Terry Lodge is an environmental attorney based in Toledo. Shortly after passing the bar in 1979, he filed papers opposing the restart of the infamous Davis-Besse atomic reactor, in the aftermath of the meltdown at the twin-designed Three Mile Island Unit 2. Davis-Besse has gone on to experience more close calls with catastrophe than any other reactor. Terry helped lead the intervention against Davis-Besse’s 2017-2037 license extension by the Nuclear Rubber-Stamp Commission, and continues to speak out against FirstEnergy’s desperate bailout request to the Trump administration, for $8 billion per year, to prop up its failing reactor fleet, at public expense.

But Terry also fights new reactors – such as the proposed Fermi Unit 3, for over a decade, all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. And he resists nuclear weapons and war. It was Terry’s environmental law silver bullet that in 2006 blocked the Divine Strake blast at the Nevada Test Site.

And Terry has provided cutting edge legal leadership in resisting such cross-over, and cross-border, risks as the weapons-grade plutonium Mixed Oxide lead test assembly truck and air shipment from Los Alamos to Chalk River, Ontario in 1999-2000; and, beginning in 2013, resistance to the unprecedented, high-risk transport of liquid highly radioactive wastes, from Chalk River to Savannah River Site, a thinly veiled effort to keep DOE’s last remaining reprocessing capability on life support.

The Unsung Hero award is named after Beyond Nuclear founding board member, Dr. Judith H. Johnsrud, who passed on in 2014, after a half-century of anti-nuclear power and weapons grassroots leadership. With characteristic humility, she responded to her 2012 Sierra Club lifetime achievement award, “But I don’t deserve it.”

The criteria for this award include: dedication; hard-working; self-sacrificing; determination; fearless spirit when confronted with challenges and setbacks; unsung. And humbleness seems to have been added by each of the five awardees themselves, now including Terry.

And so, ANA and Beyond Nuclear present the

Dr. Judith H. Johnsrud Unsung Hero Award
to Terry J. Lodge

For tireless dedication & dogged determination,
undeterred by daunting odds, lack of recognition & resources, or short-term success,
in his good humored, visionary work for a nuclear-free world.