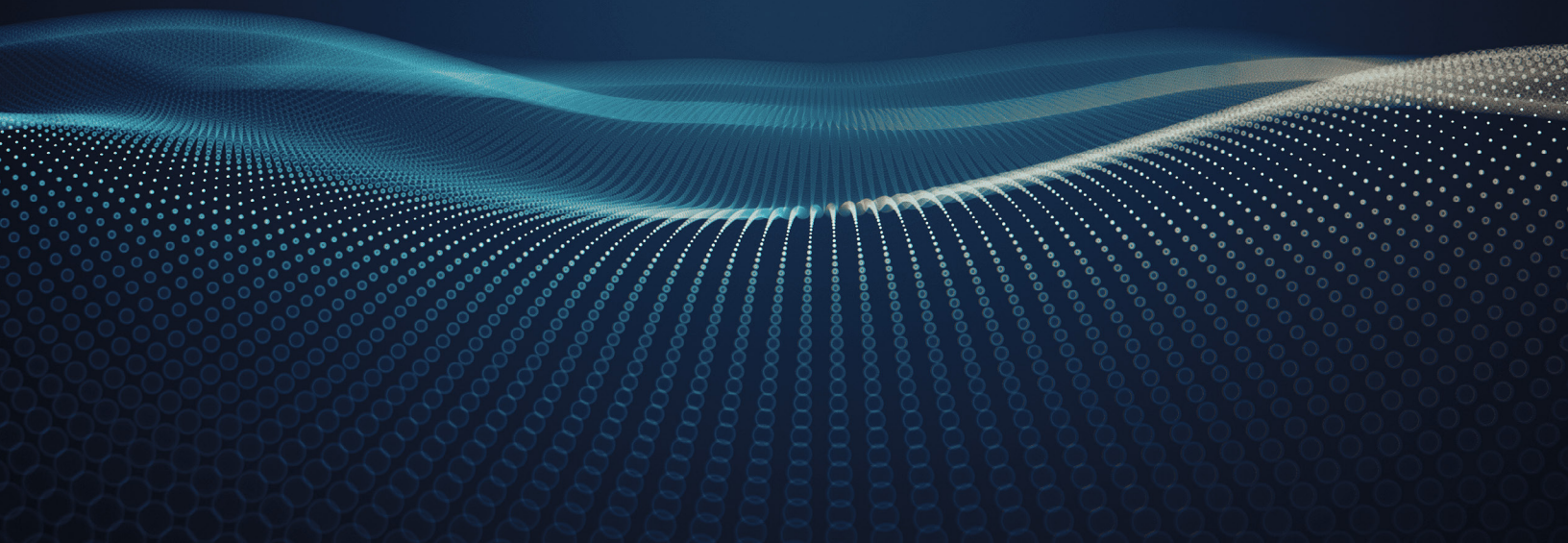


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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to our 36th Annual Surface Navy Association.

This year's theme is **The Fight, The Force, The Future**. Over the next three days we will frame what our fight is, how we are constantly challenged to perform at the top level of our combined ability; what we do, and can do, to better support our tremendous force; and finally, to look to future investments to help all of us continue to get better.

I am delighted with the impressive list of outstanding speakers and panelists, who, despite very demanding schedules, are devoting time to share their perspectives on key topics illuminating this theme. I know this will be a very thought provoking Symposium and really look forward to hearing their insights and comments.

Please take advantage to listen to our speakers and ask probing questions. We request that all questions be submitted using the Symposium app or by scanning the "QR" code found on the back of your registration badge. All questions will be sent to the moderator who will ask them, time permitting, on your behalf.

I also encourage everyone to visit our exhibitors. They have put a tremendous amount of effort to support our Symposium and have brought great examples of exciting innovations in Surface Warfare technology and operations. Each year we introduce new enabling capabilities, and this year is no exception.

Finally, remember that while we clearly look to the future with our technology, even more important is our thoughtful development of innovative ideas on how to best employ these capabilities both tactically and strategically. Use this Symposium to grow your knowledge.

Thank you for joining us and helping this being another truly great Symposium.



VADM Richard Hunt, USN (Ret)
President, Surface Navy Association



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0700 – 1900	Registration	Lobby
0700 – 1200	SWO Acquisition Corps Executive Seminar <i>Invitation Only</i>	Kennedy /Jefferson
0730 – 0850	Chapter Leadership Networking Breakfast <i>Invitation Only</i>	Regency E
0800 – 0945	Retired Flag Briefing <i>ONLY open to Retired Flag Officers</i>	Regency F
Speakers	VADM Brendan McLane, USN , <i>Commander, Naval Surface Forces/</i> <i>Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet</i> RADM Joseph Cahill, USN , <i>Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic</i> RADM Fred Pyle, USN , <i>Director, Surface Warfare (N96)</i>	
0900 – 1700	Media Room	Tidewater I
0900 – 1900	Exhibits Open	All Exhibit Areas
0900 – 1700	Espresso Bar Open <i>Sponsored in part by: Red River Technology</i>	Washington Room
0915 – 1015	TAR SWO Update RDML Luke Frost, USN , <i>Director, Reserve Warfare, (N0959)</i> CDR Jeff Gerring, USN , <i>PERS-46</i>	Conference Theater
1030 – 1200	International Navies Panel - European CSG Capability in the Indo-Pacific <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency ABCD
Moderator	Cdre Roger Readwin, RN , <i>Naval Attaché, British Embassy</i>	
Panelists	Captain Jean-Olivier Grall , <i>French Naval Attaché & Assistant Defence Attaché</i> Captain Marco Bagni , <i>Italian Naval Attaché</i> Captain Egil Vasstrand, RNoN , <i>Norwegian Naval Attaché & Assistant Defence Attaché</i>	
1200 – 1245	Opening Lunch	All Exhibit Areas
1205 – 1230	Industry Theater #1 <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency ABCD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

1300 - 1305	Setting the Stage <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> VADM Rick Hunt, USN, (Ret), <i>President, Surface Navy Association</i>	Regency ABCD
1305 - 1410	Status of the Force <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> VADM Brendan McLane, USN, <i>Commander, Naval Surface Forces/ Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet</i>	Regency ABCD
1410 - 1425	Networking Break	All Exhibit Areas
1425 - 1545	Warfighting Capabilities <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> Moderator VADM Rick Hunt, USN, (Ret), <i>President, Surface Navy Association</i> Panelists RADM Fred Pyle, USN, <i>Director, Surface Warfare (N96)</i> MajGen Marcus Annibale, USMC, <i>Director, Expeditionary Warfare (N95)</i> RADM Joseph Cahill, USN, <i>Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic</i>	Regency ABCD
1545 - 1600	Networking Break	All Exhibit Areas
1600 - 1700	Keynote Address <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> ADM Lisa Franchetti, USN, <i>Chief of Naval Operations</i>	Regency ABCD
1700 - 1900	Welcome Reception	All Exhibit Areas
1830 - 2000	National Museum of the Surface Navy Cigar Social <i>Invitation Only</i>	Regency ABCD

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

0700 - 1730	Registration	Lobby
0730 - 0845	VP/PM Breakfast <i>Invitation Only</i>	Regency E
Speakers	Mr. Jim Day , <i>Deputy Director, Surface Warfare (N96B)</i> Mr. David Chase , <i>Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N95B)</i>	
0730 - 0845	Women at Sea Breakfast <i>Open to Active Duty and Reserved Personnel Only</i>	Tidewater II
0800 - 1700	Media Room	Tidewater I
0830 - 1730	Exhibits Open	All Exhibit Areas
0900 - 1500	Espresso Bar Open <i>Sponsored in part by: RTX</i>	Washington Room
0900 - 0945	View from Capitol Hill <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency ABCD
Speakers	Senator Angus King (ME)	

