



2015 Thomas Jefferson Awards Program Winners



New and Traditional Media Categories

Cat A Civilian Enterprise News Publication

- 1st: Alaska National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, “Warriors”
2nd: Marine Corps Installations East, Camp Lejeune, N.C., “The Globe”
3rd: Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, “Wingspan”

Cat B Funded News Publication

- 1st: MC3 USS Nimitz Media Department, USS Nimitz (CVN 68), Bremerton, Wash., “Nimitz News”
2nd: Defense Contract Management Agency Public Affairs Office, Fort Lee, Va., “Communicator Magazine”
3rd: Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., “AMC Today”

Cat C Digital Publication

- 1st: Navy Facilities Engineering Command Public Affairs, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., “Seabee Online”
2nd: U.S. Army Garrison Natick Public Affairs Office, Natick, Mass., “NSSC This Month”
3rd: Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Professional Outreach Division, Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., “Reporter 42_03”

Cat D Flagship Product

- 1st: Defense Media Activity Air Force Production, Fort Meade, Md., “Airman Magazine”
2nd: Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md., “All Hands”

Cat E Flagship Website

- 1st: Online and Social Media Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., “Army.mil”
2nd: Marines Production, Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md., “Marines.mil”
3rd: Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md., “www.navy.mil”

Cat F Website

- 1st: III Marine Expeditionary Force, III MEF HQ Group, Japan, “III MEF”
2nd: MC1 Naval History and Heritage Command Collections Management Division, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C., “History.navy.mil”
3rd: 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command, Germany, “7th Army JMTC Website”

Cat G Blog

1st: 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, “Spangdahlem Air Base Blog”

Cat H Digital Presence

1st: 375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., “Scott AFB Digital Presence”

2nd: 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, “1st Cavalry Division”

3rd: Public Affairs Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, Pensacola, Fla., “The Blue Angels”

Cat I Communication Campaign

1st: Department of Defense News, Fort Meade, Md., “Veterans Day”

2nd: Public Affairs Officer, Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs, Joint Region Marianas, “Joint Region Marianas SAPR Campaign”

3rd: U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., “USASAC 50th Anniversary”

Cat J News Article

1st: Mr. Christopher Augsburger, Baltimore District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore, Md., “Engineer Team Inspects Damaged Georgian City”

2nd: Maj. Cathleen Snow, 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., “Air Force reservist saves critically injured teens after watercraft accident”

3rd: Petty Officer 1st Class Elliott Fabrizio, Chief of Naval Operations, Personal Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., “CRIC Designs Prototype for Collaborative ‘LinkedIn-Style’ Detailing”

Cat K Feature Article

1st: Master Sgt. Michel Sauret, 200th Military Police Command, Fort Meade, Md., “The Computer that Saved the Soldier’s Back”

2nd: Mr. Ray Bowden, United States Air Force Academy Public Affairs, Air Force Academy, Colo., “Taking care of Airmen: How Air Force mental health services helped a family recover”

3rd: Sgt. Terrence Brady, Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md., “Marine officer mentors Midshipmen on, off gridiron”

Cat L Commentary

1st: Cpl. Jonathan Smith, AFN Iwakuni, Japan, “Misguided pride”

2nd: Senior Chief Petty Officer Joseph W. Lindsey, Navy Operational Support Center Nashville, Smyrna, Tenn., “A Veteran’s Last”

3rd: Master Sgt. Michel Sauret, 200th Military Police Command, Fort Meade, Md., “Why I Serve”

Cat M Photojournalism

1st: Master Sgt. Michel Sauret, 200th Military Police Command, Fort Meade, Md., “I Hear you Calling”

2nd: Petty Officer 3rd Class William Blee, USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Media Department, Bremerton, Wash., “The Heart of a Lifter”

3rd: Senior Airman Nesha Humes, 11th Wing Public Affairs, Joint Base Andrews, Md., “Making the cut: drill team sharpens trainees”

Cat N News Photo

1st: Staff Sgt. Kenneth Scar, 108th Training Command (Initial Entry Training), Charlotte, N.C., “Pride, Service and Family in One Embrace”

2nd: Ms. Lisa A. Ferdinando, Defense Media Activity Army Production, Fort Meade, Md., “Obama honors WWI Soldier with Medal of Honor”

3rd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Wolpert, Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Norfolk, Va., “LS2 Randall Smith Funeral Honors”

Cat O Feature Photo

1st: Staff Sgt. Taresha Hill, HHC, 8th Military Police Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, “Working Dog Competition Tests Skills, Builds Camaraderie”

2nd: Sgt. Reece Lodder, Recruiting Station Seattle, Kent, Wash., “Resiliency Training”

3rd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin V. Cunningham, Navy Public Affairs Support Element Japan, “BHR Helo Ops”

Cat P New Journalist

1st: A1C Kyle Johnson, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

2nd: Staff Sgt. Sierra Fown, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

3rd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Jiang, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), Bremerton, Wash.

Cat Q Military Print Journalist of the Year

1st: Staff Sgt. Leah Kilpatrick, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas

2nd: Tech. Sgt. Traci Howells, 131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

3rd: Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Buliavac, USS San Diego (LPD 22) Public Affairs, San Diego, Calif.

Cat R Civilian Print Journalist of the Year

1st: Mr. Timothy D. Flack, 18th Wing, Public Affairs, Japan

2nd: Ms. Martha “Marti” Yoshida, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

3rd: Ms. Terrina Weatherspoon, Defense Media Activity Navy Production, Fort Meade, Md.

