

Navy League's Annual Sea Service Awards

JOHN PAUL JONES AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

John Paul Jones was our Navy's first indomitable sea fighter whose spirit of personal sacrifice, patriotic devotion, and courage further added to his glory as an inspirational leader.

ADMIRAL CLAUDE V. RICKETTS AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Admiral Claude V. Ricketts was a selfless leader of devoted dedication to the Naval Service and his country. Rising from enlisted status to the highest rank in the Navy, Admiral Ricketts was recognized for his inspirational leadership by all that knew him. As a sailor, strategist, and statesman, Admiral Ricketts gained respect for his determination and positive actions to preserve the maritime strength of the nation.

CAPTAIN WINIFRED QUICK COLLINS AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Captain Winifred Quick Collins, former Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel, provided inspirational leadership and performed her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. The example she gave by her personal high ideals and devotion to the Navy and the nation is worthy of emulation.

GENERAL JOHN A. LEJEUNE AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

General John A. Lejeune, thirteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps and often referred to as the greatest of all Leathernecks, during his more than 40 years of service with the Marine Corps served on the high seas aboard ships of the Navy, participated in many campaigns, and led the famed Second Division (Army) in World War I. He served as Commandant of the Marine Corps from June 1920 to March 1929. His spirit of personal sacrifice, patriotic devotion, and courage further added to his glory as an inspirational leader.

GENERAL GERALD C. THOMAS AWARD FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

General Gerald C. Thomas, the first Marine in history, who rose from the enlisted ranks to retire as a four-star general, was self educated, fought in three wars, and was one of the most respected officers ever produced by the Corps. His spirit of personal sacrifice, patriotic devotion, and boundless courage further added to his glory as an inspirational leader.

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. PARSONS AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC and TECHNICAL PROGRESS

Rear Admiral William S. Parsons, through his searching awareness of and dedication to all aspects of scientific and technical advances, was responsible to a marked degree for ensuring that our Navy remained in operational consonance with the ever-shifting and increasing demands of the changing world.

STEPHEN DECATUR AWARD FOR OPERATIONAL COMPETENCE

The bold and daring resolution of Stephen Decatur gave birth to an operational competence that still remains a guiding star for our Naval Service.

GENERAL HOLLAND M. SMITH AWARD FOR OPERATIONAL COMPETENCE

The bold, daring and imaginative leadership of Holland Smith as the father of modern U.S. amphibious warfare led to the establishment of an operational competence which still provides

guidance for our Naval Service.

ALFRED THAYER MAHAN AWARD FOR LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT

Alfred Thayer Mahan, in formulating his doctrine of mastery of the sea and through his chronicles of naval theory and history, has endowed this country with a profound heritage. His writings provide vital stimulus and guidance to those who hearken to the call of the sea and those who share in the defense of our nation.

ROBERT M. THOMPSON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP

Robert M. Thompson, courageous Father of the Navy League, related with patriotic urgency the compelling need for U.S. sea power. His clarion message has served as an inspirational reminder of the importance of constant vigilance in maintaining the nation's maritime strength.

THE HONORABLE J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II AWARD FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

As Secretary of the Navy, J. William Middendorf II provided outstanding leadership in furthering the national defense and naval/maritime policies of the United States government, providing a personal and professional example, which few could equal and none could surpass, but all should emulate.

ADMIRAL BEN MORRELL AWARD FOR LOGISTICS COMPETENCE

Admiral Ben Morrell is remembered for his exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Government in World War II whereby, through the exercise of extraordinary foresight, judgment, initiative, and energy, he directed the expansion of the Naval Shore Establishment in the United States and the building of advanced bases overseas. He displayed great originality and exceptional capacity for bold innovations to the end that the fleet received support in degree and kind unprecedented in the history of naval warfare.

THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATION AWARD

The purpose of this award is to advance knowledge and recognize achievement in the art and science of naval and maritime intelligence, and to develop in our citizens an understanding and appreciation of the importance of intelligence activities. This award advances the Navy League's mission of education and support for those serving in a professional field which is so vital to the success of sea service operations.