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0900 - 0950	Future of the Enlisted Sailor <i>Open to All Attendees</i>	Regency F
Moderators	FLTCM JoAnn Ortloff, USN (Ret) , <i>West Coast VP, Surface Navy Association</i> MCPOCG Jason Vanderhaden, USCG (Ret) , <i>East Coast VP, Surface Navy Association</i>	
Panelists	MCPON James Honea, USN , <i>Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy</i> MCPOCG Heath Jones, USCG , <i>Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard</i>	
1000 - 1055	Keynote Address <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> ADM Daryl Caudle, USN , <i>Commander Fleet Forces Command</i>	Regency ABCD
1100 - 1150	Keynote Address <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i> VADM Rick Cheeseman, USN , <i>Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Personnel, Manpower and Training, N1</i>	Regency ABCD
1145 - 1345	Grab and Go Lunch For Sale	Washington Room
1200 - 1225	Industry Theater #2 <i>Open to All Attendees</i>	Regency ABCD
1200 - 1345	Awards Recognition Lunch <i>Invitation Only</i>	Regency F
1200 - 1250	SWO(N) Community Brown Bag Lunch	Tidewater II
1200 - 1315	SWO Acquisition Corps Informational Session <i>Open to Active Duty Only</i>	Conference Theater
1225 - 1250	Industry Theater #3 <i>Open to All Attendees</i>	Regency ABCD
1300- 1345	Task Force LCS Updates <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency ABCD
Moderator	RADM Ted LeClair, USN , <i>Director, Task Force Littoral Combat Ship</i>	
Panelists	CAPT Marc D. Crawford, USN , <i>Commodore, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One</i> CAPT Mark W. Haney, USN , <i>Commodore, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron Two</i> CAPT Sean P. Lewis, USN , <i>Commodore, Destroyer Squadron Seven</i> CAPT James H. Hoey, USN , <i>Assistant Chief of Staff, LCS/MCM Readiness, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet (N48)</i>	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

1400-1455	Keynote Address Requires Seminar Package to Attend ADM Linda Fagan, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard	Regency ABCD
1415 - 1500	Task Force Hopper: Surface Force Digital Innovation Requires Seminar Package to Attend LT Artem Sherbinin, USN, Chief Technology Officer, Task Force Hopper	Conference Theater
1500-1625	CNO's NAVPLAN Implementation Requires Seminar Package to Attend	Regency ABCD
Moderator	VADM Gene Black, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (N3/N5)	
Panelists	RADM Fred Pyle, USN, Director, Surface Warfare (N96) Ms. Kelly McCool, Director, Digital Warfare Office (N9DW) Dr. Kevin Davis, Director, Information Warfare Future Capabilities, N2N6IX RDML Dion English, USN, Director, Logistics Division, N4L	
1510 - 1630	Coast Guard Cutterman's Call ONLY open to Present and Former Cutterman	Regency F
1630 - 1720	Cutterman's Reception ONLY open to Present and Former Cutterman	Tidewater II
1630 - 1720	Keynote Address Requires Seminar Package to Attend The Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy	Regency ABCD
1730 - 1900	Naval Heritage Program - 15th Anniversary of the Maersk Alabama Hijacking Ticketed Event	Regency F
Moderators	Introductory Remarks by: ADM Michelle Howard, USN (Ret)	
Panelists	CAPT Frank Castellano, USN (Ret) - CO, USS Bainbridge RADM Scott Moore, USN (Ret) - Navy Special Warfare CAPT Gordan Van Hook, USN (Ret) - Maersk CAPT Michael Huck, USN (Ret) - CO, USS Halyburton	



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

0700 - 1900	Registration	Lobby
0700 - 0830	Captain and Commanders' Session with N96 Deputies ONLY open to O-5 to O-6 Active Duty, Reserve and Retired	Regency ABCD
0800 - 1700	Media Room	Tidewater I
0800 - 1845	Exhibits Open	All Exhibit Areas
0830 - 0945	Commander/Commanding Officer Session Open to all current or former Active Duty or Reserve Commanding Officers Speakers VADM Brendan McLane, USN , Commander, Naval Surface Forces/ Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet RADM Joseph Cahill, USN , Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic RADM Fred Pyle, USN , Director, Surface Warfare (N96)	Tidewater II
0900 - 1500	Espresso Bar Open Sponsored in part by: RTX	Washington Room
0900 - 1000	Chief of Naval Research Panel Requires Seminar Package to Attend Moderator RDML Kurt Rothenhaus, USN , Chief of Naval Research Panelists Ms. Maria A. Proestou , Strategic Acquisition Advisor, Department of the Navy Ms. Alexandra "Sandy" Landsberg , Division Director, Mathematics, Computers and Information Science, Office of Naval Research RADM Jim Aiken, USN , Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / FOURTH Fleet LT Artem Sherbinin, USN , Chief Technology Officer, Task Force Hopper	Regency ABCD
1000 - 1130	Junior Officer Roundtable Open to all Active Duty and Reserve Junior Officers Only Moderator RADM Joseph Cahill, USN , Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic Panelists CAPT Jeff Heames, USN , Director, Surface Warfare Distribution Division (PERS-41) CDR Chris Petro, USN , PXO Course Director, Surface Warfare Schools Command CDR Tim Yuhas, USN , Commanding Officer, USS RAMAGE (DDG 61) LCDR Anne Rahall, USN , Speechwriter for Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic LCDR Valeta Wilson-James, USN , Combat Systems Officer, USS JASON DUNHAM (DDG 109)	Regency F

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

1000 –1130 **Sailor Development and Readiness** Conference Theater
(formerly Enlisted Roundtable)

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Moderators

FORCM Larry A. Lynch USN, Force Master Chief, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

FORCM Jon Lonsdale USN, Force Master Chief, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Panelists

FLTCM John Perryman, USN, Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

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CMDCM Toby Ruiz, USN, Command Master Chief, Navy Leadership and Ethics Command (NLEC)

CMDCM Jordan Rosado, USN, Command Master Chief, U.S. Naval Community College

CMDCM Lateef Compton, USN, Command Master Chief, OPNAV N7

RPCM Peter Butucel, USN, Chief of Chaplain Senior Enlisted Leader

1010 – 1125 **Future Force Panel** Regency ABCD
Requires Seminar Package to Attend

Moderator *Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command*

1145 – 1345 **Grab and Go Lunch For Sale** Washington Room

1130 – 1155 **Industry Theater #4** Regency ABCD
Open to All Attendees

1200 – 1320 **CEO/Flag Officer Luncheon** Regency E
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Speaker **Mr. Jay Stefany**, Performing Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A)

1200 – 1225 **Industry Theater #5** Regency ABCD
Open to All Attendees

1245– 1345 **CO Panel: Getting Ready to Fight and Win!** Regency ABCD
Requires Seminar Package to Attend

Moderator **CAPT T. J. Zerr, USN**, Chief of Staff, Commander Naval Surface Forces, Pacific

Panelists

CDR Katie Jacobson, USN, Commanding Officer, USS NITZE (DDG 94)

CAPT Katie Whitman, USN, Commanding Officer USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)

CAPT Gil Clark, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Group Southwest

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

1330 - 1400	Briefing for Corporate Member CEOs <i>Invitation Only</i>	Conference Theater
Speaker	VADM Brendan McLane, USN , <i>Commander, Naval Surface Forces/ Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet</i>	
1410 - 1535	Maintainers Panel <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency ABCD
Moderator	<i>Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command</i>	
1430 - 1530	Midshipmen Roundtable <i>ONLY open to Midshipmen - Academy and ROTC Units</i>	Regency F
Moderator	CAPT Gervy J. Alota, USN , <i>Director, Missile Warning Center, Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station</i>	
Panelists	CAPT Jeff Betz, USN , <i>Commanding Officer, Mariner Skills Training Center Atlantic</i> LCDR Tyree Barnes, USN , <i>Fleet Readiness, DDG 1000 Integrated Combat Systems (IWS 9.0)</i> LT T Lynsey Dry, USN , <i>Chief Engineer, USS COLE (DDG 67)</i> LT Griffin Buskill, USN , <i>PERS-412 Junior Officer Detailer</i> LT Sarah Crews, USN , <i>Naval Science Instructor, University of Virginia NROTC</i>	
1545 - 1655	Commentators' Panel <i>Requires Seminar Package to Attend</i>	Regency F
Moderator	VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret) , <i>Chairman, Scholarship Committee</i>	
Panelists	Dr. Eric Labs , <i>Congressional Budget Office</i> Mr. Ronald O'Rourke , <i>Congressional Research Service</i> Mr. Christopher Cavas , <i>Journalist and Commentator, Cohost of the CavasShips Podcast</i>	
1615- 1655	Pinning Ceremony Green Room <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Conference Theater
1630- 1845	Banquet Ticket Pickup	Lobby
1700 - 1715	ESWS / SWO Pinning Ceremony	Regency Foyer
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OFFICER EAST

