

Langdon, ND - Brigadier General Bates C. Burnell, Division Engineer, Huntsville Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, presented the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal to G.W. (Bill) Gilfillan and A.D. (Doc) Poteat of Morrison-Knudsen Company and Associates (MK-A). The awards were presented during a ceremony held at the Grand Forks Safeguard construction site near Langdon.

In presenting the medal to Gilfillan, he was cited for his "outstanding service to the Department of the Army in connection with the US Army Corps of Engineers military construction program from April 1970 to July 1972. As Resident Manager for MK-A at the Grand Forks Safeguard site, he displayed outstanding leadership and expertise in managing a major construction project of national importance under adverse conditions."

Poteat also was cited for his "outstanding service to the Department of the Army in connection with the US Army Corps of Engineers military construction program from April 1970 to March 1973. As General Construction Manager and as Resident Manager for MK-A at the Grand Forks Safeguard site, he displayed exceptional ability in the management of major activities, which included the coordination of 20 to 25 subcontractors involving approximately 2,500 employees during peak employment. His construction knowledge and his leadership resulted in the successful and timely completion of a major construction project of national importance."

In addition to the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, General Burnell presented each man with a Certificate of Accomplishment signed by Lieutenant General F.J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers.