

THE WAY DINNER

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President John F. Kennedy and
First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy
during their state visit
to France in 1961

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Sunday, May 22, 2022

Hosts

Ambassador Caroline Kennedy
and **Edwin Schlossberg**

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"The world is changing...the perils are deepening...the irresistible march of history moves forward. We must now take the leadership in that great march—or be forever left behind.

And this is why we have gathered here...to refreshen our spirits and stir our hearts for the tasks which lie ahead."

John F. Kennedy, August 14, 1960

Dear Friends,

President Kennedy took office during a time of significant cultural and political upheaval. In the midst of these challenges, he saw limitless potential in Americans and in his fellow citizens of the world.

Today, we find ourselves again in a moment of uncertainty and challenge. The war in Ukraine has shown us that we cannot take freedom for granted. At home, we are reminded that we all have a responsibility to exercise our fundamental right to vote and elevate courageous, principled public servants to elective office.

There is no more important issue facing our society today than the fight for democracy. Our government must address the greatest challenges of the modern age: social and racial injustice, a worsening climate crisis, widening cultural and economic divisions, and the steady erosion of human rights worldwide.

Your support helps the JFK Library to bring President Kennedy's spirit of optimism and collective determination to individuals across the globe through virtual and onsite programs—reminding young people of the power of their voice and vote.

Thank you for your partnership and for joining us for an evening of hope and inspiration.

With gratitude,

Carine Kennedy *Ronald L. Sargent*

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John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Ceremony

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2022 Profile in Courage Award Honorees

Defending Democracy at Home and Abroad

[Wandrea’ ArShaye Moss](#), Former Department of Registration & Elections Employee,
Fulton County, Georgia

[Jocelyn Benson](#), Secretary of State, Michigan (D)

[Russell “Rusty” Bowers](#), House Speaker, Arizona (R)

[Liz Cheney](#), U.S. Congresswoman, At-Large, Wyoming (R)

[Volodymyr Zelenskyy](#), President, Ukraine

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Susan Solomont
Sheel Tyle and Sejal Hathi
Pamela Wickham
Gang (George) Wu
Zhijun Yang
Qi Zhang & Grace Dai

THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE AWARD

Created in 1989, the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award™ is presented annually to public servants who have made courageous decisions of conscience without regard for the personal or professional consequences. The award is named for President Kennedy’s 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*, which recounts the stories of eight U.S. senators who risked their careers, incurring the wrath of constituents or powerful interest groups, by taking principled stands for unpopular positions.

The recipients of this prestigious award for political courage are selected by a distinguished bipartisan committee of national, political, and community leaders.

The Award is represented by a sterling silver ship’s lantern, designed by Edwin Schlossberg and crafted by Tiffany and Co. In his description of the lantern’s design and symbolism, Dr. Schlossberg said: “A lantern...evokes the shared cultural symbols of light and truth. Light is the beacon of warning, of safety, of hope in the wilderness. A lantern symbolizes the search for an honest person and is in keeping with the profound message of the work, *Profiles in Courage*, that a courageous person is one who is honest, has integrity, and finds their own path despite the darkness of outside pressures.”

The Profile in Courage Award Committee

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- The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
- The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
- Adam Frankel
- Sherrilyn Ifill
- The Honorable Caroline Kennedy
- Marne Levine
- The Honorable Claire McCaskill
- Admiral William H. McRaven (Ret.)
- Beth Myers
- Ronald L. Sargent
- Jack Schlossberg

“Today the challenge of
political courage looms
larger than ever before...”

John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*



Photo by Liza Voll

2022 JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE AWARD HONOREES

Defending Democracy at Home and Abroad

For the first time ever, the Profile in Courage Award is being presented to five individuals at the local, state, national, and international levels, each for their courage to protect and defend democracy in the United States and abroad. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation salutes this year’s award recipients—and the public servants at every level of government upon whose courage and principles any free and democratic society depends.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy
President of Ukraine

In February 2022, as Russia mounted a massive, unprovoked military assault on Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy marshaled the spirit, patriotism, and untiring sacrifice of the Ukrainian people in a life-or-death fight for their country—a struggle that endures to this day. From the first moment of the invasion, Zelenskyy and his family became targets for assassination by Russian forces. In the face of this constant danger, Zelenskyy has led a courageous defense of democratic ideals and political independence. With candor and clarity, he has focused the eyes of the world on the existential threat facing Ukraine, and on the need for robust, uncompromising international engagement and cooperation to safeguard all democratic societies. His principled leadership has strengthened the resolve of Ukrainians and people around the globe to protect and defend the fragile human right of self-determination.