LT BRENDON SALLADAY, USN

USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG 119)

FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Lieutenant Brendon Salladay is an exceptional leader, shiphandler, and tactician. Ranked number 1 of 28 division officers in Delbert D. Black, his mentorship and guidance is sought by Sailors and Officers alike. His Sailors have promoted at 8% above fleet average and he has driven a 60% reduction in unplanned losses since becoming the Fire Control Officer. A mentor to all first tour division officers in the Command, he has coached 12 officers to their Surface Warfare Officer qualifications, and five senior enlisted Sailors to senior tactical qualifications. He is a superb leader already clearly on the path to command at sea.

LT Salladay is the command's most experienced and trusted officer of the deck underway and has effectively coached numerous division officers to follow in his wake. Logging more than 300 hours as an officer of the deck in Delbert D. Black, while also earning all tactical qualifications up to Tactical Action Officer, he has skillfully handled the ship through more than a dozen high risk, high intensity special evolutions such as transits through the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el Mandeb, and duty as horizon reference unit for USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77).

In addition to his other accolades, his most exceptional value was as a tactician during our arduous 9-month deployment. Hand-picked as DESTROYER SQUADRON 50's liaison for Fifth Fleet's INTERNAL LOOK 2023, he coordinated the blue force laydown of Ballistic Missile Defense assets as well as Joint and allied air defenses. Later, in Sixth Fleet, he spearheaded Delbert D. Black's seamless assumption of Operation SHARP SENTRY responsibilities. While tasked in support of the 2022 Qatar World Cup security, he coordinated an extensive Integrated Air and Missile Defense effort via multinational tactical data link networks with air, maritime, and coalition forces.

LT Salladay is a superbly talented Surface Warfare Officer who works tirelessly to support his Sailors and the ship's mission. He is the epitome of our next generation of leaders in Surface Warfare.

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OFFICER WEST

LTJG CHRISTOPHER HAIDVOGEL, USN

USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60)

1ST LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Junior Grade Christopher Haidvogel took charge of USS Paul Hamilton's topside preservation and seamanship readiness efforts while managing all training and qualifications for aviation, small boat, and underway replenishment operations. His hard work and dedication led to the ship's successful completion of an eight-month independent deployment in the demanding FIFTH fleet area of responsibility.

As First Lieutenant and Seamanship Training Team Lead, LTJG Haidvogel directly supported safe navigation and pilothouse watchstander proficiency by completing over two hundred drills maintaining nearly thirty repetitive exercises throughout deployment in the Aviation, Seamanship, Search and Rescue, and Visit Board Search and Seizure warfare areas. Dedicated to material readiness, he oversaw the preventive and corrective maintenance on nearly 490 pieces of deck, aviation, and refueling equipment clearing three mission degrading casualties on the ship's rigid inflatable boats, centerline anchor, and flight deck nets.

He consistently demonstrates excellence and professionalism through his performance as Officer of the Deck, guiding his watch team during 16 transits of the Strait of Hormuz, four sea and anchor details in foreign ports, two international maritime exercises involving eight allied nations and two replenishments at sea while supporting Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL. Additionally, he expertly maneuvered the ship in support of visit, board, search and seizure operations resulting in the confiscation of \$42.5 million in illicit drugs, a significant impact to malign activity in the Gulf of Oman.

He exudes poise and confidence on the bridge through his watchstanding and ability to train others, dedicating over three hundred hours supporting his peers and leading directly to eight newly qualified officers of the deck. Thanks to his dedication and attention to detail, Paul Hamilton completed all regional, theater, and national tasking across four different geographical fleets totaling a remarkable 195 days at sea.

Excellence and resiliency were in high demand and LTJG Haidvogel always delivered. He answered his country's call with commitment to his ship, shipmates, and the Navy's mission continuously growing and maturing into the leader he is today.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE

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ET2(SW) DEVIN CAUBLE, USN

USS SENTRY (MCM 3)

ELECTRONICS ELECTRICIAN

Electronics Technician Second Class Devin Cauble, assigned to one of the Navy's smallest ships, USS Sentry, has showcased extraordinary proficiency and dedication, significantly impacting the ship's operational success in 2023.

As Combat Systems Training Team member, Electronics System Supervisor, and Electronics Technician on the most operational Mine Countermeasure (MCM) vessel in the Fifth Fleet, Petty Officer Cauble played a pivotal role in achieving certifications across Navigation, Surface Warfare, Electronic Warfare, Communications, and Cyber Warfare. His diverse skill set and qualifications in damage control were crucial during critical assessments, where he seamlessly transitioned between roles, ensuring SENTRY's preparedness for Damage Control Light Off Assessment, Mobility Damage Control Certification, Basic Phase, and Final Battle Problem.

Petty Officer Cauble's exceptional performance as Sentry's primary communications technician is highlighted by flawlessly executing seven Commercial Broadband Satellite Program mission activations and swiftly resolving 17 outages with minimal downtime. His efforts ensured the availability of Internet Protocol Services for three network enclaves, enabling continuous communication between Combat Information Center watch standers and Task Force Commanders. For this outstanding dedication and performance, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

As a Work Center Supervisor, Petty Officer Cauble demonstrated outstanding leadership by guiding five maintenance personnel through 879 maintenance checks, covering 602 hours, including two force revisions and a Total Ships Readiness Availability. His expertise as a Navigation technician was integral, leading to the operational readiness of Sentry's gyrocompass suite and 100% availability of navigational inputs and sensors.

Petty Officer Cauble's proactive approach extended beyond his primary responsibilities as he obtained the Fire Marshall qualification, making him the only non-engineer so qualified on Sentry. This qualification facilitated a flexible and operational three-section watch bill, enhancing the overall readiness of the command.

In summary, Petty Officer Cauble's keen foresight, meticulous technical acumen, and ability to unite diverse operational facets have directly contributed to Sentry's operational success and mission accomplishment in 2023. His influence as a beacon of professionalism, leadership, and morale extends beyond his department, reinforcing the ship's ability to sustain operational excellence throughout the FIFTH Fleet.

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE SURFACE WARFARE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD



ENLISTED WEST

FCAC(SW) FRANK DUGGINS, USN
USS WAYNE E. MEYER (DDG 108)

**COMBAT SYSTEMS LEAD CHIEF PETTY OFFICER,
AEGIS COMPUTER NETWORK TECHNICIAN**

Chief Petty Officer Frank Duggins' Aegis Combat Systems expertise is unrivaled and is responsible for USS Wayne E. Meyer's nine consecutive months on the SPY Honor Role while deployed in the SEVENTH Fleet area of responsibility. His personal drive for operational excellence ensured that the SPY radar outperformed all other SEVENTH Fleet assets and guaranteed that Wayne E. Meyer not only met tasking but also exceeded expectations.

A Combat Systems guru, he personally developed standard operating procedures on the Aegis Baseline 7 system to support live constructive kills. Moreover, his personal involvement in Wayne E. Meyer's installation of the Virtual Twin system fulfilled a Chief of Naval Operations priority as well as supported an impressive seven successful simulated engagements. He performed out-of-rate duties and integrated himself into the ship's Strike Team participating in 38 Sea Launched Attack Missile Exercises with an impressive average of 97%.

