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SUBJ/2025 SHANNON M. KENT AWARD FOR LANGUAGE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE,
LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR, LINGUISTS OF THE YEAR, AND COMMAND
LANGUAGE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT//

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RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the recipients of the fiscal year
(FY) 2025 Shannon M. Kent Award for Language Professional Excellence,
Language Professionals, Linguists, and Command Language Program of the Year
awards.

2. Congratulations to all nominees for their remarkable contributions,
leveraging their foreign language expertise in service of our Navy and
national objectives. It is my distinct pleasure to announce the 2025 Navy
language award recipients:

- a. Shannon M. Kent Award for Language Professional Excellence:
CTI1(IW/NAC) Benjamin Allen, Cryptologic Warfare Activity SIX FIVE,
Fort Meade MD
- b. Senior Language Professional of the Year:
CTIC(IW) Theamichaela Coyle, Cryptologic Warfare Activity SIXTY
SEVEN, Fort Meade MD
- c. Officer Language Professional of the Year:
LCDR Warren Brookes, Defense Attache Office, Asuncion Paraguay
- d. Civilian Language Professional of the Year:
Mr. Cameron de Vries, Navy Information Operations Command Georgia,
Fort Gordon GA
- e. Linguist of the Year:
HM1(EXW/IW) Yinxing Yu, Naval Special Warfare Mission Support Center,
Coronado CA
- f. Officer Linguist of the Year:
LCDR Adam Reiffen, Warfighter Development Division, OPNAV N71,
Arlington VA
- g. Command Language Program of the Year:
Navy Information Operations Command Georgia (NIOC GA), Fort Gordon GA

3. As recipients of the Shannon M. Kent Award for Language Professional
Excellence and Command Language Program of the Year, CTI1 Allen and NIOC GA
will represent the Navy at the Department of War level language awards and
will be recognized at the FY26 Advanced Command Language Program Manager
Workshop, 15 to 17 September 2026.

4. Our Navy's ability to project decisive combat power and build global
alliances relies heavily on the exceptional warfighters within our Language,

Regional Expertise, and Culture community. The individuals awarded here, and all who competed, have utilized their distinct skills to bolster national security, confront emerging challenges, and deepen critical international ties. I commend their sustained professionalism and drive. Their achievements directly strengthen and support America's Warfighting Navy.

5. Bravo Zulu to our award recipients!

6. Released by Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture, N13.//

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