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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1650.26E  
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(c) SECNAVINST 1650.1H  
(d) NPS Foundation MOU ltr 5760 Ser 00/927 of 3 Dec 13

Encl: (1) Award Presentation Dates  
(2) The Monterey Peninsula Council Navy League Award for Highest Academic Achievement  
(3) The Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Department of Defense Civilian Student  
(4) The Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Student  
(5) The Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award  
(6) Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student  
(7) The Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award for Excellence in Teaching  
(8) The Naval Postgraduate School Distinguished Professor Award  
(9) The Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research  
(10) The Mewborn Student Research Award  
(11) The Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics  
(12) The John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award  
(13) The Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award  
(14) The Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research  
(15) Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Operations Research  
(16) Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Award in Electronic Systems Engineering  
(17) Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems  
(18) Naval Undersea Warfare Center Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology  
(19) The Joint Rear Admiral Jack Jarabak/Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition/National Defense Industrial Association Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology  
(20) Chief of Naval Operations Undersea Warfare Award  
(21) Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering  
(22) Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography  
(23) Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy

- (24) Chief of Naval Personnel Award for Academic Excellence in Manpower Systems Analysis
- (25) Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management
- (26) Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management
- (27) Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Management
- (28) Conrad Scholar Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management
- (29) Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award
- (30) Joint Chiefs of Staff Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Award for Academic Achievement
- (31) Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence
- (32) Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence
- (33) Astronaut Michael J. Smith, CAPT, USN, and Astronaut William C. McCool, CDR, USN Astronautics Award
- (34) Admiral William Adger Moffett Space Systems Award
- (35) Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement
- (36) Kiwanis Club of Monterey Outstanding International Student Award
- (37) Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral B. R. Inman Award for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Intelligence
- (38) Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Information Technology Management Award
- (39) The Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research
- (40) Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student
- (41) Commander George L. Phillips Modeling, Virtual Environments, & Simulation Award
- (42) Commander Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition
- (43) Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty Outstanding International Student Award
- (44) Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Interdisciplinary Achievement
- (45) Richard W. Hamming Teaching Award
- (46) First Command Military Leadership Award
- (47) Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)
- (48) Captain Frank P. Notz Leadership Award for Academic and Professional Excellence by a Naval Intelligence Officer
- (49) Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)
- (50) Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies
- (51) Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award
- (52) Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award for Graduates of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Masters Degree Program
- (53) Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy
- (54) The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies
- (55) The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs
- (56) The Zimbardo Award for Graduates of Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Defense and Security), Department of National Security Affairs

- (57) Department of the Air Force Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management
- (58) Captain David S. Bill, Jr, Leadership Award
- (59) Outstanding Thesis Award
- (60) The Pat Tillman Leadership Award
- (61) The Gary Kildall Award for Computing Innovation
- (62) The Military Officers Association of American Joint Service Warfare Award
- (63) The Submarine Force Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare
- (64) Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student
- (65) The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award
- (66) Rear Admiral Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement
- (67) Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence in the Distributed Learning Degree Program
- (68) American Society of Naval Engineers Award for Excellence in Naval Engineering
- (69) Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence
- (70) The Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering
- (71) The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Applied Physics Research
- (72) Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations
- (73) Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs
- (74) Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award
- (75) The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Systems Analysis
- (76) Air Force Association (Monterey/Chapter 112) Award for Advancement of Aerospace Studies
- (77) NPS Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award
- (78) Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense, the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy
- (79) The Commander Naval Air Forces Award for Excellence in Aviation Warfare
- (80) The Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography Award
- (81) The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Aerospace Engineering
- (82) Appendix for Cash Awards

1. Purpose. To provide information concerning academic awards at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Enclosure (1) provides a quarterly schedule of award presentation dates. Enclosures (2) through (81) contain background information and selection criteria for academic awards at NPS. Enclosure (82) provides special instructions for monetary awards.

2. Cancellation. NPSINST 1650.1F.

3. Policy. NPS's goal is to provide recognition to those students, faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves to their credit and to the credit of NPS. Every effort should be made to ensure awards will be made with fairness in selection and with dignity in presentation. Recommendations for

establishment of new awards will be submitted to the Provost via the Dean of the appropriate school. New award recommendations must be received by the Provost's office no later than the first day of the quarter of initial presentation. Award recommendations must be in the following format:

AWARD NAME

1. Background

- a) Date award first presented and brief history
- b) Type of award, i.e. plaque or certificate
- c) Award inscription (if applicable)
- d) Presentation periodicity and eligibility criteria

2. Action

- a) Action Officer
- b) Nominating authority
- c) Selection authority
- d) Selection criteria
- e) Selection board convening requirement

3. Special instructions

4. Action

- a. The awards will be presented in accordance with criteria specified within each enclosure.
- b. Name of award recipients will be forwarded to the Dean of Students via the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) a minimum of 30 days prior to the applicable graduation date in order for the award recipients to be acknowledged in the graduation program.
- c. In most cases, the Provost and the President will jointly make the presentation, unless the sponsoring organization is authorized by the President to present the award.
- d. The Public Affairs Officer will provide appropriate publicity for reprint in local and base publications, and in appropriate warfare community publications.
- e. The responsible action officer for each award will draft correspondence which will record the award in the individual's service record. Additionally, for military officers, an appropriate remark will be made in their fitness report or respective service officer evaluation report.
- f. All awards, both monetary and non-monetary, will be considered under the criteria of the Cash Awards Appendix in enclosure (82) for ethics determinations.
- g. For awards covered in this instruction involving the NPS Foundation or other donors, the NPS Special Events Coordinator will compile the names of recipients and then forward them directly to the Foundation or donor agency. For any issues involving the NPS Foundation contact the designated NPS Foundation Liaison per ref (d) or for awards not involving the NPS Foundation contact the NPS Special Events Coordinator.

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5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV M-5210.1 of January 2012.

6. Review and Effective Date. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the responsible organization will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.



J. M. WARD

# AWARD PRESENTATION DATES

Note: Each award number correlates to appropriate enclosure.

GRADUATION AWARDS	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP
2. The Monterey Peninsula Council Navy League Award for Highest Academic Achievement	X	X	X	X
3. The Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Department of Defense Civilian Student	X	X	X	X
4. The Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Student	X	X	X	X
5. The Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award	X	X	X	X
6. Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student	X	X	X	X
7. The Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award for Excellence in Teaching			X	
8. The Naval Postgraduate School Distinguished Professor Award				X
9. The Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research	X			
10. The Mewborn Student Research Award				X
11. The Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics			X	
12. The John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award	X	X	X	X
13. The Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award		X		X
14. The Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research	X	X	X	X
15. Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Operations Research		X		
16. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Award in Electronic Systems Engineering	X	X	X	X
17. Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems	X	X	X	X
18. Naval Undersea Warfare Center Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology		X		X
19. The Joint Rear Admiral Jack Jarabak/Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition/National Defense Industrial Association Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology		X		
20. Chief of Naval Operations Undersea Warfare Award		X		X
21. Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering	X	X	X	X

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22. Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography			X	
23. Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy	X		X	
24. Chief of Naval Personnel Award for Academic Excellence in Manpower Systems Analysis		X		X
25. Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management	X	X	X	
26. Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management	X		X	
27. Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Management	X Cash	X	X Cash	X
28. Conrad Scholar Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management	X		X	
29. Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science	X	X	X	X
30. Joint Chiefs of Staff Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Award for Academic Achievement			X	
31. Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence			X	
32. Space Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence	X			
33. Astronaut Michael J. Smith, CAPT, USN, and Astronaut William C. McCool, CDR, USN Astronautics Award	X			
34. Admiral William Adger Moffett Space Systems Award			X	
35. Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement	X		X	
36. Kiwanis Club of Monterey Outstanding International Student Award	X	X	X	X
37. Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral B. R. Inman Award for Outstanding Performance in the Field of Intelligence				X
38. Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Information Technology Management Award	X	X	X	X
39. The Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research	X	X	X	X
40. Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student	X	X	X	X
41. Commander George L. Phillips Modeling, Virtual Environments, & Simulation Award			X	

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42. Commander Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition	X		X	
43. Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty Outstanding International Student Award	X	X	X	X
44. Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Interdisciplinary Achievement		X		
45. Richard W. Hamming Teaching Award				X
46. First Command Military Leadership Award	X		X	
47. Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)	X	X	X	X
48. Captain Frank P. Notz Leadership Award for Academic and Professional Excellence by a Naval Intelligence Officer			X	
49. Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning)	X	X	X	X
50. Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies	X	X	X	X
51. Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award	X	X	X	X
52. Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award for Graduates of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Masters Degree Program	X	X	X	X
53. Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy	X		X	
54. The International Student Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies	X	X	X	X
55. The Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs	X	X	X	X
56. The Zimbardo Award for Graduates of Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Defense and Security), Department of National Security Affairs	X		X	
57. Department of the Air Force Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management	X		X	
58. Captain David S. Bill, Jr, Leadership Award	X			
59. Outstanding Thesis Award	X	X	X	X
60. The Pat Tillman Leadership Award	X			
61. The Gary Kildall Award for Computing Innovation				X



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62. The Military Officers Association of American Joint Service Warfare Award	X		X	
63. The Submarine Force Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare				X
64. Association Of The United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award For Outstanding Army Student	X	X	X	X
65. The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award			X	
66. Rear Admiral Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement	X		X	
67. Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence in the Distributed Learning Degree Program				
68. American Society of Naval Engineers Award for Excellence in Naval Engineering	X	X	X	X
69. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence	X	X	X	X
70. The Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering	X	X	X	X
71. The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Applied Physics Research	X		X	
72. Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations	X		X	
73. Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs	X		X	
74. Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award			X	
75. The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Systems Analysis	X	X	X	X
76. Air Force Association (Monterey/Chapter 112) Award for Advancement of Aerospace Studies	X	X	X	X
77. NPS Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award			X	
78. Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense, the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy	X		X	
79. The Commander Naval Air Forces Award for Excellence in Aviation Warfare	X	X	X	X
80. The Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography Award	X			

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Note: Each award number correlates to appropriate enclosure.

GRADUATION AWARDS	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP
81. The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Aerospace Engineering			X	
82. Appendix for Cash Awards	X	X	X	X

THE MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE AWARD FOR HIGHEST ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1975.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque from the Navy League and a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNCIL  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES  
HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)  
for having the highest scholastic performance  
in all areas of academic achievement  
while at the Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California.  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented quarterly to a resident graduating U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration student.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers and thesis advisors nominate students.
- c. Selection board members include the Provost, the Dean of Students, Dean of School of International Graduate Studies, Dean of Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, Dean of Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, professionalism, motivation, and community involvement.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each awards ceremony.

THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN STUDENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1989.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN STUDENT  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK AND SERVICE/COMMAND)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to a graduating Department of Defense civilian student who has maintained an outstanding record at the Naval Postgraduate School as well as excelling at the other criteria on which the award is based.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers and thesis advisors nominate students.
- c. Selection board members include the Provost, the Dean of Students, Dean of School of International Graduate Studies, Dean of Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, Dean of Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, professionalism, motivation, and community involvement.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each awards ceremony.

THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1989.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
PRESENTED TO  
(RANK & NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(SERVICE)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented quarterly to a graduating international student.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers and faculty members nominate international students.
- c. Selection board members include the Provost, Dean of Students, Dean of School of International Graduate Studies, Dean of Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, Dean of Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, professionalism, motivation, community involvement, and relationship with other students, including United States students.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each awards ceremony.

THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 1989.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(RANK & NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(SERVICE)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award may be presented quarterly to a graduating student in any curriculum when warranted.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers nominate students in the form of an official memorandum to the Dean of Students via the Events Coordinator.
- c. Selection board members include the Dean of Students and Service Representatives selected by the Dean of Students.
- d. This award is presented for outstanding service which would have a lasting impact on the student body, the school or the community. The award is based on leadership, organizational abilities, and the nominee should have in some way improved the life of students or the community.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each awards ceremony.

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING U.S.  
MARINE STUDENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1993.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate and book on the Commandant's Reading List from the Marine Corps Association.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERIOR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT  
WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The sponsor is the Marine Corps Association.
- e. Presented quarterly to a graduating U.S. Marine student in any curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers nominate students in the form of an official memorandum to the Dean of Students via the Events Coordinator.
- c. The selection board members include the Dean of Students and Service Representatives (one is a Marine Corps Representative) selected by the Dean of Students.
- d. This award is presented for outstanding service to the school and local community, leadership, professionalism, motivation or academic achievement.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each awards ceremony.

THE REAR ADMIRAL JOHN JAY SCHIEFFELIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1970.
- b. The awardee receives a framed citation, cash award of \$1,000.00 based on monies from the Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award Fund, and a lifetime membership in the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation.
- c. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a selected NPS faculty member.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Provost.
- b. The nominating authority is the faculty selection committee, which also determines the recipient. The committee is composed of faculty members selected by the Provost.
- c. Polling begins in January so as to be completed by early June.
- d. This award is given to recognize faculty members, who, through wide consensus, excel as teachers. The consensus is ascertained through a ballot polling of students and graduates.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the quarterly awards ceremony where the award will be presented.
- f. The award certificate and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.



THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1962.
- b. The awardee receives a medallion on a neck ribbon and a framed citation.
- c. An inscription is made on the back of the medallion before presentation.
- d. This award may be presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) should a qualified Naval Postgraduate School professor be selected.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Provost.
- b. The faculty selection committee recommends candidates to the President via the Provost.
- c. The faculty selection committee is composed of faculty members appointed by the Provost.
- d. This award is based on the recipient's scholarly accomplishments and recognition in his/her field, their impact on the educational programs and stature of the School.
- e. The selection committee normally meets during the summer quarter and the award is presented at the September graduation. The Office of the Provost shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE CARLE AND JESSE W. MENNEKEN ANNUAL FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. Background

a. Carl E. Menneken was the first Dean of Research at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). He joined the university faculty during World War II and served as a faculty leader in the school's development of Navy-oriented scientific research. Jesse Menneken, his widow, provided the means to fund this annual award in Carl's honor in 1988. The Menneken Endowment is used to make annual awards to faculty, recognizing highly meritorious research with identifiable impact on the Navy and DoD technology. The awards are intended especially for the encouragement and benefit of younger faculty members who have exhibited outstanding research efforts in science or engineering, as well as more senior faculty members who have made significant and sustained contributions during their research career.

b. Award was first presented in 1988.

c. The awards are presented annually at the December graduation. If there are no suitable nominations, no award will be made.

2. Award. There are two awards presented each year; however, a single award may be shared by two recipients. The two awards are:

a. Highly Meritorious Research award, \$10,000, with an additional \$10,000 research gift. The award for highly meritorious research is intended as encouragement to younger faculty members, ideally those in Assistant or Associate Professor positions. This award may include both direct payment to the recipient and a gift to NPS in support of his or her research program.

b. Significant and Sustained Contributions award, \$15,000. The award for significant and sustained contributions is intended to recognize a more senior faculty member for his or her body of work with particular emphasis on sustained impact to effectiveness of the Navy and DoD. This award will normally include a direct payment to the recipient.

3. Action. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Research.

4. Nomination and Selection

a. Any faculty member may nominate candidates for the award, and self-nominations are accepted.

b. The selection board is a committee appointed by the Dean of Research. The board must reflect the diverse scientific and engineering disciplines represented by all NPS curricula.

c. All regular members of the faculty as defined by the Faculty Handbook are eligible.

d. Polling begins in early October in order for a selection to be made by early December.

e. The Dean of Research shall provide the name(s) of the awardee(s) to the NPS Foundation not later than two weeks before the December graduation Awards Ceremony.

f. The Dean of Research shall submit the appropriate nomination documentation to the NPS Ethics Counselor for review and approval of the recommended award(s).

g. The NPS Foundation shall ensure that the award certificate(s) and check(s) are prepared for the recipients pending approval by the NPS Ethics Counselor.

THE MEWBORN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in 1963.
- b. The awardee receives a ship's bell clock mounted on a plaque from Sigma Xi and a personal letter of congratulations from the President.
- c. The inscription reads:

**MEWBORN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD  
NAME, (SERVICE IF APPLICABLE)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award may be presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding science or engineering student.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the President, NPS Chapter of Sigma Xi, and the Scientific Research Society.
- b. The nominating authority is the NPS science or engineering faculty.
- c. The selection board is an anonymous committee of three past recipients of the Mewborn Research Award appointed by the President, Naval Postgraduate School Chapter of Sigma Xi, and the Scientific Research Society.
- d. This award is given to a student in a program of graduate scientific or engineering studies, leading to an advanced degree, whose thesis exhibits sound scholarship and outstanding research ability.
- e. Selection is made the seventh week of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE WARREN RANDOLPH CHURCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in June 1972, and honors Professor Warren Randolph Church, longtime Chairman of the Mathematics Department.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved NPS plaque and a cash award of \$250.00.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE WARREN RANDOLPH CHURCH AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1).

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Chairman of the Mathematics Department.
- b. Faculty members nominate students to the Chairman of the Mathematics Department.
- c. The recipient will be selected from the nominees by a committee composed of the junior member of the Faculty Scholarship Committee and two faculty members from the Mathematics Department.
- d. This award is given to a student in recognition of outstanding performance in mathematical courses. The student need not be a Mathematics major, nor graduating at the time of presentation. Students scheduled for a later graduation or graduates throughout the previous academic year may be considered. Courses given by departments other than the Mathematics Department may be included for consideration, provided these are basically mathematics and not applications of mathematics to the field in question.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the quarterly awards ceremony the award will be presented at.
- f. The plaque and cash award shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

THE JOHN MCREYNOLDS WOZENCRAFT ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
ACADEMIC HONOR AWARD

1. Background

a. The award was first presented in December 1979 to LCDR Eugene J. Cummins, Jr. USN. The award was re-named in June 2010 to honor mathematician, information theorist, electrical engineer, innovator, and educator Dr. John M. Wozencraft (September 30, 1925 – August 31, 2009) and celebrates his legacy at the U. S. Military Academy, the Army Signal Corps, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Lincoln Laboratory, and the Naval Postgraduate School. Dr. Wozencraft was recruited by NPS Academic Dean Dr. Milton U. Clauser (Director MIT Lincoln Laboratory January 1967 to June 1970) to be Dean of Research 1972 to 1974 while on sabbatical from MIT. He joined the Naval Postgraduate School faculty in 1977 and was the first Chairman of a new academic group to implement a new interdisciplinary graduate education program from the Secretary of Defense called Command, Control, and Communications (C3).

b. The Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) was established in 1946 as the Army Signal Association by Major General Harry C. Ingles and Brigadier General David Sarnoff (Founder of RCA and NBC) with industry co-founders, became the Armed Forces Communications Association (AFCA) in 1947, renamed the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) in 1954, and AFCEA International in 1979.

c. This awardee receives a plaque with the recipient's name engraved on a metal plate and a signed book.

d. This award is presented quarterly to an outstanding student in the Electrical and Computer Engineering and Electronic Systems Engineering curricula. All students graduating during the previous 12-month period are eligible for consideration.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Electrical and Computer Engineering Program Officer.

b. The selection committee is made up of the Department Chair, the Associate Chair for Students, and the Program Officer from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

c. This award is given on the basis of outstanding performance in electrical, computer, and electronic systems engineering.

d. The selection committee meets at least 30 days prior to each awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE MILITARY OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY STEPHEN A. TISDALE GRADUATE  
RESEARCH AWARD

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in August 1978. The sponsor is the Military Operations Research Society (MORS).
- b. The awardee receives a certificate and a cash award of \$200.00.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE MILITARY OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY  
STEPHEN A. TISDALE GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) for thesis research which leads to demonstration of, or potential for, increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near term assets.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Operation Analysis Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are accepted from faculty and class members starting the sixth week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The nominating authority is the Operations Research Awards Committee, with approval of MORS.
- c. The selection committee is composed of the Academic Associate, the Operations Analysis Program Officer, and four designated faculty members.
- d. This award is given on the basis of research excellence, relevance of thesis, and professionalism.
- e. The selection committee meets the tenth week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS  
RESEARCH

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in March 1973.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK & SERVICE)  
(DATE)**

- d. The award is presented quarterly at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps student in the Operations Research Curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Operations Analysis Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are accepted from faculty and class members. The nominating authority is the Operations Research Awards Committee.
- c. The selection committee is composed of the Academic Associate, the Program Officer, and four designated faculty members.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievement, research excellence, experience tour performance, and professionalism.
- e. The selection committee meets the seventh week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in March 1986, formerly the Training and Doctrine Award, which was first awarded in April 1981. The award sponsor is the Army Chief of Staff.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
OPERATIONS RESEARCH  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Army student in the Operations Research Curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Operations Analysis Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are accepted from faculty and class members. The nominating authority is the Operations Research Awards Committee with approval of Commander, Combined Arms Center.
- c. The selection committee is composed of the Academic Associate, the Program Officers, and four designated faculty members.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievement, research excellence, experience tour performance, and professionalism.
- e. The selection committee meets the seventh week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD IN ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS  
ENGINEERING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1979.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE SYSTEMS  
COMMAND AWARD IN ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. The award is presented quarterly to an NPS student graduating in the Electronic Warfare Systems Technology curriculum who possesses an outstanding academic record, including thesis work, and exhibits outstanding leadership qualities.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Electronic Systems Engineering Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the selection committee with approval of Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.
- c. The selection committee is made up of the Department Chair, the Associate Chair for Students, and the Program Officer from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- d. The award is given on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities. A minimum 3.75 quality point rating is required for eligibility.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMBAT SYSTEMS

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in December 1977.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter from Naval Sea Systems Command.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMBAT SYSTEMS  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to an outstanding student graduating in a Combat Systems curriculum. Students in the 530, 531, and 535 curricula are eligible.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Combat Systems Sciences and Engineering (CSSE) Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is CSSE Awards Board. The approving authority is the Naval Sea Systems Command.
- c. The selection board consists of the CSSE Program Officer, the Physics Department Chairman and the Physics Department Academic Associate.
- d. The award is given based on academic achievement and thesis excellence.
- e. The selection board meets prior to the end of the fourth week of each quarter. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERSEA  
WARFARE TECHNOLOGY

1. Background

- a. The award was first presented in 1985 by the Naval Undersea Center.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and an official letter from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport Commander.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN UNDERSEA WARFARE TECHNOLOGY  
PRESENTED TO  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER DIVISION NEWPORT  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented semiannually at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to any U.S. NPS officer student who successfully completes a curricular program and a thesis that relates to one or more of the NUWC undersea warfare areas of expertise.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Undersea Warfare Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the Undersea Warfare Academic Group Executive Committee.
- c. The selection board is chaired by the Undersea Warfare Program Officer and includes the Undersea Warfare Academic Group Executive Committee and at least one member from NUWC Newport, Rhode Island.
- d. The award is given to a U.S. NPS officer student who successfully completes a curricular program and a thesis that relates to one or more of the NUWC undersea warfare areas of expertise.
- e. 30 days prior to the awards ceremony, the selection board provides to the NUWC Commander the nominee's name, rank, curricula, degrees, Graduate Quality Point Ratings, theses, and Faculty Thesis Evaluations. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE JOINT REAR ADMIRAL JACK JARABAK/ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR  
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND ACQUISITION/NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL  
ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE TECHNOLOGY

1. Background

a. The award was first presented in March 1988 as the Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology.

b. The awardee receives a National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Undersea Warfare Division (UWD) citation, NDIA plaque and an engraved NDIA bronze medal.

c. The inscription shall read:

**National Defense Industrial Association/Rear Admiral Jack Jarabak Bronze Medal Award  
(NAME, RANK & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. The award is presented annually at the NDIA UWD Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Spring Conference to an outstanding U.S. officer student who graduated during the previous year from any curricular program and who made exceptional contributions in the field of ASW and/or Undersea Warfare technology. Funding for travel is provided by OPNAV N97.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Undersea Warfare Program Officer.

b. The selection committee is chaired by the Undersea Warfare Program Officer and will be composed of the members of the USW Academic Group Executive Committee.

c. The USW Program Officer will provide the Chairman of the NDIA Awards Committee with the award recipient's name, professional biography, unclassified thesis abstract, nomination, and proposed citation by January 5 each year for UWD Executive Board approval.