Chief Petty Officer Duggins' positive and inspirational leadership was responsible for seven advancements, the qualification of six Combat Systems Officers of the Watch, four Combat Systems Coordinators, four Radar Systems Controllers, and three Missile Systems Supervisors. As the Combat Systems Training Team Training Supervisor, he led 34 technical scenarios and four tactical scenarios, training both Officers and enlisted personnel. His focus on combat readiness does not end with personnel and procedures but reaches far into technical maintenance. He ensured that his team coordinated 4,243 maintenance checks across four departments. He was integral in Wayne E. Meyer's complete replacement of all three Fire Control System Illuminators as well as follow-on required Combat Systems Alignment Verification testing.

Chief Petty Officer Duggins embodies operational excellence and is most deserving of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Surface Warfare Operational Excellence Award.



ADMIRAL ZUMWALT AWARD FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

The Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary Leadership honors those who most clearly exemplify the extraordinary qualities, vision & incisiveness of the nineteenth Chief of Naval Operations. Two awards are presented annually, to active-duty Navy personnel in pay grades E3-E6 and E7-04 who are nominated by an active-duty member equal or junior in rate/rank, and who best exemplify the ideals of Admiral Zumwalt.

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ADMIRAL ZUMWALT AWARD FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP



E3-E6 WINNER

OS1(SW) RICHARD GOOSSEN, USN
USS HOWARD (DDG 83)

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT LEADING PETTY OFFICER

Petty Officer Richard Goossen's exceptional leadership as Operations Departmental Leading Petty Officer aboard USS Howard (DDG 83) has set an inspiring standard for visionary leadership. His unwavering commitment to mission success and tireless dedication to Sailor development have significantly elevated Howard's standing as a premier multi-function surface combatant in FDNF Japan.

In his role as the "On-Call" Anti-Submarine/Anti-Surface Tactical Air Controller for SEVENTH Fleet, Petty Officer Goossen's expertise was sought after by multiple ships, including USS Shoup, during operation COBALT CASTLE. His flawless control of 350 hours of mishap-free flights, coordination of Surface Search missions, and Emergency Low Visibility landings showcased unparalleled tactical proficiency. His pivotal role in multi-link exercises with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces strengthened multilateral interoperability capabilities throughout the SEVENTH Fleet.

Petty Officer Goossen serves as Howard's Command Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Coordinator, where he planned and executed over 50 training opportunities, mentoring 90 Sailors towards ESWS qualification, and contributing significantly to the overall readiness of Howard. His commitment to equal opportunity and advocacy on the deckplates has created an inclusive atmosphere for all Sailors, irrespective of ethnicity, sexuality, or religion.

As a critical member of the Combat System and Seamanship Training Teams, Petty Officer Goossen played a key role in developing technical and tactical scenarios, leading to Air, Surface, and Ballistic Missile Defense warfare certifications. His leadership as the CSTT Plot Supervisor resulted in a 98% score in a multilateral live fire event during Exercise PACIFIC VAN GUARD.

Petty Officer Richard Goossen's impact extends ship wide. From his first day onboard, he has been the cornerstone of the Operations Department, embodying the essence of an inspiring deckplate leader. His professionalism, devotion to duty, and visionary leadership distinguish him well above his peers, making him the most deserving recipient of the Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary Leadership.

ADMIRAL ZUMWALT AWARD FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP



E7-O4 WINNER

LCDR ANDREW GRIMM, USN
USS STERETT (DDG 104)
SENIOR WATCH OFFICER

LCDR Grimm's exceptional leadership aboard USS Sterett (DDG 104) has not only elevated the ship's operational capabilities but has also embodied the visionary qualities championed by Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt. Serving in various pivotal roles, including Operations Officer and Combat Systems Officer, LCDR Grimm's most consequential impact emerged when due to an emergent need he stepped in as Executive Officer from May to September 2023. Energizing the ship during a demanding Composite Training Unit Exercise, Andrew showcased innovation in operational concepts, aligning with the spirit of change exemplified by Admiral Zumwalt.

Andrew's commitment to excellence and mentorship has been a driving force behind Sterett's successes. The ship's stellar reputation in the Pacific Fleet, marked by the highest DDG score for INSURV since 2021, speaks to his unwavering dedication to on-time readiness for operational deployment. The ship's role as the high-visibility backdrop for the POTUS AUKUS announcement underscores its prominence under Andrew's leadership.

During COMPTUEX, Sterett emerged as a tactical powerhouse under Andrew's leadership, leading the pack in both Advanced and Integrated Phases. His unparalleled skill in navigation and warfighting was evident, setting a standard for excellence that permeated throughout the crew. His passion for mentorship transformed every Sailor into a better Mariner and warfighter, embodying the principles of open-minded leadership and tactical mastery.

In the role of the ship's Maintenance and Material Management (3M) Manager, LCDR Grimm played a pivotal role in Sterett's success during the INSURV inspection. His leadership ensured not just superior material readiness but also an outstanding Habitability score well above the DDG class average, reflecting his dedication to the well-being of every Sailor on board Sterett.

Beyond the scope of assigned duties, LCDR Grimm emerged as a trusted mentor, investing countless hours in developing junior Officers. His enthusiasm, humility, and dedication to navigation and tactical seamanship set a standard for others to follow. Andrew leads with enthusiasm and humility.

LCDR Andrew Grimm is undeniably deserving of the Admiral Zumwalt Award for Visionary Leadership, representing the epitome of leadership, mentorship, and operational excellence within the U.S. Navy. His contributions to Sterett and the Surface Navy are a testament to the enduring legacy of Admiral Zumwalt.

