



Bravo Zulu

Naval Submarine League Award Nominees

Rear Adm. Jack N. Darby Award
Cmdr. Robert J. Perry, USS Hawkbill (SSN 666)

Charles Lockwood Award for Submarine Professional Excellence
Cmdr. Paul T. Stevens, COMSUBDEVRON 12
Lt. Cmdr. Jeffery W. Hoyle, USS Portsmouth (SSN 707)

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffery S. Coran, USS H.M. Jackson (SSBN 730)(B)

MMCS(SS) Timothy W. Hibbs, USS Buffalo (SSN 715)

MM2(SS) Jason S. Hamrick, USS William H. Bates (SSN 680)

Frederick B. Warder Award for Outstanding Achievement

Lt. Cmdr. Perry N. Willette, COMSUBRON ONE

Levering Smith Award for Submarine Support Achievement

Lt. Daniel M. Shelley, COMSUBRON ONE

Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center

Senior Sea Sailor of the Quarter
AG2(SW) Edward T. Earhart

Senior Shore Sailor of the Quarter
AG1(AW/SW) Robert J. Picchi

Junior Sea Sailor of the Quarter
AG3 Russell G. Ingersoll

Junior Shore Sailor of the Quarter
ET3 Bradley E. Anderson

Commander Destroyer Squadron 31

Selected to Senior Chief Petty Officer:

USS FLETCHER (DD 992)

MACS(SW) DANIEL L. BAILEY
FCCS(SW) EDWARD B. CAMPBELL III
HMCS(SW) KENDAL S. CRANE
ENCS(SW) THOMAS A. SHAULIS

USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37)

BMCS(SW) JERRY A. LEE

USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57)

HTCS(SW) ROGER S. BUSH
SKCS(SW) TADEO H. LOPEZ

USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60)

ITCS(SW) RONALD E. FRETWELL

USS HOPPER (DDG 70)

ITCS(SW) WILLIAMS M. WHITAKER JR.

USS O'KANE (DDG 77)

SKCS(SW) RUSSELL B. WILLIAMS

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

LCDR Kyle D. Kliwer, USN
LCDR Bruce A. Hougesen, CHC, USNR
LT Anthony Lesperance
LT Michael A. Polidoro, USN
FCC(SW) Jose L. Yougules, USN

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

ENCM(SW/AW) Kevin G. Thompson

Port Royal Sailors reenlist in Gulf

by Lt. jg. Jill Robinson
USS Port Royal

While underway on deployment with the USS John C. Stennis Battlegroup in the Arabian Gulf, USS Port Royal Sailors have chosen interesting and creative places to reenlist in the 'world's finest Navy'.

Sonar Technician 3rd Class Sheila Dall reenlisted while airborne in one of the two carrier onboard delivery (COD) aircraft.

"It was loud, but fun. I had a great time," she exclaimed. Her flight took off from the carrier and landed in Bahrain.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Richard Resano also chose an airborne reenlistment, this time onboard "Easyrider 50", Port Royal's embarked helicopter.

His helicopter ride circled overhead port royal, and culminated in the crew on the forecastle presenting him with an enormous sign bearing the words "Congratulations Petty Officer Resano."

A colorful Arabian Gulf sunset from the fantail was backdrop for Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW) Jay Magers, who signed on for another four years.

During recent operations in support of United Nations sanctions, Gunner's Mate 1st Class Robert Whistler was reenlisted onboard a merchant vessel during a routine boarding by Lt. jg. Kenneth Athans, his division officer.

Some Sailors, including Fire Controlman 3rd Class Robert



Bartholomew, chose to reenlist during the ship's port visits. He selected the Desert Dome, the R&R Club at the Administrative Support Unit, Bahrain Base.

Places onboard Port Royal are always popular, especially the reenlisting Sailor's own workcenter.

Information Technician 2nd Class Douglas Robb, Quartermaster 2nd Class Proceso Arquelles, Engineman 3rd Class Erik Pittman, and Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Elton

Wallace all chose spaces onboard for their reenlistments.

All of these reenlistments are tribute to the dedication of Port Royal's Sailors and the effort of Port Royal's retention team, including Navy Career Counselor 1st Class (SW) Edna Haynie and all the divisional career counselors.

Their hard work was recently rewarded when Port Royal won the 1999 Navy retention award, an honor given to those commands with outstanding retention records.

House of Representatives declares American GI 'Person of the Century'

American Forces Press Service

House representatives voted 397-0 April 10, naming American GIs as the "Person of the Century" in their Concurrent Resolution 282 with the Senate.

Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base are in the district of House sponsor Rep. Robin Hayes of North Carolina. "I am continually impressed and made proud by their dedication, commitment and patriotism," he said in introducing his resolution.

"We are just turning the corner on a period in which we ask the American GI to do more and more with less and less," Hayes continued.

"As I have gotten to know these brave men and women, one statement continues to ring in my ears, the statement made during a military personnel hearing at the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Base was, 'Sir whatever you give us, we will get the job done.'

"The spirit of the American GI - Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine - that 'can-do spirit,' is why we honor today the American GI as the 'Citizen of the Century,'" he said.