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS UNDERSEA WARFARE AWARD

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 1975 as the "Chief of Naval Operations Antisubmarine Warfare Award" when the Antisubmarine Warfare Curriculum was sponsored by OP-95 and later OP-71. When curriculum sponsorship was transferred to N87, the curriculum was changed to Undersea Warfare, and the CNO award followed the curriculum namesake in 1994.

b. The awardee receives an official letter from the CNO.

c. If a plaque is given, the inscription shall read:

**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
UNDERSEA WARFARE AWARD  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Navy officer student of a graduating class in the Undersea Warfare Curriculum.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the USW Program Officer.

b. The nominating authority is the Undersea Warfare Academic Group Executive Committee.

c. The selection board is chaired by the chair of the USW Academic Group and is composed of members of the USW Academic Group Executive Committee. They choose one recommended award recipient from the graduating class.

d. This award is presented to an officer who, by academic standing and relevance of thesis topic, demonstrates the greatest achievement in the field of underwater systems technology.

e. The selection board meets thirty days prior to the quarterly awards ceremony the award is to be presented. The selection committee provides the CNO the nominee's name, rank, SSN, curriculum/field of study, Graduate Quality Point Rating and unclassified thesis abstract. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD IN NAVAL/MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1968.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter funded by NAVSEA.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD  
IN NAVAL/MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to a graduate of the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Curriculum who is receiving a Master of Science Degree.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Awards Board. The approval authority is Naval Sea Systems Command.
- c. The Naval/Mechanical Engineering Awards Board consists of the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program Officer, the Mechanical Astronautical and Aeronautical Engineering Department Chairman, and the Naval Engineering Academic Associate. Individual faculty input is encouraged.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.
- e. The selection committee meets prior to the end of the fourth week of each quarter. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

OCEANOGRAPHER OF THE NAVY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE IN METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in June 1981. The sponsor for this award is the Oceanographer of the Navy.
- b. The awardee receives a letter from the Oceanographer of the Navy.
- c. If a plaque is given, the inscription shall read:

**OCEANOGRAPHER OF THE NAVY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE IN METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented annually at the NPS awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to U.S. naval officers in the Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) Program who have graduated during the previous year. If the student has already graduated the award is presented in absentia.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the METOC Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the METOC Sciences Award Committee with the approval of the Oceanographer of the Navy.
- c. METOC Sciences Award committee is composed of the METOC Program Officer, Department Chairs, and Academic Associates of Meteorology and Oceanography.
- d. This award is given on the basis of a student's Quality Point Rating and thesis.
- e. The METOC Sciences Award Committee considers this award the third week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS R. MCCLELLAN AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY

1. Background

- a. This Award was first presented in 1981.
- b. The awardee receives a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS R. MCCLELLAN AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented semiannually at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding Naval Aviation Officer in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. Award winners are selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board with approval of the Naval Air Systems Command. The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board consist of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. This award is presented to a member of the aviation community who has demonstrated personal leadership, professional commitment, and intellectual achievement in a Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Curriculum.
- e. The selection board meets the fifth week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN MANPOWER  
SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1984.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
MANPOWER SYSTEMS ANALYSIS  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Navy, or sponsored civilian graduate of the Manpower Systems Analysis Curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Curricular Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. Award winners are selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board with approval of the Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy. The awards board consists of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. This award is given on the basis of an outstanding academic record, thesis quality, and leadership potential.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN  
MANAGEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1982.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD  
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
IN MANAGEMENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Navy Supply Corps Officer in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. Award winners are selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board with approval of the Naval Supply Systems Command. The awards board consists of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievement, research excellence, and contribution to the professional and civilian community, and faculty recommendation.
- e. The selection board meets the fifth week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1985.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AWARD  
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding Financial Management student in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. Award winners are selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board with approval of OPNAV sponsor. The awards board consists of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. This award is given on the overall academic performance, academic excellence in Financial Management courses, high leadership potential, academic and public forums, while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and thesis excellence.
- e. The selection board meets the fifth week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

LOUIS D. LISKIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2003.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque. December and June awards ceremony recipients receive a cash award of \$500.00 from the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**LOUIS D. LISKIN AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1), if warranted, to a graduate of the MBA program. The monetary award is presented only at the December and June awards ceremonies.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Curricular Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. This award winner is selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board. The awards board consists of all Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. The selection board considers nominees based on academic excellence, personal excellence, and contributions to the quality of the educational program, to fellow officers, and to the community.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- f. The award certificate and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

CONRAD SCHOLAR AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 1991.
- b. The awardee receives unique Additional Qualification Designation Code (AQD) indicating outstanding academic performance to the Navy financial management community for the purpose of being detailed to positions of increasing responsibility in Financial Management when available from their principal community. The awardee also receives an engraved plaque and certificate, a trip to the Pentagon to present thesis to senior DON Financial Managers, and acknowledgement at Graduation.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**CONRAD SCHOLAR AWARD  
FOR DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to outstanding officers in the Financial Management curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Chairman of the Conrad Scholar Committee.
- b. Award recipients are nominated by the Conrad Scholar Faculty Committee subject to final approval by the OASN (FM&C), Director of the Budget and Financial Management.
- c. The Conrad Scholar Committee consists of the Conrad Chairman and two other full-time faculty members from the Financial Management curriculum, appointed by the Chairman of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Department.
- d. This award and designation as a Conrad Scholar is presented to an officer of the Financial Management community who has demonstrated academic excellence, presented a financial management essay for publication, and exhibited the potential for outstanding leadership while attending the Naval Postgraduate School.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

REAR ADMIRAL GRACE MURRAY HOPPER COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 1981.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**REAR ADMIRAL  
GRACE MURRAY HOPPER  
AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AND  
LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
IN THE STUDY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE  
(MONTH AND YEAR OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to the distinguished Computer Science graduate for each graduating class.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Computer Science Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the selection committee.
- c. The selection committee consists of the Computer Science Program Officer and faculty appointed by the Computer Science Chairman.
- d. This award is given to an outstanding Computer Science graduate on the basis of thesis quality, academic performance, and leadership ability.
- e. The selection committee meets after academic grades are released for the quarter just prior to the award nominee's graduation quarter and no later than five weeks prior to the nominee's graduation. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS, AND  
INTELLIGENCE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in March 1979. The sponsor is Director, J-6 (Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence), and Joint Staff.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque, a certificate, and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMAND, CONTROL,  
COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND INTELLIGENCE  
AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding Joint C4I Systems student who has graduated since the last award.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Joint C4I Systems Program Officer
- b. The nominating authority is the selection committee with approval of the Director, J-6.
- c. The C4I Systems awards board consists of at least the C4I Systems Academic Group Chairman, Program Officer, and Academic Associate. Other members of the C4I Systems Academic Group may participate.
- d. This award is given on the basis of quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.
- e. The selection board meets in the second month of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



SPACE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in September 1989. The sponsor of the program is OPNAV N2/N6 and the sponsor of the award is the Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM).
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN  
SPACE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding student in Space Systems Operations who has graduated since the last award.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Space Systems Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the Space Systems Academic Group.
- c. The selection committee is composed of the Chairman of the Space Systems Academic Group, Space Systems Program Officer, and Space Systems Academic Associate with other members of the Academic Group participating on an ad hoc basis. The approving authority is NETWARCOM.
- d. Selection for this award is based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.
- e. The selection committee meets in the first month of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

SPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in June 1989. The sponsor of the program is Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the sponsor of the award is Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Space Field Activity.

b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.

c. The inscription shall read:

**FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN  
SPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding student in Space Systems Engineering who has graduated since the last award.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Space Systems Program Officer.

b. The nominating authority is the Space Systems Academic Group.

c. The selection committee is composed of the Chairman of the Space Systems Academic Group, Space Systems Program Officer, and track-specific Academic Associates with other members of the Space Systems Academic Group participating on an ad hoc basis. The approving authority is SPAWAR Space Field Activity.

d. Selection for this award is based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.

e. The selection committee meets in the first month of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

ASTRONAUT MICHAEL J. SMITH, CAPT, USN, AND ASTRONAUT WILLIAM C. MCCOOL,  
CDR, USN ASTRONAUTICS AWARD

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 1985 as the Admiral William Adger Moffett Award (Astronautics). The name was changed in 1987 after the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident and again in 2006 after the Space Shuttle Columbia accident.

b. The awardee receives a plaque and a cash award of \$100.00 from the NPS Foundation and their name engraved on a plaque mounted in Bullard Hall.

c. The inscription shall read:

**THE ASTRONAUT MICHAEL J. SMITH, CAPT. USN AND  
ASTRONAUT WILLIAM C. MCCOOL, CDR, USN  
SPACE SYSTEMS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ASTRONAUTICS  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is Space Systems Program Officer.

b. The nominating authority is the Space Systems Academic Group (SSAG) and the Mechanical and Astronautical Engineering (MAE) Department.

c. The selection authority is the SSAG Selection Committee, composed of the MAE Chairman and the SSAG Chairman, Program Officers, and Academic Associates of Space Systems Academic Group.

d. Selection criteria for this award are the student's overall academic excellence, applicable extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

e. The selection committee meets in the first month of the quarter the award is to be awarded. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

f. The award certificate and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM ADGER MOFFETT SPACE SYSTEMS AWARD

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 1972 as the Admiral William Adger Moffett Award in Aeronautical Engineering. It was updated in 2006 to honor the wishes of the Moffett Family to keep the award at NPS after the 2003 relocation of the NPS Aeronautical Engineering Department to Air Force Institute of Technology and to be consistent with the original intent of the award in recognizing outstanding vision in the use of emerging technology by the U.S. Department of Defense.

b. The awardee receives a plaque and a cash award of \$250.00 from the NPS Foundation and their name engraved on a plaque mounted in Bullard Hall.

c. The inscription shall read:

**THE ADMIRAL WILLIAM ADGER MOFFETT  
SPACE SYSTEMS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
THE APPLICATION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGIES TO THE MILITARY  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula who has graduated since the last award.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Space Systems Program Officer.

b. The nominating authority is the Space Systems Academic Group (SSAG).

c. The selection authority is the SSAG Selection Committee, composed of the SSAG Chairman, Program Officers, and Space Academic Associate Academic Group.

d. Selection criteria for this award are the student's contributions to the application of emerging space technologies, overall academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

e. The selection committee meets early in the first month of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

f. The award certificate and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

ARMY ACQUISITION CORPS AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in March 1993. The award sponsor is the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition).
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**Army Acquisition Corps  
Award for Scholastic Achievement  
(Rank and Name of Recipient)  
(Date of Award)**