Liz Cheney
U.S. Congresswoman, At-Large, Wyoming (R)

Prior to the election in 2020, Representative Liz Cheney was elected by her colleagues to be chair of the House Republican Conference, making her the third-ranking Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the highest-ranking Republican woman in the history of the House. She has been one of the most conservative members within the Republican Conference. After the election, however, when President Trump falsely claimed that the election was stolen, she repeatedly called on the President to respect the rulings of the courts and his oath of office, and to publicly support the peaceful transfer of power. When the President instead rejected the lawful, certified outcome of the election, she broke with most in her party, urged fidelity to the Constitution, and stood her ground with honor and conviction. She stood against the lawlessness and violence of January 6th, and voted to impeach President Trump, concluding: “The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing.” Cheney received numerous death threats after casting her vote in favor of impeachment, and yet refused to take the politically expedient course that most of her party embraced. Because she would not remain silent or ignore the events of January 6th, Cheney’s congressional colleagues stripped her of her leadership position in the GOP caucus. She now serves as the Vice Chair of the Select Committee investigating the January 6th insurrection, and remains a consistent and courageous voice in defense of democracy.



Jocelyn Benson
Secretary of State, Michigan (D)

In December 2020, shortly after the presidential election, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was at home putting up Christmas decorations with her young son when armed protestors massed in front of her house demanding that Michigan’s presidential election result be reversed. Protesters called Benson a “traitor” and a “criminal” for defending the certification of Michigan’s accurate results, which favored Joe Biden. Benson, the state’s chief elections officer, did not waver, and defended the will of Michigan voters and assured them that she would protect and defend the integrity of Michigan’s vote in accordance with state law. Throughout the 2020 election cycle, Benson repeatedly refused to back down from fulfilling the duties of her office, even as threats and harassment from then-President Trump and his allies grew increasingly aggressive. Benson continues to speak out about the risks to free and fair elections in Michigan and nationwide, as Trump supporters continue to perpetuate false claims and work to seize control of state and local election processes from duly elected or appointed public servants.



Russell “Rusty” Bowers
House Speaker, Arizona (R)

Following the 2020 presidential election, Rusty Bowers, a pro-Trump Republican, resisted intense pressure from Trump and Rudy Giuliani and refused to go along with an illegal scheme to replace Arizona’s legal slate of electors with a false slate of electors who would elect Trump. “As a conservative Republican, I don’t like the results of the presidential election,” Bowers said. “I voted for President Trump and worked hard to reelect him. But I cannot and will not entertain a suggestion that we violate current law to change the outcome of a certified election.” For his decision of conscience, Bowers endured persistent harassment and intimidation tactics from Trump supporters, and later survived an attempt to recall him from the legislature. In January 2022, Bowers again acted to protect the integrity of Arizona elections by stopping a Republican-sponsored bill that would have allowed the legislature to overturn the results of an election. He remains a target for pro-Trump partisans.



Wandrea’ ArShaye Moss
Former Department of Registration & Elections Employee, Fulton County, Georgia

In December 2020, Wandrea’ “Shaye” Moss, a full-time employee in the Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections since 2017, became the target of a vicious smear campaign by then-President Trump and his allies who were seeking to overturn the 2020 election. As a registration officer, Moss mostly handled voter applications and absentee ballot requests. She also helped to process the vote count on Election Day, in addition to other duties. In the wake of a close vote that tipped the state of Georgia to Joe Biden, Trump and his supporters falsely accused Moss of processing fake ballots for Biden during the late-night hours of Election Day. After being identified and targeted by Trump and his followers, Moss received so many death threats and racist taunts that she was forced to change her appearance and go into hiding. She carried out her duties remotely as much as possible. Although state officials repeatedly debunked the accusations against Moss, she receives ongoing harassing and vitriolic messages years after the election. Despite these malicious attacks, Moss continued to serve in the Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections until April 2022 doing the hard and unseen work to run our democracy.



