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SUBJ/FISCAL YEAR 2025 COPERNICUS AWARD NOMINATION//

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RMKS/1. The Copernicus Award recognizes individual contributions to Naval Warfare in Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I), Information Systems, Cyber Operations, and Information Warfare. The award is sponsored by AFCEA International and the United States Naval Institute (USNI).

2. Award criteria and eligibility. Fiscal year 2025 nominees must have made a specific, demonstrable contribution to the advancement of C4I, Information Systems, or Cyber Operations. Contributions can be technical in nature, but may also originate from doctrinal, financial, organizational, or other dimensions of information systems. The contribution should involve exceptional initiative, leadership, and insight within the nominee area of expertise. All U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and Civil Service personnel are eligible for nomination. Up to 30 awardees will be selected. Each nominating command is limited to two nominees. No contractor or team (more than one person) nominations will be accepted. Nominations must be unclassified.

3. Nominations and presentation. The awardees will be selected from nominations received from U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard (including Joint/North Atlantic Treaty Organization) commands, afloat and ashore. Nominations must be on letterhead, be submitted by email in PDF format and must not contain any Personally Identifiable Information. Nominations for Commanding Officers or Officers-in-Charge must be signed by their Immediate Superior in Command. Flag endorsements and letters of recommendation are neither required nor desired. The nomination template and additional nomination package information, as well as the most up-to-date point of contact information can be found at <https://www.afcea.org/copernicus-award> as well as award information. Nominations must be submitted no later than 1 November 2025 to [edfoundation\(at\)afcea.org](mailto:edfoundation(at)afcea.org). Late nominations will not be considered.

4. AFCEA International and USNI will make the final selections. The Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare will announce the awardees via naval message. The annual Copernicus Awards ceremony will be held at the AFCEA International/USNI WEST 2026 Conference in San Diego, California at the San Diego Convention Center.

5. Released by VADM Karl O. Thomas, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare, OPNAV N2N6.//

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