

## List of Officer PME Student Awards

Functional Lead: Provost

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### 1. University-level Awards

a. Krulak Center Award for Innovation: Presented to students that best embody the spirit and creativity of LtGen Brute Krulak. These students continually challenged instructors as well as their fellow students with their creative thinking and consistently presented novel, imaginative and unique contributions to the class discussions, planning exercises and writing assignments.

b. Women, Peace and Security Writing Awards: In 2017, President Trump signed into law the WPS Act, making this the first legislation of its kind to acknowledge the multifaceted roles of women throughout the conflict spectrum. This award recognizes student papers devoted to the United States' WPS strategy, an international perspective on the WPS agenda, or more broadly, the value of a WPS perspective for security professionals.

c. Colonel Arthur Corbett Award: Awarded in honor of the late Colonel Arthur Corbett, USMC, to the student (and up to two honorable mentions) whose paper best exemplifies the contributions made by Colonel Corbett to the Marine Corps in the realm of force design and capabilities with an emphasis on innovation and creativity.

d. The Dedication to Community Award: Presented to an EWS, CSC, or MCWAR student for the best paper demonstrating academic research, strategic-thought, and professional writing skills on international affairs and related national security issues.

e. MCU Outstanding Mentor Award: The MCU Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award recognizes one MCU civilian faculty member and one MCU military faculty member who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the academic relationship with his/her students. Outstanding mentorship contributes to mentees' ongoing professional development and commitment to lifelong learning, ultimately resulting in a more effective leader and warfighter.

f. Military Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Writing Award: This award is presented to the MCU student who best demonstrates the value of academic study regarding military training or education. The winning paper will share research or lessons learned within the military training and education environment, such as teaching approaches for PME concepts; wargames, simulations, and tabletop exercises; curricular analysis; institutional collaboration; case studies in organizational change; and the history, mission, and role of military training and education.

g. Distinguished International Officer Performance Award: Awarded to an International Military Student (IMS) for exceptional performance that has reflected the highest standards of leadership, academic excellence, and professional growth. They have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to scholarship, collaboration, and the shared purpose that binds military leaders across nations. Through intellectual curiosity, discipline, and resilience, they have

**Commented [DU1]:** updated description from Dr. Mackenzie

**Commented [PU2R1]:** @Mackenzie Civ Lauren B US Are we scrapping this altogether? That would be my assumption

**Commented [DU3R1]:** @Pineiro LtCol James D US @Mackenzie Civ Lauren B US There is a CG decision brief about WPS on May 15 and it will be discussed here. I recommend leaving it for now.

**Commented [MU4]:** The WPS writing award is being support by Gen Reynolds this year but we won't know the status until after our meeting next week with CG/Provost. My guess is that we will try to continue the award but call it something else.

**Commented [PU5R4]:** @Hennessey CIV Megan US Requesting guidance pending the meeting.

**Commented [HU6R4]:** @Pineiro LtCol James D US @Mackenzie Civ Lauren B US As of my check-in today with Melissa Mihocko, there has been no definitive guidance yet on the WPS draw-down from OSD. Let's keep this award in the regs for now; we can adjust later in the AY if needed.

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strengthened the bonds of international military education, leaving a lasting impact on their respective programs and the broader military community. Student selections are based on final GPA and academic performance. Student recognition for MCWAR, SAW, CSC, and CDET takes place during Commencement. Student recognition for EWS takes place during EWS Graduation.

### 2. Awards available to students in two or more programs

a. ABCNZ Armies Program Staff College Award (MCWAR, SAW, CSC): Awarded for the best papers on coalition operability.

b. Foreign Area Officer Award for International Affairs (MCWAR and CSC): Awarded for the best papers demonstrating academic research, strategic-thought, and professional writing skills on international affairs and related intelligence issues.

c. Joint Service Planner Award (MCWAR and SAW): Awarded for the best research papers on the topic of future and/or joint fighting.

### 3. Marine Corps War College Awards

a. Lieutenant General P. K. Van Riper Writing Award: Awarded in honor of the University's first President, Lieutenant General Paul K. Van Riper, USMC (Ret.), for the paper determined to be most suitable for publication in a professional journal.

b. Master of Operational Warfare and Campaigning Award: Awarded for superior achievement in wargaming, campaigning for strategic effect, and exercise play.

c. MCWAR Academic Excellence Awards: Presented to the top ten percent of the MCWAR graduating class based upon evaluation of leadership qualities and superior academic performance, with emphasis on academic performance.

d. National Strategy and Policy Award: Awarded for the best paper that exemplifies a military advice or strategy recommendation memo or paper.

e. Senior Staff and Senior Advisor Award: Awarded for the best performance in briefing a topic in Great Power Rivalry in the fall and/or spring cumulative oral boards.

f. Senior Staff Briefing Award: Awarded to a student for displaying excellence in MCWAR's Strategic Communications Practical Application. The awardee deftly presented policy positions and engaged in a robust exchange of information and question and answer period with a simulated press.

g. AMCL Strategic Logistics Award: This award recognizes the student from the Marine Corps War College who wrote the best paper or memo on advancing logistics as a warfighting function and tying logistical concepts to support national security.

