
2023
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

LT Jake Waggoner, USN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

WELCOME MESSAGE

CAPT DAVID BACK, USN

COMMANDING OFFICER

DR. PETER ADAIR, SES

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

HALL OF FAME

PRESENTED BY

STEVE GRANT

DEPUTY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR FOR TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

NAVY CIVILIAN SERVICE MERITORIOUS
AWARD PRESENTATION

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About *Awards*

The NSWPCD Annual Awards, also known as the Commanding Officer and Technical Director (CO/TD) Awards, is a prestigious event that provides the command with the opportunity to showcase and acknowledge the great work accomplished by our civilian employees here at NSWPCD. This event highlights achievements and provides knowledge about future initiatives. This event has been held for many years with hundreds of recipients.

Each year, individuals are selected amongst a highly competitive pool of nominees. The accomplishments, accolades, and the great work of our people here at NSWPCD are too numerous to count. To every nominee and each member of the NSWPCD team who impacts our mission daily, the CO/TD say “thank you” to all.

Each year, one individual is inducted into the NSWPCD Hall of Fame. The employee must have been retired from NSWPCD a minimum of five years.

Award Nominees

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

*Lori Hilgenberg
Catherine Layton*

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

*Jeffrey Blankenship
William Coffman
Steven Naud
Think Tran*

COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE

*Eric Carlson

Multi-Vehicle Communication
System (MVCS) Team

Ship-to-Shore Connector (SSC)
Ship Interface Test Team*

DR. DAVID P. SKINNER OUTSTANDING SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

*Pedro Bracho &
Dane Maglich
Thomas Fanning*

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS INNOVATION

*Funding Allocated to
Locally Controlled
Networks (FALCN) Team
Gary Wiedemann*

EXCEPTIONAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

*Coastal Test Range Team
Gordon Reece
Michael Small*

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP

*Amy Abbott
Lisa Frye
Rachael Langford
Joshua Peters
Donald Wittkopf*

HALL OF FAME

*John Horton
Dave Tubridy*

NEW EMPLOYEE EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

*Stephanie Anderson
Casey Brennan
Benjamin Dinal
Eduardo Fenollal-Gines
Micah Fierro
Jessica Hinegardner
Joshua Moehring
Dr. Ivan Rodriguez-Pinto
Alexander Spotswood*

Award Nominees

OUTSTANDING FLEET SUPPORT

Joint Expeditionary Command and Control (JEXC2) Test Director (TD) Team

In-Service Mines Project Team

Mine Warfare and Environmental Decision Aids Library (MEDAL) Team

OUTSTANDING INNOVATION

Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) Model-Based Production Development (MBPD) Team

AN/AQS-24 In-Service Engineering Agent (ISEA) Team

OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Vu Cao

2023 PCD Day Team

Joe Renella

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM SUCCESS

Adaptive Persistent Awareness Systems (APAS) Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) Team

James Faison

DeAnna Pedersen

Richard McNaron

OUTSTANDING TEAM ACHIEVEMENT

Hawkeye Expeditionary Launch Module (HELM) Team

Mine Countermeasures Simulator (MCS) In-Service Engineering Agent (ISEA) Team

Navy Expeditionary Tactical Entry Point (NExTEP) Team

Standoff Target Reacquire Identify Detection Expeditionary Navigation Tool (STRIDENT)

Acquisition Team

Supply Operations Team

Mission Package Computing Environment (MPCE) Team

Knifefish Team

Customer Acquisition Group (CAG) Team

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Katherine Brackett

Charles Dillingham

Benjamin Mitchell

Dennis Shelton

Joshua Strickland

Award Recipients

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Lori Hilgenberg

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

William Coffman

COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE

*Ship-to-Shore Connector (SSC)
Ship Interface Test Team*

*CLYDE BROWN, DR. ROBERT COLE,
FIAMMA FERNANDEZ, CARLOS
GONZALEZ, JEFFREY KISER,
MICHAEL MACDONALD, ALLEN
MARTIN, RONEL MURILLO-PAGAN,
TIMOTHY NEHRING, AARON
NICHOLAS, KATHLEEN PAUL,
JENA RHEA, HAYDLEE SLUTZKY*

DR. DAVID P. SKINNER OUTSTANDING SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Thomas Fanning

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS INNOVATION

*Funding Allocated to
Locally Controlled
Networks (FALCN) Team*

*CONNIE ANDERSON, CORY
BRUCKSCHEN, AMANDA DAVIS,
ELIZABETH DELAY, CHARLES
FAIRCLOTH, JAMIE FREDERICK,
CATHY HAYNES, EMILY LITTLE,
COLLEEN MCCOY, KATE
PENNINGTON, JOEL SASIELA*

EXCEPTIONAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Coastal Test Range Team

*CASEY BRENNAN, ANTHONY BUSH,
ANDREW HEAD, PAUL WRAY,
ANTHONY ZARRILLI*

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP

Donald Wittkopf

NEW EMPLOYEE EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Ivan Rodriguez-Pinto

OUTSTANDING FLEET SUPPORT

In-Service Mines Project Team

*CHRISTOPHER AUVIL, NIKLAS BACON,
ROBERT BETHEA, SHARON BRAKEY,
MACKENZIE BROGDON, MICHAEL
DENNY, MARYANNE DERTILIS,
ERIC FERNANDEZ, LUIS FLORES,
OMAR HERNANDEZ, DONALD
HOBDEN, DONALD KIPER, VINCENT
LARSEN, QUYEN LE, ZACHARY LUTHER,
THU-THAO NGUYEN, LOUBENS OCTAVE,
CAMERON PROSSER, DAVID ROBINSON,
JOSHUA RODDENBERRY, SEAN SMITH,
JOHNNIE STEELE, ABIGAIL STUTZ,
KURO TAMUNOITEKENA,
MARIA WEILBACHER*

Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING INNOVATION

*Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV)
Model-Based Production
Development (MBPD) Team*

BRIAN DELMAR, IRA HARAUGHTY,
MICHAEL MACDONALD, KEVIN
MEAUX, SGT ALEXANDER MORGAN,
ASHLEY RAUCH, QUINN STRAUB,
KENDRA WARDLOW

OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Joe Renella

OUTSTANDING TEAM ACHIEVEMENT

*Hawkeye Expeditionary Launch
Module (HELM) Team*

FRANK ALLEN, MACKENZIE BLAIR,
BRAYLEE BROWN, CHLOE CRIBBS,
JEREMY CROOM, BLAKE DELA-
HOSSAYE, JOSEPH EARNEST,
BRIAN ECKERT, WESLEY GEROW,
JAMES GOODWIN, ROBERT
HERMAN, RANDOLPH HETZEL,
APRIL HIRSCH, WALT HOLLIS,
EMILY KIEHN, RICHARD KIM,
COREY LOUNSBURY, BENJAMIN
NELSON, TIMOTHY PRIDE, MIGUEL
ANGELO SALINAS, DR. ANDREW
SCHICHO, HAYDLEE SLUTZKY,
AMANDA SMALL, MICHAEL
TAVARONE, NIRAJ THAKKAR,
KELLY WILLIAMS

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM SUCCESS

*Adaptive Persistent
Awareness Systems (APAS)
Counter-Unmanned Aircraft
Systems (C-UAS) Team*

JONATHAN FARANDA, ROSCELIN
FIGUEROA, TYLER HOOVER,
DR. JACQUELINE JERMYN,
JEREMY JOHNSON, JEFFREY
KISER, DANIEL KLEMFUSS,
KEVIN LARRIMORE, DOMINIC
NGUYEN, MARVIN PEARDON

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Charles Dillingham

About *Navy Medals*

Navy Civilian Service Medals are awarded to outstanding civilian employees within the United States Department of the Navy. There are five levels, and the Navy Civilian Service Meritorious Award is the third highest honorary award. The Meritorious Civilian Service Award recognizes high value contributions having far-reaching, command-wide impact at the Directorate, Program Executive Office, or Echelon 3 Command Level. This award consists of a lapel pin and certificate.



NAVY CIVILIAN SERVICE MERITORIOUS AWARD

SCOTT DORSCH

Mr. Dorsch is awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his outstanding contributions as the Multi-Vehicle Communications System Project Manager at NSWC PCD. He displayed an exemplary level of leadership, competence, and hard work while directing the Multi-Vehicle Communications System through its design, manufacture, installation, and support tasking. Mr. Dorsch's exemplary leadership was directly responsible for the successful completion of the Mine Countermeasures Mission Package Technical Evaluation, Operational Testing, and Initial Operational Capability declaration. Under his leadership, the Multi-Vehicle Communications System team overcame issues and provided outstanding support to the Mine Countermeasures Mission Package program, ensuring successful test events.

Mr. Dorsch led the team to develop new versions of the Multi-Vehicle Communications System to correct urgent issues found during integration and rapidly navigate the formal ship installation processes to get those fixes on the right ships, at the right time, to make the overall effort successful.

He led his team in the development of new radios, engineering a beyond line of sight capability, locally developing and manufacturing the electronic hardware, installing these systems on a variety of Navy platforms.

Mr. Dorsch's accomplishments and unwavering dedication to excellence reflect great credit upon himself, the Naval Surface and Undersea Warfare Centers, the Naval Sea Systems Command, and the United States Navy.

About *Patents*

A U.S. patent is a government grant of property rights to the inventor in return for a public disclosure of a complete description of the invention. This grant entitles the owner of a patent to exclude others from making, using, or selling the invention in the U.S. for a period of up to 20 years.

The patent then expires and the invention becomes public property.

Patents

RELEASE SYSTEM FOR A TETHER LINE

Demetrius Kutzke

*Gustavo Miranda Lopez**

*Robert Herman**

BIODEGRADABLE MICROPHONE

Dr. Joshua Kogot

April Hirsch

METHOD OF COLLECTING FIELD-BASED DATA TO REDUCE COLLECTED-DATA ERROR

Michael Kobold

**New inductees to the Inventors Society*



Fame *Hall of*

PRESENTED TO

Dave Tubridy

For tremendous contributions to mine warfare and the command, Mr. Tubridy is inducted into the Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division Hall of Fame. Throughout his distinguished 39-year career, he contributed to numerous and extensive mine countermeasures and mining systems. His impact includes legacy Airborne Mine Countermeasures, legacy Surface Mine Countermeasures, Organic Airborne Mine Countermeasures, and the transformation from dedicated surface and airborne mine countermeasures systems to tailored mission packages deployable from the Littoral Combat Ship or vessels of opportunity. During his four years as Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division Deputy Technical Director, Mr. Tubridy was a driving force for improving technical excellence in the workforce, as well as collaboration across all Warfare Center Divisions. His contributions to serve the nation, the warfighter, and the mission are still felt within the workforce.



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