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SUBJ/2026 SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS//

RMKS/1. The Department of the Navy manages environmental programs to support Fleet and Forces warfighter requirements to train, test, build, and operate. Leveraging our installations and ranges ashore and at sea for naval readiness activities is necessary to ensure the lethality of our forces.

Environmental management protects and enhances the mission capabilities of our installations and training/testing areas, ensures operational flexibility by complying with environmental laws and regulations, and sustains the resources and support needed to carry out the mission.

The U.S. Navy (USN) and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) achievements in the Department's environmental programs directly support mission sustainment by advancing installation resilience, regulatory compliance, and long-term operational readiness, and avoid significant liabilities that require cleanup, restoration, or other actions.

I want to thank our civilians, Sailors, and Marines who are part of the environmental team that supports our operations and installations.

2. It is my distinct pleasure to announce the winners of the 2026 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards competition:

- a. Natural Resources Conservation - Small Installation  
USN: Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas  
USMC: Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina
- b. Natural Resources Conservation - Individual or Team  
USN: Marine Species Monitoring Program Team, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia  
USMC: Ms. Jessica Guilianelli, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, California
- c. Environmental Quality, Non-Industrial Installation  
USN: Naval Base San Diego, California  
USMC: Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hawaii
- d. Environmental Quality - Individual or Team  
USN: Pacific NEPA Team, Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii  
USMC: Mr. Patrick D. Crile, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hawaii
- e. Environmental Restoration - Installation  
USMC: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
- f. Environmental Restoration - Individual or Team  
USN: Tier 1 Partnering Team, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
- g. Cultural Resources Management - Large Installation

USN: Naval Base Ventura County, California  
USMC: Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California  
h. Afloat Environmental Award  
USN: USS LASSEN (DDG 82)

3. Winners are nominated to compete in the Secretary of War Environmental Awards competition except for the Afloat Environmental Award winner, which has no equivalent at the Secretary of War level.

4. Refer questions to Katy Bloomberg at 703-695-4044 or [kathryn.e.bloomberg.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:kathryn.e.bloomberg.civ@us.navy.mil).

5. Congratulations once again to the winners of this year's awards. Well done to all the commands that participated.

6. Released by the Honorable Hung Cao, Acting Secretary of the Navy.//

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