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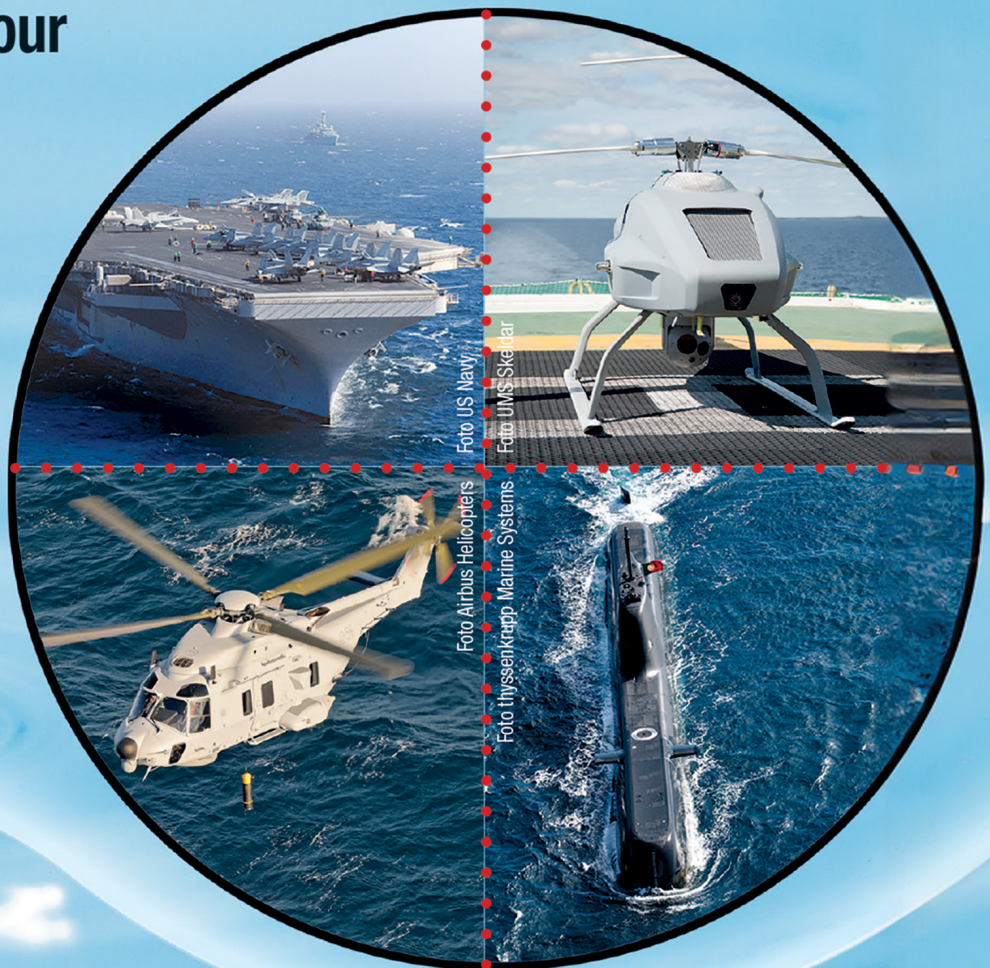
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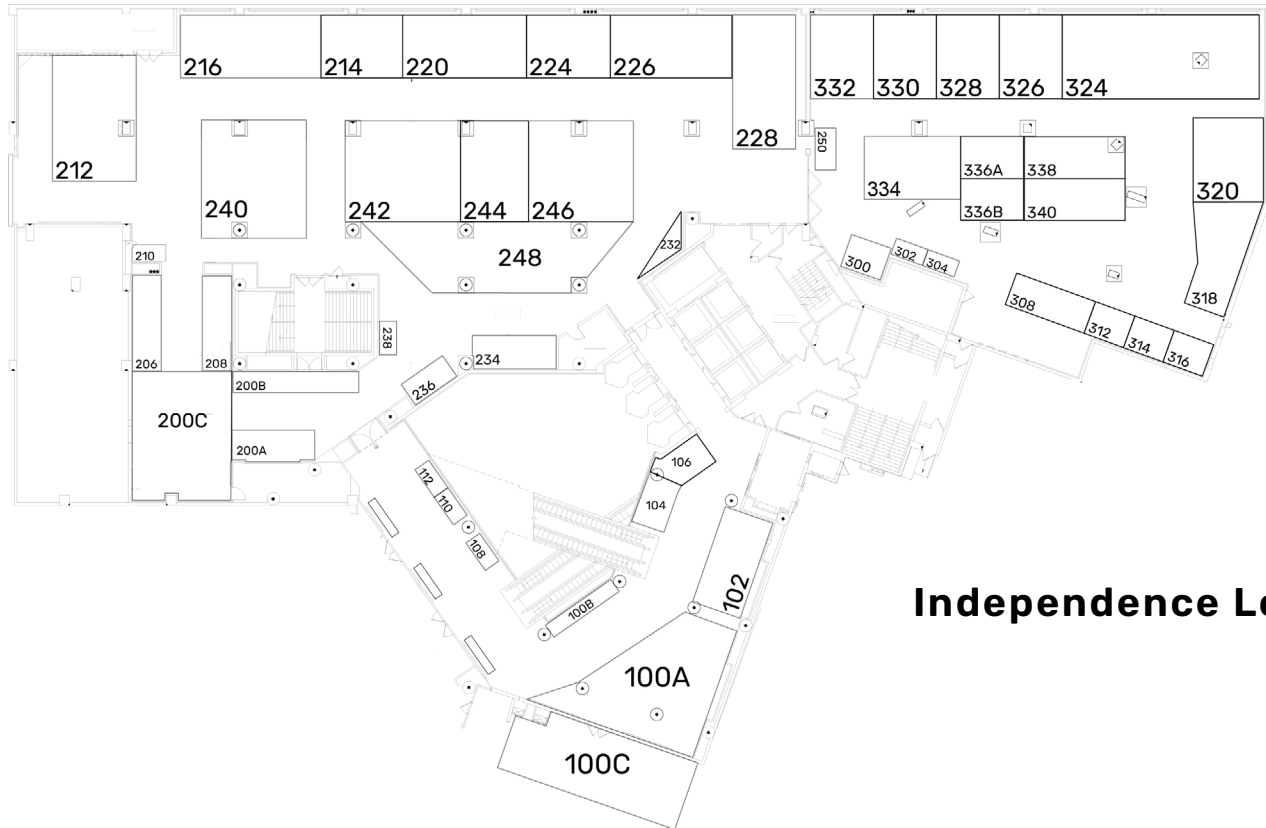
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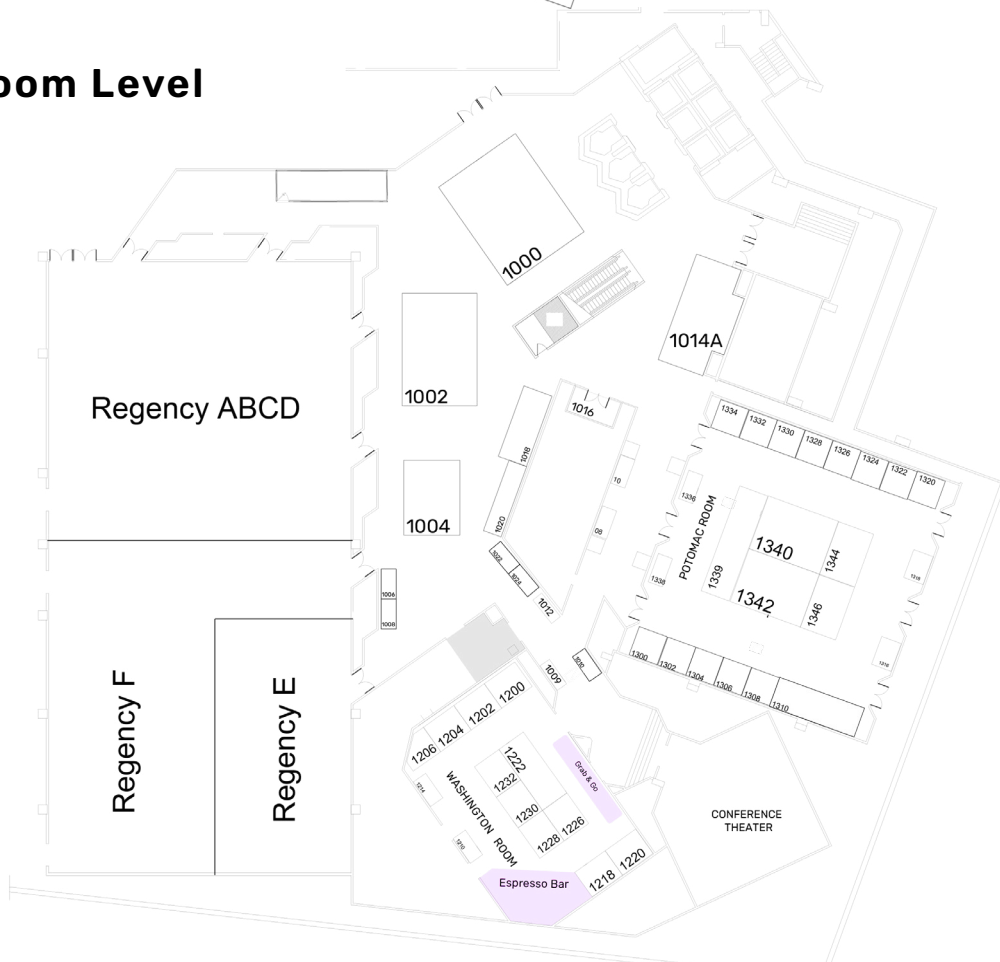
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SURFACE WARFARE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE ATLANTIC

LCDR ZANE MACNAUGHTON, USN

*USS GRAVELY (DDG 107)
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER*

Lieutenant Commander MacNaughton excelled in his performance serving as Combat Systems Officer onboard USS Gravelly (DDG 107) from January 2022 to December 2022, leading to his selection as the 2022 Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Surface Warfare Officer of the Year. Amidst the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, he led 86 sailors through a Sixth Fleet deployment, reassuring international allies off the coast of Crete, through the Baltic Sea and up to the Arctic Circle. Filling a gapped department head role after return from deployment, he led two departments through a 90-day maintenance period straight into a no-notice homeland defense employment, made possible solely due to his efforts to sustain maximum operational readiness and tactical proficiency throughout the crew. Lieutenant Commander MacNaughton's exceptional foresight, expertise, and complete dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE PACIFIC

