

**2018  
DEPARTMENT  
OF THE NAVY  
ACQUISITION AWARDS**



*Ceremonial Acquisition Awards Booklet*

# 2018 DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY ACQUISITION AWARDS

## Art Diaz Memorial Award

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The Art Diaz Award was previously a NAVSEA PEO Ships award given to a PEO Ships Intern who best exemplified the spirit, collaboration and teamwork attributes of Mr. Arturo “Art” Diaz who worked in PEO Ships. Diaz, who coined the term, “Friends Build Ships,” was passionate about building and delivering great ships to the U.S. Navy. So much so that he kept a list of attributes of what made a great team, to remind him daily what it took to succeed. What became known as the “22 Attributes of a Good Team” quickly spread through NAVSEA and became the benchmark to recognize success. The award was introduced into the Congressional Record on May 8, 2013 by U.S. Rep. Scott H. Peters of California. All entry-level employees in the NADP who personify these attributes are eligible for the award.

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### 22 Attributes of a Good Team

#### *A Good Team...*

- Works toward a common goal
- Develops its members’ skills
- Efficiently uses its time and talents
- Embraces the diversity of its members
- Is committed to continuous improvement
- Builds morale internally
- Performs effectively and produces results
- Accepts praise and criticism
- Cooperates rather than competes
- Maintains a positive attitude toward everyone's ideas
- Stays on task
- Uses encouraging words
- Uses resources wisely
- Communicates openly and clearly
- Teaches and learns from one another
- Holds its members accountable
- Resolves conflicts effectively
- Welcomes challenges
- Shares pride in its accomplishments
- Celebrates successes
- Doesn’t fight with each other fights FOR each other
- Forgives

## **Acquisition Excellence Awards**

**October 16, 2018**

The Department of the Navy (DON) continues to acquire highly complex and sophisticated weapons systems in support of our war fighters. This has become increasingly challenging within this current budget environment, yet our acquisition workforce must continue to ensure these systems are delivered with a commitment to reducing cost and increasing productivity, dedicated to supporting the warfighter and a strong sense of stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The DON Acquisition Excellence Awards Program recognizes those acquisition professionals and teams that have made significant contributions to the Navy and Marine Corps acquisition process. Leveraging competition and small businesses, finding innovative procurement techniques, and superior professional acumen are the hallmarks of those outstanding persons and teams recognized by these awards.

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## **USD (A&S) Workforce Development Innovation and Individual Achievement Awards**

**February 05, 2019**

The Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Innovation Award recognizes excellence by acquisition organizations in developing unique and innovative solutions to ensure that their workforce is well equipped to deliver world-class warfighting capabilities to the warfighter. The award highlights demonstrated exceptional outside-the-box thinking and progress in tackling workforce development challenges. The Defense Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement Award was established as a result of the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 to encourage and recognize individuals who demonstrate the highest levels of excellence and professionalism in the acquisition of products and services – those who “support the warfighter and protect the taxpayer.” Recognizing the unique and significant contributions of the defense acquisition workforce is a key goal of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 – FY 2021 Department of Defense (DoD) Acquisition Workforce Strategic Plan. Every member of the acquisition workforce should feel valued for their contributions and have an enhanced sense of ownership of the acquisition mission and results. This award recognizes individuals in each of the acquisition functional disciplines.

# The 2018 Art Diaz Award

presented to

**Dr. Julie Shaff**



**CITATION:** THE 2018 ART DIAZ MEMORIAL AWARD IS PRESENTED TO DR. JULIE SHAFF, NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND. DURING HER TIME IN THE NAVAL ACQUISITION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, DR. SHAFF EMBODIED THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE ART DIAZ MEMORIAL AWARD, MEETING ALL 22 OF ITS GOALS ON A DAILY BASIS WITH AMITY AND DIGNITY. DR. SHAFF'S SKILL AT BRINGING POSITIVITY TO THE WORKPLACE, BUILDING HIGH FUNCTIONING TEAMS, AND PRODUCING RESULTS ON ASSIGNMENTS IS UNPARALLELED. SUPPORTING THE MISSION IS DR. SHAFF'S NUMBER ONE GOAL. SHE IS ALWAYS READY AND WILLING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT. SHE WELCOMES CHALLENGES AND THRIVES ON LEARNING AND GROWING IN NEW WAYS THROUGH NEW TASKINGS AND EXPERIENCES. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, A SPIRIT OF GETTING TO YES, AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP ARE THE CORNERSTONES TO DR. SHAFF'S CONTINUED SUCCESS. SHE HAS A VERY PROMISING FUTURE AND IS POISED TO EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES NAVY FOR YEARS TO COME.

**The Art Diaz Memorial Award for NADP Entry Level Employees is designed to honor the qualities Arturo Alberto Diaz exemplified in his career as a team player. Art Diaz coined the term, “Friends Build Ships.” He was passionate about building and delivering great ships to the US Navy. He recognized teamwork and collaboration were essential to success. As he mentored young professionals, he shared the “22 Attributes of a Good Team” and often reminded his co-workers and leadership that while it was healthy to have professional disagreements, “we all must be on the same team.” The attributes he developed are hallmarks of collaboration and teamwork.**

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### **The 2018 Art Diaz Award winner was Dr. Julie Shaff**



The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Joining Dr. Julie Shaff on stage was Ms. Jaimie Brock, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Naval Sea Systems Command, Branch Manager. (Pictured (l to r) Brock, Shaff, and Geurts).

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# 2018 ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY



October 16, 2018

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## **The Winners of the 2018 Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence Awards**

### **International Acquisition Partnership Award**

Ms. Jan Grube, Principal Assistant Program Manager  
for International Engagement, PEO IWS  
&

P-8A Cooperative International Program Team (PMA 290), PEO A

### **OSBP Sarkis Tatigian Award**

NAVFAC Northwest, NAVFAC

### **OSBP Secretary's Cup**

Naval Sea Systems Command

### **OSBP Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award**

Mr. William Farmer, Deputy Program Manager, Tactical Networks  
Program Office (PMW 160), PEO C4I  
&

Mr. Bryan Ramsay, Science & Technology Lead (PMA 281), PEO U&W

### **Small Business Team Award**

Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team (PMS 377), PEO Ships  
&

USN Boats and Combatant Craft Acquisition Team (PMS 325G), PEO Ships

### **Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year**

Orca XLUUV Acquisition and Contracting Team (PMS 406), PEO USC  
&

Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team (PMS 377), PEO Ships

### **Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year**

Transparent Armor Relamination Team, MARCORSYSCOM  
&

Cyber Education and Certification Readiness Facility, SPAWAR

### **Field Acquisition Activity Award**

Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk, NAVSUP  
&

Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Newport News, NAVSEA

### **Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award**

MQ-8C Development and Production Team (PMA 266), PEO U&W  
&

Unmanned Maritime Systems Program Office (PMS 406), PEO USC

### **Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award**

Individual Water Purification System Block II Integrated Product Team, MARCORSYSCOM

### **Acquisition Professional of the Year**

Ms. Barbara Johnson, Deputy Director of Contracts, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, NAVSUP

### **Program Manager of the Year**

CAPT Elizabeth S. Okano, Program Manager, Above Water Sensors (PEO IWS 2.0), PEO IWS

### **RADM Wayne E. Meyer Memorial Award**

VADM David Johnson, Principal Military Deputy, ASN(RD&A)

### **Vice Admiral James H. Doyle Jr. Award**

RADM Ron Boxall, Director, Surface Warfare Division, (OPNAV N96)

# The International Acquisition Partnership Award

presented to

**Ms. Jan Grube**

**Principal Assistant Program Manager for  
International Engagement  
PEO Integrated Warfare Systems**



**CITATION:** AS THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM MANAGER (PAPM) FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE INTEGRATED WARFARE SYSTEMS, MS. JAN GRUBE FOCUSED THE INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT BRANCH ON POLICY, ENGINEERING, AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH EFFORTS TO INCREASE INTEROPERABILITY, ACHIEVE INTEGRATION OF U.S. AND FOREIGN COMBAT SYSTEMS, AND DEVELOP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR KEY REGIONAL ALLIES.

MS. GRUBE CONSISTENTLY DISPLAYED SUPERIOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, VISION, AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS IN THE EXECUTION OF HER DUTIES. IN ADDITION, SHE IMPROVED OUR FOREIGN ALLIES' AND PARTNERS' CAPABILITIES THROUGH VIGILANT POLICY STEWARDSHIP. HER CONTINUOUS EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING KEY REGIONAL ALLIANCES AND ENABLING COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT LED TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED ALLIED NAVAL EFFECTIVENESS AND INTEROPERABILITY - PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND AREA WITH SOME OF THE MOST COMPLEX AND CAPABLE WEAPONS SYSTEMS EVER DEVELOPED, AND DEPLOYED.

The International Acquisition Partnership Award recognizes the Department of the Navy individual or team for outstanding achievement in creating international security cooperation relationships as part of a program's development or acquisition strategy. The International Acquisition Partnership Award had two awardees this year.

