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SUBJ/ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN
(IDC) OF THE YEAR AWARDEES//

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AMPN/REF A IS BUMEDINST 1650.5C, INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN OF THE YEAR
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RMKS/1. Per reference (a), the Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year (IDCOY) Program recognizes outstanding Independent Duty Corpsmen based on their performance, technical expertise, and selfless commitment to the Navy, their command, and the IDC community. Whether at sea, on shore, with expeditionary or special operations forces, IDCs have played an integral role in maintaining and preserving the health and welfare of Sailors and Marines for more than 115 years.

2. 10 winners were selected from 8 IDC platform categories.

3. The Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) takes great pleasure in announcing the Fiscal Year 2024 IDC of the Year awardees:

- a. Naval Surface Force (Senior) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (SW/AW/IW) Matthew D. Crosetti, USS Boxer (LHD 4)
- b. Fleet Marine Force (Senior) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (FMF/SW/AW/PJ) Andrew V. Velikic, 1st Medical Battalion
- c. Fleet Marine Force (Junior) IDC of the Year:
HM2 (FMF/MCD/FPJ) Maxwell P. Machado, 1st Reconnaissance

Battalion

- d. Special Operations Forces (Senior) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (FMF/MCD/FPJ) Richard L. Vu, 1st Marine Raider Battalion
- e. Special Operations Forces (Junior) IDC of the Year:
HM2 (FMF/MCD/FPJ) Eric A. Archuleta, 1st Marine Raider

Battalion

- f. Navy Medicine Commands (Senior) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (SW/AW) Courtney N. Smith, U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness

and

Training Command Twenty Nine Palms

- g. Naval Submarine Force (Overall) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (SS) Joseph A. Rivera, USS Tucson (SSN 770)

- h. Naval Expeditionary Force (Overall) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (DWS/EXW) Jesse T. Steif, Explosive Ordinance Disposal
Mobile Unit Two
- i. Naval Air Forces (Overall) IDC of the Year:
HM1 (AW/SW) Devin E. Obermeyer, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)
- j. Shore Commands (Overall) IDC of the Year:
HMC (EXW/FMF) Kevin M. Thomas, Naval Personnel Command

4. The IDCs of the Year listed in 3.a - 3.j will be awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by Chief, BUMED. Awards will be drafted and forwarded to the members' command and formally presented at the next Armed Forces Operational Medicine Symposium.

5. Congratulations! Your superior performance exemplifies the proud heritage of Navy Independent Duty Corpsmen and represents the very best of our Operational One Navy Medicine Team. Well done!

6. The BUMED point of contact is HMCM Carlos Rodriguez, IDC Program Manager,
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7. Released by Rear Admiral Darin K. Via, N093, Surgeon General of the Navy.//

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