

Admiral Vern Clark Safety Award: Individual FY2006

The Admiral Vern Clark Safety Award is intended to stimulate safety, ideas, suggestions, and programs which will reduce mishaps injuries and fatalities with the Department of the Navy by providing special recognition those who best exemplify and advance a culture of safety. For their outstanding work to advance safety in the U.S. Navy, the 2006 Admiral Vern Clark Safety Award is present to

LT Paul S. Schiermeier, USN

For outstanding meritorious service as the Command Safety Officer on board USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), La Maddalena,, Italy, from October 2005 to September 2006. LT Schiermeier's exceptional occupational safety, and health and environmental leadership to more than 1,000 Sailors resulted in an eighty-eight percent reduction of lost workdays, zero reportable motor vehicle mishaps, and the correction of more than 5000 safety deficiencies. By personally working with each ship's division and expertly maximizing the limited manning resources, LT Schiermeier significantly enhanced operational readiness of USS EMORY S. LAND. His extraordinary leadership ability and technical acumen saved the U.S. Navy more than \$500,000 in costs related to lost work days and damage equipment. His superior performance of duty is the hallmark of a career devoted to improving safety by investing in the Navy's most important resource - its people. LT Schiermeier's exemplary leadership and inspiring dedication to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service and the Navy League of the United States.