The USEF Lifetime Achievement Award

Criteria: Awarded to the horseman or woman whose “lifetime experience and accomplishments in the equestrian world exemplify uncommon devotion to the sport of competition with horses and whose equestrian career and horsemanship have continually elevated the sport’s excellence.” With a special emphasis on length of service and a broad industry impact. This award can only be won once by an individual.

Selection of Winner: Nominations come from the USEF general membership, via solicitations on the USEF website and in USEF e-communications. If response to this is poor, the Executive Committee is also asked to submit nominations. The National Officers selects the winner from the pool of nominees.

Award: Given at the USEF Pegasus Dinner during the annual meeting.

Timeline: Solicitation begins in July, however, nominations will be accepted year long. The deadline for submittal is October 5th. The National Officers may also be asked for nominations. The names of non-winners from previous years may be resubmitted each year. The Ad Hoc Awards Committee will review nominees at the beginning of October to verify eligibility and move nominees to the Pegasus Medal of Honor nominee list if warranted. A list of nominees with short biographies is sent to all of the National Officers so that they can vote during a November conference call.

Perpetual Trophy: Lifetime Achievement Award Trophy in Honor of Bill Steinkraus

Past Winners:

1989 Jimmy A. Williams
1990 Helen Crabtree
1991 Sallie Sexton
1992 Bertalan de Nemethy
1993 William C. Steinkraus
1994 Clarence "Honey" Craven
1995 Theodora (A.C.) Randolph
1996 Robert C. Rost, DVM
1997 Major General Jonathan R. Burton
1998 Emerson Burr
1999 Kenneth Wheeler
1999 His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh
2000 John H. Fritz
2001 Frank D. Chapot
2002 Ned & Nina Bonnie
2003 Jack Le Goff
2004 Lowell Boomer
2005 Walter Straus
2006 George Morris
2007 Don Burt
2008 Eugene Mische
2009 Jessica Ransenhousen
2010 Don Harris
2011 James C. Wofford
2012 Joe Fargis
2013 Keith Bartz
2014 Judy Werner
2015 Helena (Lana) DuPont Wright
2016 Larry Langer
2017 Joseph Dotoli
2017 Sallie Wheeler