

# Department of the Navy



## Certificate of Award

*In appreciation of  
Distinguished Public Service  
to the Department of the Navy*  
**The Secretary of the Navy**  
*takes pleasure in presenting the*

**DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

*to* **The Honorable John J. Young, Jr.**

*for services set forth in the following*

### Citation

For exceptionally distinguished public service to the Department of the Navy as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition) from May 2005 to November 2005. Secretary Young's initiative, astute judgment, and broad understanding of the acquisition process provided invaluable contributions in support of the Department of the Navy. With keen insight and a sense of urgency, he led a review of the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast shipyards which resulted in the development of a comprehensive supplemental funding bill that will help support the recovery of the shipyards, the Gulf Coast economy, and avoid future ship completion cost bills for Katrina impacts. Responding to the continuing challenge of countering the Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) threat, he coordinated the Department's rapid acquisition initiative with the Army to rapidly procure 10,000 low power IED jammers. His visionary leadership and dedicated support of the Navy's shipbuilding programs culminated in the launching of the first ship of the T-AKE class, LEWIS AND CLARK (T-AKE 1) and the keel laying of the first Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS), the USS FREEDOM (LCS 1). In recognition of his tireless efforts and outstanding contributions to the United States of America and the Department of the Navy, Mr. John J. Young Jr., is awarded the Department of the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award.



*Robert England*  
Secretary of the Navy  
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