President John F. Kennedy during his visit to the Yellowstone
County Fairgrounds in Billings, Montana on September 25, 1963



LIGHTING THE WAY AT THE JFK PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND FOUNDATION

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is the official national memorial to our thirty-fifth president. Located on a ten-acre park, overlooking the sea that he loved and the city that launched him to greatness, the Library stands as a vibrant tribute to the life and times of John F. Kennedy. The JFK Library Foundation leverages public funds with private philanthropy, supporting the Library's efforts to celebrate the ideals of a young, energetic president whose words and deeds resonate across generations and geography.

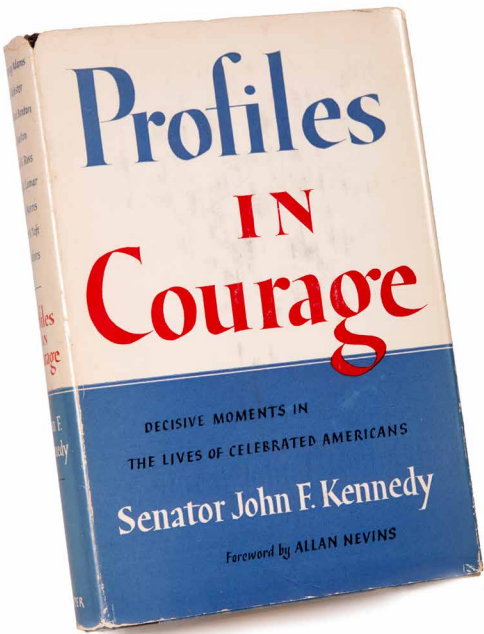
Together, the Library and Foundation carry forward President Kennedy's legacy to teach people about the past, create connections in the present, and challenge today's youth to take up the torch of leadership for the future.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

The 2022 Profile in Courage Essay Contest

The Profile in Courage Essay Contest challenges high school students to write an original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by President Kennedy in his book *Profiles in Courage*.

This year's winner is **Theodora McGee** from Moorestown High School in Moorestown, New Jersey. McGee's winning essay, selected from 2,474 submissions, describes the courage of Texas State Representative José Tomás Canales, who in 1919 jeopardized his career and personal safety when he called for reforms and public scrutiny of the Texas Rangers, a popular state law enforcement agency which had committed brutal acts of racial violence and terror against the Tejano population.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF BOLD LEADERSHIP

The Moonshot Speech September 12, 1962

President Kennedy asked us to dream big. In his soaring 1962 challenge to the country to land a man on the Moon within the decade, he set forth a vision of human achievement that was then unimaginable. To do this, he said, “we must be bold.”

With determination and clarity of purpose, President Kennedy marshaled the resources, talent, and political will to realize that vision, and lit the spark that enabled a generation of Americans to achieve the “Moonshot”—one of the greatest milestones in human history.

“We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.”

This fall, through a worldwide digital engagement campaign and a special series of partnerships and events in Boston, the JFK Library and Foundation will bring President Kennedy’s challenge to life for a new generation committed to solving the problems of our own time.



Earth rising over the Moon’s horizon as seen from Apollo 11 during its successful mission to the Moon in July of 1969

Photo courtesy of NASA

The Cuban Missile Crisis October 16-28, 1962

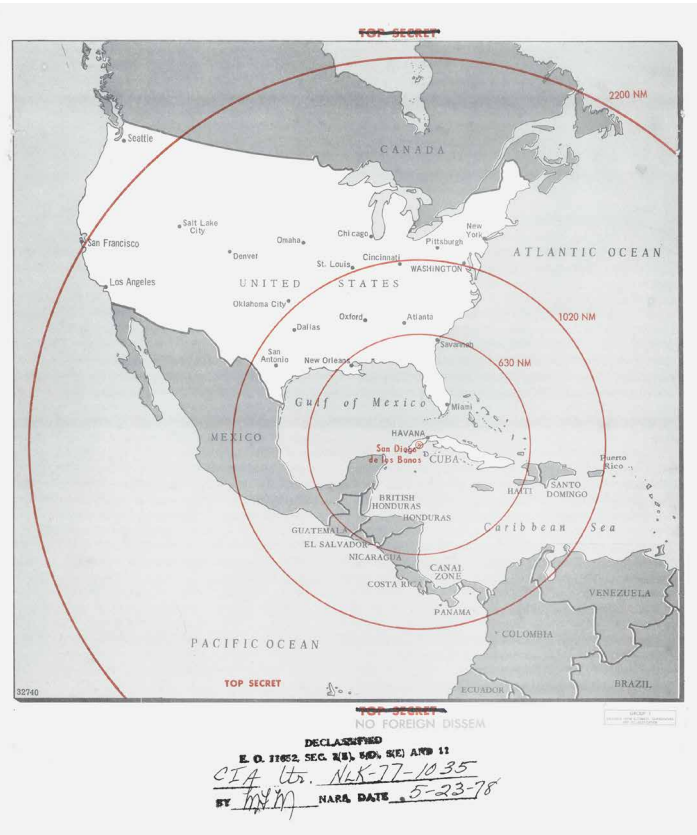
On October 16, 1962, President Kennedy learned that the Soviet Union, led by Premier Nikita Khrushchev, was assembling a nuclear strike force on Cuba, with missiles that could reach most major U.S. cities in less than five minutes.

