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SUBJ/NOMINATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 OCEANOGRAPHER OF THE NAVY AWARDS//

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REF/A/DOC/OPNAV/10OCT14//

AMPN/Reference (a) is OPNAVINST 1650.37 Naval Oceanography Award Program.//

RMKS/1. Reference (a) announced the establishment of the Naval Oceanography Awards program to recognize outstanding achievement in the field of Naval Oceanography by officers, Chief Petty Officers, and Department of the Navy (DoN) civilians. The award is sponsored by the Oceanographer of the Navy.

2. Award criteria and eligibility. One awardee will be selected for each of the following awards.

a. Captain Richard C. Steere Award recognizes junior officers afloat or ashore for their leadership, performance, special accomplishments, and expert application of the meteorology and oceanography sciences in support of the safety of the fleet. Active and Reserve component 1800/6460 officers in the paygrades of O1-O3 are eligible.

b. The Commander Mary Sears Award recognizes mid-grade officers who demonstrate sustained superior performance, outstanding leadership ability, personal initiative, cooperation and adaptability, outstanding military bearing, and exemplary military and professional conduct. Active and Reserve component 1800/6460 officers in the paygrade of O4 are eligible.

c. The Chief Aerographers Mate John R. Dungan Award recognizes senior enlisted in the oceanography community afloat or ashore for their leadership, performance, special accomplishments, and expertise in forecasting and analysis in the applied sciences of meteorology and oceanography in support of fleet operations. Active and Reserve component Chief and Senior Chief Aerographers Mates are eligible.

d. The Matthew Henson Award recognizes DON civilian employees for their leadership, performance, special accomplishments, and expert application of the meteorology and oceanography sciences in support of naval operations. DON civilian employees at or below the grade of GS-13 are eligible.

3. Nominations. The period of eligibility is from 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015. Nomination packages should be submitted as specified in reference (a). Packages must arrive to the Oceanographer of the Navy via email to Senior Chief Aerographers Mate James Hatch at james.hatch2(at)navy.mil no later than 15 October 2015 per reference (b). The Oceanographer of the Navy and Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command shall convene a joint board consisting of their respective Technical Directors, Senior Enlisted Advisor/Command Master Chief, and Deputy/Chief of Staff who will select awardees based upon the above criteria and content of the respective nomination packages. Nominations must be unclassified and submitted on command letterhead by scan/email (preferred), or mail. Nomination packages shall include:

- a. Name/Rank or Grade/Last four of social security number;
- b. Job Title, Pay Plan, and Occupation Code Organization and Location;
- c. Date of birth/place of birth;
- d. Date of commission/promotion history (officer) or pay entry base date/advancement history (enlisted);

- e. Active duty assignments/employment (inclusive dates);
- f. Significant prior awards (personal, service, campaign);
- g. Education (Year, Degree, School, Major Field of study);
- h. Command letter of endorsement;
- i. Significant accomplishments in the past year (bullet format);
- j. One page biography (include membership in professional or scientific societies, civic organizations, etc);
- k. Completed OPNAV 1650/3, block 24 signed by parent command; and
- l. Draft Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal citation or Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award citation, as appropriate.

4. Recognition. The Oceanographer of the Navy will announce the award by message on or about the birthday of Naval Oceanography, 6 December, and will recognize the awardee in person or via the service members respective Commanding Officer.

5. Released by Vice Admiral Ted N. Branch, OPNAV N2N6.//

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