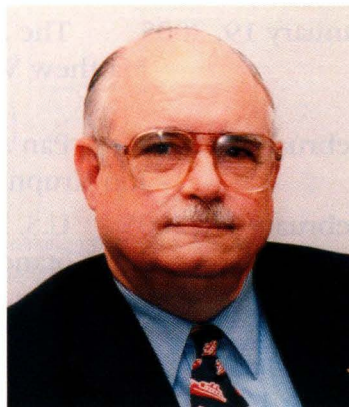


John M. Hotchner to Receive 2004 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately will be presented to Mr. John M. Hotchner at the Collectors Club Annual Awards Dinner on May 11, 2005.

Hotchner, a writer, editor, researcher and lecturer well known to U.S. collectors, has made extraordinary contributions to the promotion and awareness of philately. His work on behalf of organized philately is notable. A Board member of the American Philatelic Society for 16 years, he served in numerous capacities, including Committee Chairman of Mentor Services Activities, Kehr Award Selection, and the Board of Vice Presidents. John was elected APS President in 1997. He has also served on the Board of Governors of the United States Stamp Society, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the Virginia Philatelic Federation, and over 20 other national clubs and societies including the Dolley Madison Stamp Club of McLean, VA.



John is currently serving on the Postmaster General's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists. Hotchner also contributes his time and materials to "Stamps for the Wounded," an organization serving patients at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals. Whether serving as a Ben Franklin Stamp Club Leader at St. Anthony's Catholic School in the seventies or on the Advisory Council of Junior Philatelists of America in the eighties, John cares about promoting philately at every level.

John has been a collector since age five. He likes, and somehow finds the time, to collect stamps and related material. His collecting interests are diverse. He is a country collector of Great Britain, several European continental countries, Venezuela, Russia, Israel, several Asian countries among them, India, China, Straits Settlements, Australia and New Zealand. He has several thematic collections as well.

As an exhibitor, Hotchner has received national Grand awards and vermeil at the International level, as well as a national Gold in philatelic literature. John is an accredited philatelic judge in stamps and literature. He has judged at numerous national shows and FIP shows. Hotchner, a feature writer for *Linn's Stamp News*, currently contributes to the *Virginia Philatelic Forum* and *Linn's Almanac* and he serves as Editor for *U.S. Stamp News* and *The Philatelic Exhibitor*.

John is married and has four grown children and five grandchildren. A graduate of the University of Virginia, John has 38 years of service with the U.S. Foreign Service, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs. He is currently serving as Director of Passport Policy and Legal Advisory Services.

John is the recipient of numerous awards for his philatelic writing and service including the APS Luff Award, the USSS Hopkinson Literature Award, and election to the APS Writers' Unit Hall of Fame. In May, Club members and guests will gather at the Cornell Club to honor someone who has devoted his time and energies to promote philately. It is in itself an honor to add John Hotchner's name to the list of recipients of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award.