

Capt. Robert P. Odenweller

to receive 1993

Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

One of the most prestigious philatelic awards in the world, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award will be presented to Capt. Robert P. Odenweller during The Collectors Club Annual Dinner on May 19, 1993.

Each year, previous award winners nominate new and worthy recipients for this signal honor. After careful review, they present their nominations to the Board of Governors of the Club, to be voted for final approval. At its December 1992 meeting, the board selected Capt. Odenweller as the 1993 and 43rd recipient "for distinguished services to philately."

In performing services to philately, recipients are expected to distinguish themselves in: organizational work, collections formed, research published, services as jurors or commissioners at philatelic exhibitions, membership in expert committees, speaking engagements, etc.

This year's recipient's contributions encompass all of these areas. Capt. Odenweller has been a very active collector. His collection of New Zealand classics, started at the age of 7 years when he acquired a 3 shilling of the Mount Egmont issue of 1935, for the then princely sum of \$2.00, was awarded the *Grand Prix D'Honneur* at the Buenos Aires '80 FIP exhibition. It also received the APS Champion of Champions award at Sescal '73. He also has exhibits of Samoa and Tasmania, which have obtained gold medals at international exhibitions.

He has published extensively in the area of New Zealand philately. An article on New Zealand bisets published in the *American Philatelic Congress* book received the Jere Hess Barr award. Capt. Odenweller has also done extensive work in Samoa, culminating in a series of articles published in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* for which he received the CCP medal in 1975.

He has written several articles for the *OPINIONS* series of The Philatelic Foundation and was the editor of the just published volume VI. He has a regular column on exhibiting and judging in the *Philatelic Exhibitor*, and has authored a series on International Judging and Judging Training in the CCP. He was the main author of the Commissioner's handbook issued by the APS several years ago.

Capt. Odenweller is very well-known in organized philately both nationally and internationally. Over the years he has particularly served The Collectors Club as a governor since 1969, secretary for three terms, vice-president for five terms and president for three terms. He has served on the Editorial Board since 1973 and served for six years as Program Committee chairman.

He is currently the president of the FIP Commission for Traditional Philately, a trustee on the Philatelic Foundation, director of the Associ-



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ation Internationale des Experts Philateliques (A.I.E.P.), and is the secretary of the Grand Prix Club International. In the past he has been an APS director, as well as serving COPO from 1984 through 1991.

In addition, he serves as a member of the Expert Committee of the American Philatelic Society and is currently the acting-chairman of the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation.

Capt. Odenweller has been the U.S. commissioner for Philaserdica '79 and New Zealand '90. As an accredited Federation Internationale de Philatalie (FIP) and APS judge, he has served on ten FIP juries, three times as secretary and five times as section leader.

His honors include the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the British Philatelic Federation, which he signed in Cardiff, Wales, in 1991. In 1988 he received the SEPAD National Merit Award and the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Centennial Medal for distinguished service to philately.

Capt. Odenweller was born in 1938 in Colon, Panama Canal Zone, he attended Swarthmore College and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1960. After flying B-52H aircraft in the Strategic Air Command, he left the Air Force to join TWA in 1966.

He resides in Bernardsville, New Jersey, with his wife of 26 years, Jane Rawlings Odenweller. He has two daughters, Liesl and Joy.

His other interests are photography, chess, languages, astronomy, and singing; he once sang the bass solo in *Messiah* with the Denver Symphony, and above all, computers.

The selection of Capt. Odenweller as the 43rd recipient of the Lichtenstein Memorial Award is a very well-deserved honor for his many years of unselfish services to the hobby.



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