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Second paragraph, second line: Delete words "natural resources management". Sentence should read, "The Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Excellence in Interpretation will recognize outstanding efforts in interpretation by members of the Corps of Engineers team."

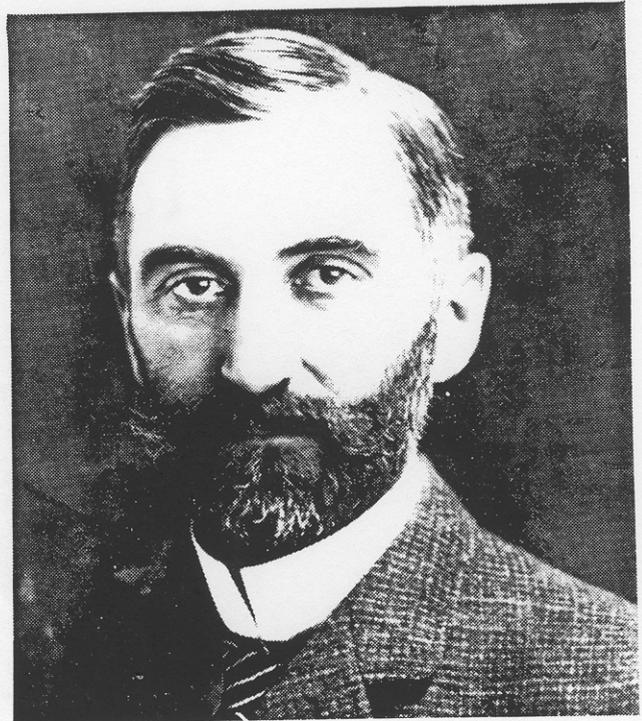
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FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETATION
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"For one man to be a good army officer, a top-drawer engineer, and a competent historian concurrently is an unusual phenomenon, and indeed Hiram Martin Chittenden was a man of unusual and considerable talents."

-- Richard Bartlett, (1964)

Interpretation is a valuable management tool and important public service that Corps of Engineers Park Rangers and Managers provide. Recognition of excellence in any field is a valuable management tool to promote organizational objectives, improve employee morale, and emphasize the importance of the recognized efforts of the individual to the mission of the organization. The Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Excellence in Interpretation will recognize outstanding efforts in interpretation by members of the Corps of Engineers natural resources management team.

The award is named for Hiram M. Chittenden (1858-1917), a graduate of West Point, and officer of the Corps of Engineers. As an engineer he served on the Missouri River Commission, built the tourist roads in Yellowstone National Park, surveyed the boundaries of Yosemite and Mount Rainier National Parks, and worked to protect these National Parks from vandalism and corporate encroachment for future generations. He served in the Spanish-American War, studied flood control needs in Pennsylvania and Ohio, irrigation potential for western states, and later, as District Engineer of Seattle, planned the Lake Washington Canal.



Hiram Chittenden was an important historian of the American West. He wrote *The Yellowstone National Park*, *History of Early Steamboat Navigation on the Missouri River*, *Life and Letters of Father Pierre-Jean De Smet, S.J., 1801-1873*, and *The American Fur Trade of the West*. He contributed articles to many national magazines and newspapers.

"The greatest service which official authority can render to posterity is to maintain and transmit this possession as it came from the hand of Nature."

-- Hiram Martin Chittenden

His interpretation of the importance and grandeur of Yellowstone was important in the development of the National Park ideal in the decades just prior to the formation of the National Park Service. He also contributed greatly to the understanding of the exploration of the American West. Hiram Martin Chittenden was a man of unusual remarkable talents.