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SUBJ/MRS. SYBIL STOCKDALE OMBUDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD//

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RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the annual Mrs. Sybil Stockdale

Ombudsman of the Year Award nomination/selection process, and

presentation requirements for Calendar Year 2016.

2. This award was inspired by Mrs. Sybil Stockdale who set an

unflagging example for her support to families of other POWs during

the seven year internment in Southeast Asia of her husband,

Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale. The Ombudsman of the Year Award

is presented to four ombudsmen who have served their command and

Navy families with selfless dedication and commitment to family

readiness in the following categories:

a. Afloat command (Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command
(COMUSFLTFORCOM))

- b. Afloat command (Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Command (COMPACFLT))
 - c. Ashore command
 - d. Reserve command
3. Criteria for Ombudsman of the Year:
- a. Must have demonstrated the ability to effectively communicate between the Navy family and the command.
 - b. Must have maintained the highest standards of professionalism and confidentiality while providing a positive example for command members and families.
 - c. Must have facilitated and promoted a healthy sense of community among command families by assisting and supporting Navy families to include emergencies, mobilization, or deployment.
 - d. Must have demonstrated consistent compliance with training and required reports in accordance with reference (a).
4. Eligibility requirements for Ombudsman of the Year:
- a. Award nominees must be registered in the Ombudsman Registry, <https://ombudsmanregistry.org>, and have distinguished themselves in supporting Navy families.
 - b. Must have served as an Ombudsman in good standing for at least one year and embody the core values of the Ombudsman Program.
5. The nomination package for the Ombudsman of the Year award shall consist of:
- a. Cover Letter
 - b. Summary of action, not to exceed two pages, addressing

each of the criterion set forth in paragraph 3.

c. Short biography of the nominee with photo included.

d. Letter of support from the Fleet and Family Support Center Director or Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) validating Involvement in Ombudsman Assemblies and Advanced Training.

e. Additional supporting information (e.g., a letter of support for nomination from former Commanding Officers, Command Point of Contact, or Command Support Team; letters of appreciation presented by Commanding Officers or family members).

6. Nomination process:

a. COMUSFLTFORCOM Ombudsman of the Year. COMUSFLTFORCOM will nominate an Ombudsman from all deployable forces within Atlantic Fleet.

b. COMPACFLT Ombudsman of the Year. COMPACFLT will nominate an Ombudsman from all deployable forces within the Pacific Fleet.

c. Navy Reserve Force Ombudsman of the Year. Commander, Navy Reserve Force Command (COMNAVRESFOR) will nominate an Ombudsman from all Navy Reserve Units and NOSCs.

d. Navy Shore Ombudsman of the Year. The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) will nominate a shore (type 1 and type 6) Ombudsman from the following: OPNAV direct report naval shore activities; COMUSFLTFORCOM; COMPACFLT; U.S. Naval Forces Europe; U.S. Naval Forces Africa; and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (N1).

7. Deadline: Nomination packages shall be submitted to the appropriate organization, via the chain of command, not later than

31 May 2016.

8. Recommendations for the four award winners will be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for endorsement as the final approving authority for the award. The award recipients will be announced via NAVADMIN.

9. CNO or his designated representative will present the award in September during an Ombudsman Appreciation event in Norfolk, VA.

10. Additional information about the award process and procedures is located at www.cnic.navy.mil/OmbudsmanOfTheYear.

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12. Released by Vice Admiral R. L. Thomas, Director Navy Staff.//

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