

List of Officer PME Student Awards

Functional Lead: Provost

Division: Academic Support Division

Responsible Office: Registrar

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: Presented to students who best demonstrate critical thought and the creativity focused on United States Strategy, the international strategy as proposed by the UN, or the value of a unique perspective relating to conflict prevention and resolution.

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.

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.

4. School of Advanced Warfighting Awards

a. General Clifton B. Cates Awards (1st and 2nd 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.

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 (1st and 2nd 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 an intelligence-related topic.

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 a first and second place award to the two best papers authored by Marine student officers.

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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