- d. The award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1), normally at the December awards ceremony for September and December graduates and the June awards ceremony for March and June graduates.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Academic Associate, 816 (Systems Acquisition Management) Curriculum.
- b. Nominations are made by Academic Associates or Program Officers with Army Acquisition Corps students.
- c. The selection committee is constituted and chaired by the Academic Associate, 816 Curriculum, and includes at least two faculty members or Program Officer from the departments other than the Department of Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
- d. Selection of the award recipient is based on academic achievement and excellence in thesis research.
- e. The selection committee meets no later than 45 days prior to the quarterly awards ceremony the award will be presented at. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MONTEREY OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in September 1987.
- b. The awardee receives a Certificate of Achievement and a plaque from the Kiwanis Club when awarded. Additionally, their plaque is presented again at an awards ceremony at NPS.
- c. This award is presented at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1). Each year the Kiwanis Club of Monterey recognizes two International students in appreciation of their academic achievements and community involvement while at NPS.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Director, International Graduate Program Office.
- b. Two nominees are selected from nominees submitted by the Program Officers to the IGPO.
- c. The selection committee will be chaired by the Director, International Graduate Program Office and will include the Program Officers.
- d. This award is based on criteria provided by the Kiwanis Club of Monterey and includes the following:
  - (1) Academic standing and achievements
  - (2) Involvement in community affairs
  - (3) Thesis
  - (4) Motivation
  - (5) Professionalism
  - (6) Relationship with other students
  - (7) Potential
- e. Presentation of the Kiwanis Award will be listed in the NPS Awards Matrix on a quarterly basis, and will be included in the graduation program as determined by the graduation date of the winners.
- f. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATION, ADMIRAL B.R. INMAN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 1996. The sponsor is the Naval Intelligence Foundation (NIF). Naval Intelligence Professionals (NIP) is a private organization established to advance knowledge in the art of maritime intelligence, to enhance awareness of the mission and vital functions of the Naval Intelligence Community and to further the interests of Naval Intelligence.

b. The Naval Intelligence Foundation, an outgrowth of the Naval Intelligence Professionals organization, was organized to solicit, receive, administer, and donate funds and property to advance the awareness and knowledge of Naval Intelligence and to assist in the development of related knowledge. An additional goal is to design and encourage educational programs and undertakings in order to develop an understanding and appreciation of the importance of Naval Intelligence in support of the defense of the United States of America.

c. One specific activity and goal of the Foundation is the yearly recognition of an outstanding Navy or Marine Corps officer who has made a significant contribution to Naval Intelligence. As such, the Foundation has established an annual award for an outstanding officer attending the Naval Postgraduate School and established criteria for presentation of this award.

d. The awardee receives an engraved plaque, a brass telescope, and a five-year membership in NIP.

e. The inscription shall read:

**THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATION, ADMIRAL B.R. INMAN AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTELLIGENCE  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

f. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a student in recognition of outstanding performance in or relating to the field of intelligence. To be eligible, a student must meet one of the following criteria:

(1) Be enrolled in the Regional Studies (Intelligence) or Joint C4I Systems (Intelligence) Curricula; or

(2) Be a Naval or Marine Corps officer in any curriculum; or

(3) Write a thesis of particular relevance to the Intelligence Community.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Senior Intelligence Officer.

b. Any academic department chairman or any Program Officer may nominate a candidate for the award.

c. This award will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) The contribution the candidate has made to the Intelligence Community, as well as the candidate's classroom participation, professional knowledge and extra-curricular activities.

(2) The candidate must have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA.

(3) The quality of the candidate's thesis research as well as the applicability and usefulness of the final product.

(4) The candidate's overall performance and potential for continued achievement in the intelligence community.

d. The responsible action officer will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



REAR ADMIRAL GRACE MURRAY HOPPER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT  
AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 1981.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**REAR ADMIRAL  
GRACE MURRAY HOPPER  
AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AND  
LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
IN THE STUDY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT  
(MONTH AND YEAR OF AWARD)**

- d. The award is presented quarterly to a distinguished Information Technology Management graduate.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the selection committee.
- c. The selection committee consists of the Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences Program Officer, the appropriate Department Chairman and Academic Associate.
- d. This award is given to an outstanding Information Technology Management graduate on the basis of thesis quality, academic performance, and leadership ability.
- e. The board meets any time after academic grades are released for the quarter just prior to the award nominee's graduation quarter and no later than five weeks prior to the nominee's graduation. The responsible action officer initiates notification correspondence to the sponsor at least one month prior to the nominee's graduation. The responsible action officer will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SURFACE WARFARE  
RESEARCH

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in June 1998.
- b. The awardees receive an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
SURFACE WARFARE RESEARCH  
(RANK, NAME, SERVICE)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to a graduating student from any curriculum whose thesis topic and quality of supporting research demonstrate the greatest potential for contribution to the surface navy.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Chair of Surface Warfare.
- b. Program Officers or faculty members nominate students by official memorandum to the Chair of Surface Warfare.
- c. The selection committee will consist of at least five surface warfare-qualified members of the NPS faculty and staff selected by the Chair of Surface Warfare and reviewed by the Provost. At a minimum, there shall be at least one committee member from each of the four graduate schools at NPS; if a particular graduate school has no surface warfare-qualified faculty or staff assigned, the Provost will designate an appropriate tenured faculty member to represent that school on the committee.
- d. This award is presented to a graduating student whose thesis exhibits sound scholarship, outstanding research ability and demonstrates the greatest potential for contribution to the surface navy.
- e. The responsible action officer will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING U.S. AIR FORCE STUDENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in September 1998. The sponsor is the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association.
- b. The awardee receives a framed certificate and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERIOR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT WHILE ASSIGNED TO  
THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented quarterly, if warranted, to a graduating U.S. Air Force student in any curriculum.

2. Action

- a. The responsible officer is the senior Air Force Representative at the Naval Postgraduate School.
- b. Program Officers nominate students in the form of an official memorandum to the responsible officer.
- c. The selection committee is formed by the responsible officer and includes the responsible officer and at least two additional senior Air Force officers assigned to NPS.
- d. This award is presented for outstanding service to the school/community, leadership, professionalism, motivation and academic achievement.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each applicable quarterly awards ceremony. The responsible action officer will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

3. Special Instructions. The following items shall be provided by the program officers who nominate candidates for this award:

- a. Student biography (short)
- b. Student transcript w/grades (Python format acceptable)
- c. Thesis advisor comments

d. Write-up with entries provided by the student's Program Officer supporting the nomination and addressing the selection criteria. Use the format below:

**AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING U. S. AIR FORCE STUDENT**

NAME:

RANK:

CURRICULUM STUDIED:

PROGRAM OFFICER:

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION  
BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

(The following comments are made by the student's Program Officer.)

SERVICE TO SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

LEADERSHIP:

PROFESSIONALISM:

MOTIVATION:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OFFICER COMMENTS:

**COMMANDER GEORGE L. PHILLIPS MODELING, VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS &  
SIMULATION AWARD**

1. **Background**

- a. This award was first presented in September 2000.
- b. The awardee will receive an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**COMMANDER  
GEORGE L. PHILLIPS  
AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RAND AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AND  
LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
IN THE STUDY OF MODELING, VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS & SIMULATION  
(MONTH AND YEAR OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented annually according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to the distinguished Modeling, Virtual Environments, and Simulation (MOVES) graduate.

2. **Action**

- a. The responsible action officer is the MOVES Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the selection committee.
- c. The selection committee consists of the MOVES Program Officer, the MOVES Chair, and the MOVES Academic Associate.
- d. This award is given to an outstanding (MOVES) graduate on the basis of thesis quality, academic performance, and leadership ability.
- e. The responsible action officer will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable awards ceremony.

COMMANDER PHILIP A. MURPHY-SWEET MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
ACQUISITION

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in June 2008 and was formerly the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition) Acquisition Excellence Award. The name change was announced by NAVSUP in January 2008. The ASN Acquisition Excellence Award was presented for the first time in December 1999.

b. Awardees receive a plaque with the recipient's name engraved on a metal plate.

c. The inscription shall read:

**CDR PHILIP A. MURPHY-SWEET MEMORIAL AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN ACQUISITION  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, or Department of the Navy Civilian student in the Acquisition and Contract Management (815), Systems Acquisition Management (816), Contract Management (835), or Program Management (836) curricula. The sponsor is the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition).

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.

b. The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board will select award winner(s). The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board consists of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officers. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate. Nominations are received from faculty members.

c. This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated academic, research and professional excellence in the curricula.

d. The board meets the fifth week of the quarter the award will be presented.

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY FACULTY OUTSTANDING  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD**

1. **Background**

- a. This award was first presented in 2008. This award is sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND  
PUBLIC POLICY FACULTY  
OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD**  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)

- d. The award is presented quarterly, if warranted by the caliber of students, at the quarterly awards ceremony to an International student in any of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy curricula.

2. **Action**

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. This award winner is selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board. The selection board consists of all Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Academic Associates, the Associate Dean for Instruction, and the Program Officer. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. The selection board considers nominees based on academic excellence, personal excellence, and contributions to the quality of the educational program, to fellow officers, and to the community.

THE RICHARD W. HAMMING FACULTY AWARD FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY ACHIEVEMENT

1. Background

a. Mrs. Wanda Hamming has provided the NPS Foundation with the means to fund an annual award for achievement in interdisciplinary activities. Friends of the NPS Foundation have also contributed to this award.

b. The awardee receives \$2,500.00, an engraved plaque provided by the Naval Postgraduate Foundation, and a NPS Foundation lifetime membership.

c. This award may be given annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1). It is open to all faculty instructor positions, both tenure track and non-tenure track. Under suitable conditions, the award may be shared between two (or more) recipients, particularly if there is collaborative work. The award need not be made every year.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Provost.

b. Faculty may nominate other faculty as well as themselves. All nominations should be no longer than two typewritten pages in length, and should include the following information:

(1) A brief description of the activities undertaken and how they support interdisciplinary courses or curricula at NPS.

(2) The role or involvement of NPS students in the work.

c. A faculty committee, constituted annually by the Provost, will collaborate with the Foundation via the Foundation Liaison in selecting the award recipient.

d. This award recognizes innovative accomplishments that support and enhance interdisciplinary activities at NPS. Such contributions might include creative course materials in interdisciplinary courses or particularly effective mentoring of students in interdisciplinary courses or curricula. Research that advances interdisciplinary solutions to contemporary military problems and issues will enhance the nomination. Favorable consideration will be given to efforts that involve NPS students in a collaborative manner and to efforts that show evidence of students having been particularly stimulated and nurtured by the NPS environment.

e. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.



THE RICHARD W. HAMMING TEACHING AWARD

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 2000. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the faculty at NPS who has done an excellent job in the classroom as evidenced by the students' mastery of the course material; thesis supervision; and has contributed to NPS students' education beyond the classroom. It complements the Schieffelin Award by emphasizing excellence beyond the classroom.

b. The awardee receives \$2,500.00, an engraved plaque provided by the Naval Postgraduate Foundation, and a NPS Foundation lifetime membership.

c. The inscription shall read:

**RICHARD W. HAMMING TEACHING AWARD**  
**Presented To**  
**(NAME OF RECIPIENT)**  
**(DATE OF AWARD)**  
**FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AS EVIDENCED BY**  
**STUDENTS' MASTERY OF COURSE MATERIALS,**  
**THESIS SUPERVISION**  
**and**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

d. This award is established with resources provided by Mrs. Wanda Hamming, widow of Professor Richard W. Hamming, and sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation.

e. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1). This award need not be awarded every year.

