

SURFACE FORCE INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN OF THE YEAR

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The Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman Award was established to identify highly motivated and specially trained Hospital Corpsman representing SURFPAC and SURFLANT to manage health programs and provide primary care under indirect supervision at sea.



COMNAVSURFPAC WINNER

HM1(SW) DAJARELL PEARSON, USN
USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111)

Hospital Corpsman First Class (Surface Warfare) Dajarell Pearson distinguished herself as the Senior Medical Department Representative and sole medical provider aboard USS Spruance (DDG 111), leading care for 333 personnel and sustaining over 90% readiness and 100% combat medical supply sustainment. She coordinated all medical operations during U.S. Northern Command Border Operations, delivering humanitarian care and ensuring mission continuity in a dynamic joint environment. In December 2024, her rapid diagnosis enabled a lifesaving Medical Evacuation of a Spruance sailor.

Hand-selected to train Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) pipeline students, she strengthened fleet medical readiness while revitalizing a shipboard medical program from 61.5% to 95% material and 97% program scores during INSURV. She managed comprehensive patient care, executed critical occupational screenings, oversaw a \$438K budget, and improved Authorized Medical Allowance List compliance to 97.3%.

A certified instructor, Medical Training Team (MTT) Lead, and Search and Rescue (SAR) Medical Director, she delivered vital CPR, Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), emergency response, and safety training across the command. Her leadership in collateral roles—from health promotion and Exceptional Family Member Program coordination to safety stand-downs and food safety oversight—reduced mishaps, protected resources, and enhanced command culture.

Selected as Spruance's Senior Sailor of the Quarter, HM1 Pearson exemplifies the highest standards of an Independent Duty Corpsman: steadfast, selfless, and operationally exceptional. She is highly deserving of selection as the SURPAC Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year.

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COMNAVSURFLANT WINNER

HMC(SW/FMF) JOHN CRAWMER, USN
USS MITSCHER (DDG 57)

Chief Hospital Corpsman (Surface Warfare/Fleet Marine Force) John Crawmer is a transformational deck plate leader whose impact aboard USS Mitscher (DDG 57) spans warfighting readiness, Sailor development, and medical excellence. As LCPO and Senior Medical Representative, he led two Corpsmen and maintained flawless medical oversight for 318 Sailors, leading the only fully medically ready unit in the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group. He delivered 17 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) courses, managed five Navy Occupational Health and Safety (NAVOSH) programs, sustained 98% medical and 97% dental readiness, and earned accolades from INSURV and Medical Readiness Inspection assessors as the “waterfront standard.”

Requested by name to assist three ships, he revitalized their NAVOSH and Medical Training Team programs, enabling all to certify FSO-M. Hand-selected to fill a gapped Senior Chief billet, he led Mitscher’s Food Service Division through FIFTH and SIXTH Fleet operations, delivering 370 meals daily and earning three consecutive sanitation exemptions.

A dedicated mentor, he prepared three HMs for successful IDC screening and directly supported a TYCOM Meritorious Advancement Program selection and DESRON TWO Junior Sailor of the Year. He strengthened the CPO Mess as Secretary, rebuilt its bylaws, and integrated TCCC into CPO training. His leadership, expertise, and unwavering dedication make him a highly deserving of selection as the SURFLANT Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year.