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Navy League Presents 2010 Sea Service Awards at National Convention

Arlington, VA—The Navy League of the United States presented its 2010 Sea Service Awards at a luncheon on October 22, during its annual National Convention in Jacksonville, Fl. Navy League national president Daniel B. Branch Jr.; Rear Admiral Mark H Buzby, USN; Rear Admiral James A. Watson, USCG; and Mr. James Caponiti, deputy maritime administrator, presented the awards and were joined by the Honorable J. William Middendorf, former Secretary of the Navy, on stage at the Sea Services Award Luncheon. Middendorf serves as chairman of the Navy League's Awards Board.

The awards were presented to the following individuals within the U.S Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, and the Maritime Administration (MARAD):

- The John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership – Captain John Cordle, USN
- The Admiral Claude V. Ricketts Award for Inspirational Leadership (E-7 and Above) - Special Warfare Operator Senior Chief Joseph Molina, USN
- The Admiral Claude V. Ricketts Award for Inspirational Leadership (E-6 and Below) – Special Warfare Operator First Class James Purdy, USN
- The Captain Winifred Quick Collins Award for Inspirational Leadership (Officer) – Major Lauren Edwards, USMC
- The Captain Winifred Quick Collins Award for Inspirational Leadership (Enlisted) – Command Master Chief Cheri Inverso, USN
- The Alfred Thayer Mahan Award for Literary Achievement – Commander James Kraska, JAGC, USN
- The Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Award for Inspirational Leadership – Major Frank Chawk, USMC
- The General Gerald C. Thomas Award for Inspirational Leadership – Staff Sergeant Timothy Tardif, USMC
- The Rear Admiral William S. Parsons Award for Scientific and Technical Progress – Lieutenant Commander (Select) Brian Barrick, USN
- The Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Competence – Lieutenant Commander David Payne, USN
- The General Holland M. Smith Award for Operational Competence – Captain Freddy Morales, USMC
- The Robert M. Thompson Award for Outstanding Civilian Leadership – Mr. Michael Hiles
- The Honorable J. William Middendorf II Award for Engineering Excellence – Gas Turbine Systems Technician Electrical First Class Jose Carrillo, USN
- The Admiral Ben Moreell Award for Logistics Competence (Officer) – Captain Joshua Onuska, USMC
- The Admiral Ben Moreell Award for Logistics Competence (Enlisted) – Logistics Specialist Senior Chief Beryl O'Connor Jr., USN

- The Naval Intelligence Foundation Award for Exceptional Leadership in Intelligence Support to the Fleet – Captain Carl Inman, USN
- The Vincent T. Hirsch Maritime Award for Outstanding Leadership – Mr. Thomas B. Crowley, Jr.
- The Captain Arthur L. Johnson Award for Inspirational Leadership – Mr. Victor M. Martino
- The Able Seaman Oscar Chappell Award for Outstanding Maritime Stewardship – Mr. Ricardo V. Bautista
- The Captain David H. Jarvis Award for Inspirational Leadership – Commander Matthew T. Meilstrup, USCG
- The Douglas A. Munro Award for Inspirational Leadership – Boatswains Mate First Class John F. Costabile, USCG

The Navy League of the United States, based in Arlington, Va., was founded in 1902 and is a civilian organization with more than 50,000 members dedicated to educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power to the United States. The 2010 National Convention, held in Jacksonville, Fl., took place from October 18th to October 23rd. For more information, go to www.navyleague.org.

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