

SURFACE FORCE INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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



COMNAVSURFLANT WINNER

HM1 (SW) DANIEL MOY, USN
USS THUNDERBOLT (PC 12)

HM1 Moy is an exceptional leader, subject matter expert, and outstanding all-around Sailor. His maturity, responsibility and sense of duty make him the go-to First Class Petty Officer onboard USS THUNDERBOLT.

As Senior Medical Department Representative, his efforts resulted in THUNDERBOLT setting that standard for medical readiness. He managed 100% vaccination rate, earned 'green' scores on Type Commander's Readiness Evaluations and the decommissioning INSURV inspection, and kept medical and dental readiness over 96%. On a small ship, it is imperative that all hands actively participate in every aspect of shipboard operation; HM1 Moy leads the way. The only E-6 qualified Officer of the Deck Underway, he commands the bridge and flawlessly executed the deck watch during five iterations of Operation UNIFIED TAKEDOWN. The best ship driver onboard, HM1 Moy is also the go-to Conning Officer for special evolutions, safely maneuvered the ship through 42 special sea and anchor evolutions! Qualified as Command Duty Officer, HM1 is the only E-6 entrusted with the command and control of ship operations in the commanding officer's absence. A command-impact Sailor, HM1 also serves as the Command Managed Equal Opportunity Manager and Career Counselor. His drive to build and sustain teamwork is critical to the success of THUNDERBOLT and is the example for all junior Sailors to emulate. He leads, trains, and exceeds expectations.

Operationally, HM1 Moy is tactically savvy and accomplishes demanding operations. During a high-risk and high-intensity mission where an Iranian Forces vessel captured a vital United States Navy USV, he assumed the Conn and enthusiastically maneuvered for the vessel for the night. Without lunar illumination, he utilized THUNDERBOLT's Marine Forward Looking Infrared system and searched for the towed USV. Within 30 mins, operating in a highly congested sea space and darkness, he found the USV and positioned THUNDERBOLT for an interaction and recovery. HM1 then assumed his medical duties in preparation for mission execution. His commitment to the mission enabled the safe retrieval of the USV and its safe return to homeport. His dynamic actions were lauded by Commander, United States Central Command and Commander, Naval Forces Central Command. During another mission, Operation UNIFIED TAKEDOWN, HM1 Moy rendered medical assistance to a crew member of the fishing vessel in distress. Without medical facilities onboard the vessel, his actions stabilized the injury and allowed the crew member to be safely transported to the vessel's next port of call. HM1 Moy is an outstanding Hospital Corpsman and an outstanding overall Sailor.

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COMNAVSURFPAC WINNER

HM1 (SW/FMF) MARCUS SANDERS, USN *USS CHAFEE (DDG 90)*

HM1 Sanders is by far the best IDC on any waterfront! His service to the Navy, CHAFEE, and his shipmates is obvious in his sustained superior performance as the ship's Senior Medical Department Representative, vital to USS CHAFEE's operational readiness.

HM1 Sanders leadership, expertise, and forehandedness made an immediate positive impact, preventing a COVID-19 outbreak at sea by quickly screening the crew and isolating sick sailors, stopping the spread of the virus despite the limited living space onboard the ship. His efforts directly resulted to CHAFEE's 100% operational readiness in support of the CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group 2021-2022 deployment. He was elected by his peers to be the First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) Vice President and later elected as the association's President. HM1 organized multiple trainings on Naval Heritage and led several FCPOA fund raising events, raising over \$6,000 to support of crew morale. Additionally, he led his medical team in receiving the Command's First Green "H."

HM1 Sanders saved the life of a Sailor found unconscious and unresponsive in the ship's berthing head. He assessed the medical situation and took over CPR, reviving and stabilizing the Sailor and ultimately saving his shipmate's life. He ensured CHAFEE's success in READ-E2 and READ-E3, scoring a 94% and 99%, respectively on his NAVOSH programs, while simultaneously re-certifying Fleet Support Operations Medical Warfare Area with an overall score of 91%. His efforts prior to deployment returned CHAFEE to C-2 status (85% overall) after the previous Medical Readiness Inspection (MRI) had lapsed prior to him taking the helm. He increased medical and material readiness despite dealing with limited medical support due to COVID-19, Pearl Harbor Water Crisis, and an arduous 2021-2022 work up and deployment cycle during which CHAFEE was away from homeport for 86% of the year. His keen foresight proved vital during a seven-month C7F deployment when he was able to keep over 330 Sailors medically ready achieving 90% medical readiness. He trained 36 Stretcher Bearers, 10 VBSS team members, 7 Medical Training Team Members, and 2 junior Corpsman in TCCC, ensuring a medically capable crew for deployment operations. HM1 has expertly managed every aspect of the medical care for over 300 CHAFEE Sailors for the past 12 months. He has seen over 1,000 patient encounters, coordinated 300 specialty exams/physicals, and executed 5 MEDEVACS ensuring each Sailor received the best possible care worldwide.

HM1 Sanders is a consummate professional who performs and conducts himself at the level of a Seasoned Chief Petty Officer and has earned the complete trust and confidence of both junior and senior Sailors. He vigorously tackles any assignment, a born and polished leader that Sailors willingly follow. His "can do" attitude and reliability ranked him well above his peers. His outstanding work ethic and supervisory skills are proven and evident through his Sailors who accomplish command goals with his guidance. HM1 Sanders is an exemplary leader who embodies the type of Sailor that the Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman of the Year Award was designed to recognize.