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**The first recipient of the International Partnership Award**  
**was Ms. Jan Grube**  
**Principal Assistant Program Manager for International Engagement**  
**PEO Integrated Warfare Systems**



*The posthumous award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Accepting the award was Ms. Grube's husband, Mr. Johnny Sanchez. Joining Mr. Sanchez on stage were CAPT John Skarin (Director, PEO IWS 4.0), Ms. Bilyana Anderson (Executive Director PEO IWS), and RDML Doug Small (PEO IWS). (Pictured (l to r) Skarin, Anderson, Small, Sanchez, and Geurts).*

# The International Acquisition Partnership Award

presented to the  
**P-8A Cooperative-International Program Team  
(PMA 290)**  
**PEO Air ASW, Assault and Special Mission  
Programs**



**CITATION:** THE P-8A COOPERATIVE-INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TEAM LED COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS THAT IMPROVED SECURITY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNITED STATES ALLIES. THE TEAM LEVERAGED COOPERATIVE AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS TO REDUCE UNITED STATES NAVY PROGRAM ACQUISITION COSTS BY OVER \$636 MILLION FOR THE \$33.5 BILLION ACQUISITION CATEGORY IC P-8A POSEIDON PROGRAM, INTRODUCED A NEW FUNDING X-YEAR TREASURY APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT THAT BENEFITS ALL NAVY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS, DEVELOPED AND FIELDDED IMPROVED P-8A WARFIGHTING AND MISSION CAPABILITY, AND IMPROVED INTEROPERABILITY OF UNITED STATES AND ALLIED MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCES IN THE PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC THEATERS OF OPERATION.

The International Acquisition Partnership Award recognizes the Department of the Navy individual or team for outstanding achievement in creating international security cooperation relationships as part of a program's development or acquisition strategy. The International Acquisition Partnership Award had two awardees this year.

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**The second recipient of the International Partnership Award**  
**was the P-8A Cooperative-International Program Team**  
**(PMA 290)**  
**PEO Air ASW, Assault and Special Mission Programs**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Julie Johnston, Mr. Jack Vess, WCDR Nicholas Robertson, and Ms. Kathleen Stull. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Tim Denton, Mr. Paul Lange, Mr. Brian Nevala, Mr. Daryl Hinmon and CDR Dave Evans. Joining the winners on stage were CAPT Anthony Rossi (Program Manager PMA 290) and Ms. Holli Galletti (Deputy Program Manager, PMA 290). (Pictured (l to r) Galletti, Rossi, Johnston, Vess, Robertson, Stull, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Sarkis Tatigian Award

presented to

## Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest



**CITATION:** THIS AWARD IS GIVEN FOR SUPERIOR ACQUISITION TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AT NAVFAC NW. SPECIFICALLY, THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS SKILLFULLY LED THE COMMAND TO AN OVERALL 67% SMALL BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT RATE IN FY17. IN ADDITION, THE COMMAND AWARDED ITS FIRST LARGE CAPACITY, LARGE TASK ORDER RANGE, TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS MULTIPLE AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN FY17. THIS CONTRACT HAS CREATED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN LARGER AND MORE COMPLEX PROJECTS THAT WILL INCREASE SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE. THE CONTRACT HAS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS THUS FAR WITH TWO PROJECTS AWARDED TO DATE. P-240 TRITON CONTROL FACILITY, WHIDBEY ISLAND AND P-876 SERVICE PIER UPGRADES, BANGOR PROJECTS WERE AWARDED UNDER BUDGET AND THE CRITICAL P-876 WAS AWARDED WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF SOLICITATION. THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF THESE PROJECTS IS CRITICAL TO SUSTAINING ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONS FOR THE NAVAL AVIATION ENTERPRISE AND CRITICAL SUBMARINE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC.

**The Office of Small Business Programs' Sarkis Tatigian Award recognizes outstanding performance by a field activity in creating an organizational climate resulting in the advancement of small business opportunities through exceptionally managed small business programs.**

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**The 2018 Sarkis Tatigian Award was presented to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award is Mr. Jim Niles. Award winners not pictured were CAPT Matt Anderson, Ms. Eileen Mitchell, Ms. Melissa Burris, Ms. Nicole Riffe, Mr. Joe Lara, Mr. Mike Jones, Mr. Ernie Doeleman, Mr. Dan O'Neal, and Ms. Lynda Leask. Joining Mr. Niles on stage were CAPT Chad Brooks (Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Northwest), and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Brooks, Niles, and Harman).*

# The 2018 Secretary's Cup

presented to

## Naval Sea Systems Command



**CITATION:** NAVSEA IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE U.S. NAVY THROUGH DESIGN, ENGINEERING, PRODUCTION AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH MAJOR PRIVATE SHIPYARDS FOR ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, COMBATANTS, WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND SUBMARINES AS AMERICA'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS ALSO PROVIDED A VITAL ROLE TO NAVSEA AND RECEIVED NEARLY \$2.6 BILLION IN PRIME CONTRACT AWARDS DURING FY17 THAT INCLUDED BOAT CONSTRUCTION, SHIP REPAIR, MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES. IN ADDITION, SMALL FIRMS PROVIDED A WEALTH OF DIVERSE SUPPORTING SERVICES IN TECHNICAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL FIELDS.

THE CHALLENGING EFFORTS BEHIND THIS MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS SECRETARY'S CUP FOR ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE RESIDES WITH NAVSEA'S SMALL BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS, DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGERS AS SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES, AND THE TECHNICAL AND CONTRACTING COMMUNITY. THEIR COLLABORATION AND EARLY ACQUISITION PLANNING MAXIMIZED NAVSEA'S UTILIZATION OF THE NATION'S SMALL BUSINESS POTENTIAL.

**The Department of the Navy's Secretary's Cup was established in 2001 to recognize that command which best exemplifies the mission of the office of small business programs, which is to promote acquisition opportunities where small businesses can best support the needs of our Sailors and Marines.**

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**The 2018 Secretary's Cup was presented to**  
**Naval Sea Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Roxie Thomas, Ms. Brenda Uyeda, Ms. Felisha Morsell, Ms. Linda Squires, Mr. Jon Thomas, and Mr. Mike Kosar. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Timothy Roberts, Mr. Daniel Shimooka, Mr. Christopher Paulus, and Ms. Rachel Luther. Joining the winners on stage were Ms. Anne Bannister (Director, NAVSEA Office of Small Business), Mr. Jim Smerchansky (Executive Director, NAVSEA) and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Bannister, Thomas, Uyeda, Morsell, Squires, Thomas, Kosar, Smerchansky, and Harman).*

# **The 2018 Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award**

presented to

**Mr. William (Bill) Farmer**

**Deputy Program Manager, Tactical Networks  
Program Office (PMW 160)  
PEO Command, Control, Communications,  
Computers, and Intelligence**



**CITATION:** BILL FARMER HAS ESTABLISHED AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG CULTURE OF SMALL BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT AND ADVOCACY ENSURING SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND RECOGNITION OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED ACROSS THE ENTERPRISE. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP IN WORKING ACROSS THE TEN PEO C4I PROGRAM OFFICES TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND METHODOLOGIES OPTIMIZING SMALL BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION. THE PMW 160 INDUSTRY DAY EVENT HAS BEEN A MOTIVATING FORCE IN INCREASING SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTING VEHICLES AND PROGRAM OFFICE ENGAGEMENTS. HIS CONTRACTING TEAMS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR 29 CANES AND 3 ADNS TASK ORDERS EXCEEDING THE ESTABLISHED 27% SMALL BUSINESS BENCHMARK. THE ASTUTE USE OF THE CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM (CPARS) EVALUATION PROCESS WAS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN RECOGNIZING SUPERLATIVE SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING PERFORMANCE. HE IS MOST DESERVING OF RECOGNITION BY THIS AWARD.

The Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award recognizes an individual non-small business professional who embodies Ms. Stinson’s examples of small business mission excellence, and whose achievements contributed significantly to advancing opportunities for, and support of, small business. The Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award was presented to two outstanding Acquisition professionals this year.

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award was Mr. William (Bill) Farmer Deputy Program Manager, Tactical Networks Program Office (PMW 160) PEO Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Joining Mr. Bill Farmer on stage were RDML Carl Chebi (PEO C4I), and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Chebi, Farmer, and Harman).*

# The 2018 Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award

presented to

**Mr. Bryan Ramsay**

**Science and Technology Lead**

**(PMA 281)**

**PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons**



**CITATION:** MR. BRYAN RAMSAY HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL SMALL BUSINESS MISSION EXCELLENCE, EMBODYING THE ESSENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY'S SMALL BUSINESS MISSION AS THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY LEAD FOR THE PMA 281 STRIKE PLANNING AND EXECUTION SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE PORTFOLIO. A RELENTLESS SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, MR. RAMSAY HAS AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED SMALL BUSINESS OPTIONS TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE HIGH-RISK TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORTING EMERGING FLEET MULTI-DOMAIN MISSION PLANNING, EXECUTION, AND ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS ACROSS A FAMILY OF SYSTEMS WITH A FLEET WARFIGHTING OUTCOME-BASED FOCUS. HIS OUTSTANDING EXPERTISE, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, CHARACTER, AND COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVELY PARTNERING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES HAS BEEN MARKED BY A STRING OF DOCUMENTED SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS, TRANSITIONS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH EXTEND INTO HIS CURRENT PORTFOLIO OF OVER 20 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND RAPID TRANSITION EFFORTS. MR. RAMSAY'S COMMITMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS AND TO SHARING HIS EXPERTISE WITH HIS PEERS IS WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION.

The Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award recognizes an individual non-small business professional who embodies Ms. Stinson’s examples of small business mission excellence, and whose achievements contributed significantly to advancing opportunities for, and support of, small business. The Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award was presented to two outstanding Acquisition professionals this year.

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Oreta B. Stinson Small Business Advocate Award was Mr. Bryan Ramsay**  
**Science and Technology Lead**  
**(PMA 281)**  
**PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Accepting on behalf of Mr. Ramsay is CAPT Paul Mitchell (Program Manager, PMA 281). Joining CAPT Mitchell was Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Mitchell, and Harman).*

# The 2018 Small Business Team Award

presented to the

**Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team**

**(PMS 377)**

**PEO Ships**



**CITATION:** THE LANDING CRAFT, UTILITY (LCU) 1700 PROGRAM TEAM EMPLOYED EXCEPTIONAL INNOVATION AND PERSEVERANCE TO OVERCOME TRADITIONAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES AND CREATE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS WHERE NONE PREVIOUSLY EXISTED, ULTIMATELY AWARDING A CRITICAL NAVY SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT TO A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE (HUBZONE) SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY. THE TEAM’S APPROACH ENSURED, FROM THE START, THAT THE CAPABILITIES AND EFFICIENCIES OFFERED BY A SMALL BUSINESS WOULD BE LEVERAGED. BY THEIR INNOVATIVE TAILORING OF THE STRATEGY AND APPROACH IN AWARDING THIS CONTRACT TO A SMALL BUSINESS, THE LCU TEAM ACHIEVED A ROBUST COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT; HARNESSSED THE CAPABILITIES AND EFFICIENCIES OF SMALL SHIPYARDS; POSITIONED THE GOVERNMENT TO RECAPITALIZE A CRITICAL CAPABILITY AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST; CREATED THE POTENTIAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL COST AVOIDANCE AND COST SAVINGS; IMPROVED THE BUYING POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LONG TERM AND ENSURED THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF LCU, A KEY ELEMENT OF NAVY-USMC OPERATIONS FROM THE SEA.

The Small Business Team Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a small business team whose innovative practices maximize opportunities for small business participation as prime and subcontractors, enhance command effectiveness, support the customer mission, and result in better buying power for the government. The Small Business Team Award had two awardees this year.

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Small Business Team Award was the  
Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team, (PMS 377)  
PEO Ships**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Sarah Gale, Mr. Kenneth Wright, Mr. Kirby Aikens, Mr. Kevin Miller, Ms. Felicia Morsell, Ms. Linda Squires, and Ms. Kathleen Minnich. Award winners not pictured were Ms. Kimberly Bagford, Mr. Richard Maenhardt, Ms. Johnna Sachse, and Mr. Michael Russell. Joining the winners on stage were Mr. Tom Rivers (Program Manager PMS 377), Ms. Anne Bannister (Director, NAVSEA Office of Small Business) and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Rivers, Gale, Wright, Aikens, Miller, Morsell, Squires, Minnich, and Harman).*

# The 2018 Small Business Team Award

presented to the

**USN Boats and Combatant Craft**

**Acquisition Team (PMS 325G)**

**PEO Ships**



**CITATION:** IN FY2017, THE BOATS AND COMBATANT CRAFT ACQUISITION TEAM EXECUTED 22 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS FOR \$62 MILLION, WHICH RESULTED IN THE PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF 111 BOATS AND COMBATANT CRAFT. IN FY2018, AN ADDITIONAL 22 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS ARE PROJECTED TO BE AWARDED FOR AN ESTIMATED \$55 MILLION. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF 104 BOATS AND COMBATANT CRAFT. THIS SINGLE GROUP CONTRIBUTED TO MEETING MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE ESTABLISHED PMS 325 SMALL BUSINESS GOALS FOR FY2017, AND IS ON TRACK TO DO THE SAME IN FY2018. THROUGH THESE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT ACTIONS AND DELIVERIES, THE TEAM DIRECTLY SUPPORTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO ASN(RD&A)'S DIRECTION TO PROMOTE A COMPETITIVE SMALL BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL BASE WHICH IS VITAL TO THE LONG TERM SUCCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

**The Small Business Team Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a small business team whose innovative practices maximize opportunities for small business participation as prime and subcontractors, enhance command effectiveness, support the customer mission, and result in better buying power for the government. The Small Business Team Award had two awardees this year.**

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Small Business Team Award was the  
USN Boats and Combatant Craft Acquisition Team  
(PMS 325G) PEO Ships**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Brenda Uyeda, Mr. Peter Herrman, Mr. Christian Rozcier, Mr. Gary Weaver, Ms. Roxie Thomas, Mr. Michael Souza, Mr. Matthew Warncke, Mr. Alan Cummings, Mr. Jon Thomas, and Ms. Cheryl Cecil. Joining the winners on stage were Mr. Michael Kosar (Program Manager, PMS 325) and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Kosar, Uyeda, Herrman, Rozcier, Weaver, Thomas, Souza, Warncke, Cummings, Thomas, Cecil, Harman, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Navy Competition Excellence

## Acquisition Team of the Year Award

presented to

**Orca XLUUV Acquisition and Contracting**

**Team (PMS 406)**

**PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants**



**CITATION:** IN EXECUTING THE COMPLEX, ACCELERATED ACQUISITION FOR THE ORCA EXTRA LARGE UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE (XLUUV) ACAT I EQUIVALENT PROGRAM, THE PMS 406 ACQUISITION AND CONTRACTING TEAM PIONEERED AND ESTABLISHED PROCESSES, RELATIONSHIPS, TOOLS AND BEST PRACTICES CENTRAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPETITIVE AWARD OF TWO CONTRACTS WITHIN 238 DAYS OF PROGRAM TOP LEVEL REQUIREMENT APPROVAL. THIS ACHIEVEMENT SET THE RECORD FOR AN ACAT 1 EQUIVALENT NAVSEA CONTRACT AND IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE NORMAL TWO-TO-THREE YEAR TIME FRAME. THE TEAM USED A BROAD RANGE OF APPROACHES THAT EMPHASIZED A “ONE TEAM” APPROACH WITH CONSTANT COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS FROM PMS 406, SEA02, SEA00L AND SEA05. THE TEAM SUCCESSFULLY STREAMLINED THE SOURCE SELECTION PROCESSES, EXECUTED PARALLEL REVIEWS AND ACTIVITIES, AND INVOLVED INDUSTRY EARLY IN THE PROCESS TO ENSURE TIMELY RESPONSES AND FEEDBACK. THIS ATMOSPHERE OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TEAM AND INDUSTRY LED TO EARLY RISK REDUCTION FOR SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND ESTABLISHED A COLLABORATIVE DATA RIGHTS STRATEGY WITH INDUSTRY.

The Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award recognizes that team whose outstanding achievements promote enhanced competition among large or small businesses, and resulting in a better product or service being delivered, supported or employed by the customer. The Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award had two awardees this year.

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Navy Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award was the Orca XLUUV Acquisition and Contracting Team (PMS 406) PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Grace Shih, Mr. David Kelley, Mr. Harry Sherman, Mr. Mike Hammersley, Ms. Michelle Bennett, Mr. Rick Clark, Mr. Chris Covalt and Mr. Rob Iera. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Brett Bikowski, Mr. David Grant, and Mr. Hank Turner. Joining the winners on stage were RDML John Neagley (PEO USC), CAPT Peter Small (Program Manager PMS 406), and Mr. Howard Berkof (DPM, PMS 406). (Pictured (l to r) Neagley, Small, Berkof, Shih, Kelley, Sherman, Hammersley, Bennett, Clark, Covalt, Iera, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Navy Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award

presented to

**Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team**

**(PMS 377)**

**PEO Ships**



**CITATION:** THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE PROGRAM (PMS 377) LCU 1700 ACQUISITION TEAM EMPLOYED EXCEPTIONAL INNOVATION AND PERSEVERANCE, OVERCOMING NUMEROUS TRADITIONAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN ORDER TO INCREASE COMPETITION BY CREATING A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL SHIPBUILDERS WHERE NONE PREVIOUSLY EXISTED, ULTIMATELY AWARDING A CRITICAL NAVY SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT TO A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE SMALL BUSINESS. THEIR APPROACH ENSURED, FROM THE START, CAPABILITIES AND EFFICIENCIES OFFERED BY A SMALL BUSINESS WOULD BE LEVERAGED. BY THEIR INNOVATIVE TAILORING OF THE STRATEGY AND APPROACH IN AWARDING THIS CONTRACT TO A SMALL BUSINESS, THE LCU TEAM ACHIEVED A ROBUST COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT; HARNESSSED THE CAPABILITIES AND EFFICIENCIES OF SMALL SHIPYARDS; POSITIONED THE GOVERNMENT TO RECAPITALIZE A CRITICAL CAPABILITY AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST; CREATED THE POTENTIAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL COST AVOIDANCE AND COST SAVINGS; IMPROVED THE BUYING POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ENSURED CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF LCU, A KEY ELEMENT OF NAVY-USMC OPERATIONS FROM THE SEA.

The Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award recognizes that team whose outstanding achievements promote enhanced competition among large or small businesses, and resulting in a better product or service being delivered, supported or employed by the customer. The Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award had two awardees this year.

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Navy Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award was the Landing Craft, Utility 1700 Acquisition Team (PMS 377) PEO Ships**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Ms. Sarah Gale, Mr. Kenneth Wright, Mr. Kirby Aikens, Mr. Kevin Miller, Ms. Felicia Morsell, Ms. Linda Squires, and Ms. Kathleen Minnich. Award winners not pictured were Ms. Kimberly Bagford, Mr. Richard Maenhardt, Ms. Johnna Sachse, Mr. Kenneth Wright, and Mr. Michael Russell. Joining the winners on stage were Mr. Tom Rivers (Program Manager PMS 377), Ms. Anne Bannister (Director, NAVSEA Office of Small Business) and Ms. Emily Harman (Director, DON OSBP). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Rivers, Gale, Wright, Aikens, Miller, Morsell, Squires, Minnich, and Harman).*

# The 2018 Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year

presented to

## Transparent Armor Relamination Team Marine Corps Systems Command



**CITATION:** THE COUNTER-IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TEAM, SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND ACQUISITION LOGISTICS, MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND DEMONSTRATED ENGINEERING INGENUITY IN DEVELOPING A REPAIR SOLUTION FOR DELAMINATED TRANSPARENT ARMOR. THE TEAM MASTERFULLY PIONEERED A NEW SET OF PROCESSES TO REMOVE, RE-LAMINATE, AND REINSTALL DAMAGED TRANSPARENT ARMOR THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN DISPOSED. FURTHERMORE, THE TEAM FORMULATED SCIENTIFIC PROTOCOLS TO MODEL THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF TRANSPARENT ARMOR IN ORDER TO INFORM NEW MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENTS. THIS UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO REFURBISH AND PREVENT TRANSPARENT ARMOR DELAMINATION IS ESTIMATED TO SAVE THE MARINE CORPS OVER \$105 MILLION OVER THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE MEMORANDUM CYCLE. THE COUNTER-IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TEAM'S SUPERIOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, INNOVATION, AND PROFESSIONALISM REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

**The Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award is presented to the team that demonstrated the highest degree of innovation and resourcefulness, resulting in cost savings, promoting domestic availability of critical components and capabilities and resulting in tangible, lasting impacts in support of the U.S. Maritime Strategy. The Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award had two awardees this year.**

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year was the Transparent Armor Relamination Team**  
**Marine Corps Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Dr. Marriner Merrill, Ms. Krista Francom, Mr. Tom Stevenson, Mr. Scott Story, Mr. John Rooney, Mr. Maurice Johnson, MAJ Christopher Kiely, and MAJ Thitipan Durasavin. Joining the winners on stage was Ms. Jeannette Evans-Morgis (Deputy Commander Systems Engineering and Acquisition Logistics, MCSC). (Pictured (l to r) Evans-Morgis, Merrill, Francom, Stevenson, Story, Rooney, Johnson, Kiely, Durasavin, and Geurts).*

**The 2018 Innovation Excellence  
Acquisition Team of the Year**  
presented to  
**Cyber Education and Certification  
Readiness Facility Team  
SPAWARSYSCEN Atlantic  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command**



**CITATION:** THE SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS CENTER (SPAWARSYSCEN) ATLANTIC'S RECENTLY LAUNCHED CYBER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION READINESS FACILITY (CERF) HAS GREATLY INCREASED THE TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY OF THE COMMAND'S IT SPECIALISTS. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FRED BISEL, WITH TEAM KAMAU BUFFALO, WESLEY JONES, JAKE OBI, CHUCK REEL, AND JOHN HOWARD, THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING FACILITY HAS NOT ONLY BOLSTERED SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC'S SUCCESS IN MASTERING THE CYBER SPACE DOMAIN, BUT REPRESENTS A COST AVOIDANCE OF \$2.1 MILLION TO THE COMMAND. THE LAB ALSO GIVES STUDENTS A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT VITAL SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC PROJECTS. THE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF THE CERF LAB TEAM REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC'S INVESTMENT IN CREDENTIALING ITS TECHNICAL WORKFORCE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CYBERSECURITY SPECIALISTS.

**The Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award is presented to the team that demonstrated the highest degree of innovation and resourcefulness, resulting in cost savings, promoting domestic availability of critical components and capabilities and resulting in tangible, lasting impacts in support of the U.S. Maritime Strategy. The Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award had two awardees this year.**

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year was the Cyber Education and Certification Readiness Facility Team, SPAWARSCEN Atlantic Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Gary Stewart, Mr. Charles Reel, Mr. Kamau Buffalo, Mr. Wesley Jones, Mr. John Howard, and Mr. Fred Bisel. Award winner not pictured was Mr. Jake Obi. Joining the winners on stage were Mr. Chris Miller (Executive Director, SPAWAR Charleston) and Ms. Ann Rideout (Communications, Networks, and Engineering Competency Lead). (Pictured (l to r) Miller, Rideout, Stewart, Reel, Buffalo, Jones, Howard, Bisel, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Acquisition Field Activity Award

presented to the

## Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk Naval Supply Systems Command



**CITATION:** THE NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND (NAVSUP) FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER (FLC) NORFOLK, CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT DELIVERED TIMELY, COMPLIANT, BEST VALUE ACQUISITION AND CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS TO NAVY AND DOD CUSTOMERS THROUGH AN EMPOWERED NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS MOTIVATED TO ANTICIPATE CUSTOMERS' NEEDS AND EXCEED CUSTOMERS' EXPECTATIONS. FLC NORFOLK OBLIGATED \$2.1 BILLION IN SUPPLIES/SERVICES AND \$12.5 BILLION IN TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE IN SUPPORT OF ITS CUSTOMERS. SPECIFICALLY, FLC NORFOLK SERVICED: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (JS), CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (OPNAV), US FLEET FORCES COMMAND (USFF), ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & COMPTROLLER) (ASN(FM&C)), COMMANDER, NAVY INSTALLATIONS COMMAND (CBNIC), BUREAU OF NAVY MEDICINE AND SURGERY (BUMED), NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (NPC), NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND (NRC), NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (NCIS), US NAVAL ACADEMY (USNA), NAVAL STATION ACTIVITY (NSA) GREAT LAKES, AND NAVY EXCHANGE COMMAND (NEXCOM). FLC NORFOLK MAINTAINED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AS DEMONSTRATED BY NAVSUP CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS.

**The Acquisition Field Activity Award recognizes a field-level command for outstanding acquisition achievements that bring supplies and services to the customer at the right price and time, while achieving significant success in the areas of enhanced competition, personal development and retention, and improved sustainability and readiness for operational forces. The Acquisition Field Activity Award had two awardees this year.**

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Acquisition Field Activity Award was presented to the Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk Naval Supply Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Rocco Siravo, Ms. Jennifer Jones, Ms. Carissa Butler, and Mr. Jordan Dorsey. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Peter Parrott, Ms. Maria Swift, CDR Rachele Wharton and CAPT Fred Dini. Joining the winners on stage was CDR Joseph Spede (Site Director NAVSUP FLC Norfolk). (Pictured (l to r) Spede, Siravo, Jones, Butler, Dorsey, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Acquisition Field Activity Award

presented to the  
**Supervisor of Shipbuilding,  
Newport News  
Naval Sea Systems Command**



**CITATION:** SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING NEWPORT NEWS (SUPSHIPNN) DELIVERED THE FIRST-IN-CLASS USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78), REDELIVERED USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) FROM A REFUELING COMPLEX OVERHAUL (RCOH), AND DELIVERED USS WASHINGTON (SSN 787) IN MAY 2017. ADDITIONALLY, SUPSHIPNN SUPPORTED ONGOING SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS AND IN-SERVICE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITIES, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF THE FIRST NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER INACTIVATION, CVN 65, MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE AND SAFETY OF THE NATION. THROUGH UNRELENTING DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE OF THE SUPSHIPNN TEAM, COMMITMENTS WERE MANAGED AND PRIORITIZED IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE COMPETING NEEDS OF ALL CUSTOMERS AND MEET THE SCHEDULE AND BUDGET DEMANDS OF EACH PROJECT, WHILE DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY SHIPS AND SUBMARINES.