### 4. School of Advanced Warfighting Awards

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a. General Clifton B. Cates Awards (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place): Awarded in honor of General Clifton B. Cates, USMC, the nineteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, for sustained demonstration of problem-solving capabilities far exceeding military experience, and outstanding performance in written assignments, participation in practical exercises, and the daily exchange of ideas.

b. Staff Ride Excellence Prize: Awarded to the student who excels most in the staff ride component of the curriculum.

c. AMCL Advanced Warfighting Logistics Award: This award recognizes the student from the School of Advanced Warfighting who wrote the best paper or memo highlighting the role of logistics in military plans and operations.

### 5. Command and Staff College Awards

a. Brigadier A. W. Hammett Award: Awarded in memory of Brigadier A. W. "Tony" Hammett, Royal Australian Regiment, by the members of his U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College Class of 1975-76 to the International Military Student whose paper is considered most outstanding on a subject of value to the individual student's country.

b. Colonel Bevan G. Cass Awards (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place): Awarded in honor of Colonel Bevan G. Cass, USMC, to two CSC students whose papers are judged to be the best on a topic concerned with the profession of arms bearing directly on the Marine Corps.

c. Colonel Franklin Brooke Nihart Award: Awarded in memory of Colonel Franklin Brook Nihart, USMC, to the Marine infantry officer whose Master of Military Studies paper demonstrates the greatest depth of scholarship, clarity and originality.

d. Lieutenant General Edward W. Snedeker Award: Awarded in honor of Lieutenant General Edward W. Snedeker, USMC, to a student for superior research and writing on a topic related to command, control, communications, and information systems or intelligence issues.

e. Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune Award: Awarded in memory of General John A. Lejeune, USMC, thirteenth Commandant of the Marine Corps, for the best paper on a military topic.

f. Streusand-Cooper Award: Awarded in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Streusand and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Francis L. "Gus" Cooper for the best paper on information and operations, or information as an instrument of national power.

g. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan Intelligence Writing Award: Awarded for the most outstanding paper on intelligence or intelligence-related topics.

h. AMCL Command and Staff College Top Logistician Award: This award recognizes the CSC student with the highest-grade point average and performance with a logistics-related military occupational specialty. This student is chosen by the faculty, and eligible occupational

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specialties include, but are not limited to logistics, supply, transportation, maintenance, health services support, and general engineering.

### 6. Expeditionary Warfare School Awards

a. General Roy S. Geiger Award: Presented in honor of General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, by the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation to the student who demonstrates overall student leadership.

b. International Military Student Officer Award: Presented by the Marine Corps University Foundation to the international military student who best demonstrates overall excellence.

c. Captain Larry K. Shipman Memorial Award: Presented in honor of Captain Larry K. Shipman, USMC, by the Marine Corps Association to the outstanding Ground Combat Element student.

d. Colonel Donald G. Cook Memorial Award: Presented in honor of Colonel Donald G. Cook, USMC, by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association Education Foundation to the outstanding Communications student.

e. First Lieutenant Harry L. Martin Memorial Award: Presented in honor of First Lieutenant Harry L. Martin, USMC, by the Marine Corps Engineer Association to the outstanding Marine Engineer student.

f. Lieutenant Colonel Earl H. "Pete" Ellis Award: Presented in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Earl H. Ellis, USMC, by the Marine Corps Association for critical warfighting discipline student leadership.

g. Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award: Presented in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Johnson, Jr., USMC, by the Marine Corps Aviation Association to the outstanding Aviation Combat Element (ACE) student.

h. Major General Michael Ennis Intelligence Award: The Major General Michael Ennis Intelligence Award is sponsored by Marine Corps University Foundation and presented to the outstanding intelligence officer student.

i. Major Walter M. Murphy Memorial Award: Presented in honor of Major Walter M. Murphy, USMC, by the Marine Corps Association to the outstanding Logistics Combat Element student.

j. The United States Field Artillery Association Award: The United States Field Artillery Association Award (Leatherneck Chapter) is sponsored by the US Field Artillery Association and is presented to the outstanding artillery student.

k. The Marine Corps Gazette Awards: The Marine Corps Gazette awards first and second place awards to the two best papers authored by Marine student officers.

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l. Rapicault Memorial Award: Presented in memory of Captain Patrick Rapicault, USMC, by the Marine Corps Gazette to the international military student who has written the best paper in EWS.

m. Yeosock Memorial Award: Presented in memory of Lieutenant General John J. Yeosock, USA, by the Marine Corps Gazette to a sister service student who has written the best paper in EWS.

n. The Mutter Marines Command and Control Writing Award: This award recognizes the writing of a student on the subject of command and control (C2). If no paper on C2 raises to the level of being worthy of publication, no award will be presented.

### 7. College of Distance Education and Training Awards

a. Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude Award (EWSDEP and EWSBSP): The Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude, USMC (Ret) Award for Exceptional Scholarship is awarded to individuals from the College of Distance Education and Training's Expeditionary Warfare School Blended Seminar Program and Distance Education Program who authored a superior, highly thoughtful, extra-curricular essay linking their curriculum to the Commandant's Professional Reading List.

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