

The George Warren Fuller Award & Other Awards

This year's George Warren Fuller Award recipient was Glen Thomas. He is considered a laid-back, quiet & thoughtful man... good listener who rarely speaks unless he has something worthwhile to say. He was raised in Mississippi and has strong, traditional family roots within his beloved hills that can be traced to pre-antebellum times. His hometown gained incorporation as a city just about the same time he began tending to its needs as the Mayor's Administrative Assistant.

As the new city began to expand and improve, he oversaw multiple improvements to its water and sewer system which ultimately doubled in capacity and distribution size while tripling its customer base.

As exemplified by his membership, volunteerism



and office-holding with this Section of AWWA, our Fuller Awardee is dedicated to an inherent work ethic and is devoted to his family and church. His wife considers him her 'Rock of Gibraltar'. After all, he even bought her a hunting rifle so she could accompany him!

Joining AWWA over 25 years ago, our awardee quickly joined the ranks of leadership, serving as your Section Chair thirteen years later, as the Section's Small System Chair for two years and numerous other areas as beckoned by the Section. He is always there when asked.

He is active civically at home, is a volunteer for the local Cancer Society and served his country for 20 years in the Army National Guard's Medical Brigade. His Mayor has described him as "a man whose hon-



esty is beyond reproach". Considering retirement within two years, his position can be filled, but "his knowledge, service and friendship will never be duplicated".

His wife of 33 years, Deb and all of his wonderful family and friends are very proud of this quiet gentleman, soldier, volunteer, hunter, coach and water works professional.

Ken McCool was also awarded a Lifetime Achievement award during the Tuesday night banquet. Other awards going to section members not in attendance include Lifetime Achievement recognition to James Atkins, Pontotoc; William McCallum (GW Jones, Inc), Huntsville; David Pope (Madison County Engineering), Huntsville; Mike Van, Birmingham; and Michal Yoke, Anniston. Gold Water Drop award recipients for 2009 are Joe Donahue, Philip McGrath and John Stadtlander, all of Birmingham.