The Acquisition Field Activity Award recognizes a field-level command for outstanding acquisition achievements that bring supplies and services to the customer at the right price and time, while achieving significant success in the areas of enhanced competition, personal development and retention, and improved sustainability and readiness for operational forces. The Acquisition Field Activity Award had two awardees this year.

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Acquisition Field Activity Award was presented to the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Newport News Naval Sea Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Andrew Schnure, Mr. Carl Ward, and CAPT Jason Lloyd. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Todd Bockwoldt, Mr. Doug Lemon, Mr. Stephen Hedgepeth, Mr. Butch Robinsky, Mr. Michael Mclean, Ms. Janet Rinehimer, and Mr. Dan Lovingood. (Pictured (l to r) Schnure, Ward, Lloyd, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award

presented to

**MQ-8C Development and Production Team  
(PMA 266)**

**PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons**



**CITATION:** THE MQ-8C RADAR TEAM DEvised AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH THAT MAXIMIZED THE GOVERNMENT’S BUYING POWER, ENHANCED COMPETITION, AND ENABLED CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY TO BE PROVIDED TO THE WARFIGHTER. INDUSTRY SURVEYS SHOWED THAT THE BUDGET WAS ONLY SUFFICIENT TO PROCURE A NON-DEVELOPMENTAL, CONVENTIONAL ANTENNA RADAR SYSTEM. THE TEAM AWARDED THE RADAR SYSTEM CONTRACT TO A VENDOR, WHO WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE AN OPERATIONALLY-PROVEN, ELECTRONICALLY SCANNED ARRAY FOR ONLY 10 PERCENT MORE THAN A CONVENTIONAL ANTENNA, RESULTING IN LOWER SUSTAINMENT COSTS. THE PROGRAM IDENTIFIED A GOVERNMENT-OWNED SOFTWARE PACKAGE WITH OPEN INTERFACES AND SIGNIFICANT MISSION MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY FOR USE IN THE GROUND CONTROL STATION (GCS). THEY WERE ABLE TO LEVERAGE PREVIOUS WORK BUILDING AN OPEN SERVICE-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE IN THE GCS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SOFTWARE PACKAGE AS THE SOLUTION FOR RADAR CONTROLS AND DISPLAYS. THE PROGRAM IS ON TRACK FOR FLEET DELIVERY, WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OF SURFACE COMBATANTS IN DISTRIBUTED OPERATIONS.

The Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award recognizes a program office for outstanding acquisition achievement in the accomplishment of its mission. Nominees are also judged on creative and effective acquisition management practices and enhanced competition resulting in better buying power and improved readiness for operational forces. The Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award had two awardees this year.

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**The first recipient of the 2018 Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award**  
**was presented to the**  
**MQ-8C Development and Production Team, (PMA 266)**  
**PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Joe Gleason, Dr. Ollie Allen, Mr. Lee Skaggs, Mr. Robert Ross, Ms. Susan Hammel, LCDR David Gerda, and Ms. Holly Corrolla. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Henry Abel, Mr. Mike Mozzo, and Mr. Nate Weaver. Joining the winners on stage was CAPT Jeffrey Dodge (Program Manager, PMA 266). (Pictured (l to r) Dodge, Gleason, Allen, Skaggs, Ross, Hammel, Gerda, Corolla, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award

presented to

**Unmanned Maritime Systems Program Office  
(PMS 406)**

**PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants**



**CITATION:** AS PART OF THE GROWING NATIONAL INTEREST AND INVESTMENT IN UNMANNED MARITIME SYSTEMS, PMS 406 LED THE ALIGNMENT OF THE MANY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNITIES IN THE RESPECTIVE UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE (UUV) AND UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE (USV) SEGMENTS. AS A RESULT PMS 406 HAS EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH AND SUCCESS. THE PROGRAM OFFICE HAS OR IS STANDING UP THREE ACAT I EQUIVALENT PROGRAMS: SNAKEHEAD LDUUV, ORCA XLUUV, AND THE FUTURE SURFACE COMBATANT USV. ADDITIONALLY THE PROGRAM OFFICE IS MANAGING UISS, KNIFEFISH AND AQS-20 THROUGH TESTING AND IS NEARING ACHIEVEMENT OF MILESTONE C DECISIONS IN FY18 ON TWO CRITICAL MCM PROGRAMS. ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE WAS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF A NOVEL, ACCELERATED ACQUISITION FOR AN ACAT I EQUIVALENT PROGRAM, ORCA XLUUV, WHERE THE PROGRAM OFFICE ESTABLISHED PROCESSES, RELATIONSHIPS, TOOLS AND BEST PRACTICES CENTRAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL AWARD OF TWO CONTRACTS WITHIN 238 DAYS OF PROGRAM TOP LEVEL REQUIREMENT APPROVAL IN A FULLY COMPETITIVE PROCESS.

The Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award recognizes a program office for outstanding acquisition achievement in the accomplishment of its mission. Nominees are also judged on creative and effective acquisition management practices and enhanced competition resulting in better buying power and improved readiness for operational forces. The Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award had two awardees this year.

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**The second recipient of the 2018 Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award was presented to the Unmanned Maritime Systems Program Office, (PMS 406) PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Alan Underwood, Mr. Justin Jones, and Mr. Chris Durigg. Award winners not pictured were Ms. Linda Banner-Bacin, Mr. Brian Fitzpatrick, Ms. Lori McConnell, Ms. Laura Mondro, Mr. Todd Storley, Mr. Ed Sujecki and Mr. George Saroch. Joining the winners on stage were RDML John Neagley (PEO USC), CAPT Peter Small (Program Manager PMS 406), and Mr. Howard Berkof (DPM, PMS 406). (Pictured (l to r) Neagley, Small, Berkof, Underwood, Jones, Durigg, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award

presented to

**Individual Water Purification System Block II**

**Integrated Product Team**

**Marine Corps Systems Command**



**CITATION:** THE INDIVIDUAL WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM BLOCK II INTEGRATED PRODUCT TEAM WAS COMPRISED OF MEMBERS FROM THREE SERVICES. WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS, THEY EVOLVED MICROFILTRATION TECHNOLOGY INTO A SINGLE STAGE ULTRAFILTER AND TRANSITIONED THIS TECHNOLOGY INTO A SYSTEM WITHIN CHALLENGING FISCAL CONSTRAINTS. THIS TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADE PROVIDES A HIGHER QUALITY OF WATER, IMPROVED FLOW RATES, NEGATES THE NEED FOR TREATMENT TABLETS, NEGATES THE WAIT TO DRINK TIME, REDUCES FLEET SUSTAINMENT COST, AND REDUCES THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT REQUIRED. THE TEAM'S CONTRIBUTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON ITS MEMBERS, THE MARINE CORPS, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, ITS FELLOW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SERVICES, AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE ETHOS OF THE ACQUISITION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE.

**The Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award recognizes an individual or team for outstanding achievement resulting in the successful transition of a new technology which addresses an emergent requirement or operational need from research and development into a program of record or operational use, especially through the use of government laboratories, warfare centers or other government research and development facilities.**

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**The 2018 Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award was presented to the Individual Water Purification System Block II Integrated Product Team Marine Corps Systems Command**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Receiving the award were Mr. Jeff Dunn, Mr. Art Lundquist, Mr. William Varnava, Ms. Dolores Peterkin, Ms. Soraia Yakubova, Capt Jeremy Walker (USMC), and Mr. Jonathan York. Award winners not pictured were GySgt Matthew Riddle (USMC), Mr. Michael DeCicco, and Mr. Thomas Echols. Joining the winners on stage was Mr. Marc Paquette, MARCORSYSCOM PjM, Logistics Combat Element Systems. (Pictured (l to r) Paquette, Dunn, Lundquist, Varnava, Peterkin, Yakubova, Walker, York, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Department of the Navy Acquisition Professional of the Year

presented to

**Ms. Barbara Johnson**

**Deputy Director of Contracts-Aviation**

**Naval Supply Systems Command-WSS**



**CITATION:** SERVING AS NAVSUP WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS FOR AVIATION, MS. BARBARA JOHNSON OVERSEES 120 HIGH-PERFORMING ACQUISITION PROFESSIONALS WHERE SHE HAS INTRODUCED A HOST OF INNOVATIVE AND CUTTING EDGE CONTRACTING INITIATIVES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY PROGRESSED WORKFORCE CAPABILITIES IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE WARFIGHTER. SHE CHAMPIONED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STRATEGIC ACQUISITION AND PERFORMANCE BASED LOGISTICS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE THAT HAS EARNED DOD-WIDE NOTORIETY AS THE GOLD STANDARD FOR PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING. HER LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES RESULTED IN ACHIEVING SEVERAL BEST PRACTICES AND NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR AVIATION-CONTRACTING DURING THE 2017 PPMAP ASSESSMENT, RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST ORGANIZATIONS IN RECENT HISTORY. MS. JOHNSON IS THE ACQUISITION AUTHORITY THROUGHOUT NAVSUP WSS PHILADELPHIA AND MECHANICSBURG. SHE IS ADMIRERED AND RESPECTED BY HER SUBORDINATES, PEERS, AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE NAVY AND IS MOST DESERVING FOR RECOGNITION AS THIS YEAR'S ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.