Cat S Infographic

No awards

Broadcast Media Categories

Cat A Audio Entertainment Program

1st: Master Sgt. Harry Kibbe, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, “Red, White, and Air Force Blue Christmas featuring Aaron Tippin”

Cat B Audio Spot Production

1st: Sgt. Simon Mctizic, AFN Pacific, South Korea, “USO Magic The Gathering”
2nd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Ben Larscheid, Misawa, Japan, “Misawa's Amnesty Box”
3rd: Airman First Class Treven Cannon, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., “Tops in Blue”

Cat C Audio News Report

1st: Sgt. First Class Brad Staggs, 38th Infantry Division, Indianapolis, Ind., “Vibrant Response 15”
2nd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Molly Greendeer, Sembach, Germany, “CPR Saves Lives”

Cat D Audio Feature Report

1st: Staff Sgt. Matthew Klene, AFN Wiesbaden, Germany, “A Hard Ride to Heal”
2nd: Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob Goff, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, “Missoula Theater”

Cat E Audio Series

No Awards

Cat F Audio Newscast

No Awards

Cat G Audio Information Program

1st: AFN Broadcast Center, Riverside, Calif. (Mr. George Maurer), “Radio Recon featuring Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo”
2nd: Chief of Naval Operations, Personal Staff, Washington, D.C. (Petty Officer 1st Class Elliott Fabrizio, Cmdr. Chris Servello, Lt. Ashley O'Keefe), “CNO's Core Attributes”

Cat H Video Information Program

1st: Office of the Chief, Army Reserves, Fort Belvoir, Va. (Master Sgt. Valerie Resciniti, Capt. Rebecca Murga), “The Rainmaker”
2nd: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Bremerton, Wash. (Mr. Scott Matlock, Mr. Wayne Menard, Mr. Nick Larrabee), “Inside PSNS & IMF”
3rd: AFN Broadcast Center, Riverside, Calif. (Mr. Charlie Gill, Mr. Mark Payne, Mr. Robert Sekula), “Pacific SAT Realignment”

Cat I Video Spot Production

1st: Mr. Robert Sekula, AFN Broadcast Center, Riverside, Calif., “Pacific SAT Realignment”
2nd: Cpl. Anthony Mesa, AFN Iwakuni, Japan, “Suicide Prevention”

3rd: Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Serpico, AFN Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory, “Suicide Prevention”

Cat J Video News Report

1st: Sgt. Kyle Burns, 2d Cavalry Regiment, Germany, “2CR in Deep Freeze”

2nd: Staff Sgt. Michael Washburn, 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Japan, “Exercise RED FLAG-Alaska”

3rd: Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Bryce Bruns, Norfolk, Va., “FASTCENT Bilateral Exchange with Bahrain National Guard”

Cat K Video Feature Story

1st: Sgt. Allison Beiswanger, Digital Engagement Team, Office of U.S. Marine Corps Communication, Washington, D.C., “Never Forgotten”

2nd: Staff Sgt. Jose Ibarra, Army Production, Fort Meade, Md., “Maintenance Haulin”

3rd: Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicolas Lopez, Defense Media Activity, Fort Meade, Md., “Ghosts of Iwo Jima”

Cat L Video Series

1st: Cpl. Abbey Perria, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, Japan, “Welcome to the MEU”

2nd: Petty Officer 1st Class Barry Riley, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, “Release”

3rd: Senior Airman Shellby Anne Matullo, 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs, Barksdale Air Force Base, Ala., “Barksdale AFB Innovators”

Cat M Local Video Newscast

1st: United States Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. (Mr. Calvin Reimold, Mr. Byron Martin, Master Sgt. Melissa Rolan, Capt. Amy Crane), “Army Reserve today - Episode 17”

2nd: AFN Iwakuni, Japan (Cpl. David Bickel, Cpl. Anthony Mesa, Sgt. Jonathon House, Cpl. Justin Glandon-Hall, Cpl. Laiqa Hitt), “AFN Iwakuni Local Video Newscast”

3rd: 18th Wing, Public Affairs, Japan (Senior Airman Devin L. Nothstine), “AFN Pacific - Around The Peninsula”

Cat N Outstanding Flagship Video Program

1st: Defense Media Activity – Air Force Production, Fort Meade, Md. (Master Sgt. Nicholas Kurtz, Staff Sgt. Pete Ising, Tech. Sgt. Shaun Hostutler, Tech. Sgt. Michael Brady, Tech. Sgt. Holly Roberts-Davis, Staff Sgt. Nick Adler), “BLUE”

2nd: Digital Engagement Team, Office of U.S. Marine Corps Communication, Washington, D.C. (Mr. Mark Fayloga, Cpl. Remington Hall, Cpl. Kathy Nunez) “The Corps Report”

Cat O Outstanding New Broadcaster

Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael R. Gendron, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Norfolk, Va.

Cat P DoD Military Broadcaster of the Year

Sgt. Matthew Callahan, Marine Corps Installations Pacific PAO, Japan

Cat Q DoD Civilian Broadcaster of the Year

Mr. Richard Bumgardner, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Cat R Social Media Video

1st: Mr. Jonathan Snowden, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.,
“Weapons Safety”

2nd: Staff Sgt. Jason W. Fudge, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, Kailua, Hawaii,
“Tarawa Marines Return Home”

3rd: Mr. Michael McCool, Operating Location-H, Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Hill
Air Force Base, Utah, “68th Air Force Anniversary (Long)”