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AWARD PRESENTATION

2017 NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOUNDATION
RECORDS of ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
to

TOM HANKS

DISCUSSION

KEN BURNS and TOM HANKS

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Tonight we are pleased to present our highest honor to actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks for his powerful illumination of the American story through film, television, and activism. From *Saving Private Ryan* and *Apollo 13* to *The Pacific* and *Philadelphia*, Hanks has made millions of viewers aware of some of our nation's most significant issues and events. To the trifecta of acting, directing, and producing, he adds the historian's spirit and makes these defining moments relevant and compelling.

The Hanks catalog and canon embody the brand of integrity and personal passion for American history exemplified by previous *Records of Achievement Award* recipients. We welcome him to the circle of women and men whose appreciation for historical facts and the preservation of federal documents will lead future generations of American citizens to the National Archives as a source of our nation's rich heritage.

Whether depicting a pilot, private, captain, astronaut, or Founding Father; Tom Hanks explores the humanity and complexity of the American journey with all its triumphs and challenges.

On behalf of the board of the National Archives Foundation and our Executive Director, Patrick M. Madden, I thank tonight's generous sponsors: AT&T, Governor Jim Blanchard and Janet Blanchard, and Edgeworth Economics.

As always, we appreciate the Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, our partner in this special public-private collaboration.

We are grateful, as well, to all of you for your continued support throughout the year.

Please enjoy this very special evening in honor of Tom Hanks.

A'Lelia Bundles
CHAIR, NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOUNDATION



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Welcome to the National Archives on this special evening as we honor one of our nation's most influential actors, filmmakers, and now author, Tom Hanks.

No actor has covered the span of 20th-century American history as has our honoree. He's served in World War II (in both the European and Pacific Theaters), negotiated for the United States in the Cold War, fought in Vietnam, worked in Congress, and led the space program. He's fought pirates and deadly viruses, befriended mermaids, and saved both Private Ryan and Gary Powers.

Off-screen, he supports military veterans and caregivers, environmental issues, and the space program. Furthermore, Tom's a self-described "geek," who collects and still uses typewriters—two characteristics that alone make him worthy of this honor! He's been called "the coolest guy ever," which gives us geeks at the National Archives hope. His many honors include a place in the Army Ranger Hall of Fame, two Oscars, and an asteroid named for him.

Tom has an incredible love for history. Through his production company, he produced historical miniseries such as "John Adams," "Band of Brothers," "The Pacific," and "From the Earth to the Moon." These series have helped bring a whole new audience interested in learning more about American history to the National Archives.

We would not be here tonight if it wasn't for our partner, the National Archives Foundation, helping the National Archives reach an ever-larger and more diverse audience. With the support of the Foundation and generous benefactors like you, we celebrated 4th of July on the steps of this building, concluded our nationwide series of National Conversations on Rights and Justice, and held two National Archives Rotunda sleepovers. Next month, we will launch "Remembering Vietnam" on Veterans Day in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our public-private partnership with the Foundation and pay tribute to Tom Hanks.

David S. Ferriero
ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES



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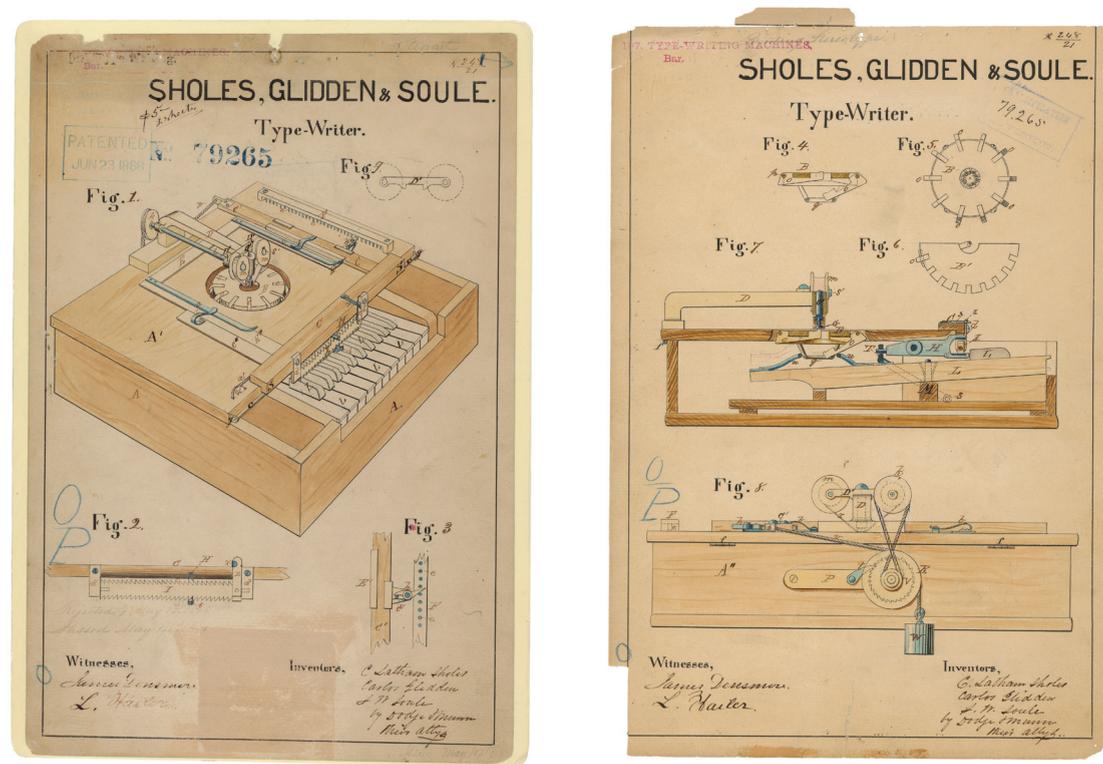
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The award medallion is composed of bronze from the document encasements which were removed from the Rotunda of the National Archives during the 2003 renovation.

