This award honors an officer or senior enlisted person who most clearly exemplifies the extraordinary qualities, vision & incisiveness of the nineteenth Chief of Naval Operations. It is for those who demonstrate dynamic leadership, operational excellence, unselfish dedication to duty, visionary zeal and exemplary care for personnel under his or her direction. This award is co-sponsored by Whitney, Bradley, Brown. We received 48 nominations by Active Duty Equal or Junior in Rank (that are then endorsed by the CO).

The Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman (SFIDC) Navy Enlisted Code (NEC) 8425 was established to identify highly motivated and specially trained Hospital Corpsman to manage health programs and provide primary care under indirect supervision at sea.

HMC Bright epitomizes the qualities of a sustained superior performer both in rate as a corpsman and through his command impact as a leader on the deck plates. He received the highest scores on every possible inspection throughout a rigorous workup cycle and received repeated and consistent accolades from off ship for having the best medical program on the waterfront. The definitive proof of his incredible ability can be seen in the crew’s superlative medical training, the overall health of his Sailors, and the increased combat readiness he and his team bring to LASSEN. HMC Bright is a powerhouse leader who can manage his time efficiently and effectively between his primary medical duties and various other collateral/watch responsibilities. His daily actions are most deserving of this prestigious award.

HMC (SW/FMF/AW) Quintin D. Bright, USN – USS Lassen (DDG 82)

HMI Flores’s service to the Navy, to BARRY, and to his shipmates on this forward deployed destroyer is best exemplified by his sustained superior performance of his duties as the Independent Duty Corpsman. Petty Officer Flores is a true fire-and-forget Sailor. He has proven time and again to be an exceptional professional, dedicated to the wellbeing of his shipmates. BARRY’s crew could not be in better hands under his care. He has masterfully executed all his inspections with outstanding results. HM1’s diligence in his profession not only prepared BARRY for future operational employment but exceeded the standard time and time again. He is a consummate professional and has earned his commander’s complete trust and confidence. Simply stated, his performance aboard BARRY has been outstanding!

HM1 (SW/FMF) Jesus G. Flores, USN

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