	2006
Joseph V. McLoone*	1983	Michael J. Cahill, MD	2007
Monsignor Robert T. Bulman*	1984	Jack L. Kraft, Esq.	2008
Robert E. Brennan	1985	Reverend Brian Thomas Butch	2009
Charles "Buck" Smith*	1986	Tim McLoone	2010
Robert H. Doherty, Jr.*	1987	Robert T. Curley	2011
Thomas T. Warshaw*	1988	John M. Kiely	2012
Brother Andrew O'Gara, FSC*	1989	Tom Weatherall	2013
Robert E. Sexton, MD*	1990	Robert Swain, Esq.	2014
John S. Feeney, Jr.*	1991	Gerald V. (Jerry) Lynch	2015
Rev. John J. Mannion*	1992	Dr. John Edward Feeney	2016
Joseph P. Briody	1993	Brother Frank Byrne, FSC	2017
Thomas J. Powers	1994	Timothy C. Hearne, Jr.	2018
Philip C. Carling*	1995	The Byrne Brothers	2019
Thomas J. Carey*	1996	Henry P. McNally	2022
Patrick J. Maroney	1997		

THE ORDER OF ST. BRENDAN

Terrence Whelan*	1977	Reverend Thomas O'Connor*	2000
John Cahill	1980	Reverend Daniel G. Cahill	2001
Edward Connolly	1981	Monsignor Michael J. Walsh	2003
John J. O'Donnell*	1982	Jeremiah Greaney	2004
Patrick Gaynor	1983	Oliver Keelan	2005
Andrew M. Smith*	1984	Patrick J. Farrell	2006
Patrick Kenny	1985	Charles McCague	2007
Thomas A. McCormack	1986	Patrick Harold Fagan*	2008
Thomas J. Brennan	1987	Martin T. Nolan	2009
Patrick Ward	1988	Declan J. O'Scanlon, M.D.	2010
Patrick J. Sheridan, Sr.*	1989	Michael Dunphy	2011
Martin Loftus*	1990	Patrick J. Mc Gowan	2012
Joseph A. Kelly, SJ*	1991	Eugene Devlin	2013
Monsignor Kevin Flanagan	1992	Reverend Harold G. Cullen	2014
Thomas J. Healy	1993	Mark Fox	2015
John Owens	1994	John P. Sheridan	2016
Malcolm O'Sullivan, FSC	1995	Micheál Ó Máille	2017
Monsignor Sean P. Flynn	1996	Raymond O'Hanlon	2018
William M. O'Doherty*	1997	Fr. Martin O'Reilly	2019
Reverend James Brady	1998	David P. Cahill	2022
Kevin P. Guerin	1999		

* Deceased



RECIPIENTS OF PAST AWARDS



THE COMMODORE JOHN BARRY AWARD

Presented on rare occasion for valor in the Irish tradition in the defense for the United States of America.

- 1981 **Timothy J. McCarthy**, a US Secret Service Agent who jumped into the line of fire and took bullets intended for President Reagan.
- 1983 **Kenneth Taylor***, a Canadian ambassador to Iran who, at great risk, provided safe haven for US Embassy personnel and spirited them safely out of the country.
- 1985 **Sharon Christa Corrigan McAuliffe***, the teacher-astronaut who lost her life in the explosion of the "Challenger" space craft.
- 1993 **Robert F. O'Connor, Jr.**, a Newark police officer who, in seven years on the force, received almost thirty citations and two Medals of Honor for outstanding performance and bravery under fire.
- 2000 **Senator John McCain**, as a Navy pilot during the Vietnam War, he was shot down and captured. He spent nearly six years as a POW in Hanoi, two of them in solitary confinement.
- 2002 **NYPD, FDNY, OEM, PAPD and NYC Department of Sanitation** for their bravery and valor on September 11th, 2001.
- 2004 **Cdr. Thomas J. Gorman**, a retired Navy Commander who exhibited great pride in his country and who also received a direct commendation from President Nixon for his work in repatriating prisoners of war from Vietnam.
- 2005 **1st Lt. Sean Cox, USMA**, as a Logistics Specialist has seen duty in Japan, South Korea, the Philippines and Iraq.
- 2006 **Capt. Patrick F. Mullevey, USMC**, awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for his role as a platoon leader in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 2007 **Congressman Chris Smith**, for more than two decades of dedicated service on behalf of our country's veterans; one of Congress' leading advocates for human rights and his work in seeking a lasting peace in Northern Ireland and for his steadfast pro-life stance.
- 2008 **Lt. Michael P. Murphy***, a United States Navy SEAL, for heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Lt. Murphy, while commanding a four member SEAL Team in the mountains of Afghanistan knowingly and willingly exposed himself to deadly enemy fire in an attempt to save his men. He was mortally wounded. Lt. Michael Patrick Murphy, USN SEAL was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor; the first member of the US Navy since the Vietnam War to receive this great honor.
- 2009 **Lt. Brian Brennan**, On May 7, 2008, while deployed to Afghanistan and commanding a 5 vehicle patrol of the 101st Airborne Rangers an IED exploded under his Humvee. Brian suffered cardiac arrest, severe brain injuries, multiple compound fractures, shattered femur, among other wounds. After multiple surgeries abroad, including partial amputations of both legs, Brian was transported to Walter Reed Army Hospital. He remained in a non-cognitive state until the end of a visit by General David Petraeus, Commanding General of Multi-National Force - Iraq, who uttered the word "Currahee" (a Cherokee word meaning "stand alone" and the 506 Infantry motto); inexplicably Brian sat up in his bed at attention and became very emotional. Brian's subsequent recovery has been nothing short of miraculous, defying all medical prognostications.
- 2011 **Lt. Robert W. Allison, Jr., USMC**, was selected as the Commodore John Barry Award recipient for his leadership and meritorious service with the USMC Expeditionary Force during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.
- 2012 **Vice Admiral Joseph Maguire, USN (ret)**, served the United States for 36 years at every level of the SEAL Community, including as commander of the Naval Component of the US Special Operations Command.
- 2013 **Lt. General John F. Mulholland, Jr.**, was selected as the Commodore John Barry Award recipient for his leadership following the attack against America on September 11, 2001 and his unwavering command of the Special Forces of the United States against the Taliban and Al Qaeda.
- 2014 **William McCabe**, for conspicuous service in hostile action during the Vietnam War for which the recipient was cited for heroism.
- 2016 **Philip B. McGuire**, In recognition of the exceptional professionalism and bold initiative in the face of extreme danger during the Vietnam Conflict for which the Bronze Star was awarded in the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.
- 2017 **Lt. Michael Kiernan Clancy**, for his professionalism and commitment to his country including his service as a leading member of law enforcement in Monmouth County for which he has received numerous accolades and the utmost respect of his peers.
- 2019 **Jason Martin**, Jason Martin was selected because of his courageous service to our nation. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and completed Navy Seal training. Thereafter, as a member of Seal Team 3 he was deployed three times to the Middle East and Africa. Since retiring from the Navy Jason has dedicated his many talents to supporting his family and improving his community.
- 2022 **Matthew Eric O'Neil** - for service to our country in the Irish Tradition. Matt received numerous medals including the Purple Heart, Afghan Campaign Medal with 2 stars and Global War on Terrorism Medal. Thank you for your service.

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