



*The Mary F. Cushman, MD Award
for Exceptional Humanitarian Service
As A Medical Volunteer was established
in 2003 in recognition of the
Maine Medical Association's
150th Anniversary.*

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Past Honorees

In Recognition of Volunteering in Maine (M) or Internationally (I)

- 2003 Charles E. Hendricks, MD (I)
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- 2011 Frank W. Read, MD (I)
- 2012 Not Awarded
- 2013 Alice Haines, MD (M)
- 2014 Jane Garfield, MD (M)
- 2015 Robert Bach, MD (I)
- 2016 Patsy Thompson Leavitt, DNP,
FNP (M)
- 2017 Richard Corbin, MD (M)
- 2018 Robert Chagrasulis, MD (I)

In 2005 & 2006, awards were given to recognize both domestic and international medical volunteers, with the \$1,000 award divided between the two recipients.

About Mary Floyd Cushman, MD

Mary Floyd Cushman (1870-1965) graduated from the Eastern Maine Normal School in Castine (now the Maine Maritime Academy) in 1888 and from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1892. She embarked on a general practice of medicine in Farmington and while there became the first woman member of the Maine State Medical Board.

In 1922 Dr. Cushman closed her medical practice and moved to Angola, West Africa as a medical missionary. "Doctor Mary," as she was known, established a hospital and clinic in Ocileso, and served the outlying areas inhabited by the Bantu people of the Umbundu tribe. Her staff consisted only of indigenous people she had personally trained. Over the next 30 years she periodically returned to the U.S. for fundraising to continue her work. Dr. Cushman left Angola for the U.S. in 1953 at the age of 83.

Dr. Cushman was the very prototype of a dedicated medical missionary, and wrote a book about her work titled Missionary Doctor: The Story of Twenty Years in Africa, published by Harper & Brothers in 1944.

**The 2019 nomination form is available at
www.mainemed.com/annual-session.**

Nominations

The Maine Medical Association presents the Mary F. Cushman Award each year to recognize the humanitarian service of Maine medical volunteers who serve many hours - in Maine, throughout the United States, or abroad - to help the less fortunate of humanity. The award is announced at the Association's Annual Session, and includes a \$1,000 donation to the institution or organization of the recipient's choice.

Priority consideration is given to:

- the nomination of a Maine physician who is a member of the Maine Medical Association.
- nominations submitted by members of the Maine Medical Association.
- nominations that, for international volunteering, include training people in other countries to provide care in their own communities.

Nominations for the 2019 award are due by July 31, and should describe the volunteer's activities and contributions to the profession.

The nomination form is available at www.mainemed.com/annual-session. For information or to request a form contact Susan Kring at 480-4190 or skring@mainemed.com.