2. Action

a. The Hamming Teaching Award is administered for the Faculty Council of the NPS by the Faculty Executive Board, who will provide the name of the nominee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than two weeks prior to the quarterly awards ceremony. The Faculty Chair is the action point of contact.

b. Nominations are solicited and received from alumni, current students, faculty, school administrators and Program Officers.

c. A selection committee consisting of the Chair of the Faculty Scholarship Committee, the immediate past Faculty Chairman, and three additional faculty members and two students appointed by the Faculty Executive Board considers all nominations. The immediate past Faculty Chairman is the chairman of the Hamming Teaching Award selection committee. The Faculty Chairman will insure that committee members are representative of different fields, and there is adequate rotation of faculty and students from one year to the next.

- d. The committee makes the final recommendation for the award to the Event Coordinator via Foundation Liaison at least three weeks prior to the spring graduation date.
- e. The Foundation Liaison shall notify the NPS Foundation of the identity of the award recipient at least two weeks prior to the graduation date.
- f. The NPS Foundation will prepare the award plaque and monetary award to be presented at the spring graduation ceremony.
- g. The selection committee considers nominees based on excellent classroom teaching evidenced by students' mastery of course material; thesis supervision recognized to be excellent; and other contributions to students' education beyond the classroom.
- h. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

3. Special Instructions

- a. In addition to the above nomination the following are required:
  - (1) A brief (maximum of two pages) resume.
  - (2) Any other supporting documentation.
- b. Please provide the nomination material and resume in electronic format to the Chairman of the Committee 30 days prior to graduation. Additional information may be requested for finalists. If there are any questions, please contact a committee member.

FIRST COMMAND MILITARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

1. Background

a. First Command is an associated group of companies committed to improving significantly the long-term financial security and success of American military families. As part of that commitment, in 2003 First Command's Monterey office established a semi-annual Military Leadership Award for active duty military, faculty or staff members at the NPS, who, in the opinion of the next two graduating classes, contributed the most to the professional and military success of the graduates during their assignment at NPS.

b. The awardee receives a small personal plaque, their name engraved on a larger NPS plaque, and a monetary award of \$200.00.

c. The inscription shall read:

**THE FIRST COMMAND MILITARY LEADERSHIP AWARD  
IS PRESENTED TO  
(AWARDEE NAME)  
FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1).

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer will be the Chair of the President's Student Council.

b. The nominating authority is the NPS student body. Nominations will be requested by the responsible action officer in a general announcement to all students.

c. The selection committee will be composed of the President's Student Council. Final selection will be approved by the Provost and President.

d. Selection is made from the nominated pool based on proven professional performance.

e. Nomination of candidates will be made during the third week of each quarter the award will be presented with the selection committee making the final recommendation to the Provost and President in the tenth week of the quarter the award will be presented.

MEYER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (DISTANCE  
LEARNING)

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 2002.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate with the name of the award and the recipient.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE WAYNE E. MEYER AWARD  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
IS PRESENTED TO  
(STUDENT NAME)  
FOR  
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
(DATE), MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

d. This award may be presented quarterly at an awards ceremony to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate from a Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Systems Engineering Education Technician.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty and graduating students.
- c. Award winners are selected by the Systems Engineering Awards Board. The awards board is made up of the Systems Engineering Chair and all Academic Associates/Program Officers.
- d. This award is given on the basis of an outstanding academic record and contribution to the capstone project.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

CAPTAIN FRANK P. NOTZ LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL  
EXCELLENCE BY A NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2002.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter of accomplishment from the Director of Naval Intelligence (DNI).
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE CAPTAIN FRANK P. NOTZ LEADERSHIP AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTELLIGENCE  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The sponsor is the DNI. The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding performance in or relating to the field of intelligence.

2. Criteria. The award will be awarded on the following criteria:

- a. The contribution the candidate has made to the Intelligence Community, as well as the candidate's classroom participation, professional knowledge, and extra-curricular activities.
- b. The candidate must have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA.
- c. The quality of the candidate's thesis research as well as the applicability and usefulness of the final product.
- d. The candidate's overall performance and potential for continued achievement in the intelligence community.
- e. Demonstrated leadership in academic and professional environments.

3. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Senior Intelligence Officer.
- b. Any academic Department Chairman or any Program Officer may nominate a candidate for the award. Nominations are due to the Senior Intelligence Officer no later than the second week of student's final quarter prior to graduation.

MEYER AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (DISTANCE  
LEARNING)

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 2002.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate with the name of the award and the recipient.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE WAYNE E. MEYER AWARD  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
IS PRESENTED TO  
(FACULTY NAME)  
FOR  
TEACHING EXCELLENCE  
(DATE), MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

d. This award may be presented quarterly at an awards ceremony to an outstanding faculty member of the Meyer Institute's Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who is recognized by the students' overall learning experience.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Systems Engineering Education Technician. Award winners are selected by the Systems Engineering Awards Board.
- b. Nominations are received from the Education Technician as a result of a student opinion survey.
- c. The Systems Engineering Awards board is made up of the Systems Engineering Chair and all Academic Associates/Program Officers.
- d. This award is given on the basis of outstanding teaching and/or contributions to the students' overall learning experience.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE LOUIS D. LISKIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in September 2003.
- b. The awardee receives a framed certificate from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation and a cash award for \$500.00.

**THE LISKIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL SECURITY  
STUDIES  
is presented to  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)  
for the Outstanding Thesis in Regional Security Studies, Department of National Security Affairs,  
Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- c. This award is presented quarterly at awards ceremonies to the graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs (NSA) for the outstanding thesis in regional security studies based on the quality of the thesis, evaluated in terms of its overall scholarly achievement, or outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean, School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS).
- b. The Faculty of the NSA nominates students and ranks the nominees.
- c. Selection board members include the NSA Associate Chair for Instruction, the NSA Chair, and the SIGS Dean.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of the quality of the thesis, evaluated in terms of its overall scholarly achievement, or outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense. To be eligible, a thesis must have as its primary and substantive focus the international security of any region of the world, excluding the United States itself.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to each quarterly awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- f. The awards plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

THE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID L. WILLIAMS OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in March 2004.
- b. The awardee receives a plaque, a check for \$500.00 from the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation (NPS) and a NPS Foundation lifetime membership.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID L. WILLIAMS  
OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD**

d. This award is presented quarterly to the faculty member of the School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to the learning and intellectual growth of students, in residence and abroad, and through that dedication has had the greatest impact on the individual students and the course as a whole.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the SIGS Dean.
- b. Each Chairman/Director solicits nominees from their organization on a rotating basis.
- c. Each Chairman/Director forwards final nominee to the SIGS Dean, for approval.
- d. Each Chairman/Director uses all evaluative tools to select the faculty member that meets criteria in paragraph 1d.
- e. The SIGS Dean, will provide the name of the nominee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- f. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.



CURTIS H. "BUTCH" STRAUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR GRADUATES OF THE CENTER  
FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in June 2004.
- b. This award is a plaque or small statue.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**The Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award  
For  
Exemplary Academic Achievement and Leadership  
Is presented to  
(Student Name)  
For individual achievement in academics and leadership,  
And for establishing the standard of excellence  
Embodied in the joint  
Naval Postgraduate School/Department of Homeland Security  
Center for Homeland Defense and Security  
Master's Degree Program  
June 2004 Monterey, CA**

d. This award is presented in accordance with enclosure (1) at an awards ceremony to the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) student nominated by the faculty committee who embodies the academic achievement standards and outstanding leadership qualities.

2. Action

- a. The Director of Programs and Academic Associate are the action officers for this award.
- b. Candidates will be selected by the CHDS Awards Committee.
- c. The Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Award Board consists of selected CHDS faculty, the Director of Programs, and the Academic Associate.
- d. Nominations are received from faculty, academic associates and/or program managers.
- e. The selection committee will convene during the 4<sup>th</sup> in-residence session of the graduating class. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE LOUIS D. LISKIN AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2003.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque, a letter, a cash award of \$500.00, and a Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation lifetime membership.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**LOUIS D. LISKIN AWARD  
FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AND PUBLIC POLICY  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1), if warranted, to a member of the faculty in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy (GSBPP).

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the GSBPP Program Officer as assisted by the Education Technician.
- b. The award winner is selected by popular vote from resident students in any of the GSBPP curricula.
- c. The voting pool (selection board) consists of all resident GSBPP resident students, the Education Technician, and the Program Officer.
- d. The selection board meets prior to the quarterly awards ceremony the award will be presented at. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- e. The award certificate and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL SECURITY  
STUDIES

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented March 2005.
- b. The awardee receives a plaque from the NPS Foundation and a cash award of \$500.00.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL SECURITY STUDIES**

**is presented to  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)**

**for**

**Outstanding Academic Performance, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate  
School  
Monterey, California.**

**(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly to the graduating International military officer or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs (NSA) for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean, School of International Graduate Studies.
- b. The faculty of the (NSA) nominate students and ranks the nominees.
- c. Selection board members include the NSA Associate Chair for Instruction, the NSA Chair, and Academic Associates of Regional Studies and Security Studies.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of outstanding academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement throughout the course of instruction.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to each awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- f. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

THE OUTSTANDING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE GRADUATE AWARD, DEPARTMENT OF  
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented March 2005.
- b. The awardee receives a plaque from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation and a cash award of \$500.00.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE OUTSTANDING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE GRADUATE AWARD, DEPARTMENT  
OF NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS**

**is presented to  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)  
Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California.**

**(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented quarterly to the graduating USAF military officer in the Department of National Security Affairs (NSA) for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean, School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS).
- b. The faculty of the (NSA) nominate students and ranks the nominees. They will provide the name of the awardee to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than two weeks prior to the awards ceremony.
- c. Selection board members include the NSA Associate Chair for Instruction, the NSA Chair, and Academic Associates of Regional Studies and Security Studies.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of outstanding academic performance, evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement throughout the course of instruction
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to each awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.
- f. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

THE ZIMBARDO AWARD FOR GRADUATES OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SECURITY STUDIES  
(HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY), DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in June 2004. Award will be given separately from the graduation ceremony in a Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) graduation closing ceremony.
- b. The awardee receives a small glass heart (hand-blown paperweight), with a certificate from the Director of CHDS. The inscription shall read:

**THE ZIMBARDO AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO THE STUDENTS WHOSE  
OUTSTANDING ANALYSES AND KEEN INSIGHTS EXEMPLIFY THE BEST IN ACADEMIC  
SCHOLARSHIP AS APPLIED TO THE SOLUTION OF EMERGENT NATIONAL  
CHALLENGES  
is presented to  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)  
Center for Homeland Defense and Security,  
Department of National Security Affairs,  
Naval Postgraduate School,  
Monterey, California.  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented twice a year according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to the distinguished graduates of Master of Arts in Security Studies (Homeland Defense and Security), Department of National Security Affairs (NSA).

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officers are the Director and Academic Associate of CHDS.
- b. Nominations are received from CHDS/NSA faculty, academic associates and/or program managers.
- c. The CHDS Award Committee consists of selected CHDS/NSA faculty, the Director of Programs, and the Academic Associate.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.
- e. The CHDS Award Committee will convene during the fourth in-residence session of the graduating class. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable awards ceremony.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2005.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AWARD  
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding U.S. Air Force Financial Management (military or civilian) student in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy (GSBPP).

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the GSBPP Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members and/or section leaders.
- c. Award winners are selected by the GSBPP Awards Board. This awards board consists of all Academic Associates, the Dean, and is chaired by the Program Officer. Any GSBPP faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- e. This award is given based on overall academic performance, academic excellence in Financial Management courses, high leadership potential, academic and public forums, while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and MBA Project excellence.
- f. The selection board meets the fifth week of the quarters the award will be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

CAPTAIN DAVID S. BILL, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD

1. Purpose. The purpose of this enclosure is to set forth the terms and conditions for the administration of funds provided for the awarding of cash prizes to deserving faculty and students of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, California.

