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SUBJ/2026 EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS//

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AMPN/REF A IS THE SOLICITATION FOR THE 2026 EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARDS (EWEA)// PRI POC/LCDR SAM LIEBER/OPNAV N95/COM (703) 697-9801/
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GENTEXT/REMARKS// 1. THE DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR COMBAT DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION, AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR WARFIGHTING REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2026 EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARDS (EWEA). THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NAVAL SERVICE'S TOP PERFORMING SAILORS AND MARINES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025. EACH CATEGORY WAS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND INDICATIVE OF THE NOMINEE'S EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT.

2. 2026 EWEA WINNERS:

2.A. THE NAVY EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE OFFICER OF THE YEAR IS LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TYLER BIGGS, AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON EIGHT.

2.B. THE NAVY EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ENLISTED SAILOR OF THE YEAR IS PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS BRYANT CAMPOS, JOINT COMMUNICATIONS UNIT.

2.C. THE MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE OFFICER OF THE YEAR IS MAJOR NICHOLAS LEEDS, 22D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT / IWO JIMA AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP.

2.D. THE MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR IS MASTER SERGEANT PATRICK KEELING, 22D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT / IWO JIMA AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP.

3. THE AWARD WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT DINNER, HOSTED BY THE MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION, ON 20 AUGUST 2026 AT THE CLUBS AT QUANTICO, 3017 RUSSELL ROAD, QUANTICO, VA, 22134. A NO-HOST RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 1800, WITH DINNER AND THE CEREMONY BEGINNING AT 1900.

3.A. NAVY AWARDEES WILL WEAR SERVICE DRESS BLUES.

3.B. MARINE CORPS AWARDEES WILL WEAR SERVICE ALPHAS.

4. DETAILS REGARDING TRAVEL AND THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR AWARD WINNERS WILL BE ISSUED VIA SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

5. CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE SELECTED AND ALL WHO WERE NOMINATED. YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THIS VITAL AREA IS NOTEWORTHY AND HAS DIRECTLY INFLUENCED THE EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE COMMUNITY.

6. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY REAR ADMIRAL M. BEHNING, DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR WARFIGHTING REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES.//

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