The Acquisition Professional of the Year is awarded to that individual whose outstanding leadership and achievement enhance the command's effectiveness and result in better buying power for the government. They apply innovative techniques and resourcefulness in support of the customer mission and demonstrate the highest ideals of professionalism in their acquisition career field.

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**The 2018 Department of the Navy Acquisition Professional of the Year**  
**was Ms. Barbara Johnson**  
**Deputy Director of Contracts-Aviation**  
**Naval Supply Systems Command-WSS**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Joining Ms. Barbara Johnson on stage was RDML Duke Heinz (Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support). (Pictured (l to r) Heinz, Johnson, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Department of the Navy Program Manager of the Year

presented to

**CAPT Elizabeth Seiko Okano, USN**  
**Above Water Sensors (IWS 2.0)**  
**PEO Integrated Water Systems**



**CITATION:** CAPTAIN OKANO DEMONSTRATED EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND ACQUISITION EXPERTISE MANAGING ABOVE WATER SENSORS. SHE DEVELOPED CREATIVE APPROACHES, CHALLENGED ASSUMPTIONS, AND ENCOURAGED HER TEAMS TO DO THE SAME. SHE APPLIED INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES TO TAKE THE HIGH-ENERGY LASER AND INTEGRATED OPTICAL-DAZZLER WITH SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM FROM CONCEPT TO CONTRACT AWARD IN ONE YEAR, REDUCING CYCLE TIME BY AN ESTIMATED 43%. SHE TRANSITIONED THE AN/SPQ-9B RADAR FROM SOLE SOURCE TO COMPETITIVE CONTRACT, ADOPTING A LOWEST COST TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE APPROACH. THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED IN EIGHT MONTHS, ONE YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, WITH A 32% UNIT PRICE SAVINGS. DURING AN/SPY-6(V)1 RADAR TESTING, SHE SUCCESSFULLY LEVERAGED LOW COST TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID OVER \$30 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL COSTS. CAPT OKANO LED A TEAM TO ADDRESS THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW TEAM FINDINGS IN RESPONSE TO U.S. NAVY SHIP COLLISIONS. HER EFFORTS RESULTED IN ACCELERATION OF THE NEXT GENERATION SURFACE SEARCH RADAR INITIAL FIELDING AND REDUCED FIELDING TIME FROM FIFTEEN TO FIVE YEARS.

The Program Manager of the Year is awarded to the individual who embodies the finest examples of leadership, team-building, collaboration and ethics in acquisition. The recipient applies innovative acquisition techniques to make significant, positive impact on the management of cost, schedule and performance goals, and constraints. They display perseverance and tenacity in overcoming unusual issues or barriers and their superior acquisition skills result in long-lasting benefits to the program.

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**The 2018 Department of the Navy Program Manager of the Year was**  
**CAPT Elizabeth Seiko Okano, USN**  
**Above Water Sensors (IWS 2.0)**  
**PEO Integrated Warfare Systems**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Joining CAPT Seiko Okano on stage were RDML Douglas Small (PEO IWS), RDML Ron Boxall (Director, Surface Warfare) and VADM William Merz (DCNO Warfare Systems). (Pictured (l to r) Small, Boxall, Okano, Merz, and Geurts).*

# The 2018 Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Memorial Award

presented to

**VADM David Johnson, Principal Military  
Deputy, ASN(RD&A)**



**CITATION:** VICE ADMIRAL DAVID C. JOHNSON IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS VAST ACQUISITION EXPERIENCE OVER A LONG AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS AN ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL. HE IS CURRENTLY THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY DEPUTY FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND ACQUISITION. AS THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY DEPUTY, VICE ADMIRAL JOHNSON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE OVER 62,000 MEMBERS OF THE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DELIVERED LETHAL CAPACITY TO THE WARFIGHTER. VICE ADMIRAL JOHNSON HAS MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN THE ACQUISITION FIELD THAT INCLUDES COMPLEX WEAPON SYSTEM PRODUCTION, SHIP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION POLICIES AND PRACTICES AND THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE HAS DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE ACQUISITION STRATEGIES FOR MAJOR NAVY PROGRAMS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PROGRAM EXECUTION. THROUGH HIS PROFESSIONALISM, INSPIRING LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING ACQUISITION EXPERTISE, VICE ADMIRAL DAVID C. JOHNSON HAS EXCELLED AND CLEARLY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS MOST QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THE RADM WAYNE E. MEYER AWARD.

**The Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Memorial Award represents the pinnacle of acquisition excellence, and is the highest honor bestowed within our Navy-Marine Corps Acquisition Enterprise.**

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**The recipient of the 2018 Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer Memorial Award was VADM David Johnson, Principal Military Deputy, ASN(RD&A)**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts during VADM Johnson's retirement ceremony on 12 October 2018.*



# The 2018 Vice Admiral James H. Doyle Jr. Award

presented to

## RADM Ron Boxall

**CITATION:** REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL'S UNTIRING EFFORTS AS THE DIRECTOR, SURFACE WARFARE IMPROVED SHIP AND WEAPON SYSTEM ACQUISITION DEVELOPMENT TIMELINES, INCREASED NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE READINESS, AND PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL NEXT-GENERATION ACQUISITION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

SPECIFICALLY, REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL'S SUPPORT WAS CRITICAL IN THE NAVY AWARDING GENERAL DYNAMICS BATH IRON WORKS AND HUNTINGTON INGALLS INDUSTRIES, INGALLS SHIPBUILDING, CONTRACTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2022 DDG 51 MULTI-YEAR PROCUREMENT. HIS UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THIS MAJOR EFFORT ENSURED THAT THE DDG 51 MULTI-YEAR PROCUREMENT DELIVERED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY'S COMMITMENT TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A LETHAL, RESILIENT FORCE WHILE GROWING NEAR TERM CAPACITY WITH OUR BATTLE FORCE. THESE CONTRACT AWARDS SUPPORT THE NAVY GOAL TO PROVIDE INCREASED INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE CAPABILITY FOR OUR FUTURE FLEET WHILE STRENGTHENING OUR SHIPBUILDING AND DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE. ADDITIONALLY, REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL LED THE REQUIREMENTS EVALUATION TEAMS FOR THE GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE, LARGE SURFACE COMBATANT, COMMON ADAPTABLE SMALL SHIP, AND COMMON HULL AUXILIARY MULTI-MISSION PLATFORM. WHILE LEADING THAT EFFORT, REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL ALSO DEVELOPED THE SURFACE CAPABILITY EVOLUTION PLAN, INCLUDING THE LARGE SURFACE COMBATANT, SMALL SURFACE COMBATANT, INTEGRATED COMBAT SYSTEM, AND THE UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL. FINALLY, REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DDG 1000 NEW MISSION TO SURFACE STRIKE AND IN SUPPORTING THE AWARD OF ADDITIONAL DDG 51 AND LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP CONTRACTS.

REAR ADMIRAL BOXALL HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL PARTNER WITH THE ACQUISITION COMMUNITY, IS A HIGHLY VALUED TEAM MEMBER WITH HIS CRITICAL THINKING AND FORWARD LOOKING INSIGHTS, AND IS MOST DESERVING OF THE VADM JAMES H. DOYLE, JR. AWARD.

The Vice Admiral James H. Doyle Award recognizes that resource sponsor who best exemplifies those attributes which were the hallmarks of VADM Doyle's leadership as Deputy Chief Of Naval Operations For Surface Warfare, namely teamwork, transparency, getting the requirements right, and delivering results. The recipient will have demonstrated dedication to overcoming numerous challenges to ultimately provide the capability that our Sailors and Marines need and deserve.