2. Background. Rear Admiral David S. Bill III, USN (Ret.), established the award with donations of family and friends in memory of Captain David S. Bill, Jr., USNA class of 1939, a Surface Warfare Officer, whose thirty year career was highlighted by his nine commands, including three during World War II. Captain Bill was an amphibious warfare expert, the program sponsor for the Navy's Riverine Force during Vietnam, and for the LHA ship building program. The award is to honor the example of patriotism, moral courage, integrity, dedication, and exceptional leadership qualities of Captain Bill.

3. Awards

a. The Captain Bill Awards will acknowledge faculty or student officers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting combat readiness.

(1) Goals: Encourage the pursuit of personal excellence by recognizing and rewarding exceptional leadership and/or command potential.

(2) The Captain Bill Awards are presented annually according to the schedule in enclosure (1). The award will be a cash award of \$500.00 from funds held by the NPS Foundation.

4. Nomination. A nomination may be submitted by any faculty, staff member or student of NPS. Nominations will be made to the NPS Events Coordinator via NPS Liaison to the NPS Foundation Executive Director. Candidates may also be recommended by NPS Foundation leadership.

5. Selection of Awardees

a. The selection of the potential award recipients will be made by the Executive Director of the NPS Foundation and a committee made up of NPS Foundation Trustees, based on demonstrated leadership qualities of the nominees. The Executive Director will make the selection and submit the name of the winner to the NPS Dean of Students.

6. Funding of Awards. The Captain David S. Bill, Jr. Awards are made possible through donations from David S. Bill, family and friends via the NPS Foundation.

## OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

### 1. Background

a. The Outstanding Thesis Awards were a standard graduation award from the late 1980s until 2002. During the last years in which they were awarded, the departments were allowed to select approximately ten percent of their graduates for this honor. The names of the students, thesis titles, abstracts, student biography, advisor name(s) and presentation dates were compiled by the Dean of Students office and provided to the President so that he could view the thesis presentations if so desired. Occasionally, the President would request to have some of the presentations made in his office if he couldn't make the department presentation. The award is noted in the graduation program, announced at the graduation ceremony and is documented in the student's fitness report.

b. The first award was presented December 2005.

2. Type of award. Recognition for this award shall be provided in the form of a notation in the graduation bulletin, official Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) transcript, and fitness report. This is similar to the way in which degree with distinction is handled.

3. Award inscription. The graduation bulletin shall bear the annotation "Nominated for an Outstanding Thesis Award" either next to the student's name or by a footnote. The transcript shall bear the annotation, "Received Outstanding Thesis Award." Students shall be responsible for preparing an appropriate bullet for their fitness report which documents both the research and the award.

4. Presentation periodicity and eligibility criteria. This award shall be presented each quarter to the top 10% of thesis students. The Outstanding Thesis Award shall be handled in the same manner as the Degree with Distinction.

### 5. Action

a. The Educational Technicians shall prepare a memo from the Department Chair listing the students nominated for the Outstanding Thesis Award. This memo shall be sent to the Awards Ceremony Coordinator and Dean of Students. The memo shall contain the thesis title, abstract, student biography, advisor name(s), and presentation date for the President's review. Following the final departmental selection board, Educational Technicians will prepare a memo for the Academic Council listing students selected for the Outstanding Thesis Award.

b. The nominating authority for this award is the thesis advisor. No more than 20% of theses will be nominated for this award by any single degree granting authority. Completed faculty nominations will be submitted by the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the quarter. A faculty thesis evaluation form is included as enclosure (1) for nominating students.

c. Selection of the Outstanding Thesis Award shall be made by committee chosen and chaired by the appropriate degree granting authority.

d. Selection for this award will be based on the following criteria: importance of thesis topic, advancement of theory and/or application in field.



THE PAT TILLMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth the terms and conditions for the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation administration of funds provided for the awarding of cash prizes to deserving students of the NPS.

2. Background

a. David E. Reese, on behalf of the David E. Reese Family Foundation, established the award in memory of his cousin, Patrick Daniel Tillman. Pat Tillman was a United States Army soldier who died while serving in Afghanistan in 2004. The award is to honor the example of patriotism, personal courage, and sacrifice demonstrated by Pat Tillman.

3. The Award

a. The awards will be presented to acknowledge student officers who have distinguished themselves in Security Affairs in the Department of Defense Analysis.

b. Pat Tillman Awards are presented annually.

c. The award amount is \$5,000.00.

4. Selection. The selection of the award recipient will be made by a process established by the faculty within the Department of Defense Analysis. The award is presented to an outstanding student in Security Affairs. Selection criterion is based on academic excellence, leadership qualities, and command potential.

5. Funding of awards. The Pat Tillman Awards are made possible through a donation from the David E. Reese Family Foundation to establish the award. The fund is to be administered by the NPS Foundation.

6. Term of the Pat Tillman Award. It is the intention of all parties to this agreement that the Pat Tillman Awards shall be of indefinite duration. Should unforeseen circumstances cause the NPS to be disestablished or changed substantially in its character or administration, the Foundation will return the remaining funds of the Pat Tillman Fund to the donor or his family foundation.

7. Implementation. The Pat Tillman Fund and the award program are effective as of November 1, 2005. The award is presented in accordance with enclosure (1).

THE GARY KILDALL AWARD FOR COMPUTING INNOVATION

1. Background

a. Steven Miller, on behalf of the G. Willard Miller Foundation, and Gordon Eubanks, donated funds to the NPS Foundation to establish the award in memory of Gary Kildall. Mr. Kildall was the inventor of Control Program for Microcomputers (CP/M), the first microprocessor operating system and the basis of the Microsoft DOS operating system. He did this while an instructor at NPS in the mid-1970s. The first award was presented at the December 2006 graduation awards ceremony. The Fund is administered by the NPS Foundation.

b. The Gary Kildall Awards will be presented to acknowledge outstanding student academic excellence, or distinguished research in the area of computer science. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting educational excellence.

c. Awardees receive a certificate and a cash award of \$1,000.00 from the NPS Foundation.

d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1).

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Chairman of the Computer Science (CS) Department.

b. The award winners are selected by the CS Awards Board.

c. The selection board committee is composed of CS Program Officer, CS Academic Associate, CS Chair and a few selected CS faculty members. The board considers student and faculty nominees based on teaching or academic excellence, or distinguished research.

d. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

e. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

3. Special Instructions. It is the intention of all parties to this agreement that the Gary Kildall Awards shall be of indefinite duration. Should unforeseen circumstances cause NPS to be disestablished or changed substantially in its character or administration, the NPS Foundation will return the remaining funds of the Kildall Fund to the donors or their families, or at their agreement, transfer funds to the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA JOINT SERVICE WARFARE AWARD

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2005.
- b. Awardees receive an award of \$500.00.
- c. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to NPS military faculty members who have contributed most significantly to the study, implementation, and spirit of joint-service warfare.
- d. This award may be shared by two recipients.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Polling begins in the first month of the quarter the award is to be presented. Chairs/Directors solicit names of nominees from their respective areas and forward names of final nominees to their respective Deans for approval.
- c. The selection committee will be composed of the Dean of Students, Associate Deans, and the Chief of Staff.
- d. Selection is made from the nominated pool based on proven professional performance. Final selection will be approved by the Provost and President.
- e. The selection committee will meet at least 30 days prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable awards ceremony.

THE SUBMARINE FORCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE

1. Background

- a. First award to be presented in 2006.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a personal letter of congratulations from Commander Naval Submarine Force, Norfolk, VA.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE SUBMARINE FORCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE**  
**is presented to**  
**(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)**  
**For**  
**Outstanding Academic Performance**  
**in the UNDERSEA WARFARE CURRICULUM**  
**Naval Postgraduate School**  
**(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to the resident graduating U.S. Navy student who has maintained an outstanding academic record in the Undersea Warfare Curriculum (525/526) at Naval Postgraduate School.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Undersea Warfare Program Officer.
- b. Undersea Warfare curriculum professors and thesis advisors will nominate students.
- c. The Chair of Undersea Warfare will establish and chair a selection board of at least three members from the Undersea Warfare Academic Executive Committee.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, motivation and professional performance in the Undersea Warfare Curriculum.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, GENERAL JOSEPH W. STILWELL CHAPTER,  
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ARMY STUDENT

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 2006.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque from the General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**For academic excellence,  
(RANK, & NAME, & SERVICE)  
Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, CA  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented quarterly to the resident graduating U.S. Army (Active or Reserve) student who has maintained an outstanding academic record at the Naval Postgraduate School as well as being actively involved in the local community while positively representing the U.S. Army.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Dean of Students.
- b. Program Officers and thesis advisors nominate students.
- c. Selection board members include the Provost, the Dean of Students, Dean of School of International Graduate Studies, Dean of Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences, Dean of Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, professionalism, motivation, and community involvement.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to each applicable awards ceremony. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE GARY LAUGHLIN PATRIOT AWARD

1. Background

a. David Liskin established the award in honor of Gary Laughlin with funding from the Joseph and Ida Liskin Foundation. The award is to honor the example of patriotism and personal courage shown by Gary Laughlin who served in World War II and the Korean War as a Marine pilot.

b. The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award will be presented to acknowledge student military officers who have distinguished themselves.

c. The goal of the award is to encourage excellence by recognizing and rewarding exceptional academic distinction and leadership.

d. The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award is presented annually at a June graduation awards ceremony.

e. The award will be \$1,000.00 and a plaque.

2. Action

a. Nominations for the award will be made to the Executive Director of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation, and may be made by any person at NPS.

b. This award is presented on the basis of academic excellence, professionalism, leadership qualities, command potential, patriotism, and contributions to the quality of the educational program (to fellow officers and the community throughout the service career of the nominee).

c. Selection for the award will be completed at least 14 days prior to graduation.

d. The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award fund is to be administered by the NPS Foundation.

e. Selection board members consist of the Provost or his designated representative, the President of the Student Council, and two (deans or faculty members) appointed by the Provost. The recommendation of the Selection Board will be approved by the President of NPS.

3. Implementation. The Gary Laughlin Patriot Awards are effective as of October 1, 2007.

**REAR ADMIRAL DONALD R. EATON LOGISTICS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT**

1. **Background**

- a. This award was presented for the first time in December 2007.
- b. The awardees will receive an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**REAR ADMIRAL DONALD R. EATON, LOGISTICS AWARD  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award may be presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a graduate of Materiel Logistics Management (827), Supply Chain Management (819), or Transportation Management (814) curricula.
- e. This award is presented to graduates involving a significant number of operations and logistics curricula (827, 819, and 814). The award may be shared among deserving graduates.

2. **Action**

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy (GSBPP) Program Officer.
- b. The GSBPP Awards Board will select award winners. The awards board consists of all Academic Associates, and the Program Officer. Any GSBPP faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- c. The principal criteria for this award are academic achievement and contributions to logistics communities as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research. Additional scholarly achievements such as publications or obtaining academic or professional certifications may also be considered.
- d. The selection board meets the seventh week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

**SPACE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE  
DISTRIBUTED LEARNING DEGREE PROGRAM**

1. **Background**

- a. This award was first presented in September 2008.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a letter.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE DISTRIBUTED LEARNING  
SPACE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS DEGREE PROGRAM  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
(RANK, NAME & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. The sponsor of the program is OPNAV N6 and the sponsor of the award is the Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM).
- e. The award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an outstanding student in Space Systems Operations Distance Learning program who has graduated since the last award.