LCDR ALEX TURNER, USN

*USS CHAFEE (DDG 90)
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER*

Lieutenant Commander Turner excelled as the Combat Systems Officer onboard USS Chafee (DDG 90) culminating in his selection as the 2022 Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific Surface Warfare Officer of the Year. Demonstrating superior leadership, he led the most efficient and sustainable department onboard, exemplified by his sailors making the SPY Honor Roll, and winning the 2M Gold Disk award for three consecutive quarters. Additionally, during Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC), he was placed as lead for six separate missile tracking exercises, ending with Chafee's own SM-2 engagement of a subsonic BQM drone. His outstanding leadership abilities, devotion to mission accomplishment, and tactical knowledge distinguished him as the premier warrior in the surface force. By his unswerving determination, wise judgement, and complete dedication of duty, Lieutenant Commander Turner reflected credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS



RADM JEFFREY HATHAWAY, USCG (RET)

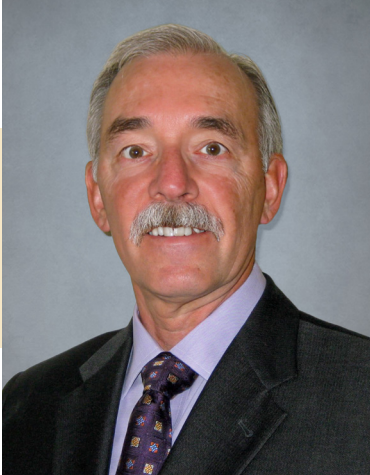
One of the founding fathers of the Coast Guard Cutterman's assimilation into the Surface Navy Association, Rear Admiral Jeffrey Hathaway has been a stalwart and dedicated leader in this union of seafaring professional organizations. Having commanded three major Cutters, Rear Admiral Hathaway is no stranger to the seagoing life. These command experiences, coupled with his vast OPNAV experience in N3/5, make him one of the most knowledgeable liaisons between Navy and Coast Guard Operations, from Anti-Terrorism Force Protection, Drug Interdiction Operations, and Joint Interagency Task Force collaboration, there is no other officer with as much relevancy in Coast Guard/Navy alignment than Admiral Hathaway. Post Coast Guard service has found Admiral Hathaway assuming many roles in the Surface Navy Association. He has diligently served on the SNA Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Membership Committee, Moderator at SNA events, and has been a great mentor to all junior members of the Association. Rear Admiral Hathaway is a visionary, hands on leader, and faithful and unselfish promoter of our Association, always bringing infectious enthusiasm to every activity. For his brilliant service and leadership, we award Rear Admiral Hathaway the Surface Navy Associations Special Recognition Award, our highest honor.



CAPT THOMAS FORBES USN (RET)

Captain Forbes is a longstanding member and leader of the Hampton Roads Chapter of our Surface Naval Association. In his service to SNA, Captain Forbes has tirelessly supported his great, great grandfather, Gunnar George Sirian's legacy, by annually presenting onboard the USS Constitution in Boston, the George Sirian Meritorious Service Award to an outstanding Chief Petty Officer selected from the U.S. Navy Fleet. Gunnar Sirian served in the US Navy for 55 years until retirement in 1880, after one of the longest active-duty careers in Naval History. During his great, great grandfathers' career, he served in 20 different ships, and seven shore stations, including the USS Constitution's world cruise. He also served as a gunnery instructor at the US Naval Academy during the Civil War. Captain Forbes has worked tirelessly in obtaining and preserving documents pertaining to George Sirian's career, donating them to the Constitution Museum in Boston. For this and his selfless service to the Hampton Roads, Constitution and National Capitol Chapters, Captain Forbes is awarded the Surface Navy Associations Special Recognition Award, our highest honor.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS



DR. PRES WEAVER, FLTCM (SS/SW/AW), USN (RET)

Dr. Pres Weaver is a charismatic leader and motivator who focuses on developing those in his charge. This has been proven throughout his 25 years as a cornerstone of the SNA Awards Committee, as well as his many volunteer hours assisting in meeting the needs of the Scholarship and Zumwalt committees. Dr. Weaver started his U.S. Navy career as a Submarine Nuclear Machinist Mate. His career included such significant appointments as Chief of the Boat (COB) on USS Portsmouth and Command Master Chief (CM) at Submarine Squadron Eleven. Transitioning to surface warfare, he assumed the role of Command Master Chief (CMC) on USS Pelelieu (LHA 5) from 1995 to 1998. Weaver's leadership continued to evolve as he undertook strategic positions, notably serving as the CNO Directed Command Master Chief for Military Sealift Command and subsequently as the US Sixth Fleet Command Master Chief. Culminating his military service as the Fleet Master Chief for US Naval Force Europe from 2002 to 2005. Weaver seamlessly integrated into civilian life. He joined Sonalysts, Inc. as a Principal Analyst, contributing his extensive expertise to the organization, especially working with the U. S. Coast Guard on special projects.

A man of high integrity and solid moral fiber, Pres Weaver is able to overcome any challenge and accomplish whatever mission is assigned. Pres is a visionary, highly innovative, dedicated and team oriented individual whose supportive can-do attitude creates an environment where everyone strives to do their best. His leadership and presence are infectious and welcoming. He can always be counted on for connecting and networking with the junior officer and enlisted awardees attending the National Symposium. For his tireless and diligent service to the Surface Navy Association Pres Weaver is awarded the Association's highest honor, the Special Recognition Award.

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COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCES EXPERT SHIPHANDLER AWARD

This award recognizes Surface Warfare professionals that excel in the art of naval shiphandling.



LTJG NOAH SPAHR, USN
USS DEWEY (DDG 105)

Lieutenant Junior Grade Spahr while serving as Aviation Coordination Assistant onboard USS Dewey (DDG 105) from January 2022 to December 2022, defeated a pool of surface warfare officers from 109 crews across all surface forces winning the Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year Competition. With distinction and aplomb, he surpassed all other contestants in a series of simulator events including pierwork, underway replenishment and man overboard. He was evaluated by senior surface warfare officers using an objective gradesheet. His confidence and composure led him to victory amongst peers assessed as the premier shiphandlers in their respective fleets. LTJG Spahr's unswerving determination, wise judgement and complete dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



HONORABLE MENTION

LT JOHN KIEFER, USN
USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6)

Lieutenant Kiefer while serving as Navigator onboard USS Devastator (MCM 6) from January 2022 to December 2022, competed against a pool of surface warfare officers from 109 crews across all surface forces in the Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year Competition. With distinction and aplomb, he demonstrated professionalism and skill in a series of simulator events including pierwork, underway replenishment and man overboard. Evaluated by senior surface warfare officers, his confidence and composure led to his selection as one of the premier shiphandlers in the surface force. Lieutenant Kiefer's unswerving determination, wise judgement and complete dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

SURFACE FORCE INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman Award was established to identify highly motivated and specially trained Hospital Corpsman representing SURFPAC and SURFLANT to manage health programs and provide primary care under indirect supervision at sea.

COMNAVSURFPAC WINNER

HMC(SW) ELISABETH ZAKARAUSKAS, USN *USS HIGGINS (DDG 76)*

Chief Petty Officer Elizabeth Zakarauskas consistently demonstrated unparalleled performance as the Senior Medical Department Representative aboard USS Higgins. Her leadership was pivotal during an extended patrol and a fast-paced dry-docked ship repair availability. Under her guidance, her division achieved a remarkable 100% promotion rate, 100% PFA pass rate, and 100% retention, showcasing her ability to foster a culture of success.

During the ship's repair availability, Chief Zakarauskas developed a robust mental health resilience plan that significantly contributed to Sailors' well-being. By collaborating with Subject Matter Experts, she implemented proactive measures limiting unplanned losses due to mental health to only three. As Duty Section Leader, she efficiently managed force protection, damage control requirements, and the qualification status of 84 Sailors. She built a winning team driving her duty section to achieve over 180 qualifications allowing Higgins to expand to five duty sections successfully navigating the required major fire drill evaluated exercise.

