



## **ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE SURFACE WARFARE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Admiral Arleigh Burke Surface Warfare Operational Excellence Award recognizes the top Surface Warfare Officer and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist from an Atlantic and a Pacific Command, who have demonstrated superior achievements in the operational aspects of Surface Warfare during a deployment.

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## OFFICER EAST

### LT BRENDON SALLADAY, USN

*USS DELBERT D. BLACK (DDG 119)*

#### FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Lieutenant Brendon Salladay is an exceptional leader, shiphandler, and tactician. Ranked number 1 of 28 division officers in Delbert D. Black, his mentorship and guidance is sought by Sailors and Officers alike. His Sailors have promoted at 8% above fleet average and he has driven a 60% reduction in unplanned losses since becoming the Fire Control Officer. A mentor to all first tour division officers in the Command, he has coached 12 officers to their Surface Warfare Officer qualifications, and five senior enlisted Sailors to senior tactical qualifications. He is a superb leader already clearly on the path to command at sea.

LT Salladay is the command's most experienced and trusted officer of the deck underway and has effectively coached numerous division officers to follow in his wake. Logging more than 300 hours as an officer of the deck in Delbert D. Black, while also earning all tactical qualifications up to Tactical Action Officer, he has skillfully handled the ship through more than a dozen high risk, high intensity special evolutions such as transits through the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el Mandeb, and duty as horizon reference unit for USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77).

In addition to his other accolades, his most exceptional value was as a tactician during our arduous 9-month deployment. Hand-picked as DESTROYER SQUADRON 50's liaison for Fifth Fleet's INTERNAL LOOK 2023, he coordinated the blue force laydown of Ballistic Missile Defense assets as well as Joint and allied air defenses. Later, in Sixth Fleet, he spearheaded Delbert D. Black's seamless assumption of Operation SHARP SENTRY responsibilities. While tasked in support of the 2022 Qatar World Cup security, he coordinated an extensive Integrated Air and Missile Defense effort via multinational tactical data link networks with air, maritime, and coalition forces.

LT Salladay is a superbly talented Surface Warfare Officer who works tirelessly to support his Sailors and the ship's mission. He is the epitome of our next generation of leaders in Surface Warfare.

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## OFFICER WEST

**LTJG CHRISTOPHER HAIDVOGEL, USN**

*USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60)*

**1ST LIEUTENANT**

Lieutenant Junior Grade Christopher Haidvogel took charge of USS Paul Hamilton's topside preservation and seamanship readiness efforts while managing all training and qualifications for aviation, small boat, and underway replenishment operations. His hard work and dedication led to the ship's successful completion of an eight-month independent deployment in the demanding FIFTH fleet area of responsibility.

As First Lieutenant and Seamanship Training Team Lead, LTJG Haidvogel directly supported safe navigation and pilothouse watchstander proficiency by completing over two hundred drills maintaining nearly thirty repetitive exercises throughout deployment in the Aviation, Seamanship, Search and Rescue, and Visit Board Search and Seizure warfare areas. Dedicated to material readiness, he oversaw the preventive and corrective maintenance on nearly 490 pieces of deck, aviation, and refueling equipment clearing three mission degrading casualties on the ship's rigid inflatable boats, centerline anchor, and flight deck nets.

He consistently demonstrates excellence and professionalism through his performance as Officer of the Deck, guiding his watch team during 16 transits of the Strait of Hormuz, four sea and anchor details in foreign ports, two international maritime exercises involving eight allied nations and two replenishments at sea while supporting Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL. Additionally, he expertly maneuvered the ship in support of visit, board, search and seizure operations resulting in the confiscation of \$42.5 million in illicit drugs, a significant impact to malign activity in the Gulf of Oman.

He exudes poise and confidence on the bridge through his watchstanding and ability to train others, dedicating over three hundred hours supporting his peers and leading directly to eight newly qualified officers of the deck. Thanks to his dedication and attention to detail, Paul Hamilton completed all regional, theater, and national tasking across four different geographical fleets totaling a remarkable 195 days at sea.

Excellence and resiliency were in high demand and LTJG Haidvogel always delivered. He answered his country's call with commitment to his ship, shipmates, and the Navy's mission continuously growing and maturing into the leader he is today.

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**ENLISTED EAST**

**ET2(SW) DEVIN CAUBLE, USN**

*USS SENTRY (MCM 3)*

**ELECTRONICS ELECTRICIAN**

Electronics Technician Second Class Devin Cauble, assigned to one of the Navy's smallest ships, USS Sentry, has showcased extraordinary proficiency and dedication, significantly impacting the ship's operational success in 2023.

As Combat Systems Training Team member, Electronics System Supervisor, and Electronics Technician on the most operational Mine Countermeasure (MCM) vessel in the Fifth Fleet, Petty Officer Cauble played a pivotal role in achieving certifications across Navigation, Surface Warfare, Electronic Warfare, Communications, and Cyber Warfare. His diverse skill set and qualifications in damage control were crucial during critical assessments, where he seamlessly transitioned between roles, ensuring SENTRY's preparedness for Damage Control Light Off Assessment, Mobility Damage Control Certification, Basic Phase, and Final Battle Problem.

Petty Officer Cauble's exceptional performance as Sentry's primary communications technician is highlighted by flawlessly executing seven Commercial Broadband Satellite Program mission activations and swiftly resolving 17 outages with minimal downtime. His efforts ensured the availability of Internet Protocol Services for three network enclaves, enabling continuous communication between Combat Information Center watch standers and Task Force Commanders. For this outstanding dedication and performance, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

As a Work Center Supervisor, Petty Officer Cauble demonstrated outstanding leadership by guiding five maintenance personnel through 879 maintenance checks, covering 602 hours, including two force revisions and a Total Ships Readiness Availability. His expertise as a Navigation technician was integral, leading to the operational readiness of Sentry's gyrocompass suite and 100% availability of navigational inputs and sensors.

Petty Officer Cauble's proactive approach extended beyond his primary responsibilities as he obtained the Fire Marshall qualification, making him the only non-engineer so qualified on Sentry. This qualification facilitated a flexible and operational three-section watch bill, enhancing the overall readiness of the command.

In summary, Petty Officer Cauble's keen foresight, meticulous technical acumen, and ability to unite diverse operational facets have directly contributed to Sentry's operational success and mission accomplishment in 2023. His influence as a beacon of professionalism, leadership, and morale extends beyond his department, reinforcing the ship's ability to sustain operational excellence throughout the FIFTH Fleet.



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**ENLISTED WEST**

**FCAC(SW) FRANK DUGGINS, USN**  
*USS WAYNE E. MEYER (DDG 108)*

**COMBAT SYSTEMS LEAD CHIEF PETTY OFFICER,  
AEGIS COMPUTER NETWORK TECHNICIAN**

Chief Petty Officer Frank Duggins' Aegis Combat Systems expertise is unrivaled and is responsible for USS Wayne E. Meyer's nine consecutive months on the SPY Honor Role while deployed in the SEVENTH Fleet area of responsibility. His personal drive for operational excellence ensured that the SPY radar outperformed all other SEVENTH Fleet assets and guaranteed that Wayne E. Meyer not only met tasking but also exceeded expectations.

A Combat Systems guru, he personally developed standard operating procedures on the Aegis Baseline 7 system to support live constructive kills. Moreover, his personal involvement in Wayne E. Meyer's installation of the Virtual Twin system fulfilled a Chief of Naval Operations priority as well as supported an impressive seven successful simulated engagements. He performed out-of-rate duties and integrated himself into the ship's Strike Team participating in 38 Sea Launched Attack Missile Exercises with an impressive average of 97%.

Chief Petty Officer Duggins' positive and inspirational leadership was responsible for seven advancements, the qualification of six Combat Systems Officers of the Watch, four Combat Systems Coordinators, four Radar Systems Controllers, and three Missile Systems Supervisors. As the Combat Systems Training Team Training Supervisor, he led 34 technical scenarios and four tactical scenarios, training both Officers and enlisted personnel. His focus on combat readiness does not end with personnel and procedures but reaches far into technical maintenance. He ensured that his team coordinated 4,243 maintenance checks across four departments. He was integral in Wayne E. Meyer's complete replacement of all three Fire Control System Illuminators as well as follow-on required Combat Systems Alignment Verification testing.

Chief Petty Officer Duggins embodies operational excellence and is most deserving of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Surface Warfare Operational Excellence Award.