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**The 2018 Vice Admiral James H. Doyle Jr. Award was  
RADM Ron Boxall, while serving as  
Director, Surface Warfare Division (OPNAV N96)**



*The award was presented by ASN(RD&A), Mr. James Geurts. Joining RADM Boxall on stage was VADM William Merz (DCNO Warfare Systems). (Pictured (l to r) Geurts, Boxall, and Merz).*

# The 2018 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)) Acquisition Awards

February 05, 2019





*The Honorable Ellen M. Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment*

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**The 2018 USD (A&S) Workforce Development  
Innovation and Individual Achievement  
Winners for the DON Acquisition Workforce**

**Workforce Development Innovation Award (Large Organization)**

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic – North Charleston, SC

**Workforce Development Innovation Award (Small Organization)**

United States Navy Test Pilot School – Patuxent River, MD

**Production, Quality, and Manufacturing Individual Achievement Award**

Ms. Christina M. Fontanos, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Navy

**Test and Evaluation Individual Achievement Award**

Mr. Daniel Ensminger, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Navy

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# The 2018 USD (A&S) Workforce Development Innovation Award (Large Organization)

presented to

**SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic - North  
Charleston, SC**



**CITATION:** THE SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS CENTER (SPAWARSYSCEN) ATLANTIC LAUNCHED THE CYBER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION READINESS FACILITY (CERF) UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FRED BISEL IN APRIL 2017. KAMAU BUFFALO, WESLEY JONES, JAKE OBI AND CHUCK REEL ALSO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE EARLY SUCCESS OF THE CERF LAB. THE CREATION OF THIS STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING FACILITY, HAS NOT ONLY BOLSTERED SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC'S SUCCESS IN MASTERING THE CYBER SPACE DOMAIN, BUT REPRESENTS A COST AVOIDANCE OF \$2.1 MILLION TO THE COMMAND. THE LAB ALSO GIVES STUDENTS A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT VITAL SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC PROJECTS. THE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF THE CERF LAB TEAM REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE SPAWARSYSCEN ATLANTIC'S INVESTMENT IN CREDENTIALING ITS TECHNICAL WORKFORCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CYBERSECURITY SPECIALISTS. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

**The 2018 USD (A&S) Workforce Development  
Innovation Award  
(Large Organization) winner was SPAWAR Systems  
Center Atlantic - North Charleston, SC**



*The award was presented by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ms. Ellen Lord. Receiving the award were Mr. Fred Bisel, Mr. Kamau Buffalo, and Mr. Wesley Jones. Award winners not pictured were Mr. Jake Obi, Mr. Charles Reel, and Mr. John Howard. Joining the winners on stage were Mr. Chris Miller (Executive Director, SPAWAR Charleston) and Ms. Pamela Bell (Total Force Director). (Pictured (l to r) Miller, Bell, Lord, Buffalo, Bisel, and Jones).*

# The 2018 USD (A&S) Workforce Development Innovation Award (Small Organization)

presented to

**USN Test Pilot School - Patuxent River, MD**



**CITATION:** THE 2018 DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL TEST PILOT SCHOOL (USNTPS) FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE TEST AND EVALUATION ACQUISITION WORKFORCE. THE USNTPS TRAINED 72 TEST PILOTS, FLIGHT OFFICERS, AND FLIGHT TEST ENGINEERS THROUGH A RIGOROUS 11 MONTH COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AND 195 ADDITIONAL FLIGHT TEST PERSONNEL AND AIRCREW VIA 12 SPECIFIC FLIGHT TEST SHORT COURSES OVER THE PAST YEAR. THROUGH THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO TRAIN THE WORLD'S FINEST DEVELOPMENTAL TEST PILOTS, FLIGHT OFFICERS, AND FLIGHT TEST ENGINEERS IN THE DESIGN, EXECUTION, COMMUNICATION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT AND SYSTEMS TEST AND EVALUATION, THE STAFF OF USNTPS DIRECTLY IMPROVED THE COMPETENCY, QUALITY, AND PROFESSIONALISM OF TEST AND EVALUATION PERSONNEL ACROSS VIRTUALLY ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MULTIPLE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND 11 PARTNER NATION AVIATION ACQUISITION FLIGHT TEST AND EVALUATION PROGRAMS. BY CONSTANTLY REFINING THE OPTIMAL MIX OF CLASSROOM, SIMULATION LAB, AND INFLIGHT INSTRUCTION, ACTIVE FEEDBACK, AND MENTORING, THE USNTPS STAFF TRANSFORMED EXPERIENCED PILOTS, FLIGHT OFFICERS, AND ENGINEERS INTO THE FLIGHT TEST AND EVALUATION PROFESSIONALS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF COMPLEX DEVELOPMENTAL TEST PROGRAMS SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF NEW AND ENHANCED CAPABILITIES TO WARFIGHTERS THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT.

**The 2018 USD (A&S) Workforce Development Innovation  
Award (Small Organization)  
winner was USN Test Pilot School - Patuxent River, MD**



*The award was presented by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ms. Ellen Lord. Receiving the award were CDR Glenn Rioux, USN, Executive Director and Mr. John Hardison, Technical Director. Award winners not pictured were CDR William Hargreaves, USN, Commanding Officer, CDR Peter Walzack, Chief Flight Instructor, and Mr. John O'Connor, Chief Academic Instructor. (Pictured (l to r) Rioux, Lord, and Hardison).*

# The 2018 USD (A&S) Production, Quality, and Manufacturing Individual Achievement Award

presented to

**Ms. Christina M. Fontanos**



**CITATION:** CHRISTINA IS VERY INVOLVED WITHIN THE PRODUCTION, QUALITY AND MANUFACTURING (PQM) COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERS HER OFF TIME WITH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH PROGRAMS, WHICH INCLUDES MENTORING MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS WITH ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING ENGINEERS. SHE'S ALSO A SCIENCE FAIR JUDGE AND A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR QUALITY. CHRISTINA IS STRAIGHT FORWARD AND LOGICAL, AND IS PROCESS CENTERED, UNDERSTANDS ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS, AND PQM OBJECTIVES. CHRISTINA VALUES EVERY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER AND HAS DEVELOPED GREAT COMMUNICATION SKILLS. SHE INSTILLS A SPIRIT OF DEDICATION AND TEAM SYNERGY, WHILE EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS. SHE FOCUSES ON DIRECT COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATES WELL WITH CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAMS TO ENSURE PROCESSES ARE IMPROVED, AND QUALITY AND MANUFACTURING INITIATIVES ARE UNDERSTOOD AND IMPLEMENTED. CHRISTINA HAS A NATURAL INSTINCT AND INSIGHT FOR FINDING THE BEST SOLUTIONS TO RESOLVE ISSUES, EFFECTIVELY MANAGES HER PROJECTS, PROVIDES REASONABLE PROBLEM SOLVING TOOLS TO FOSTER CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

**The 2018 USD (A&S) Production, Quality, and  
Manufacturing Individual Achievement Award winner was  
Ms. Christina M. Fontanos**



*The award was presented to Ms. Christina Fontanos by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ms. Ellen Lord. (Pictured (l to r) Lord, and Fontanos).*

# The 2018 USD (A&S) Test and Evaluation Individual Achievement Award

presented to

**Mr. Daniel Ensminger**



**CITATION:** MR. ENSMINGER, AS CHIEF DEVELOPMENTAL TESTER AND PROGRAM T&E LEAD FOR LRASM T&E WIPT, HAS SHOWN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF EARLY T&E, INTEGRATED TEST, AND ACCELERATED TESTING BEST PRACTICES THROUGH HIS PREPARATION AND LEADERSHIP OF T&E ACTIVITIES FOR THIS URGENTLY NEEDED ANTI-SHIP CAPABILITY. HE HAS WORKED WITH DOZENS OF DIVERSE AND GEOGRAPHICALLY-DISPERSED STAKEHOLDERS TO ROUTINELY CHALLENGE INSTITUTIONAL NORMS TO CREATE AN ABBREVIATED TEST STRATEGY RELYING HEAVILY ON M&S TO GET RESULTS QUICKLY. THIS LED TO THE EXECUTION OF AN AGGRESSIVE GROUND AND AIR TEST SCHEDULE CULMINATING IN THE INITIATION OF A B-1B QRA WITH A LIVE FIRE SALVO TEST EVENT. MR. ENSMINGER'S USE OF CBT&E AND ITS MISSION-BASED TESTING APPROACH ALLOWED THE TEST TEAM TO RAPIDLY EXECUTE THE TEST PROGRAM, PROVIDE THE PROGRAM OFFICE DATA REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A VIABLE FLEET ENVELOPE, AND PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT T&E COST AND SCHEDULE SAVINGS BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LIVE TEST FLIGHTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM. MR. ENSMINGER'S LEADERSHIP, AND WILLINGNESS TO ADAPT AND OVERCOME NUMEROUS CHALLENGES, HAS PAVED THE WAY TO GET THIS MUCH NEEDED WEAPON TO THE WARFIGHTER IN RECORD TIME AND HAS SET THE STANDARD FOR FUTURE RAPID ACQUISITION AND RAPID TEST EFFORTS.

