

21st annual NAVAIR Commander's Awards recognize readiness, speed to the fleet in unprecedented year



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The winners of the NAVAIR Commander's Awards were recognized virtually at the 21st annual awards ceremony March 31 for delivering capability faster, improving readiness and providing innovative technologies and business solutions.

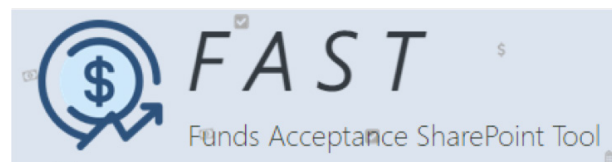
"You have demonstrated that boldness, creativity and leadership that are the building blocks of our mission-aligned organization," said NAVAIR Commander Vice Adm. Dean Peters. "Thank you for setting the bar high, and congratulations for a job well done. You have accomplished so much under the unprecedented environment of this last year."



Most Impactful Supervisor

Andrew Pontzer

The Surface Evaluation through Autonomous Collection Planning project exemplified Pontzer's employee development and creation of training opportunities.



Business Innovation (Transaction or Affordability Focus)

NAWCAD FAST Tool Team

The team achieved a 50% reduction in external funding document acceptance and solved multiple command shortfalls by creating an electronic workflow system



Procurement with Most Innovative Reduction in Cost and/or Cycle Time

Noncombat Survival Radio Team

The team completed procurement of a new noncombat survival radio, cutting the cycle time by two years, saving \$30 million and using 98% of the funds for the end-item product.



Best Performing Fleet Readiness Center/Integrated Product Team

Fleet Readiness Center East/T-64 Engine Production Team

The Propulsion Integrated Product Team for the Heavy Lift Helicopter Program led the effort to increase the overall number of Ready for Issue T-64 engines.



Best Performing Fleet Readiness Center Production Line (Quality Focus)

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast T-6 Trainer Production Team

The team supported warfighter training by their continuous commitment to producing ready aircraft to the fleet.



Best Progress in Technology Development or Transition for Warfighter Benefit

Augmented Reality Remote Maintenance Support Service (ARRMSS) Team

ARRMSS technology has the potential to save the DoD millions in travel and labor funds while decreasing mean time to repair.



Most Collaborative IPT Lead

Heather Bromley

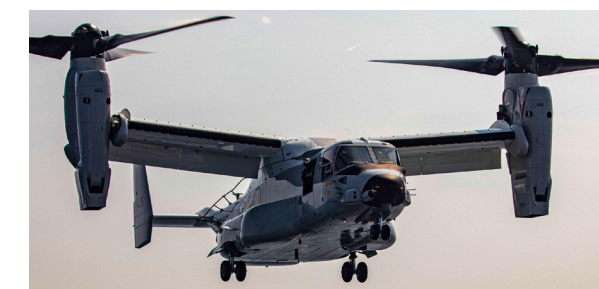
In the midst of a global pandemic, Bromley, the MQ-25 deputy program manager for the Unmanned Carrier Aviation Program Office, worked to award a modification successfully to the MQ-25 Engineering and Manufacturing Development contract in half the time typically required to support changing the MQ-25 Ground Control Station.



Most Impactful Readiness Control Board (RCB) Degradation Action Cell

P-8A Mission Capabilities Turret Deployment Unit Degradation Action Cell Team

The Team excelled in executing the RCB process. The team analyzed failure modes to determine true root cause and immediately initiated short- and long-term mitigation plans.



Most Impactful Readiness Control Board (RCB) Degradation Action Cell

V-22 Spinner Panel RCB Degradation Action Cell Team

The team was instrumental in increasing dramatically the spinner panel availability and reliability. The team implemented multiple courses of action to increase reliability by 23%, save more than \$1 million annually and make future improvements.



Best Improvement in T/M/S Mission Capable Readiness

H-1 Sustainment Program Baseline Team

The AH-1Z Viper readiness demonstrated large improvement during fiscal year 2020, increasing to 68% mission capable and topping out at a 72% monthly average at the end of the calendar year.



Small Business Advocacy Award

This award recognizes individuals and teams that promote, practice and uphold the principles of the command's Small Business Program.

Team Award

PMA-201 Miniature Air Launched Decoy-Navy (MALD-N) Container Team

The team identified an opportunity to approach the acquisition of the MALD-N containers in an innovative manner that would increase the potential of small businesses' contributions to the warfighter and help streamline the procurement timeline for metal weapons containers across NAVAIR.

Team Award

Equipment Procurement and Sustainment Team (EPaS)

The EPaS multiple award contract vehicle with 14 functional areas establishes an acquisition framework necessary to deliver a full scope of innovative, cost-effective equipment solutions and capabilities to support COMFRC. This effort will increase speed to the fleet and enable mission readiness across each of the FRC sites.

Individual Award

Marianne Wild

Wild has demonstrated outstanding initiative and innovation in increasing small businesses' contributions to the warfighter and consistently ensures NAVAIR Office of Small Business Programs coordination and involvement in acquisition strategies occur early in the procurement planning process.

Edward H. Heinemann Award

This award, sponsored by the Association of Naval Aviation, is presented annually to the individual or group of individuals within NAVAIR who achieved or helped achieve significant improvement in the design or modification of an aircraft or aircraft system.



The Distributed Aperture Infrared Countermeasure (DAIRCM) Team

The DAIRCM Team achieved significant accomplishments in 2020. The team completed joint urgent operational need (JUONS) testing and improved system performance through multiple hostile fire indication, missile warning, LASER warning and integration events. The successful completion of these test events enabled accreditation of the Digital System Model by the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, in October 2020.