

# In The Loop

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## Honoring Civil Service

They're called the "Sammies," and they go to the nation's most outstanding civil servants. Last night, the Service to America Medals were awarded during a ceremony at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. "They tell the true stories of the remarkable work that our federal employees do each and every day," said Max Stier, president of the Partnership for Public Service, which established the awards in 2002.



Lowy



Schiller

### Federal Employees of the Year

Douglas Lowy and John Schiller

National Institutes of Health

Made discoveries leading to a vaccine for the virus that causes most cervical cancers worldwide.



### Call to Service

Nicole Faison

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Created an income-verification program that eliminated more than \$2 billion in fraudulent payments by HUD's rental assistance programs.



### International Affairs

Edward Peter Messmer

State Department

Averted a health crisis during the 2006 Lebanon war by helping to get fuel reserves into the country, which kept major power plants running.



### Career Achievement

David Vesely

Department of Veterans Affairs

Discovered three hormones made by the heart that benefit the treatment of congestive heart failure, kidney failure and cancer.



### Justice and Law Enforcement

John S. Morgan

Justice Department

Created a program that has helped solve thousands of cold cases and expanded the capacity of local law enforcement to use DNA evidence.



### Citizen Services

Dinah F. B. Cohen

Defense Department

Leads the world's largest assistive-technology program, filling more than 57,000 accommodation requests for people with disabilities.



### National Security Medal

Anh Duong

Naval Surface Warfare Center

Designed the thermobaric bomb used during the war in Afghanistan — and develops anti-terrorism technologies for the Pentagon.



### Homeland Security

Tracy Proctor Mustin

Energy Department

Leading an initiative to put radiological and nuclear detectors at seaports, airports and border crossings across the globe.



### Science and Environment

Frazer Lockhart

Energy Department (Colorado)

Completed the first successful cleanup of a former nuclear weapons facility 60 years ahead of schedule and \$30 billion under budget.