

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS



RADM JEFFREY HATHAWAY, USCG (RET)

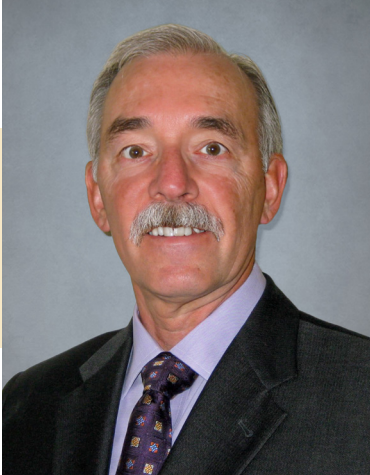
One of the founding fathers of the Coast Guard Cutterman's assimilation into the Surface Navy Association, Rear Admiral Jeffrey Hathaway has been a stalwart and dedicated leader in this union of seafaring professional organizations. Having commanded three major Cutters, Rear Admiral Hathaway is no stranger to the seagoing life. These command experiences, coupled with his vast OPNAV experience in N3/5, make him one of the most knowledgeable liaisons between Navy and Coast Guard Operations, from Anti-Terrorism Force Protection, Drug Interdiction Operations, and Joint Interagency Task Force collaboration, there is no other officer with as much relevancy in Coast Guard/Navy alignment than Admiral Hathaway. Post Coast Guard service has found Admiral Hathaway assuming many roles in the Surface Navy Association. He has diligently served on the SNA Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Membership Committee, Moderator at SNA events, and has been a great mentor to all junior members of the Association. Rear Admiral Hathaway is a visionary, hands on leader, and faithful and unselfish promoter of our Association, always bringing infectious enthusiasm to every activity. For his brilliant service and leadership, we award Rear Admiral Hathaway the Surface Navy Associations Special Recognition Award, our highest honor.



CAPT THOMAS FORBES USN (RET)

Captain Forbes is a longstanding member and leader of the Hampton Roads Chapter of our Surface Naval Association. In his service to SNA, Captain Forbes has tirelessly supported his great, great grandfather, Gunnar George Sirian's legacy, by annually presenting onboard the USS Constitution in Boston, the George Sirian Meritorious Service Award to an outstanding Chief Petty Officer selected from the U.S. Navy Fleet. Gunnar Sirian served in the US Navy for 55 years until retirement in 1880, after one of the longest active-duty careers in Naval History. During his great, great grandfathers' career, he served in 20 different ships, and seven shore stations, including the USS Constitution's world cruise. He also served as a gunnery instructor at the US Naval Academy during the Civil War. Captain Forbes has worked tirelessly in obtaining and preserving documents pertaining to George Sirian's career, donating them to the Constitution Museum in Boston. For this and his selfless service to the Hampton Roads, Constitution and National Capitol Chapters, Captain Forbes is awarded the Surface Navy Associations Special Recognition Award, our highest honor.

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DR. PRES WEAVER, FLTCM (SS/SW/AW), USN (RET)

Dr. Pres Weaver is a charismatic leader and motivator who focuses on developing those in his charge. This has been proven throughout his 25 years as a cornerstone of the SNA Awards Committee, as well as his many volunteer hours assisting in meeting the needs of the Scholarship and Zumwalt committees. Dr. Weaver started his U.S. Navy career as a Submarine Electronics Technician. His career included such significant appointments as Chief of the Boat (COB) on USS Portsmouth and Command Master Chief (CMC) at Submarine Squadron Eleven. Transitioning to surface warfare, he assumed the role of Command Master Chief (CMC) on USS Peleliu (LHA 5) from 1995 to 1998. Weaver's leadership continued to evolve as he undertook strategic positions, notably serving as the CNO Directed Command Master Chief for Military Sealift Command and subsequently as the US Sixth Fleet Command Master Chief. Culminating his military service as the Fleet Master Chief for US Naval Force Europe from 2002 to 2005. Weaver seamlessly integrated into civilian life. He joined Sonalysts, Inc. as a Principal Analyst, contributing his extensive expertise to the organization, especially working with the U. S. Coast Guard on special projects.

A man of high integrity and solid moral fiber, Pres Weaver is able to overcome any challenge and accomplish whatever mission is assigned. Pres is a visionary, highly innovative, dedicated and team oriented individual whose supportive can-do attitude creates an environment where everyone strives to do their best. His leadership and presence are infectious and welcoming. He can always be counted on for connecting and networking with the junior officer and enlisted awardees attending the National Symposium. For his tireless and diligent service to the Surface Navy Association Pres Weaver is awarded the Association's highest honor, the Special Recognition Award.