President Kennedy said the missiles would not be tolerated, and insisted on their removal. Khrushchev refused. For 13 days, the world teetered on the edge of thermonuclear war and the end of civilization as we know it. It was a close call—perhaps the closest call in human history.

Listen in this fall as the JFK35 podcast team takes audiences deep inside the crisis—talking with experts about the war rooms where the critical decisions were made, the diplomacy and leadership which ultimately resulted in a fragile peace, and the legacy of the lessons learned for a changing and contemporary world.

“Our goal is not the victory of might, but the vindication of right—not peace at the expense of freedom, but both peace and freedom, here in this hemisphere, and, we hope, around the world.”

President Kennedy in his Address to the Nation on the Crisis in Cuba, October 22, 1962



Map used during the secret meetings on the crisis

To learn more and be part of the JFK Library’s celebrations this year, we invite you to connect with us at Events@JFKLibrary.org

FIRST CHILDREN: CAROLINE AND JOHN JR. IN THE KENNEDY WHITE HOUSE

When President John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy moved into the White House, they brought with them the youngest children to live in the storied building since the Cleveland Administration—capturing the attention and affection of the public at home and abroad.

In the summer of 2021, the JFK Library launched *First Children: Caroline and John Jr. in the Kennedy White House*, a heartwarming, family-friendly special exhibition. Through more than 150 artifacts, archival documents, audiovisual recordings, and photographs—

most of which have never been displayed before—the exhibition brings the young family's thousand days in the White House to life.

Featured items include dolls and gifts presented to the children by foreign dignitaries and heads of state; handwritten notes and pictures sent by schoolchildren across the nation; newspaper clippings and magazines; and more.

To learn more or discuss a special tour, please connect with us at Events@JFKLFoundation.org.



“In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger... The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.”

President Kennedy in his Inaugural Address on January 20, 1961

JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

2021	Mitt Romney	2000	Hilda Solis
2019	Nancy Pelosi	1999	John McCain Russell Feingold
2018	Mitch Landrieu	1998	Peacemakers of Northern Ireland Nickolas Murnion
2017	Barack H. Obama	1997	Charles Price
2016	Dannel P. Malloy	1996	Corkin Cherubini
2015	Bob Inglis	1995	Michael Synar
2014	George H. W. Bush Paul W. Bridges	1994	Henry Gonzalez
2013	Gabrielle “Gabby” Giffords	1993	James Florio
2012	David Baker, Michael Streit, Marsha Ternus Robert Ford	1992	Lowell Weicker, Jr.
2011	Elizabeth Redenbaugh Wael Ghonim and the People of Egypt	1991	Charles Weltner
2010	Karen Bass, David Cogdill, Darrell Steinberg and Michael Villines	1990	Carl Elliott, Sr.
2009	Edward M. Kennedy Brooksley Born Sheila Bair Leymah Gbowee and the Women of Liberia		
2008	William Winter Debra Bowen Jennifer Brunner		
2007	Doris Voitier Bill White		
2006	John Murtha Alberto Mora		
2005	Viktor Yushchenko Bill Ratliff Shirley Franklin Joseph Darby		
2004	Cindy Watson Sima Samar Paul Muegge		
2003	Dan Ponder, Jr. David Beasley Roy Barnes		
2002	Public Servants of September 11 Dean Koldenhoven Kofi Annan		
2001	Gerald Ford John Lewis		

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