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SUBJ: CY 2024 WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS//

REF/A/DOC/NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS PROGRAM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES CY 2024//

POC/NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS: MCCS RYAN TABIOS/MS. SHANNA HOWAT
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RMKS/1. The recipients of the 2024 Navy Public Affairs Awards for Leadership and Production Excellence are:

- a. MC of the Year:
MC1 Jamaal Liddell, NPASE Japan
- b. MC of the Year (Reserve):
MC1 Jordan KirkJohnson, Navy Reserve Joint Public Affairs Support
Element
- c. Junior MC of the Year:
MC2 Belen Saldana, Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet
- d. Junior MC of the Year (Reserve):
MC2 Jayme Bresnahan, Navy Reserve Chief of Information Headquarters
- e. Junior PAO of the Year:
LT Mohammad Issa, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet
- f. Junior PAO of the Year (Reserve):
LTJG Brittany Crocker Willis, Navy Reserve Navy Office of Community
Outreach
- g. Unit Public Affairs Representative of the Year:
LT Jacob McLain, Information Warfare Training Command, Virginia Beach
- h. Civilian Public Affairs Specialist of the Year:
Kristine Garland, Navy Office of Community Outreach
- i. Navy Communicator of the Year:
MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
- j. Navy Videographer of the Year:
MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
- k. Navy Civilian Videographer of the Year:
Devin Pisner, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division

- l. Navy Writer of the Year:
MC1 Louis Lea, Pacific Missile Range Facility
- m. Navy Civilian Writer of the Year:
Joshua Rodriguez, Naval Information Forces
- n. Navy Photographer of the Year:
MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
- o. Navy Civilian Photographer of the Year:
Austen McClain, Naval Education and Training Command
- p. Navy Graphic Designer of the Year:
MC3 Travis Haynes, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
- q. Navy Civilian Graphic Designer of the Year:
Chalene Simmons, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division

2. The recipients of the 2024 Navy Public Affairs Awards in the Campaign categories are:

- a. Best in Show:
"San Francisco Fleet Week", Commander, Navy Region Southwest
- b. Deployment Excellence:
Afloat Large Winner: "Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) Deployment 2023-2024", USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)
- c. Community Outreach:
Shore Small Winner: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
- d. Crisis Communication:
Shore Large Winner: Commander, Naval Air Forces
- e. Special Event:
Shore Large Winner: Commander, Navy Region Southwest
Shore Small Winner: Commander, Submarine Squadron 15
- f. Internal Communication:
Shore Large Winner: Navy Recruiting Command
Shore Small Winner: Naval Station Mayport
- g. Public Information:
Shore Large Winner: Naval Intelligence Activity/Office of Naval Intelligence
Shore Small Winner: Naval Medical Forces Atlantic

3. The recipients of the 2024 Navy Public Affairs Awards in the Unit categories are:

- a. Print and Digital Publication:
1st: "Naval Aviation News", Naval Air Systems Command
2nd: "Approach", Navy Safety Center
3rd: "CNO Navigation Plan", Defense Media Activity - Navy Production

Honorable Mention: "Fleet Week Miami 2024 Interactive Media Kit",
Navy Public Affairs Support Element Southeast

b. Audio Production:

1st: "Tides of Time: USS Cole", Defense Media Activity - Navy
Production

2nd: "Morning Buzz with Heather Holcombe & Angela Gott", AFN
Sigonella

3rd: "Empowering Excellence with Art & Frankie-Episode 17: From
Crypto to Analytics - Safeguarding Navy Networks", Naval Information Warfare
Systems Command

c. Video Production:

1st: "The Coca-Cola 600: A Charlotte Tradition", DMA Social Media

2nd: "Train Training", Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

3rd: "USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) Returns to the United States", USS
Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

Honorable Mention: "NIWC Atlantic Win the Information War", Naval
Information Warfare Center Atlantic

Honorable Mention: "TRTV 20JULY2024", USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)

4. The recipients of the 2024 Navy Public Affairs Awards in the Individual
categories are:

a. Graphic Design-Layout & Design:

1st: MC2 Darren Cordoviz, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

2nd: Seaman Kevin Steffanson, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

3rd: MC2 Christopher Sybert, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Honorable Mention: MC1 Aaron Smith, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11

Honorable Mention: Seaman Eliora Sims, USS Tripoli (LHA 7)

b. Graphic Design-Digital Art:

1st: Seaman Antoine Moore, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

2nd: Jason Rodman, Naval Information Forces

3rd: Seaman Eliora Sims, USS Tripoli (LHA 7)

c. Graphic Design-Identity Design:

1st: Kristin Behrle, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division

2nd: MC2 Novalee Manzella, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. Sixth
Fleet

3rd: MC3 Bruce Morgan, USS George Washington (CVN 73)

d. Graphic Design-Animation:

