

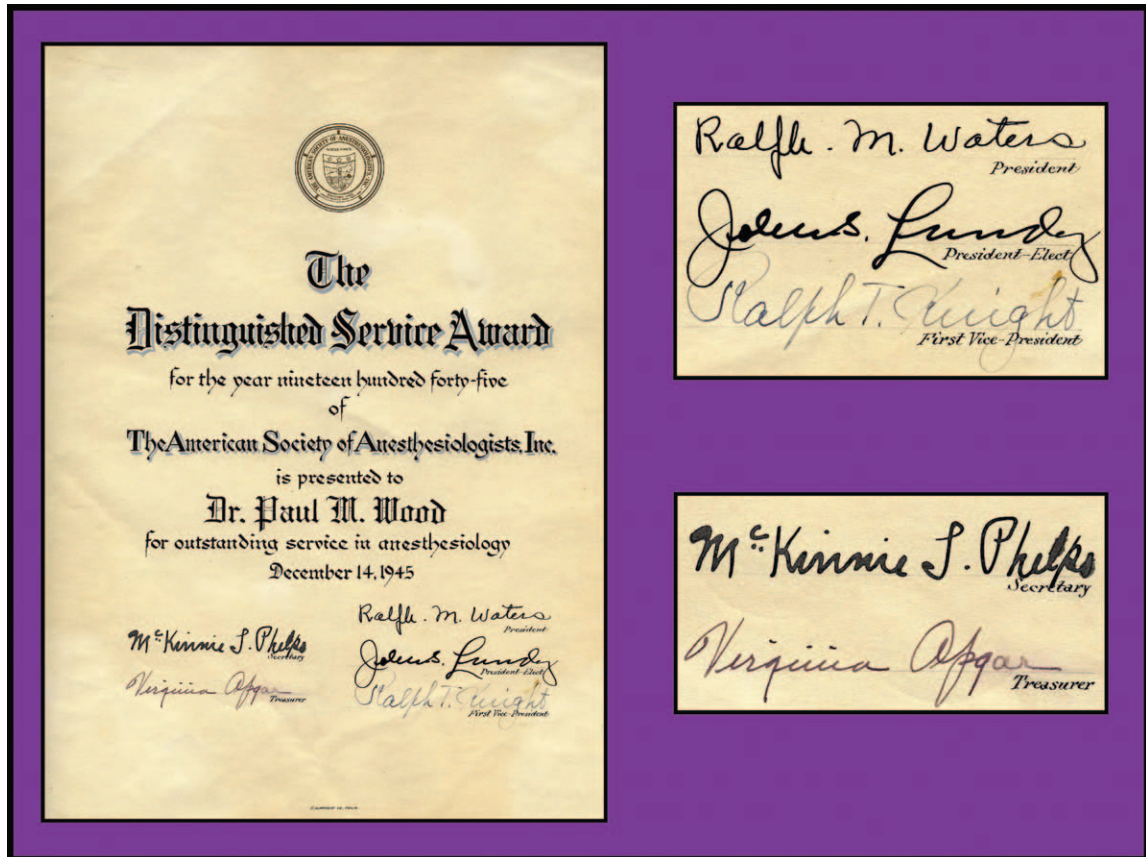
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ASA's Inaugural Distinguished Service Award Recipient:
Paul M. Wood, M.D.



In New York City during World War II, Dr. Paul Meyer Wood (1894–1963) managed to practice clinical anesthesia from 5 to 11 AM and then spend the balance of his day on the affairs of the American Society of Anesthetists, its journal *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, its “library-museum,” and the newly formed American Board of Anesthesiology. On December 14, 1945, Dr. Wood was presented with the inaugural Distinguished Service Award (“D.S.A.”, *left*) of his grateful Society, which he had just helped rename as the “American Society of Anesthesiologists.” Signing Wood’s D.S.A. (close-up, *right*) were President Ralph M. Waters, President-Elect John S. Lundy, First Vice-President Ralph T. Knight, Secretary McKinnie S. Phelps, and Treasurer Virginia Apgar. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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