

**TOM BOWMAN, JR. of San Jose, Calif.,  
Receives the Prestigious  
Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award**



*Tom with wife, Wendy*

The award was presented to Mr. Bowman at the Awards Banquet held May 19, 2006, during the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Austin, Texas.

**Pat Herman**, Chair of the Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award Committee, made the presentation with the following introduction:

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am both honored and flattered to have been asked to present the Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award to a most deserving individual.

Before I begin with the presentation, I would like to introduce to you the four previous recipients of this award.

**DONALD C. "Mac" MacDONALD  
ALAN H. CROWE  
ANDREW R. ESTIN  
FREDERIC A. BLUM**

Tonight, this award is bestowed upon another individual who has served the process service industry with distinction and honor—a person with strong leadership skills and the desire to help others.

One morning, 24 years ago, while at his desk scanning through a legal newspaper, he read that legislation was being proposed to allow service of a federal court summons and complaint by certified mail in lieu of personal service. This legislation had already been approved by the United States Supreme Court and was

on its way to Congress for final adoption. But our honoree knew that if this proposed legislation were to become law, it would be the beginning of the end for private process servers.

He immediately sprung into action and assembled a handful of individuals—and all the money they could scrape together—in order to take their fight to the nation's capitol. As a direct result of their efforts Congress halted the proposed legislation.

It was under his leadership, with the support of others, that NAPPS was formed and consummated. As one of the founding members, he helped write the original bylaws and served as Legislative Committee chair during the early years of the Association's development and growth. While these important attributes are on display in his resume, he never has forgotten that most important of life's values—family. A devoted father of nine children, he and his wife currently enjoy a wonderful personal and professional partnership while working together in the same industry.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said... "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Our recipient has come to realize many of his dreams, and in the process has given us his leadership, guidance and friendship.

I'm told he once remarked, "Among the things I cherish most are the friendships that I have developed over the years while working with other NAPPS members. They awaken memories that are priceless to me.

Those of us who can call this man our friend, are indeed the privileged ones.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the Donald C. "Mac" MacDonald Award to our friend and colleague...

**Thomas J. Bowman, Jr.**



*Pat Herman pins Tom Bowman*