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SUBJ/ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROFESSIONAL NAVAL CHAPLAINCY AWARD RECIPIENTS//

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NARR/ REF A IS COCINST 1650.2B, PROFESSIONAL NAVAL CHAPLAINCY AWARD ADVISORY GROUP.

RMKS/1. Pursuant to reference (a) the Chief of Chaplains is the program sponsor for the Chaplain Corps' (CHC) Professional Naval Chaplaincy (PNC) Awards in recognition of outstanding performance and leadership in CHC Officers and Religious Program Specialists.

2. The Acting Chief of Navy Chaplains takes great pleasure in announcing the Fiscal Year 2026 PNC Award recipients:

- a. Professional Naval Chaplaincy Excellence Award
LT William Bevins
Expeditionary Medical Facility Juliet (EMF-J)
RP2 (FMF) Esteban Chavarry
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit
- b. Thomas D. Parham Jr. Leadership Award for Junior Officers
LT Daniel Swartz
USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
- c. Joshua L. Goldberg Award
LT Kwee Say
Naval Chaplaincy School
- d. Witherspoon Award
LCDR Jarrod Johnson
Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni
- e. Military Chaplains Association Distinguished Service Award
 - i. USN Officer (Active Component)
LT Ryan Messer
Commander Navy Region Japan
 - ii. USN Enlisted (Active Component)
RP1 (SW/AW) Jahson Harris
Command Patrol Reconnaissance Wing TEN (CPRW-10)
 - iii. USMC Officer (Active Component)
LCDR James Campbell
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit
 - iv. USMC Officer (Reserve Component)
LT George Dyson
Marine Forces Reserve Religious Support Unit
 - v. USMC Enlisted (Reserve Component)

RP3 Chazz Cooper
Marine Forces Reserve Religious Support Unit
vi. USCG Officer (Active Component)
LCDR Steven Szelmeczki
Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan

3. Congratulations! Your exemplary performance, dedicated ministry, and servant leadership have exemplified the motto of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps "Vocati Ad Servitium" or "Called to Serve."

4. The Chief of Chaplains point of contact is CDR Justin Bernard (703) 614-5557 or email justin.p.bernard.mil(at)us.navy.mil.

5. This NAVADMIN is cancelled for record purposes on 30 August 2026.

6. Released by RDML Carey H. Cash, Acting Chief of Navy Chaplains.

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