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RMKS/1. The Naval Intelligence Awards Program recognizes excellence and outstanding achievement in the Naval Intelligence community. This NAVADMIN solicits nominations on accomplishments from calendar year 2025 (1 January 2025 through 31 December 2025) for consideration. The award types and eligibility criteria are as follows:

a. Rear Admiral Thomas A. Brooks Intelligence Junior Officer of the Year Award (IJOY) recognizes junior officers for their leadership, performance, special accomplishments, and overall contributions to command efficiency, morale, and welfare while serving on both sea and shore duty. Active and Reserve Component Naval Intelligence Officers (183X) O-1 through O-3 are eligible to compete for this award. Two Active or Reserve Component junior officers will be selected for this award, one each for the sea duty and shore duty categories.

b. Commander Dan F. Shanower Intelligence Specialist of the Year Award (ISOY) recognizes junior and senior Intelligence Specialists for their performance, leadership, special accomplishments, and overall contribution to command efficiency, morale, and welfare.

Active and Reserve Component Intelligence Specialists in pay grades E-1 through E-5 are eligible to compete for Junior Intelligence Specialist of the Year award. Active or Reserve Component Intelligence Specialists in pay grade E-6, including those frocked to E-6 during the eligibility period, are eligible to compete for the Senior Intelligence Specialist of the Year award. Four Active or Reserve Component Intelligence Specialist will be selected for this award, one each for the Junior and Senior Intelligence Specialists of the Year for each of the Sea Duty and Shore Duty categories.

c. Vice Admiral Rufus L. Taylor Award for Leadership recognizes leadership from deserving Active or Reserve Component officers, enlisted, or civilian personnel who exemplify excellence and exceptional dedication to duty within the Naval Intelligence community. Active Naval Intelligence Officers (183X/683X) in grades O-4 through O-6, Intelligence Chief Warrant Officers (CWO) (783X) in grades CWO-3 through CWO-5, Intelligence Specialists in grades E-7 through E-9, and civilians GG-13 through GG-15 or equivalent are eligible. Two candidates Active or Reserve component will be selected for this award.

d. Vice Admiral Rufus L. Taylor Award for Excellence in Intelligence Instruction recognizes intelligence instructors who embody the time-honored principles that VADM Taylor exemplified throughout his career: desire for professional knowledge, intellectual curiosity, initiative, enthusiasm, ability to command respect and motivate others, devotion to duty, effective communication skills, and personal and intellectual integrity.

Active and Reserve Component U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps service members serving as instructors, faculty, and staff possessing and actively utilizing the 805A NEC are eligible.

Candidates will be selected from any training organization that furthers the excellence in intelligence.

e. Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton Award for Leadership and Mentorship recognizes outstanding leadership and mentorship in the furtherance of Naval Intelligence performance. Active and Reserve Component Naval Intelligence Officers (183X/683X) in grades O-4 through O-6, Intelligence CWOs (783X) in grades CWO-3 through CWO-5, and Intelligence Specialists in grades E-6 through E-9 are eligible. There is no set number of awards to be given each year.

f. Herman Dworkin Award for Maritime Analytic Excellence recognizes civilian or military analysts working maritime issues who exemplify the work ethic and attitude of Mr. Dworkin:

analytic expertise, strength of character, initiative, industriousness, and exactitude. Active and Reserve Component Naval Intelligence Officers (183X) in grades O-3 through O-5, Intelligence CWOs (783X) in grades CWO-2 through CWO-5, and civilians GG-12 through GG-14 or equivalent are eligible.

One candidate will be selected for this award.

2. Nominations must be submitted no later than 31 July 2026 to the link below based on individual award type. Do not include social security numbers, sensitive Personally Identifiable Information, fitness reports/evaluations, awards, or classified information in nomination packages. Incomplete packages or packages failing to meet all guidance as outlined in this message and reference (a) will not be considered. Citations and 1650s will be created and routed separately upon announcement of results.

3. Naval Intelligence Awards Teams Submission Channel:

<https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/1/team/19%3Adod%3AgGrRG7PbJGCldKlc0wgYrx34UhKg7SwD18Di7h7YNAk1%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=cd35d3db-90c7-444b-b7d8-fe65a1135337&tenantId=e3333e00-c877-4b87-b6ad-45e942de1750>

4. Point of Contact: NAVINTEL Community Awards/EMAIL: NAVINTELCOM
MUNITYAWARDS (AT) US.NAVY.MIL

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