2. **Action**

- a. The responsible action officer is the Space Systems Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the Space Systems Academic Group (SSAG).
- c. The approving authority is NETWARCOM.
- d. The selection committee is composed of the SSAG Chairman of the, Space Systems Program Officer, and Space Systems Academic Associate with other members of the SSAG participating on an ad hoc basis.
- e. This award is given based on quality point rating and thesis work.
- f. The selection committee meets in the first month of the quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NAVAL  
ENGINEERING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2008.
- b. The awardee receives a year membership in American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE), leather bound copy of thesis, and a personal letter of congratulations.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL ENGINEERS  
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NAVAL ENGINEERING  
IS PRESENTED TO  
(RANK, NAME, AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUTSTANDING THESIS RESEARCH  
OF SIGNIFICANT RELEVANCE TO NAVAL ENGINEERING  
WHILE MAINTAINING AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RECORD  
AT THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. This award is presented quarterly, as warranted, to the resident graduating U.S. student who has contributed thesis research that furthers the advancement of Naval Engineering while maintaining an outstanding academic record at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Naval Engineering, as defined by ASNE, includes all arts and sciences as applied in the research, development, design, construction, operation, maintenance and logistic support of surface and subsurface ships and marine craft, naval maritime auxiliaries, ship related aviation and space systems, combat systems, command control, electronics and ordnance systems, ocean structures, and fixed and mobile shore facilities which are used by the naval and other military forces and civilian maritime organizations for the defense and well-being of the Nation.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Program Officer or ASNE Monterey Peninsula Section Councilor at Large.
- b. Any NPS staff familiar with the thesis work may nominate students to their respective Department Chair. Department Chairs may forward up to two nominations from each department to the selection board.
- c. Award winners are selected by the ASNE Monterey Peninsula Section Awards Board with approval of the National Awards Committee for the ASNE.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement and thesis research.

e. The selection board meets approximately 30 days prior to each quarterly awards ceremony the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACQUISITION) AWARD FOR ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in December 2007.
- b. The awardees will receive an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACQUISITION) AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- c. This award is presented to a U.S. Air Force service member student or Department of the Air Force civilian student in the Acquisition and Contract Management (815; includes Strategic Purchasing), Systems Acquisition Management (816), Contract Management (835), or Program Management (836) curricula.
- d. The award may be presented at quarterly awards ceremonies involving a significant number of U.S. Air Force graduates from any of the curricula listed above. This award may be shared among deserving graduates.
- e. The sponsor is the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition).

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy (GSBPP) Program Officer.
- b. Nominations are received from faculty members.
- c. The GSBPP Awards Board will select award winners. This awards board consists of all Academic Associates, the Dean, and is chaired by the Program Officer. Any GSBPP faculty member may speak on behalf of a candidate.
- d. The principal criterion for this award is academic achievement at the Naval Postgraduate School as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research. Additional scholarly achievements such as publications or obtaining academic or professional certifications may also be considered.
- e. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS  
ENGINEERING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in September 2010.
- b. The awardees will have their name engraved on a recognition board displayed in Bullard Hall.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**Presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Systems Engineering Program.**

- d. This award may be presented quarterly to students meeting the following eligibility criteria:

- (1) Curriculum 580 resident student
- (2) Graduate Quality Point Rating > 3.90
- (3) Top 10% of graduating students for fiscal year
- (4) Thesis evaluation quality rating of top 10% or higher

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the Program Officer of the 580 curriculum.
- c. The selection authority is a committee consisting of the Systems Engineering Department. At least 50% of the selection authority must be present to vote on award.
- d. This award is given to students who most closely meet/exceed eligibility criteria as determined by majority vote of the selection authority present for the vote.
- e. The selection authority convenes once each quarter, prior to mid-terms. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
APPLIED PHYSICS RESEARCH

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in June 2010.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a \$200.00 honorarium. In addition, the recipient and his/her advisor will be provided with invitational travel to Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) to present the winning research at an APL colloquium. The award is open to both U.S. and International students from any department performing research in the area of applied physics.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE JOHNS HOPKINS APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY (APL) AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPLIED PHYSICS RESEARCH  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to an NPS student for outstanding research in applied physics who has the potential to positively impact future Navy and Marine Corps systems and operational capability.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Chair of the Physics Department.
- b. The nominating authority is the Chair of the Physics Department and a committee consisting of two or three faculty from the Physics Department and one outside member (if applicable) to screen all initial applications and make a recommendation of two to three finalists. The approving authority is JHU/APL.
- c. Nominations are received from faculty members. Nomination package shall include:
  - (1) Faculty Thesis Evaluation Form
  - (2) Thesis Abstract
  - (3) Statement that the student and advisor understand that a one-day trip to APL prior to, or shortly after graduation, is expected for award eligibility. The trip by the student may be made after graduation if student assignment allows.
- d. The final selection will be performed by a panel of senior scientists and engineers at JHU/APL based upon the list of finalists provided by the screening committee.
- e. The award is given based on quality of research and its potential to positively impact future Navy and Marine Corps systems and operational capability.

f. The committee meets prior to the end of the fourth week of each quarter the award is given. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

**FLEET CYBER COMMAND AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CYBER  
OPERATIONS**

1. **Background**

- a. This award was first presented in September 2013.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE FLEET CYBER COMMAND AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CYBER OPERATIONS STUDIES  
(MONTH AND YEAR OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a distinguished Cyber Systems and Operations or Applied Cyber Operations graduate.

2. **Action**

- a. The responsible action officer is the Cyber Systems and Operations Program Officer.
- b. The selection committee consists of the Cyber Systems and Operations Program Officer, Cyber Systems and Operations Academic Associate, and other faculty appointed by the Cyber Academic Group Chair.
- c. The nominating authority is the selection committee.
- d. This award is given to an outstanding Cyber Systems and Operations or Applied Cyber Operations graduate on the basis of academic performance and thesis quality.
- e. The selection board meets after academic grades are released for the quarter prior to the award nominee's graduation quarter and no later than five weeks prior to the nominee's graduation. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

FOREIGN AREA OFFICER ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in June 2014. The Foreign Area Officer Association (FAOA) presents an award recognizing Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) students demonstrating outstanding research and strategic thought in their thesis or capstone project.

b. The awardee receives an engraved placard on wood plaque, with the name of the award and the recipient.

c. The inscription shall read:

**FOREIGN AREA OFFICER ASSOCIATION AWARD  
For Excellence in  
International Affairs  
Student Rank, Name, Department  
Date (month and year)**

d. The award is presented twice a year at awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to recognize the student(s), who in the opinion of the National Security Affairs Department (NSA) faculty have distinguished themselves by outstanding thesis in international affairs, based on the quality of the research and overall scholarly achievement.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the NSA Academic Associate for Instruction.

b. The NSA Academic Associate for Instruction will solicit nominations from the NSA faculty for students graduating in June/December.

c. Selection board members include the NSA Department Chair, the Associate Chair for Instruction, and the Academic Associates.

d. This award is presented on the basis of the quality of the thesis. To be eligible, the thesis' primary and substantive focus must be in international affairs, including regional and international policy affairs; FAO/language/culture policy and issues; and related intelligence and security cooperation/assistance matters.

e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to each quarterly awards ceremony the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.



NETWORK OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

1 Background

- a. This award was first presented in March 2015.
- b. The awardee receives a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**NETWORK OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY OUTSTANDING GRADUATE  
AWARD  
PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(RANK AND SERVICE)  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
IN THE STUDY OF NETWORK OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MONTH AND YEAR OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to a distinguished Network Operations and Technology graduate.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Information Sciences (IS) Department Program Officer.
- b. The nominating authority is the IS Program Officer.
- c. The selection committee consists of the IS Department Chairman, Program Officer and Academic Associate.
- d. This award is given to an outstanding Network Operations and Technology graduate on the basis of academic performance, thesis quality and leadership potential.
- e. The selection committee meets during the quarter just prior to the award nominee's graduation quarter and no later than five weeks prior to the nominee's graduation date. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([EventsCoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:EventsCoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

1. Background

- a. Award was first presented in March 2011.
- b. Awardees receive an engraved plaque, listing the name of the award and the recipient, and a letter of congratulations from the Operations Research Department.
- c. The normal inscription is:

**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY AWARD  
FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AT  
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL**

**PRESENTED TO  
(NAME OF STUDENT)  
(STUDENT SERVICE)  
(MONTH YEAR)**

- d. The award is presented to a graduating Master of Systems Analysis (MSA) capstone project team to recognize relevant, high quality systems analysis with high potential for immediate impact.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the MSA 363 Program Officer.
- b. Award winners are selected by the MSA Awards Board.
- c. The MSA Awards Board is made up of the MSA Academic Associate, the MSA Program Officer, and one additional Naval Postgraduate School faculty member.
- d. All graduating MSA project teams are considered for the award.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (MONTEREY/CHAPTER 112) AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT OF  
AEROSPACE STUDIES (to be presented to NPS International Student)

1. Background.

a. This quarterly award will be presented by the local Monterey Air Force Association (AFA) chapter to a graduating International student studying in an area related to the advancement of aerospace studies.

b. Overall. This award is established to recognize academic excellence in the field of aerospace studies, to strengthen the bonds and relationships between the U.S. and our international partners, and to promote the understanding of international security advantages of exploiting the domains of air, space, and cyberspace.

c. Awardee will receive an engraved plaque with inscription as follows:

THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT OF AEROSPACE STUDIES  
PRESENTED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT  
(NAME OF RECIPIENT)  
(DATE OF AWARD)

d. The award is presented to an International service member student or International civilian student in any program of study at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), as long as that program relates to the advancement of aerospace studies. The principal criterion for award is noteworthy academic achievement at NPS as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and research in the field of, or related to, aerospace science and technology to include: manned flight, unmanned aerial systems, space, cyber, or historical research into an aerospace-related topic. The goal of this award is to recognize excellence in aerospace study/research and the continuing need to develop new aerospace initiatives, doctrine, and tenets. Additionally, this award promotes partnership capacities between nations as a critical part of today's challenging security environment. In line with national AFA goals, the local AFA chapter is likewise focused on promoting and advancing established long-term military-to-military relationships between our U.S. and International students.

e. Criteria. Criteria are defined to accept any nomination of:

(1) A graduating International student as confirmed by the NPS International Graduate Programs Office (IGPO).

(2) An International student involved and conducting research or analysis in an aerospace-related topic or field, to include: manned flight, unmanned aerial systems, space, cyber, or historical research into an aerospace-related topic.

(3) Student may be a member of any branch of his/her nation's military service department or Ministry of Defense or a civilian.

(4) Additional scholarly achievements such as publications or obtaining academic or professional certifications may also be considered.

(5) International student must have Graduate Quality Point Rating > 3.00.

f. The award may be shared among deserving graduates.

g. Sponsor is the local AFA Monterey Chapter, Stan Hyrn Chapter, or AFA Chapter 112.

2. Action.

a. The office of primary responsibility within NPS is the IGPO.

b. The local President of the AFA (Chapter 112/Monterey) will make final determination and select award winners upon submission of eligible nominees. Selection will be based on student(s) who most closely meets/exceeds eligibility criteria. Nominations must be received a minimum of two weeks prior to award ceremony. Nominations are received from the appropriate and designated faculty member of the IGPO. The AFA President will consult with IGPO leadership prior to final determination of award winner(s).