**The 2018 USD (A&S) Test and Evaluation Individual Achievement  
Award winner was Mr. Daniel Ensminger**



*The award was presented to Mr. Daniel Ensminger by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ms. Ellen Lord. (Pictured (l to r) Lord, and Ensminger).*

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018 ACQUISITION AWARDS

## **Art Diaz Memorial Award**

Israel Alvarado, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic, SPAWAR  
Dr. Julie Shaff, NSWC Crane Division, NAVSEA\*

## **International Acquisition Partnership Award**

Jan Grube, PEO IWS\*  
P-8A Cooperative International Program Team, PEO A\*  
PEO Ships Acquisition Cooperation Team, PEO Ships  
Taiwan Navy FFG Foreign Military Sales Ship Transfer Team, NAVSEA  
US Commonwealth of Australia Cooperative Agreement Team, NAVSEA

## **Sarkis Tatigian Award**

NAVFAC Northwest, NAVFAC\*  
NSWC Corona Division, NAVSEA

## **Secretary's Cup Award**

Marine Corps Systems Command  
Naval Sea Systems Command\*

## **Oreta B. Stinson Award**

William "Bill" Farmer, PEO C4I\*  
Patrick Mika, NAVSEA  
Kim Matsunaga, NAVAIR  
Bryan Ramsay, PEO U&W\*  
Pete Scala, PEO IWS

## **Small Business Team Award**

Small Business Innovative Research Team (SBIR) Team, MCSC  
Next Generation Surface Search Radar Team, PEO IWS  
NSWC Corona Division, NAVSEA  
LCU 1700 Acquisition Team (PMS 377), PEO Ships\*  
Transparent Armor Team, PEO LS  
USN Boats and Combatant Craft Acquisition Team (PMS 325), PEO Ships\*

## **Competition Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award**

NAVSEA 21 Ship Service Life Extension Team, NAVSEA  
Other Transaction Authority Team, NUWC Newport  
PMA 281 Common Control Systems Team, PEO U&W  
PMS 377 LCU 1700 Acquisition Team, PEO Ships\*  
PMS 406 Orca XLUUV Acquisition and Contracting Team, PEO USC\*  
PMS 505 LCS Sustainment Acquisition Team, PEO USC  
SPQ-9B Team, PEO IWS

## **Ron Kiss Maritime Technology Transition Award**

Barracuda Near-Surface Mine Neutralization System Team, NAVSEA  
GBAD MADIS, PEO LS  
High Performance Magnetic Heading Sensor for Towed Arrays Team, NAVSEA  
Individual Water Purification System Block II IPT, MCSC\*  
Jenny Matheney, NAVSEA  
NSWC Port Hueneme Division Product Support Office ePLM IDE Team, NAVSEA  
Optical Dazzler Interdictor, Navy Team, PEO IWS

### **Acquisition Field Activity Award**

Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, NAVSUP\*  
Fleet Training Systems Program Acquisition Team, NAVSEA  
Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona, NAVSEA  
NAVFAC PAC/NAVFAC Hawaii Energy Management Team  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic, SPAWAR  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding Newport News, NAVSEA

### **Dr. Al Somoroff Acquisition Award**

Automatic Test Systems Team, MCSC  
Columbia Class Submarine Integrated Product and Process Development Contract Team, PEO SUBS  
Common Aviation Command and Control System Team, PEO LS  
High Energy Laser with Integrated Optical Surveillance Team, PEO IWS  
MQ-8C Development and Production Team, PEO U&W\*  
PMA 281 Strike Planning and Execution Systems, PEO U&W  
PMS 406 Unmanned Maritime Systems Program Office, PEO USC\*  
PMS 515 Guided Missile Frigate Program Office, PEO USC  
PMW 160 Legacy Networks/Operation Rolling Tide Team, PEO C4I  
Resilient Energy Program Office, NAVFAC  
Tactical Exploitation Group Family of Systems, MCSC

### **Innovation Excellence Acquisition Team of the Year Award**

C200 Contracting Team FLC Bahrain, NAVSUP  
Cyber Education and Certification Readiness Facility, SPAWAR\*  
DDG 51 Flight III FY 18-22 Shipbuilding Multi-Year Procurement Competition Team, PEO Ships  
Electronic Cost Reporting and Financial Tracking Enterprise Team, NAVSEA  
Environmental Acquisition Process Optimization Team, NAVFAC  
Intelligence Analysis System Family of Systems, MCSC  
LCAC C4N Production and Support Team, NAVSEA  
Line of Effort #3 Team, PEO SUBS  
NAVAIR 2.4 Contracting Team, NAVAIR  
NAVFAC LANT/MidLANT Energy Management Team, NAVFAC  
NAVSEA Industrial Operations IT Team, NAVSEA  
NSWC Port Hueneme Division Product Support Office ePLM IDE Team, NAVSEA  
PMA 231 Readiness Team, PEO T  
Ship Self Defense System MK 2 Digital Air Control with Joint Strike Fighter, PEO IWS  
Ship Service Life Extension Team, NAVSEA  
Transparent Armor Relamination Team, MCSC\*  
WSS Strategic Acquisition & PBL Center of Excellence Team, NAVSUP

### **Acquisition Professional of the Year Award**

Ashley Holloway (IT), NAVSEA	John Stroud (ENG), MCSC
Barbara Johnson (CON), NAVSUP*	Kevin Joy (BUS-FM), ASN FMC
Bradley Schafer (ENG), NAVSEA	Lauren Ayers (CON), NAVSEA
CDR Richard Gargano (PM), NAVSEA	Lawrence Carpenter III (LCL), MCSC
Christopher Alspaugh (ENG), SPAWAR	Lea Klumb (PM), NAVSEA
Deborah Strickland (BUS-FM), NAVSEA	Marianne Martin (PM), NAVAIR
Douglas Hembdt (ENG), NAVSEA	Marlena Mayer (BUS-FM), SPAWAR
Jason Calzado (ENG), NAVSEA	Mary Sandy (CON), NAVSEA
Jenny Howell (ENG), NAVSEA	

### **Program Manager of the Year Award**

CAPT Casey Moton, PEO Ships	CAPT Paul Mitchell, PEO U&W
CAPT Jonathan Rucker, PEO USC	CAPT Seiko Okano, PEO IWS*
CAPT Kurt Rothenhaus, PEO C4I	

\*Awardee

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018 ACQUISITION AWARDS

## **USD (A&S) David E. Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards**

Common Aviation Command and Control System Team, PEO LS  
High Energy Laser with Integrated Optical Surveillance Team, PEO IWS  
MQ-8C Development and Production Team (PMA 266), PEO U&W  
Strike Planning and Execution Systems Program Office (PMA 281), PEO U&W  
Unmanned Maritime Systems Program Office (PMS 406), PEO USC

## **USD (A&S) Flexibility in Contracting Award**

V-22 Multi-Year Procurement III Team (PMA 275), PEO A

## **USD (A&S) Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement Awards**

### **Business – Cost Estimating**

Kevin Joy, US Fleet Forces Command

### **Business – Financial Management**

Ayana Benjamin, MCSC  
Deborah Strickland, NAVSEA

### **Contracting and Procurement**

Barbara M. Johnson, NAVSUP

### **Earned Value Management**

Harold Hickman, Naval Center for Earned Value Management

### **Engineering**

Bradley Schafer, NAVSEA  
John Stroud, MCSC

### **Science and Technology Manager**

Dr. Jesse Belden, NUWC Newport

### **Information Technology**

Ashley Holloway, NSWC Port Hueneme

### **Production, Quality and Manufacturing**

Christina M. Fontanos, NAVAIR\*

### **Program Management**

CAPT Elizabeth S. Okano, PEO IWS  
Captain Frank B. Allen, MCSC

### **Services Acquisition**

John North, US Fleet Forces Command

### **Small Business**

Alice Washington, SW Regional Maintenance Center

### **Test and Evaluation**

Daniel Ensminger, NAVAIR\*  
Louis R. Ferguson, PEO LS

### **Acquisition Workforce Development Innovation Awards**

Large Command: Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic, SPAWAR\*  
Small Command: United States Navy Test Pilot School, NAVAIR\*

\*Awardee

Competition, affordability, technical expertise, innovative techniques and professional acumen are keys to excellence for acquisition activities. These awards recognize those military and civil service individuals and teams who have made the most outstanding contributions to enhancing competition and innovation throughout the acquisition lifecycle and in support of Navy and Marine Corps acquisition programs.

The Acquisition Awards honor those individuals and teams who have excelled in a variety of ways and delivered relevant output – from ensuring we glean the agility and ingenuity of Small Business; to those who enabled innovative solutions; to those who transferred technical advancements into successful outcomes; and to those who have demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to acquisition excellence.

This year we received over 85 nominations consisting of over 400 individuals for 12 Acquisition Awards. The selection process, occurring over several weeks in July, was very thorough and deliberations were extensive for the SES panel representing all the DASNs and National Leads. The competition was fierce resulting in 7 awards having dual winners. Thus being nominated for these prestigious awards is an honor in itself, and the reason for listing all nominations in this booklet.

The citations for each award demonstrate we are making progress in Delivering and Sustaining Lethal Capacity, Increasing Agility, Driving Affordability and Building a Workforce to Compete and Win.

It should be noted that Team Awards are the hard work of countless, essential team members, without whose contributions the program's success could not have been realized, and that those being recognized are typically only a small representation of those who have earned these awards.

The Acquisition Awards also provide the opportunity to pause and say “thank you” to all of the members of our Department of the Navy Acquisition Workforce. We recognize that to succeed, especially in the modern landscape of competing and expanding requirements and urgent needs, that our extremely complex acquisition efforts require the commitment and excellence of an entire team aligned to support common goals and focused on mission first.

## **EVERY PERSON MATTERS, EVERY DAY MATTERS, EVERY DOLLAR MATTERS**





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