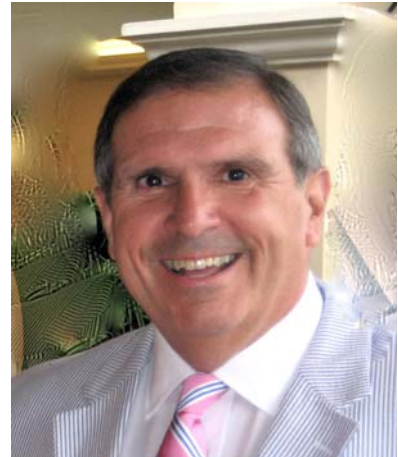


**Imperial Award:  
Japanese Government Announces  
Order of the Rising Sun  
to be Bestowed on  
William R. Farrell, Ph.D.**

**Embassy of Japan  
Washington, DC  
Press Release Summary  
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Conferral of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon upon Dr. William R. Farrell, Chairman of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

On November 3, 2011, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2011 Fall Imperial Decorations.

Dr. William R. Farrell, Chairman of the National Association of Japan-America Societies, is one of 5 Americans who will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of his significant contributions to the promotion of friendly relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.

For more than 40 years, Dr. Farrell has dedicated himself to deepening Japan-U.S. relations in a variety of roles; career military officer, college professor, business leader and most recently a pivotal figure in grassroots activities.

Dr. Farrell served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as a commissioned officer specializing in counterintelligence and security affairs. After learning Japanese at the Department of Defense Language Institute he was stationed in Japan for six years. From 1982 to 1990, he was a Professor of Management at the U.S. Naval War College (NWC), assuming a liaison role with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and mentoring the resident JMSDF students as well as their families.

In 1990, he became Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCIJ). He helped develop commercial relationships between the US and Japan and promoted the interests of U.S. companies while directing and coordinating various activities of the ACCIJ.

Since 2003, Dr. Farrell has been Chairman of the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS). With 37 members across North America, NAJAS is the only national non-profit network dedicated to public education about Japan. Focusing on grassroots relationships, he has taken the initiative to promote educational, cultural and business programs about Japan and Japan-U.S. relations. Additionally, he has been a board member of the Japan America Society of Rhode Island for over 20 years.

Dr. Farrell holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in East Asian Studies from Florida State University, and a B.A. from Fordham University. He was an Advanced Research Fellow at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs and the Reischauer Institute. He has authored three books including *Crisis and Opportunity in a Changing Japan* published by Quorum Books.

Currently he is an adjunct professor at the Naval War College.

The members of NAJAS, who have benefited so much from Dr. Farrell's dedication and service, congratulate him on his Imperial Decoration.