1st: Seaman Antoine Moore, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

2nd: MC1 Michael Lieberknecht, Defense Media Activity - Navy
Production Division

3rd: MC2 Jonathan Wideman, U.S. Navy Office of Information

Honorable Mention: Robert Lindee, Naval Surface Warfare Center,
Panama City Division

e. Graphic Design-Photo Illustration:

1st: Seaman Juan Cordova, Defense Media Activity - Navy Production
Division

2nd: MC2 Darren Cordoviz, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)
3rd: MC2 Adonica Munoz, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)
Honorable Mention: Seaman James Peer, USS Tripoli (LHA 7)

f. Photo-Feature:

1st: MC2 Clay Whaley, Commander, U.S. Second Fleet
2nd: Seaman Kevin Steffanson, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)
3rd: MC1 Aaron Smith, Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic
Honorable Mention: Seaman Apprentice Gladjimi Balisage, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)
Honorable Mention: MC1 Sarah Thielen, United States Naval Academy

g. Photo-News:

1st: MC2 Aaron Lau, Carrier Strike Group Two (CSG-2)
2nd: MC1 Sarah Thielen, United States Naval Academy
3rd: MC1 Aaron Smith, Commander, Submarine Squadron 11
Honorable Mention: MC2 Maxwell Orlosky, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)
Honorable Mention: MC1 John Bellino, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

h. Photo-Photo Series:

1st: Seaman Recruit Mario Castro Gamez, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)
2nd: Melvin J Gonzalvo, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii
3rd: Austen McClain, Naval Education and Training Command
Honorable Mention: MC3 Isaiah Goessl, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)
Honorable Mention: MC1 Zachary Shea, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa / U.S. Sixth Fleet

i. Photo-Portrait:

1st: MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
2nd: MC1 Louis Lea, Pacific Missile Range Facility
3rd: MC2 Sophia Bumps, Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo
Honorable Mention: Seaman Pimpaka Kruthun, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West
Honorable Mention: MC1 Aaron Smith, Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic

j. Video Story:

1st: MC2 Jason Isaacs, AFN Okinawa
2nd: MC3 Eloise Johnson, AFN Sigonella
3rd: MC3 Orion Shotton, AFN Sasebo
Honorable Mention: MC2 Nicholas Carter, AFN Naples
Honorable Mention: MC1 Brandon Vinson, Naval Station Mayport

k. Video-Multimedia Product:

1st: MC2 Bayley Foster, Defense Media Activity - Navy Production Division
2nd: Joel Messer, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
3rd: MC1 Jacob Allison, Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific
Honorable Mention: MC1 Kyle Carlstrom, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Honorable Mention: MC2 Olivia Rucker, USS Tripoli (LHA 7)

l. Video-Video Series:

1st: MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)
2nd: Jordon Johnson, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

3rd: MC2 Christopher Roys, Defense Media Activity - Navy Production
Division

Honorable Mention: MC2 Charles Blaine, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

Honorable Mention: Travis Troller, Naval Surface Warfare Center,
Carderock Division

m. Video-Video Spot:

1st: Seaman Pimpaka Kruthun, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

2nd: MC1 Taylor DiMartino, AFN Iwakuni

3rd: MC2 Jonathan Wideman, U.S. Navy Office of Information

Honorable Mention: MC3 Charles Blaine, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

Honorable Mention: MC2 August Clawson, USS George Washington (CVN 73)

n. Video-B-Roll:

1st: MC2 Preston Cash, Defense Media Activity - Navy Production
Division

2nd: MCC Kathleen Gorby, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet

3rd: Seaman Tajh Payne, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

Honorable Mention: MC2 Leon Vonguyen, Navy Region Southwest

o. Writing-Commentary:

1st: Courtney Pollock, Naval Station Rota, Spain

2nd: Hendrick Dickson, USN Military Sealift Command

3rd: MC1 Ryan Breeden, Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet

p. Writing-Feature Story:

1st: MC2 Andrew Langholf, Naval Postgraduate School

2nd: Nicholas Pasquini, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory

3rd: MC2 Emily Bennett, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)

Honorable Mention: Deidre Patin, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons
Division

q. Writing-Information:

1st: MC2 Max Biesecker, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)

2nd: MC3 Kaleb Schultz, USS Tripoli (LHA 7)

3rd: Seaman Apprentice Alexander Casco, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

Honorable Mention: MC2 Connor Burns, USS Boxer (LHD 4)

Honorable Mention: MC1 Jesse Monford, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet

r. Writing-Photojournalism:

1st: MC2 Justin Woods, Navy Medical Center Camp Lejeune

2nd: MC2 Sophia Bumps, Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo

3rd: MC1 Samantha Jetzer, Joint Region Marianas

5. Letters/plaques/awards for the winners are forthcoming.

6. Congratulations to all commands and individuals who participated in this awards program. Your hard work and superb efforts have made your public affairs programs outstanding examples to emulate. Team First!

7. Released by RDML R. M. Perry, Chief of Information.//

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