

From the Desk of Peter, Karen's Husband

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Greetings

As you scroll through the awards or view each award, you will quickly surmise Karen was a performer and an exemplary employee. What the awards do not reveal is Karen's humble nature regarding over 40 awards. Although Karen would come home and say she had received an award, I should have been more attentive to her accomplishment.

In almost 40 years at the Department of the Navy, seldom did a year go by without her earning an award. I suspect there have been awards for some years that are missing, as Karen's track record clearly demonstrates her dedication to the job, assignments and people.

One notable award is Karen's induction into the American Society of Military Comptrollers. This award is seldom given to civilians, and rarely to a person who does not have a college degree, as was the case with Karen.

Take the time to be interested in your wife's successes. Ask questions and read the write-up or citation. It is your obligation as a husband to honor your wife with praise and attention. I regret I did not do that more. Don't let the regrets catch you.

Peter