Chief Zakarauskas's impact extends beyond the medical department. She delivered quality healthcare to over 350 Sailors daily, managing 250 routine sick call encounters, 173 consults to specialty care, and maintaining Higgins Individual Medical Readiness above 90%. As a technical expert, she coordinated Fleet Support Operations - Medical certification ahead of schedule, instructed numerous Tactical Combat Casualty Care - All Service Member courses, and ensured the ship's readiness by achieving early certification in her warfare area.

HMC is the go-to Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) on the waterfront. Whether assisting other commands with supplies, training, or provider coverage, she always answers the call. She volunteered over eight weeks of coverage for three IDCs, distributed supplies to support six other units, and provided essential medical training to sailors from other commands. Due to her technical expertise and motivation to help other IDCs she was asked to provide coverage when the Squadron IDC was on temporary duty elsewhere, leading all other IDCs in the Squadron. Her qualifications as an Anti-terrorism Tactical Watch Officer and collateral duties, including Damage Control Training Team Member and Command Sponsorship Coordinator, highlight her versatility and commitment to operational readiness.

Chief Petty Officer Zakarauskas's outstanding contributions to the Navy, USS Higgins, and her crew make her the unequivocal choice for the Surface Navy Association Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year award. Her sustained superior performance, leadership across various roles, and dedication to the overall mission are truly commendable.

SURFACE FORCE INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



COMNAVSURFLANT WINNER

HM1(SW/FMF) TYSON BRADLEY, USN
USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116)

Petty Officer Bradley is the Independent Duty Corpsman that every afloat command deserves to have. His dedication to the Navy, his ship, and his shipmates is reflected in the superior performance of his duties as Thomas Hudner's Senior Medical Department Representative. His actions have resulted in Thomas Hudner receiving accolades from numerous superiors inside and out of the medical profession, to include Commander, Surface Forces Atlantic Force Surgeon. His leadership was instrumental in the command earning its Health and Wellness Green H Award and a READ-EI score of 98%!

Beyond his primary responsibilities, Petty Officer Bradley actively seeks increased responsibility, taking on roles such as HM Division Leading Petty Officer, Watch-Bill Coordinator, and President of the First Class Petty Officer Association. His multitasking abilities were particularly evident during the ship's high operational tempo, including challenging deployments in Fifth and Sixth Fleet Areas of Responsibility. Despite limited resources, he maintained a remarkable Individual Medical Readiness score of 98%, showcasing his commitment to unit readiness.

Petty Officer Bradley epitomizes first class leadership across the deck plates of Thomas Hudner. He stepped outside of his division to take on further responsibility in the Executive Department as the departmental Enlisted Service Warfare Specialist (ESWS) representative, leading to increased readiness, qualifications and team cohesion among Medical, Navigation and Administration divisions. Under his leadership, four ESWS devices, six personal awards and 25 qualifications were obtained; all while never allowing the Medical department to falter! Additionally, HM1 Bradley stepped up and managed watch-bill assignments for 90 Sailors, maintaining Force Protection requirements while deployed.

A leader among leaders, Petty Officer Bradley's service as the First Class Petty Officer Association President reflects the trust and respect he commands from his peers. His commitment to servant leadership is evident in his proactive approach to supporting and guiding fellow Sailors, fostering an environment where everyone can succeed.

Petty Officer Tyson Bradley's exceptional performance, dedication, and total commitment to the Navy, the USS Thomas Hudner, and its crew make him the unequivocal choice for the Surface Navy Association Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year. His accomplishments, spanning medical care, leadership, and overall ship readiness, are a testament to his outstanding qualities as a sailor, leader, and healthcare professional.

SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION LITERARY AWARD

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***“Repair Time is the Critical Variable”
Proceedings, December 2022***



LT KEEGAN HOEY, USN

Lieutenant Keegan Hoey received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 2015. He is a Surface Warfare Officer and currently Operations Officer aboard the USS Donald Cook (DDG 75). Most recently he was Deputy N7 at Surface Combat Systems Training Command in Dahlgren, Virginia. He earned his Master's of Military Art and Science from the US Army General Command and Staff College and graduated as an Art of War Scholar and holds a Bachelor of Arts from American University's School of International Service. In 2020 he qualified as an Anti-Submarine Warfare/Surface Warfare (ASW/SUW) Warfare Tactics Instructor (WTI). His sea assignments include First Lieutenant, Anti Terrorism Officer and Safety Officer, aboard the USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) from 2015 to 2019. In 2015, he received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Honorable Mention

***“Use Allies in Shipyard Modernization”
Proceedings, May 2023***



LTJG JEONG SOO KIM, USN

Lieutenant Kim is an active duty Civil Engineer Corps Officer assigned to NAVFAC Far East in Sasebo, Japan. He previously served in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE. He is an avid writer, and is the winner of the 2021, 2022 Marine Corps Essay Contest hosted by the U.S. Naval Institute and writes extensively about maritime industrial base issues. He graduated from Columbia University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in history.

CAPTAIN HOPLEY YEATON

CUTTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Cutter Excellence Award annually recognizes the crew of a large cutter, the crew of a mid-sized cutter, and the crew of a small cutter. Cutter crews recognized for this award will have demonstrated exceptional performance in areas such as operations and mission accomplishment; commitment to crew and families; cutter training and readiness; and engineering.

LARGE CUTTER

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CAPT WILLIAM MEES, USCG – COMMANDING OFFICER

BERTHOLF set the standard for international maritime enforcement action, defense operations, and counter-IUUF expertise. BERTHOLF executed over 27% of all D17 enforcement action, and closed out four separate fisheries goals for FY23, a feat never before recorded.

BERTHOLF conducted the first overt transit by a CG vessel of the Western Bering Strait IMO route, upholding international norms and challenging excessive Russian maritime claims in the high latitudes. BERTHOLF was the Service's first WMSL to execute ARCTIC EDGE exercises, hosting Seal Team 7 and leaders from SOCNORTH, NORTHCOM, and ALCOM.

While operating in the Eastern Pacific (EPAC), BERTHOLF had multiple successful interdictions valued at tens of millions of dollars. BERTHOLF also intelligently leveraged our total Intel, DSF, HITRON, and sUAS force packages to create five successful sea and air interdictions for our maritime partners, strengthening regional partnerships and governance. BERTHOLF twice assumed "Composite Warfare Commander" responsibilities for the entire JIATF-S Joint Operating Area, expertly directing all joint and international surface, air, and partner assets throughout the EPAC and Caribbean.



CAPTAIN HOPLEY YEATON

CUTTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

MEDIUM CUTTER

CGC ALEX HALEY (WMEC 39)

CDR STEVEN BALDOVSKY, USCG – COMMANDING OFFICER

In 2023, USCGC ALEX HALEY supported strategic objectives for D17, U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM), and U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) across the entire Bering Sea and into the Arctic Ocean. ALEX HALEY partnered with the USN and Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH) to protect the US EEZ and national interests while expertly executing Op FRONTIER SENTINEL.

During the high-visibility transit of a Russian/PRC surface action group across the Aleutians, ALEX HALEY was the sole Coast Guard unit coordinating with USN assets to provide security for the U.S. fishing fleet; and helped provide subject matter expertise to Navy destroyers operating for the first time in the Bering.

At the tactical level, ALEX HALEY LE teams closed out multiple FY23 D17 fisheries goals, completed a rare D17 fishing vessel termination, and identified multiple LMR violations for NOAA, including uncovering a negative bycatch retention trend across the fishing fleet. Additionally, ALEX HALEY and its embarked AVDET assisted saving three lives during a marathon long distance SAR transport and an offshore hoist.