Rep. Mike Thompson of California extended "GI" to members of the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

"It was the American GI, known at different periods of the century by names such as doughboys, Yanks, Buffalo Soldiers, Rough Riders or the American Expeditionary Force, who carried America's value system abroad and demonstrated unselfish courage

aiding those who struggled against tyranny and oppression. ... Indeed, there is probably not a region of the world whose people have not benefited from the presence of the American GI during the 20th century."

Rep. Jim Gibbons of Nevada, a co-sponsor and one of the 10 House supporters who spoke in favor of the resolution, is a veteran Vietnam and Gulf War pilot.

"The United States, through two hot world wars and a long Cold War, and numerous wars and conflicts in all the far-flung reaches of this troubled globe, has been called the 'arsenal of democracy,'" he said.

"The American GI was the bearer of those arms and our American flag. He was, and still is, the guardian of our and our allies' security and freedom."

"The sacrifice, dedication and honor of our soldiers has been a lamp unto the world, the shining beacon of liberty," Gibbon concluded.

"The American GI kept our flame of freedom burning brightly through the grim and dark skies; through blood, sweat and tears; through times of adulation and sadly, through times of unreasonable contempt. But stand they did."

"Throughout this sad and bloody century, it was the GI - the American citizen soldiers - who left hearth and home, put his or her personal plans on hold, and traveled to every corner of the world to save the concept of democracy and preserve the value of freedom," said supporter Rep. Jim Kolbe

of Arizona. "Despots and dictators throughout this century were halted in their tracks and driven back to their lairs because Americans were not, as they thought, too soft and decadent to resist their battle-hardened armies.

He concluded: "There have been many great people this century who have symbolized the struggle for freedom in the 20th century - Churchill, Roosevelt, Reagan - but it is the millions of people behind them, the American GIs, who actually delivered on that promise."

Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas raised the only dissenting voice and voted present on the roll call.

"I would support a resolution which recognized their contributions," he said in preface. "I would far prefer a more tangible showing of appreciation, such as fulfilling the promises of health care made to those who served."

The House referred the resolution April 11 to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Transcript of the House proceeding on Concurrent Resolution 282 is accessible through the April 10 Congressional Record from the <<http://www.gpo.gov>> Government Printing Office Web site at <www.gpo.gov>, or the <<http://clerkweb.house.gov/evs/2000/index.asp>> House of Representatives roll call Web page at <<http://clerkweb.house.gov/evs/2000/index.asp>>, or the <<http://thomas.loc.gov>> Library of Congress at <<http://thomas.loc.gov>>.

COMSUBPAC selects 1999 Sailor-of-the-Year

by JO3 McClain Shewman
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MACHINIST Mate 1st Class submarines (SS) Jay Cherland, 3M coordinator on USS Olympia (SSN 717), has been named Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) Sailor-of-the-year for the year 1999.

"All the Sailors I competed against were all senior qualified petty officers.

They were the best of the best. It's an honor and a privilege and I couldn't be more grateful.

Being named Sailor-of-the-year was a tough decision because there are so many exceptional Sailors in the fleet," said Cherland.

A Minnetonka, Minn. native, Cherland was selected from a field of approximately 20 other Sailors in the area.

"He's the finest Sailor I've served with in 19 years of naval service, and he's a wonderful guy to be a shipmate with," said Cmdr.

James Burke, commanding officer of USS Olympia. "When it comes to coordinating upkeeps, he is our kingpin.

He's one of those guys that make sure we get all the work done, and done well.

Because of [Cherland], the entire organization is on the same sheet of music.

You have to realize that all this is usually done by someone more senior," said Burke.

Earning five Navy Achievement Medals, qualifying on all senior watch stations, planning and executing numerous upkeeps and pre-overseas movement upkeeps is what put Cherland over the top.

According to Burke, "Not

only does he take care of upkeeps, he's a major player in recreation and crew morale events. He's plays a vital role in getting events together for the crew."

Cherland met with Rear Adm. Al Konetzni, COMSUBPAC after he found out he won in late February.

During the period where exceptional Sailors are picked from among their peers, master chiefs from Washington, San Diego, Pearl Harbor, and Japan evaluate them. "This gives me a big boost for advancement and overall, it's a big boost for my career.

Being named the best in the Pacific Fleet is a great achievement and a great opportunity. "The auxiliary

division on my boat really helps me, and the chiefs are always pushing me. They help me strive to the best I can be.

The captain and executive officer help me by just letting me do my job. They don't limit my personal initiative," said Cherland.

"At first I was a bit weary about having a first-class as a 3M coordinator, but after a week on board, I realized we had a gold mine.

I just can't say enough good things about Cherland," said Burke.

Cherland will travel to Washington D.C. to attend the centennial Submarine Ball, then will go up against their peers, master chiefs from Washington, San Diego, Pearl Harbor, and Japan evaluate them. "This gives me a big boost for advancement and overall, it's a big boost for my career.

Without the help and support of my wife Lisa and knowing that she's taking care of my family and personal finances, I wouldn't be able to concentrate on my tasks at hand on the boat."

Cherland has been in the Navy for 12 years and USS Olympia is his third submarine.

