

## Naval Association of Physician Assistants (NAPA) 2012 PA of the Year Awards

The following awards are established in recognition of individual contributions to the advancement of the Navy physician assistant role in medicine, leadership and scholarly endeavors. Nominations must be received by **01 April 2012** for the Awards Committee to consider. All nominations must be sent to CDR David Bachand, NAPA Vice President @ [navynapa@hotmail.com](mailto:navynapa@hotmail.com). A sample nomination is included on the last page. Please see the NAPA web site at [www.napasite.net](http://www.napasite.net) for further information and guidance.

Awards will be presented at the annual NAPA General Membership meeting to be held May 2012 at our NAPA meeting Toronto, Canada.

Nomination packages must contain a detailed account of verifiable accomplishments for the period of 02 April 2011 – 01 April 2012. Complete packages will include:

- Cover letter (1-2 pages and must include a command endorsement)
- Nomination For Award (see example)
- Curriculum vitae
- Biography

Selection will be based upon a weighted evaluation of the information provided in the nomination package. The NAPA Vice President will head the selection committee, which will be comprised of the NAPA Board of Directors.

Those selected will be recognized at the annual NAPA meeting, and will be posted on the NAPA web site as well as the NAPA newsletter. All awardees will receive an engraved, commemorative plaque.

Award categories:

**NAPA Leadership Award** This award honors an outstanding Navy physician assistant during the current year. Nominees must be 0-3 or above active duty, reserve or retiree. Current NAPA BOD Officers are not eligible. The award nomination should include a one page cover letter introducing the candidate and an accompanying document titled "Nomination for Award" with the following headings:

LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONALISM, DEDICATION TO QUALITY MEDICAL CARE, ENHANCEMENT OF THE IMAGE OF PAs, INVOLVEMENT IN NAPA, AAPA, LOCAL/STATE/REGIONAL PA AFFAIRS, and OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS.

**NAPA Excellence Award** This award honors an outstanding Navy physician assistant during the current year with less than four years commissioned service. Nominees must be an active duty or in the reserves. Current NAPA BOD Officers are not eligible. The award nomination should include a one page cover letter introducing the candidate and an accompanying document entitled "Nomination For Award" with the following headings:

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### **NAPA Admiral Zimble Award**

This award will honor one outstanding PA Preceptor in medicine and one in surgery. Nominees must be DoD physicians that support and help advance the PA profession and the PA-Physician Team approach to medical delivery. The award nomination should include a cover letter introducing the physician for the award and an accompanying document entitled "Nomination For Award" outlining the nominees distinguishing support for the PA-Physician Team concept through direct professional involvement and preceptorship of PAs; contributions to PA professional growth through formal and informal tutelage in current medical practices; leadership qualities, professionalism, and dedication to quality care.

### **Ensign Jerry "Buck" Pope Scholarship Award**

This award is for the best publication or ongoing research by an active duty, reserve or retiree Navy physician assistant who has had an article published in a regional or national medical periodical either as the sole author or one of a team of authors or is a named researcher in an approved research project. The award is intended to recognize the efforts put forth by that PA that is above and beyond the normal scope of our endeavors and of a quality to be published for the education and betterment of our profession as a whole. This is an award, not a grant, and it is not required that the recipient use the money for any specific expenses. The only stipulation is that the recipient must complete the work for which the award is given within three years of the award and provide the Naval Association of Physician Assistants with a bound and electronic copy of the completed work. The award nomination should include a cover letter introducing the candidate and an accompanying document entitled "Nomination For Award" with the following headings:

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### **NAPA "Nomination For Award" Sample Form**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RANK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEADERSHIP**

LT XXXX is the first choice to work in the Orthopedic Clinic when secondary provider needed. Increased access 50%. Solo provider in absence of the physician. Personally performed 250 smallpox screenings and records reviews; garnered "Excellent" rating. Leader amongst the enlisted force, requested to preside over three retirement ceremonies. Master planned and led 30 church youth during event at local food bank.

## **PROFESSIONALISM**

LT XXXX provided expert medical coverage to over 100 attendees at open house. He assisted in the care of 21 patients, including 3 patients requiring urgent medical treatment and hospitalization. Handpicked as POC for recent retiree day. He organized over 300 volunteers who provided flu shots, patient education, and other medical testing to over 2,700 retirees. Direct oversight for cervical screening process improvement, resulted in standards met for first time in recent memory. Volunteered for manning assist in the Pediatric Clinic during critical shortage.

## **DEDICATION TO QUALITY MEDICAL CARE**

Provided much needed training to 16 providers on joint and bursa injections. This training saved the clinic \$5K annually. Astute detection of Ovarian Cancer, Acute Myocardial Infarction, and Ectopic Pregnancy made the survival difference and averted negative outcomes for these critically ill patients. His team is the test site for the open access. Always willing to see patients, averaged 25-30 daily. Most requested provider in the Family Practice Clinic. Numerous accolades on DoD and customer service satisfaction surveys.

## **ENHANCEMENT OF THE IMAGE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Command POC for prospective PA applicants, mentored seven enlisted members. Recently, selected into highly competitive orthopedic fellowship. Completed certifications and CME on his own time which improved sorely needed appointment availability. Fitness role model and mentor. Participated in numerous MWR biking and 5K runs. Leads by example, opens the gym daily at 0430. Role model for local youth, coach for 14 baseball players, and team provider for 45 high school football players. Involved church member called on by parents for personal counseling for troubled youth. A stalwart proponent of parental involvement in school, LT XXXX is a board member for the Parent Teacher Association. Coordinated Hero Day for a deployed fellow PA at a local school. Discussed PA wartime role in combat to 90 students. Story carried by local TV network. Spoke to 60 children about reading now for future career as a professional. Frequent sponsor for relocated PAs.

## **INVOLVEMENT IN NAPA, AAPA, LOCAL/STATE/REGIONAL PA AFFAIRS**

LT XXXX is a fellow member in both the NAPA and AAPA. He is also the liaison between the Virginia State Association of Physician Assistants and Naval Hospital Portsmouth PAs. Student President for the IPAP Association of Physician Assistants.

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

LT XXXX completed his Master's of Physician Assistant Studies with honors. Completed C4 and CBR training. Selected as ACLS instructor. Disaster Medicine Initial Response Team Chief

**LT XXXX is, without a doubt, your next choice for The NAPA Excellence Award!**