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RMA Honors Ralph S. Newman Jr. with Distinguished Service Award

NAPA, CA — The USA Rice Millers' Association (RMA) today presented its Distinguished Service Award to Ralph S. Newman Jr. A Louisiana native, Newman retired in 1996 after a successful 36-year career in the rice industry, including as an executive with both American Rice, Inc. and Farmers' Rice Cooperative.

Newman also held various leadership positions, including two terms as chairman of RMA. He has also been a member of the boards of numerous organizations at the state-level and in Washington and was interim president and CEO of the USA Rice Federation in 1996.

RMA Chairman Mike Sandrock, who once worked for Newman and presented the award to him today, called Newman a dedicated and tireless leader who delivered everything he advertised.

In accepting the award, Newman said that he is impressed with the knowledge and participation of the staff and members of RMA and said the organization is “a better organization today than it ever was in the ‘good ’ole days’.” He credited his wife of 46-years, Ann-Boyd Newman, for her support, which he said enabled him to achieve many of his accomplishments.

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed only when the RMA Board of Directors determines the honor is merited by extraordinary lifetime contributions to the U.S. rice milling industry.



RMA Chairman Mike Sandrock, right, presents the Distinguished Service Award to Ralph S. Newman Jr.