

NOAA National Weather Service



Building Dedication Ceremony

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Chief of Interpretation and Education
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National Mall and Memorial Parks

Presentation - NOAA Environmental Hero Award

*"In Honor of Daniel Gropper's Twenty Years of Volunteer
Service to the National Weather Service's Warning
Dissemination and SKYWARN Programs"*

Daniel Gropper

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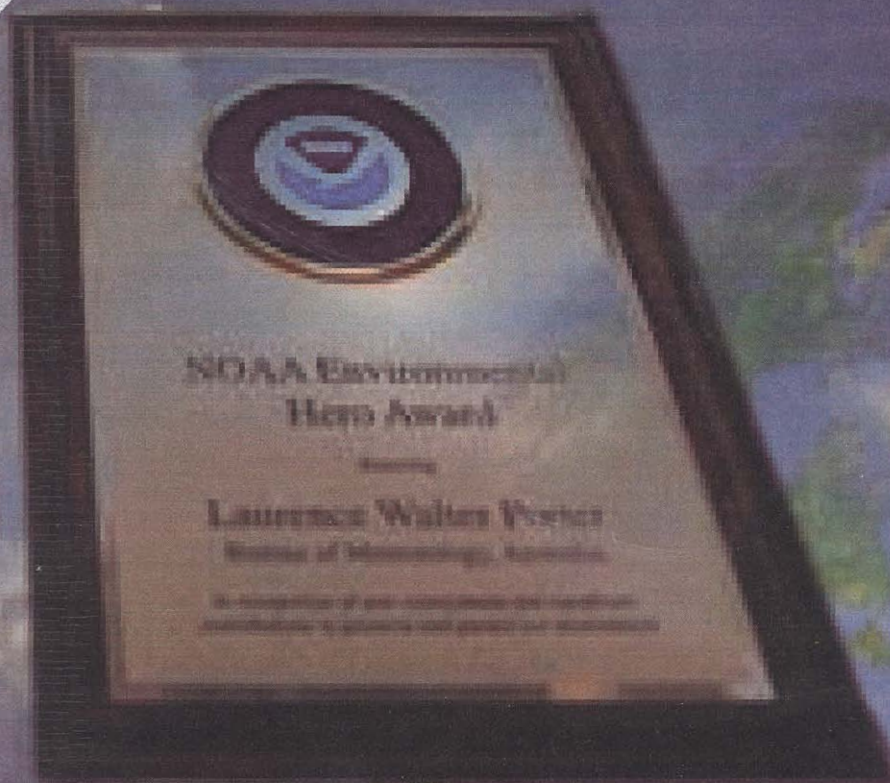
Chief Meteorologist
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NOAA Environmental Heroes

Earth Day
April 22



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

April 22, 2008

Mr. Daniel Gropper
9908 Dale Ridge Ct.
Vienna, VA 22181

Dear Mr. Gropper:

On behalf of the men and women working for NOAA, I am pleased to present you with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) 2008 Environmental Hero Award. Your dedicated efforts and outstanding accomplishments greatly benefit the local, national, and international environment.

NOAA is pleased to recognize your efforts with this award. As the lead government agency in environmental observation and prediction and in the protection of our valuable marine resources, NOAA provides the sound science and service essential to address our nation's, and the world's, environmental challenges.

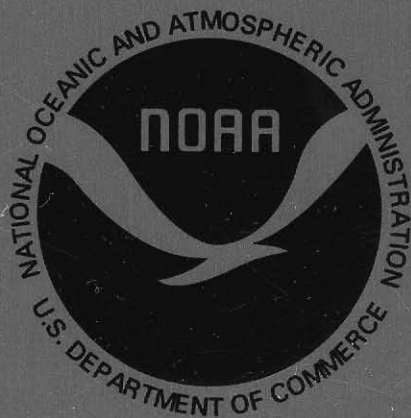
By volunteering your time and energy, you are part of a large worldwide community dedicated to building a legacy that will last for years to come. Thank you for your commitment to preserving our nation's environment. By setting such a fine example, we hope others in your community are encouraged to follow in your footsteps. America needs many more Environmental Heroes like you.

Sincerely,



Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere





2008 NOAA Environmental Hero Award

presented to

Daniel Gropper

In recognition of your commitment and
significant contributions to preserve
and protect our environment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.
Vice Admiral U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and
Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator