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SUBJ/JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2019//

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GENTEXT/RMKS/1. ORIG REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO ALL AVIATION ORDNANCE

ACTIVITIES/PERSONNEL AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EACH COMMAND TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

FOR THIS HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR TOP PERFORMER FROM THE AVIATION ORDNANCE PROFESSION FROM BOTH THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY.

2. THE 2019 JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR (AOY) WILL BE SELECTED AT THE 43RD ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN

(AAO) CONVENTION WHICH WILL CONVEENE AT THE SILVER LEGACY IN RENO, NV ON 1 AUG 2019. ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (NAVY AND MARINE CORPS, OFFICER AND ENLISTED, RETIRED AND ACTIVE DUTY) AND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH ORDNANCE INVOLVEMENT, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION. SEPARATE AAO CONVENTION MESSAGE TO FOLLOW.

3. THE AAO REQUESTS COMMANDS NOMINATE DESERVING PERSONNEL FOR THE JOHN W. FINN AOY AWARD. NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN FROM THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY SERVING IN PAYGRADES E-5 OR E-6. ENDORSEMENTS, OTHER THAN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S COMMANDING OFFICER, ARE NEITHER REQUIRED NOR DESIRED.

4. THIS AWARD IS NAMED AFTER AOC (LATER LT) JOHN W. FINN, A MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FROM WORLD WAR II WHO WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS DURING THE ATTACK ON NAS KANEHOE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, ON 07 DECEMBER 1941. LT FINN PASSED AWAY ON 27 MAY 2010 AT THE AGE OF 100.

5. ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROFESSIONALISM, MILITARY BEARING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED ON SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS EXPRESSED IN OUR US NAVY AND US MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT. THE PERIOD OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED BY THIS AWARD IS FROM 16 JULY 2018 TO 18 JULY 2019.

**6. PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

A. FULL NAME, RATE/RANK.

B. DATE AND PLACE OF ENLISTMENT.

C. ADVANCEMENT HISTORY, RANK/DATE OF RANK.

D. DEPENDENTS (LIST NAMES AND AGES (OF CHILDREN ONLY)).

E. BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WARRANT SELECTION.

F. PERSONAL MILITARY AWARDS (WITH SUPPORTING CITATIONS).

G. OFF-DUTY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

7. ENCLOSURES:

A. ENCLOSURE (1): BIOGRAPHY- A NARRATIVE WHICH STARTS WITH DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH AND INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL HISTORY, MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY, CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, AWARDS/ MEDALS, FAMILY, ETC.

(NOTE: THIS ENCLOSURE IS TO BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) DOUBLE-SPACED TYPE WRITTEN PAGES).

B. ENCLOSURE (2): 5X7 FULL-LENGTH PHOTO, THREE-QUARTER VIEW, PLAIN BACKGROUND, SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (USN)/DRESS B UNIFORM (USMC), UNCOVERED (A PERSONAL DIGITAL CAMERA MAY BE UTILIZED).

C. ENCLOSURE (3): THE MOST RECENT AND THE TWO PREVIOUS EVALUATIONS (FRONT AND BACK) (3 EVALUATIONS IN TOTAL).

D. ENCLOSURE (4): JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS ([HTTPS://JST.DODED.MIL](https://jst.doded.mil)) COMBINATION REPORT TRANSCRIPT. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CLASSES/ DEGREES NOT LISTED ON THIS REPORT, ATTACH OFFICIAL CLASS COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AND/OR DEGREES. ENSURE THE COMPLETE REPORT IS SUBMITTED, DO NOT OMIT THE SUMMARY OR ACADEMIC INSTITUTION COURSES SECTIONS.

E. ENCLOSURE (5): PERSONAL AWARD CITATIONS ONLY (FLAG LOC, NAM, NCM, ETC.).

8. A SAMPLE PACKAGE CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.AAOWEB.ORG/AAO](http://WWW.AAOWEB.ORG/AAO).

9. EMAIL NOMINATION PACKAGES FOR THE JOHN W. FINN AOY AWARD TO THE AOY CHAIRMAN AT AAOBOD4(AT)AAOWEB.ORG. PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY COB 19 JULY 2019. NO PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

REQUEST SUBMITTING COMMANDS PROVIDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO ENSURE THEY CAN BE PROVIDED CONFIRMATION THAT SUBJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE WAS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED AS COMPLETE.

10. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER AT THE AAO AWARDS BANQUET ON 03 AUGUST 2019.

11. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION. PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POCS:

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