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AND GENERAL JAMES L. JONES SAFETY AWARD

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Encl: (1) Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06) Navy League Admiral Vern
Clark and General James L. Jones Safety Award
Nomination

1. Per references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

2. Mr. Sanders' individual effort to enhance the Training Safety Program, Firefighter Trainer Certification process and Non-Traditional High-Risk Training procedures have been central to the inculcation of high-risk training safety protocol, as well as, the complete rejuvenation of standards and practices throughout Naval Personnel Development Command.

3. Mr. Sanders' unique foresight, analytical problem solving skills and steadfast commitment to excellence proved paramount in the development of Occupational Safety and Health processes and procedures. His superb administrative acumen enabled concise and clear explanatory guidance during the development of the Echelon III Occupational Safety and Health Manual. He was hand selected to lead special projects, all which resulted in unsurpassed effectiveness and garnered the adoption of industry accepted risk management processes.

4. As denoted, Mr. Sanders' sound judgment, sage advice and wealth of knowledge has truly been the cornerstone to our many successes. He has earned my complete confidence and strongest personal endorsement for this prestigious recognition.


T. J. WELCH
By direction

**FISCAL YEAR 2006 NAVY LEAGUE VERN CLARK AND
GENERAL JAMES L. JONES SAFETY AWARD NOMINATION**

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Assigned Duties

As the High-Risk Training Safety Program Manger, Mr. Sanders is tasked with providing over-sight and guidance for more than 200 activities, comprising 239 high-risk training platforms. His duties include: implementing global risk management processes and procedures that protect enterprise assets while garnering both cost efficiencies and effectiveness; coordination of all efforts in design and production of risk models, risk analysis techniques, high-risk training procedures and protocol, as well as, operational risk management processes and compliance. He is charged with ensuring identified risks are properly evaluated, assessed and mitigated from an enterprise perspective. He also serves as the principle safety authority for those areas expressively meeting the basic tenants associated with high-risk, i.e. Explosive Safety; Small Arms Weapons Safety; Diving Safety; Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Radiation; Damage Control; Water Survival; Survival-Evasion-Resistance-Escape training; Naval Special Warfare training; Firefighting; Small Craft Operations; Pole Climbing; Quarry Blasting; Well Drilling; Crane Operations; Non-Compliant Boarding, Visit Board Search and Seizure; Small Boat Operations, Crew Served Weapons; Riverine Patrol Craft Operations; STREAM Operations; Explosive Ordnance Disposal; Basic Engineering Common Core; Marine Engineering; Weapons Elevators; Construction Electrician processes; Bucket and Auger Operations; Load Testing and Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Training.

Enclosure (1)

Contributions to Enterprise Mission

Mr. Sanders superbly transformed the High-Risk Training Safety Program of record to a program reflective of Lean Six Sigma performance. Among his many accomplishments for 2006:

- Requested by name to perform an extensive review of the newly developed Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat Operations training. His keen eye and extensive experience proved invaluable in the identification of numerous hazards. His analysis of potential risk and recommended mitigation were recognized for their thoroughness and adopted throughout the Fleet.

- Personally requested by the Center for Security Forces to provide over-sight during the piloting and implementation of the newly developed Non-Compliant Boarding, Visit Board Search and Seizure course. His recommendations for additional mitigation during the pool lab and rough water boarding phase resulted in reduced hazard exposure and expanded the required qualifications of the Core Unique Instructor Training plan, as well as, the Emergency Action Plan.

- As a member of the Operational Safety Committee and Safety Training Working Group, his efforts in revitalizing the operational risk management application and procedures have been vital to the team efforts and proved invaluable. Additionally, his efforts in focusing the team on casual factors, i.e., contributing factors, leading indicators, and trailing indicators have been central to many of the Task Action Teams initiatives.

Performance on the Job

Mr. Sanders' performance has been absolutely spectacular. His unsurpassed sustained superior performance and comprehensive professional knowledge have been paramount to our success. His personal effort in developing sound and reliable operational risk management procedures for the NPDC domain has proven invaluable in our efforts to reduce on duty mishaps during high-risk training evolutions and afforded a broader application for cultural adoption for our Sailors and Marines. His personal attention in stream-lining management applications and applying global risk management processes have been lauded by his peers and serves as the enterprise model for adoption.

**FISCAL YEAR 2006 NAVY LEAGUE VERN CLARK AND
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Mr. Sanders' bold initiatives, optimization of new technology, and integration of best practices have fostered a robust and safe training environment for more than 250,000 staff and students. His proactive involvement with Platform Model Managers have provided consideration of engineering controls during the earliest stage of platform design, thus reducing risk exposure and negating costly refits. His continued engagement of sound risk management techniques, application of service life extension programs throughout platform life cycles, efforts of integrating Safety and Health into evolving strategies and linking safety requirements to resources based on their cost-benefit ratio and scope of impact is reflective of his vigor for reducing the probability and severity of mishaps. Mr. Sanders' facilitation of 79 onsite inspections and numerous professional contributions directly support the Enterprise mission and enables the delivery of Sailors that prosper an immediate and positive impact on Fleet Readiness.