Previous recipients of this award include: Steven Spielberg, Ken Burns, David M. Rubenstein, the late John Hope Franklin, David McCullough, Tom Brokaw, Annette Gordon-Reed, Brian Lamb and C-SPAN, James McPherson, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ron Chernow, Thomas Kail, Taylor Branch, and Robert Edsel.

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Sholes, Glidden & Soule patent for the "Type-Writer," patented June 23, 1868.
Records of the Patent and Trademark Office, National Archives and Records Administration

The 2017 Records of Achievement Award presented to Tom Hanks features the patent for the first commercially successful typewriter. It was invented in 1868 by Americans Christopher Latham Sholes, Frank Haven Hall, Carlos Glidden and Samuel W. Soule in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This patent is the origin of the term "typewriter." Our honoree is a collector of manual typewriters. He has called them "self-contained printing presses with which you can change the world."



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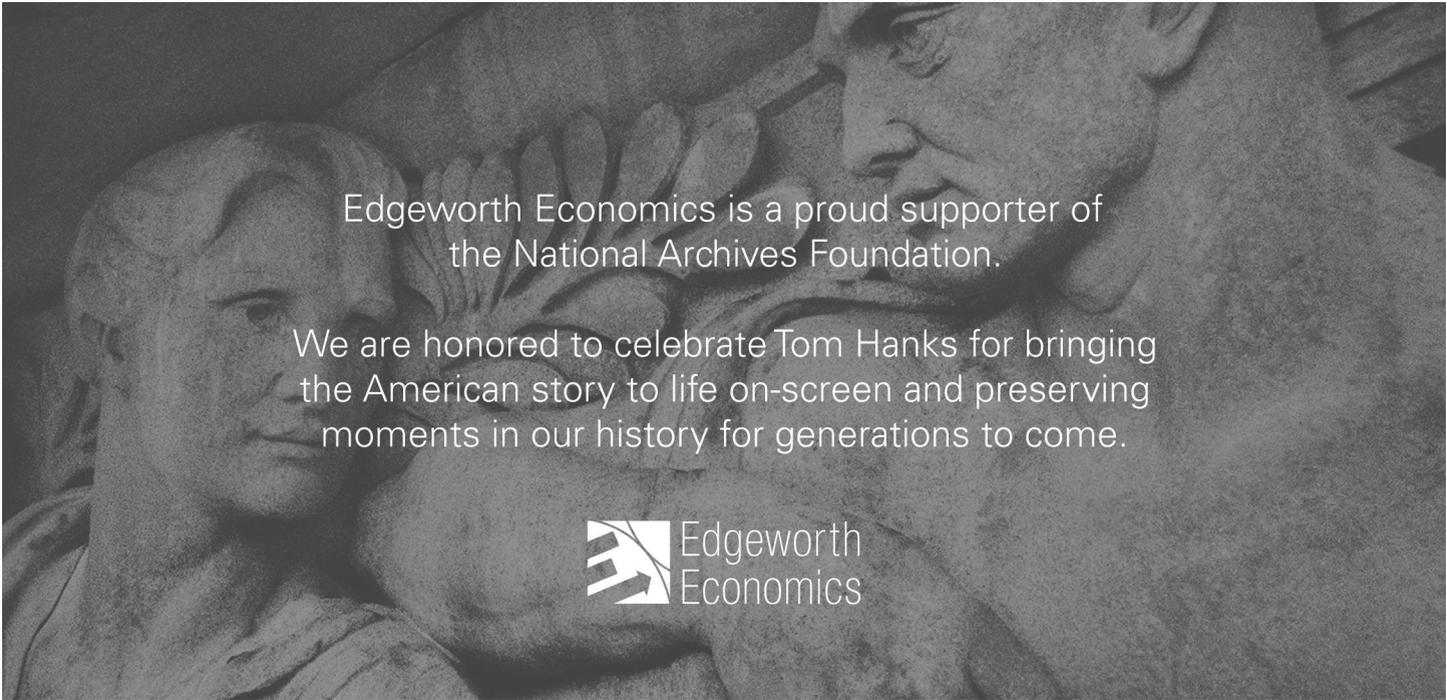
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We are honored to celebrate Tom Hanks for bringing the American story to life on-screen and preserving moments in our history for generations to come.



let the dreams begin.

Performers connect us with the artists in our souls. AT&T is honored to support the work of Tom Hanks and his contributions.

Bravo, Mr. Hanks. Your passion makes our lives better.



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for her 12 years of service to the Foundation, including the past 6 years as our esteemed Chair.

Her dedication to our mission is an example to be followed by all.



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