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SUBJ/CY 2013 THOMPSON-RAVITZ AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS (UPDATE)//

REF/A/DOC/OPNAVINST 5305.7B CH-1/05APR2010//AMPN/REF A IS THE THOMPSON-RAVITZ AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS INSTRUCTION.// POC/MR. CHRISTOPHER DUNNE/CHINFO OI-84/LOC: WASH D.C./EMAIL: CHRISTOPHER.DUNNE(AT)NAVY.MIL/DSN: 223-1363/COMM:(703) 693-1363//

RMKS/1. The Thompson-Ravitz Awards for Excellence in Public Affairs (PA) recognize the most exceptional performance by individuals and units in PA throughout the Navy. The awards bear the names of Rear Admiral William Thompson, the first designated Public Affairs Officer (PAO) selected for flag rank and the first PAO to be the Chief of Information (CHINFO), and Rear Admiral Robert Ravitz, a former director of the Naval Reserve PA program and Special Assistant to the CHINFO.

2. The recipients of Calendar Year (CY) 2013 Thompson-Ravitz Unit Awards are:

- a. Community Outreach, Shore Large: U.S. Naval Academy, "USNA Community Outreach Program."
- b. Community Outreach, Shore Small: Surface Combat Systems Center Wallops Island, "Building Strong Relations on the Eastern Shore."
- c. Community Outreach, Afloat Small: USS Constitution, "USS Constitution Community Outreach Program."
- d. Special Events and Projects, Shore Large: Naval Sea Systems Command, "NAVSEA Never Forget."
- e. Special Events and Projects, Afloat Large: U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs, "Dawn Blitz 2013."
- f. Public Information, Shore Large: Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, "Lead in Drinking Water."

g. Public Information, Shore Small: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona, "The Navy in NORCO: The Inland Empire's Secret Weapon."

h. Crisis Communication, Shore Large: Naval Sea Systems Command, "NAVSEA Shooting and Reconstitution."

i. Crisis Communication, Shore Small: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division, "Dragonmasters Search and Rescue."

j. Internal Communication, Shore Large: Naval Sea Systems Command, "Weathering the Furlough."

k. Internal Communication, Shore Small: Chief of Navy Chaplains, "Confidential Communications."

3. The "Best in Show" Award is selected from among the unit winners above. The "Best in Show" winner is: Chief of Navy Chaplains, "Confidential Communications."

4. The recipients of the CY 2013 Thompson-Ravitz Individual awards are:

a. Junior Public Affairs Officer of the Year: LT Tiffani Walker, Defense Media Activity.

b. Junior Civilian Public Affairs Specialist of the Year: Ms. Valerie Kremer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

c. Enlisted Public Affairs Officer of the Year: MC2 Mathew Diendorf, Pacific Missile Range Facility.

5. Letters/Plaques for the winners are forthcoming. Questions may be directed to Mr. Christopher Dunne at DSN 223-1363/COMM (703)693-1363 OR EMAIL: christopher.dunne(at)navy.mil.

6. Congratulations to all commands and individuals who participated in the Thompson-Ravitz Awards program. Your hard work and superb efforts have made your public affairs programs outstanding examples to emulate. Well done!

7. Released by Vice Admiral S. H. Swift, Director, Navy Staff.//

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