

SECNAV Announces FY15 Energy & Water Management Award Winners

Program Recognizes Notable Progress Toward Energy Reduction Goals

SECRETARY OF THE Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus announced the winners of the 2015 SECNAV Energy and Water Management awards with a high concentration of those winners from the Hampton Roads area.

When announcing the awards, Secretary Mabus said, “Improving how we manage energy and water is critical to accomplishing our mission and your success provides a model that the rest of the Department of the Navy (DON) should emulate. I encourage all commanders to look to the accomplishments of our award winners and identify ways that your commands can improve how we manage these critical resources.”

Background & Purpose of the Awards

The DON’s Energy and Water Management awards program is

designed to promote and reward excellence in the areas of energy efficiency, energy management, new technology, renewable energy, energy training innovation, and energy awareness. Each year, these awards are presented to those Navy and Marine Corps operational units, installations, and activities that have made notable progress toward the DON’s goals to reduce energy and water consumption, increase use of renewable energy sources, and construct sustainable facilities. The DON energy program evaluates and classifies the overall energy and water management performance of each installation, ranking them according to a system of SECNAV winner, platinum, gold or blue level of achievement. The 2015 awards recognize achievements in fiscal year (FY) 2014.

For the FY15 competition period, Secretary Mabus announced energy

conservation awards for outstanding overall energy performance in each of the following 12 categories:

1. Navy Large Shore Activity (equal to or greater than 300,000 million British Thermal Units (BTU) of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
2. Navy Small Shore Activity (less than 300,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
3. Marine Corps Large Shore Activity (equal to or greater than 500,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
4. Marine Corps Small Shore Activity (less than 500,000 million BTU of energy consumption during the fiscal year)
5. Other Shore Activity (Navy and Marine Corps tenant commands)

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—Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus

6. Large Ship (crew of 400 or more)
7. Medium Ship (crew of 250 to 399)
8. Small Ship (crew of less than 250)
9. Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Aviation Squadron
10. Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Aviation Squadron
11. Marine Corps Expeditionary Unit
12. Military Sealift Command Ship

SECNAV award winners are authorized to display the SECNAV energy conservation award flag for a period of one year from the date of the award announcement and they will be recognized at a series of award ceremonies to be held over the course of the year.

Award winners and units or activities reaching platinum levels of achievement are authorized to receive cash awards and certificates of achievement. The annual amount and distribution of cash awards will be determined by Navy and Marine Corps energy management. Cash awards may be used at the discretion of the Commanding Officer to improve quality of life, encourage further energy improvements, or for other purposes subject to limitations on the use of operation and maintenance funds.

Navy, Marine Corps, and Military Sealift Command energy management staffs

submitted their recommendations based on FY14 accomplishments to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy in accordance with their respective awards criteria. A panel of experts reviewed the submissions and recommending award winners for SECNAV's review and endorsement. The panel evaluated all submissions to determine eligibility for a SECNAV, platinum, gold, or blue level of achievement.

2015 Award Winners

The 2015 winners for outstanding overall energy performance achievement in each of the above categories are as follows.

SECNAV Award Winners

The following commands won a 2015 SECNAV Energy and Water Management award.

Navy Large Shore Activity

NAS Pensacola, FL \$45,000

Navy Small Shore Activity

NCBC Gulfport, MS \$30,000

USS Simpson (FFG 56).
MCS Coleman Thompson



USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6).
Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Jennifer Swader



USS Carney (DDG 64).

USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Carney (DDG 64), and USS Simpson (FFG 56) captured the three ship category awards in the 2015 SECNAV Energy and Water Management awards competition.

Marine Corps Large Shore Activity
MCB Camp Pendleton, CA \$45,000

Marine Corps Small Shore Activity
MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA \$30,000

Other Shore Activity
NUWC, Division Keyport \$35,000

Large Ship
USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) \$30,000

Medium Ship
USS Carney (DDG 64) \$25,000

Small Ship
USS Simpson (FFG 56) \$20,000

Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Aviation Squadron
VFA-131 \$30,000

Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Aviation Squadron
VFA-14 \$30,000

Marine Corps Expeditionary Unit
MAGTFTC Exercise Support Division \$30,000

Military Sealift Command Ship
T-AKE 9 USNS Matthew Perry

Platinum Award Winners

A platinum level of achievement indicates an outstanding energy or water program and an exceptional year for energy project execution. The following commands demonstrated platinum level of achievement:

NAVSTA Newport, RI \$5,000

NAS Whidbey Island, WA \$5,000

NSA Bethesda, MD \$5,000

NAVSTA Rota, Spain \$5,000

NAVMAG Indian Island, WA \$5,000

NAS Lemoore, CA \$5,000

USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) \$5,000

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) \$5,000

T-AO 187 USNS Henry J. Kaiser

Gold & Blue Award Winners

A gold level of achievement indicates a very good to outstanding energy or water program. The 67 commands that demonstrated a gold level of achievement will receive certificates of achievement. Thirty-one commands demonstrated blue level of achievement which indicates a well-rounded energy or water program. These commands will also receive certificates of achievement.

The efforts of the leadership and personnel at the winning commands included developing energy awareness campaigns, deploying energy efficiency technologies, and adopting new operational procedures that resulted in a consistent reduction in energy or water consumption.

Six CNRMA Commands Earn SECNAV Energy Awards

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy) (DASN (E)) Joe Bryan visited the Hampton Roads area in October 2015 to present the following commands and squadrons with their 2015 SECNAV Energy and Water Management awards:

- Naval Air Station Oceana
- Strike Fighter Squadron 131 (VFA-131)
- Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 124 (VAW-124)



DASN (E) Joe Bryan presented a SECNAV Energy and Water Management award to Strike Fighter Squadron 131 (VFA-131) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Brad Freeman, Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Farmer and Command Master Chief Russell Sites. While in Hampton Roads, DASN (E) Bryan also presented energy awards to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 124 (VAW-124); Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40 (VRC-40); Naval Station Norfolk; USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19); and Naval Air Station Oceana.

MC1 Erik Wehnes



DASN (E) Joe Bryan visited USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) to present its 2015 SECNAV Energy and Water Management award.

Ensign Jason Rowles

- Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40 (VRC-40)
- Naval Station Norfolk
- USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19)

During his visit, Mr. Bryan emphasized that energy efficiency within the Navy is about increasing combat effectiveness. “People talk a lot about the more energy you can save, the more money you can save, and that is a good thing,” he said. “People also talk about being good stewards of the environment, and we want to make sure we are always doing that. But the primary mission of our energy program isn’t focused on those benefits ...it’s really about getting the most mission capability out of every kilowatt hour of electricity or every gallon of fuel.”

“We want to be able to go further on a tank of gas, we want to be able to stay there longer and we want to be able to deliver more firepower while we’re on station. On the shore side, we want to be more efficient and more resilient and reliable with our

power systems so that we can support the mission, because our shore installations are what enable our forward operations,” Mr. Bryan continued.

Capt. Lou Schager, NAS Oceana Commanding Officer, indicated his command is committed to meeting the Navy’s energy efficiency goals. “We’re always looking for opportunities to be more energy efficient,” he said. “Whether it’s as simple as having Sailors turn off their lights and computers before they go home at night, or large-scale renewable energy projects such as solar, or ground source heat pump opportunities, or using the effluent from the Hampton Roads Sanitation Department as a heat sink like we do at Dam Neck

Annex. From big to small, we know everything matters.”

Capt. Nicholas Dienna, Commanding Officer of USS Mesa Verde, indicated his entire crew is committed to energy efficiency. “Mesa Verde is proud to have received this recognition,” he said. “Energy management and conservation is not only environmentally responsible and fiscally sensible, but is also a warfighting imperative. And, it’s an all hands effort. Secretary Bryan’s visit brought those ideas home very visibly for the entire crew.”

“Since the transition from sail, the U.S. Navy has been on the cutting edge of developing and implementing new technologies to ensure global access and operational flexibility,” he continued. “Recognition as a SECNAV Energy and Water Management award winner highlights the value of those concepts to every man and woman on board Mesa Verde. And, at the end of the day, responsible energy use is really just the right thing to do. We’re all extremely proud to be a part of that heritage.”

“Naval Station Norfolk’s selection for this honor reflects the hard work,



DASN (E) Joe Bryan (center) presents Capt. Doug Beaver, Naval Station Norfolk Commanding Officer (left) and Lt. Brian Gates, Assistant Public Works Officer (Air Side) (right) with the SECNAV Energy and Water Management gold level award.

NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs Team Recognized for Innovative Energy Awareness Video

ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015, DASN (E) Bryan stopped by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast offices aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida to recognize the command's public affairs office (PAO) for their nationally recognized energy awareness video. (You can view the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=doZUxajMkDM&feature=youtu.be.)

Mr. Bryan presented SECNAV coins to Susan Brink, NAVFAC Southeast public affairs officer; John Parker, NAVFAC Southeast deputy public affairs officer; Jeff Hamlin, NAVFAC Southeast editorial assistant and multi-media specialist; and Nelson Smith, former deputy for small business, for their creativity and resourcefulness in the creation of the video.

"We have a great PAO team," said NAVFAC Southeast Executive Officer Capt. Drew Hascall. "I'm consistently amazed by their creativity and talent. Being recognized by the Secretary of the Navy is a huge honor and this kind of recognition

will only motivate them even more. I can't wait to see what's next."

In the video, the PAO team created a character, "The Most Energy Conservative Man in the World," to talk about energy conservation and to share the Navy's energy message in a new way.

"We wanted to find an interesting way to get the Navy's message out," said Parker, the main character in the video. "We wanted more than a talking head. We wanted to share the message in a way that everyone would find interesting."

Mr. Bryan said, "I loved the creativeness that went into the video." Mr. Bryan also commented that he and Secretary Mabus liked the way the team put a new and interesting spin on the Navy's energy message.

The assistant secretary went on to talk about how he showed the video to students at the Naval Academy during a recent speaking engagement.



The NAVFAC Southeast team originally created the video for their own command. But the video took on a life of its own and was soon being played all over the region. It eventually made its way to the halls of the Pentagon and elsewhere throughout the Navy.

commitment and dedication of all commands and personnel on the base to energy conservation," said Capt. Doug Beaver, Naval Station Norfolk Commanding Officer. "Additionally, our Public Works energy team is devoted to executing an aggressive energy conservation program. They did a tremendous job leading the way with innovative solutions and a passionate focus on the efficient management of our resources to support the warfighter. I could not be prouder of the entire Naval Station Norfolk team."

Mr. Bryan was impressed by the showing by commands in the Hampton

Roads region in this year's awards program—an indication that the energy and water message is resonating with Hampton Roads Sailors.

"It's really amazing," he said. "You have a concentration of award winners here in the Hampton Roads area that may be unmatched across the Navy. It shows that you have leaders who are making it a point to say that energy is important to our mission and that message is getting across to the deckplate Sailors, who are trying to come up with innovative ways to improve energy use and get more mission out of every ounce of energy that they use.

"This commitment is helping the Hampton Roads region be among the most successful in the country, and that commitment is reflected in this year's awards," Mr. Bryan finished. [📌](#)

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