CAPTAIN HOPLEY YEATON

CUTTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

SMALL CUTTER

CGC FREDERICK HATCH (WPC 1143)

LT PATRICK DREISS, USCG – COMMANDING OFFICER

USCGC FREDERICK HATCH conducted the first Expeditionary Patrol in Micronesia after regional COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. The cutter enacted bilateral law enforcement agreements with 4 Pacific Island partner nations, conducting 19 bilateral shiprider boardings within their country's Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ), reinvigorating regional illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUU-F) enforcement efforts after a three year hiatus. Their deployments included the first-ever boardings supporting the groundbreaking Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Enhanced Shiprider Agreement, allowing cutters to conduct maritime law enforcement activities on behalf of the host nation within their EEZ without a shiprider physically present. The cutter's success exercising the broad authority of the agreement directly led to interest in similar agreements from other nations. Palau signed a new shiprider agreement in August 2023.

FREDERICK HATCH also responded to a research vessel in distress with a fast-approaching tropical storm on the horizon, towing the vessel over 200 nm in 8 ft seas to safety in Saipan, saving five lives.

Additionally, while conducting an IUU-F boarding, one of the fishermen sustained a significant injury from a 12-foot fall onto his head, losing all movement in his extremities. Cutter personnel quickly responded, stabilized the patient, transferred him to the cutter, and transited nine hours at full speed to Pohnpei, FSM, to conduct a challenging restricted waters transit at midnight to safely deliver the patient ashore with crewmember escorts. The crewmembers then stayed at the hospital to assist the shorthanded staff and helped save the fisherman's life.



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CAPTAIN HOPLEY YEATON SUPERIOR CUTTERMAN AWARD

The Hopley Yeaton Awards, which honor the Coast Guard's legendary sea-going forbearer, Capt. Hopley Yeaton, are given to celebrate and recognize cuttermen and cutter crews who best exemplify what it means to be a top-tier Coast Guard Cutterman in spirit and in action.



LCDR DANA PREFER, USCG
CGC DEPENDABLE (WMEC 626)

LCDR Prefer is serving as the Executive Officer of CGC DEPENDABLE. Her most recent assignments are at TRACEN Petaluma, Post-Graduate school at Indiana University, and as Commanding Officer on CGC ISAAC MAYO. Previous afloat assignments include CGC BERTHOLF and CGC HARRIET LANE. She joined the USCG in 2007 and graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 2011. ESS is attached to the submission write-up with additional information.

LCDR Prefer helped lead DEPENDABLE through extensive operations during 3 Migrant Interdiction Operations (MIO) patrols amidst a historic wave of illegal migration from Cuba and Haiti. While supporting Operation Vigilant Sentry, DEPENDABLE interdicted 431 migrants and provided care to over 950 migrants, most certainly saving the lives of many of those embarked on unseaworthy craft. During each case, LCDR Prefer supervised the bridge and migrant processing teams, ensuring all CG procedures were followed while also safeguarding the safety of the crew and migrants.

As a superior shiphandler, LCDR Prefer coached the bridge team for five moorings with only one operational engine, twice without using available tug assistance. In addition, she completed the underway portions of TSTA on the edges of Hurricane Ian, riding out 60+ knots of wind at anchor and coaching junior officers through the night. She used these opportunities to coach junior members through essential ship-handling techniques, including casting, twisting, and using the elements to maneuver appropriately.

The cutter also conducted a SAR case with five lives saved and notably interdicted 1100 lbs of marijuana out of the Bahamas, proving the existence of a previously undocumented smuggling vector.



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SUPERIOR CUTTERMAN AWARD



BM1 RYAN PROS, USCG
CGC JUNIPER (WLB 201)

BM1 Pros serves as the Deck Department Lead Petty Officer on CGC JUNIPER. His most recent assignments are at CGC AQUIDNECK, CGC DORADO, and STA Fort Lauderdale. Previous afloat assignments include CGC HOLLYHOCK and CGC BRISTOL BAY. He joined the USCG in 2009.

During CGC Juniper's participation in Op BLUE PACIFIC, BM1 Pros played a crucial role in building international partnerships and deterring Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing (IUU-F) throughout strategic and remote areas of the Pacific. Working alongside members from PACIFIC TACLET and a Marine Corps linguist, BM1 participated in four boardings of foreign fishing vessels. Furthermore, BM1 Pros worked alongside four shipriders from Fiji to conduct a joint boarding, strengthening the United States' partnership with Fiji.

Additionally, during a gap in the BMC and BOSN billets on board, BM1 Pros fulfilled the role of Deck Department Head for 10 months, including the 42-day out-of-hemisphere patrol. He selflessly stepped into the position, filling a significant leadership gap and assuming all duties, including ATon patrol planning, ordering equipment and supplies, and supervising evolutions.

Upon receiving tasking during the devastating Lahaina, Maui wildfires while on routine ATon patrol in August 2023, BM1 quickly and efficiently organized and led the offload of all ATon equipment, expertly developed a plan and on loaded two RBS-II with trailers for transport to Kahului, Maui. The careful execution of this non-standard evolution allowed the delivery of essential assets to establish and maintain the crucial safety zones around Lahaina Harbor.



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CAPTAIN RAYMOND KOMOROWSKI PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Grand Prize FIRST PLACE: OPERATIONS

MC2 MOISES SANDOVAL, USN
Navy Public Affairs Support Element East



BM2 Kelsea Petersen directs a landing craft air cushion, assigned to Assault Craft Unit 4, to enter the well deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50).

CAPTAIN RAYMOND KOMOROWSKI PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

First Place Winners

SHIPS

LCDR MATTHEW STROUP, USN

Carrier Strike Group FOUR

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG 119), left, and the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) transit the Strait of Messina.



PERSONAL INTEREST

MC2 NIKITA CUSTER, USN

USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39)

DCFN Melkevion Cooley (left) and DC2 Demonte Roy (right) assigned to submarine tender USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), teach children how to operate a firefighting hose aboard the ship during Family Day.



CAPTAIN RAYMOND KOMOROWSKI PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Second Place Winners

SHIPS

LTJG ANTHONY ASMAR

USN - USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66)

USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66) proudly flies the Battle Ensign, her international call-sign, and the Texas State Flag while transiting the Thimble Shoals Channel in Virginia during her return to home port following an arduous nine-month deployment.



OPERATIONS

MK2 RYAN GREY, USCG

USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754)

USCGC JAMES' unmanned drone (Scan Eagle) preparing for launch in the middle of the night.



PERSONAL INTEREST

LTJG JULIAN JACOBS, USN

USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106)

Sailors on the USS STOCKDALE participate in a "flight deck tug of war" during the Ship's Damage Control Olympics. Transiting from 7th to 3rd FLT, the ship used the opportunity at sea to hone in on damage control fundamentals.

CAPTAIN RAYMOND KOMOROWSKI PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Third Place Winners

SHIPS

ENS DAVID ESPIRITU, USN

USS STERETT (DDG 104)

USS STERETT is underway at sunset with USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.



OPERATIONS

LTJG JOHN MCCOY

USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG 119)

CDR Adam Stein, Commanding Officer of USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG 119), observes as USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) and USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) conduct an underway replenishment with USNS ARTIC (T-AOE-8) in the Mediterranean Sea.



PERSONAL INTEREST

MC2 COLE PURSLEY, USN

USS AMERICA (LHA 6)

Children from the Queensland Children's Hospital try on firefighting equipment while touring the forward-deployed amphibious assault carrier USS AMERICA (LHA 6) during a scheduled port visit to Brisbane, Australia.



SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION'S VIDEO AWARD

FIRST PLACE

USS BATAAN (LHD 5)



A compilation of footage from USS BATAAN's operations while deployed to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 6th Fleet areas of operation.

SECOND PLACE



USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77)

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77) celebrates the Centennial of Naval Aircraft Carriers by highlighting its operation workups before a scheduled 2022-2023 deployment.

SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION'S VIDEO AWARD



THIRD PLACE

USS BOXER (LHD 4)

USS Boxer (LHD 4), America's Golden Gator was commissioned on February 11, 1995. With a crew of 1,200, and up to an additional 1,800 Marines, this video showcases amphibious prowess in diverse operations worldwide.

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