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### Tribute to Belizean Patriots 2022

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Twenty distinguished Belizeans were honoured at this year's Tribute to Belizean Patriots ceremony on September 18, 2022, at Battlefield Park in Belize City.

The awardees are:

#### **Order of Distinction**

Mrs. Daisy Olga Marin For contributions to Community Service  
and Entrepreneurship

#### **Meritorious Service Award – Male**

Mr. Ivor Francisco Cacho For contributions to music

Mr. David Lacey For contributions to sports and  
community service

Mr. Jose Maria Asevedo For contributions to education

Mr. Paulino Elmer Rodriguez For contributions to the environment

Mr. Ray Palma For contributions to sports and  
community service

Mr. Diodoro Novelo For contributions to community service  
and agriculture

Mr. Faustino Yam For contributions to culture

Mr. Anthony Thurton, Sr. For contributions to entrepreneurship

Mr. Alan Usher For contributions to service in the  
military

Mr. Fred Evans For contributions to sports and  
community service

Mr. Philip Balderamos For contributions to conservation

Mr. Rudolph Coleman For contributions to community service

Mr. Alberto Nunez, Sr. (Posthumously) For contributions to community service

Mr. Adelfino Vasquez (Posthumously) For contributions to public service and  
community service

Dr. Baldomino Barbosa (Posthumously) For contributions to medicine and culture

**Meritorious Service Award - Female**

Ms. Josephine Sutherland	For contributions to community service
Mrs. Susana Eiley	For contributions to community service
Mrs. Cruz Amparo Majil	For contributions to community service
Mrs. Maizie Williams	For contributions to community service

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has also been nominated to receive the **Order of Belize** in recognition of his outstanding friendship and support to Belize, which will be conferred on a date to be announced.

The National Honours and Awards Act, 1991, provides that each year on Independence Day, or at such other times as may be deemed expedient, honours and awards may be conferred on persons, living or deceased, who have rendered outstanding and meritorious service to Belize, or who have distinguished themselves in other endeavours worthy of national recognition.

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