NPS FOUNDATION /U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST AWARD

1. Background

a. The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award is jointly sponsored by the NPS Foundation and the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI) to encourage writing for publication and critical thinking among students, faculty and staff at NPS. It is an annual award for an NPS student, faculty, or staff essay based on thesis, research or operational experience that best advances the military profession.

b. There is one annual award winner who will receive a cash award of \$5000.00 and a plaque. The inscription on the plaque will read:

**Award Winner**  
**NPS Foundation & U.S. Naval Institute**  
**20XX Essay Contest**  
**Name/Rank**

c. The award will be presented at the June quarterly awards ceremony. USNI will publish the winning essay in the June issue of "Proceedings" magazine. In addition, individuals who submit essays in this essay contest will receive one-year memberships (or one-year extensions for current members) in the USNI.

d. Funding for this award was placed in an account held by the NPS Foundation by Daniel and Kelly Decker on behalf of Admiral Henry H. Mauz, USN (Ret.), to be used at the Admiral's discretion to support academic excellence at NPS. Admiral Mauz has chosen to partner with the USNI to establish this award.

2. Actions

a. The award plaque and check shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

b. The Executive Director will coordinate with the NPS Liaison to bring the Essay Contest Award, criteria and timeline for submission to the attention of all NPS students, faculty, and staff.

c. The NPS Liaison will ensure the name of the award winner is provided to the Events Coordinator as soon as USNI informs the Foundation of their winning selection in order to meet NPS timeline for the June quarterly awards ceremony.

3. Special Instructions

a. Essays are limited to 3,000 words and will be submitted online directly to the USNI Editorial Board ([ESSAY@USNI.ORG](mailto:ESSAY@USNI.ORG)) by the author no later than 31 March of each year.

b. Essays can either be directly related to a student thesis or from the view of recent operational experience. For a faculty or staff member, the essay can address an issue of particular relevance to the military profession. USNI provides additional details at [www.usni.org/npsessay](http://www.usni.org/npsessay).

c. USNI staff will handle the administration matters of the essay contest award (i.e., receive and acknowledge all submissions, ensure all authors are notified of results, provide memberships/extensions) in the Naval Institute to all who enter the Essay Contest Award.)

d. The USNI Editorial Board will select the winning essay. In addition to the prize-winning essay, the Naval Institute may select other essays for publication at its standard rates.

e. All actions will be coordinated in accordance with the following NPS Foundation/USNI Annual Essay Contest Award Timeline based on publication of the winning essay in the June "Proceedings".

(1) NLT 15 November, USNI will publish an award announcement of the Essay Contest Award outlining eligibility, subject, and length criteria for publication along with the deadline for submissions.

(2) NLT 30 November, and periodically until 15 March, NPS and NPS Foundation will notify NPS students, staff, and faculty of the NPS deadline for all submissions (31 March)

(3) NLT 30 April, USNI Editorial Board will select the winning essay and make formal notification of the winner to the NPS Foundation and NPS Provost. The Naval Institute's editorial staff will then work directly with the essay winner to finalize the essay for publication in the June "Proceedings".

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR KENNETH J. EUSKE DEAN'S MEDAL FOR INNOVATIVE  
CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND  
PUBLIC POLICY

1. Background

a. This award was first presented in 2018. The medal(s) is/are awarded by the Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy, and named after the inaugural Dean of the School, Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske.

b. The awardee receives a medal on a neck ribbon, presentation case for the medal, and a framed citation.

c. An inscription is made on the back of the medal with the recipient's name before presentation. The certificate is signed by the Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.

d. This medal will be presented by the Dean semi-annually at any of the December and June awards ceremonies according to the schedule in enclosure (1) should qualified graduate(s) of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy be selected. All students in the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy are eligible, irrespective of employment status, or country of residence. This medal may be awarded to recipients in addition to any other awards for which they may be selected (e.g., best thesis).

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Program Officer.

b. Nominations are received from Dean, faculty members and/or section leaders.

c. Award winners are selected by the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Awards Board and the Dean of The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. The Awards Board consists of all Academic Associates, the Department Chairman, and the Program Officer of The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. Any Graduate School of Business and Public Policy faculty member may speak on behalf of candidates. The Dean is the final arbiter on the award or non-award of the medal.

d. This award is presented to a graduating student, or a team of up to four members, whose thesis or project is considered by the Awards Board and the Dean to present an innovative "potential" significant contribution to a National Defense issue, or create a new competitive advantage. "Significant" means that the contribution has the potential to make an order of magnitude improvement (e.g., cheaper, better, faster) in some significant aspect of the United States National Defense, presents a completely new function/activity that has not yet been invented with such an impact, and/or presents a new perspective or investigative approach that offers a competitive advantage to some aspect of the National Defense of the United States. The thesis or project can be targeted at innovation in any part or combination of the National Defense value chain (e.g., policy, materiel, logistics, financing, organization, training, resourcing, management, and processes, including an innovative investigation or research methodology). The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator (EventsCoordinator@nps.edu) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable awards ceremony.

e. The selection board is identified in current Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) procedures for the panels described in paragraph 2c above.

3. Special Instructions

a. The award certificate and engraving of the medallion shall be coordinated through the designated NPS Foundation Liaison.

b. Description of the award:

(1) The medal will be of fine cast pewter or bronze.

(2) On the front facing side of the medal will be a likeness of Prof Euske, and a border inscription: "Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Award for Innovative Contribution to National Defense."

(3) On the reverse side of the medal, will be the coat of arms of the NPS with a border inscription: "Naval Postgraduate School Graduate School of Business and Public Policy," and space in the center for engraving the name of the recipient.

(4) The neck ribbon will be in NPS colors.

(5) The medal will be presented with a presentation case along with an appropriately embossed certificate in a suitable frame with the name of the recipient, and the signature of the Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.



THE COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AVIATION  
WARFARE

1. Background

- a. First award to be presented in 2019
- b. The awardee receives a plaque from Commander Naval Air Forces, San Diego, CA and a personal letter of congratulations from COMNAVAIRFOR.
- c. The inscription shall read:

THE COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCES AWARD

Is presented to

(RANK, NAME)

(DATE OF AWARD)

- d. This award is presented annually at an awards ceremony according to the schedule in enclosure (1) to the resident-graduate, U.S. Naval Aviator, who has maintained an outstanding academic record and contributed significantly to Naval Aviation.

2. Action

- a. The responsible actions officer is the Air Warfare Chair.
- b. Professors and thesis advisors will nominate students.
- c. The Air Warfare Chair will establish and chair a selection board at least three members from the available staff/faculty aviators.
- d. This award is given on the basis of academic achievements, thesis research, motivation and professional performance.
- e. The selection board meets approximately 45 days prior to the quarterly awards ceremony the award will be presented at. The responsible action officer shall ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator ([eventscoordinator@nps.edu](mailto:eventscoordinator@nps.edu)) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

THE JACK J. JENSEN METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY AWARD

1. Background

a. Date of first presentation: December 2019. Memorial award for CAPT Jack J. Jensen, distinguished retired METOC Officer and NPS alumni, and leader in transitioning new technology into operations.

b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque and a cash award of \$500.00 from the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation

c. The plaque will read:

JACK J. JENSEN AWARD  
in METEOROLOGY and OCEANOGRAPHY  
Presented to  
XXXXXX  
Date

d. This award is presented annually at the NPS December awards ceremony to U.S. or international students who have graduated during the previous year. If the student has already graduated the award is presented in absentia.

2. Action

a. Action Officer: METOC Program Officer

b. Nominating Authority: METOC Sciences Award Committee, with the concurrence of the NPS Foundation.

c. Selection Authority: METOC Sciences Award committee is composed of the METOC Program Officer, Department Chairs, and Academic Associates of Meteorology and Oceanography.

d. Selection criteria: This award is given to a student who in the judgement of the Selection Authority has produced a thesis with notable academic rigor that also might in a short time provide new operational capabilities or techniques to the Meteorology and Oceanography Community.

e. The METOC Sciences Award Committee considers this award during the third week of each quarter the award is to be presented. The responsible action officer shall, after notifying the NPS Foundation, ensure the name of the awardee is provided to the Events Coordinator (EventsCoordinator@nps.edu) no later than three weeks prior to the applicable quarterly awards ceremony.

f. It is the intention of all parties that the Jack J. Jensen Awards shall be of indefinite duration. Should unforeseen circumstances cause the Naval Postgraduate School to be disestablished or changed substantially in its character or administration, the NPS Foundation will return the remaining funds of the Jensen Award fund to the donors or their families, or, if that is not possible, to a similar United States Naval Academy Award.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AWARD FOR  
HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

1. Background

- a. This award was first presented in 2019.
- b. The awardee receives an engraved plaque from the Department and a certificate.
- c. The inscription shall read:

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING  
HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING  
PRESENTED TO  
(RANK, NAME, & SERVICE)  
for having the highest scholastic performance  
in all areas of academic achievement  
while at the Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California.  
(DATE OF AWARD)**

- d. This award is presented annually to a resident graduating U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps student.

2. Action

- a. The responsible action officer is the Aerospace Engineering Curriculum Officer.
- b. Program Officers and thesis advisors will nominate students.
- c. Selection board members include the faculty of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and program officers.
- d. This award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, thesis research, professionalism, motivation, and community involvement.
- e. The selection board meets annually prior to the Spring Awards Ceremony.

## APPENDIX FOR CASH AWARDS

### BACKGROUND:

The goal of the NPS awards program is to provide recognition to students, faculty, and staff who have distinguished themselves to their credit and to the credit of NPS. Every effort should be made to ensure awards will be selected with fairness and presented with dignity.

### CONTROLS:

The following controls must be documented and completed prior to any presentation of monetary awards (to include the value of subscriptions to professional journals or membership in societies). In memo format the Dean of Students (students/military via Staff Judge Advocate) or Provost Office (Civilian Faculty/Staff via Office of General Counsel) will certify, with respect to potential conflicts of interest:

*“The Dean of Students [Provost] certifies that the performance of NPS military faculty/student’s [NPS civilian faculty/staff’s] official duties involves no discussion, decisions, or determinations that may have a direct and intended impact on the award sponsor.”*

Note: In order to receive an award from a non-federal source over \$200.00, an ethics official determination is required for U.S. students, faculty, and staff. A letter will be provided by ethics counselors with the required determination to enable acceptance of the monetary award.

### PROCESS:

To ensure compliance with official ethical standards of conduct, the Dean of Students (military students/civilian students) or Provost Office (civilian faculty/staff) must provide correspondence in memo format using enclosure (1) of this appendix (Enclosure (82) to the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA)/Office of General Counsel (OGC) setting forth sufficient information to enable ethics determination. Award amounts in the memo will be listed on a per-award basis. For example, a \$500.00 award that will be shared between two winners should be listed as a \$250.00 award. A \$500.00 award that will be given to both listed awardees would be listed as \$500.00.

After receiving the memo, SJA Office (for military awardees) or OGC (for civilian awardees) will provide individual ethics determination letters to award winners prior to the award being presented.

**Enclosure (1): Sample Quarterly Student Monetary Award Memo**

Date

From: Dean of Students [Provost], Naval Postgraduate School  
To: Staff Judge Advocate/Office of Counsel, Naval Postgraduate School

Subj: QUARTERLY STUDENT MONETARY AWARD

Ref: (a) NPSINST 1650.1G

1. Forwarded for review.
2. For the XXXX Quarter 20XX the below chart identifies the awardees, the award, the sponsor, and the monetary prize included with the award.
3. The Dean of Students [Provost] certifies that the performance of Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) *military faculty/student's [NPS civilian faculty/staff's]* official duties involves no discussion, decisions or determinations that may have a direct and intended impact on the award sponsor.

Awardee	Award	Sponsor	Amount
LT Example	Liskin/Regional Studies	NPSF	\$500.00

Name  
Dean of Students  
Naval Postgraduate School