

Sailor of the Year

Commanding Officer remarks:

Petty Officer Garza is the best LPO at my command and he ranks above the best First Class Petty Officers I have had the opportunity to lead. He is the only E-6 in the command that I have approved to perform as TACC Watch Officer. His performance has been equal to what I expect from a Chief Petty Officer. He is the model of conduct at all times and a mentor worthy of emulation, personifying the word "Shipmate." His efforts as a leader within the command have surpassed his peers and his success is visible in the accomplishments and accolades of his subordinates.

He is a consummate team builder who has constantly sought ways to make life better for those around him. Whether it is assisting and guiding Sailors in their professional careers or just being a good listener and counselor, he can be counted on to be there for them. His ability to motivate Sailors and mold them into future leaders makes him an incredible asset to TACRON ELEVEN and the United States Navy. He demonstrates the loyalty, leadership, decisiveness, and the exceptional drive expected of Naval Officers and Chief Petty Officers.

He is fully committed to the Navy and firmly upholds our Core Values. Through steadfast devotion to duty, meticulous attention to detail, and extensive involvement in the command and community, Petty Officer Garza characterizes all the traits that are highly desired in today's Naval Leader. Possessing a calm demeanor even in stressful times, he shows the confidence and competence of a grounded leader. Mature, respected by his peers, juniors and seniors, he has shown me that he is far and away the best performing FCPO in my command.

When I visited the Det during their deployment, I personally observed the role he played and even witnessed the level of credibility he brought to the Amphibious Squadron FIVE team, well representing the TACRON community. It is for these reasons he is your number one choice for the Commander, Tactical Air Control Group ONE, 2012 Sailor of the Year.



W. A. PERKINS

Junior Sailor of the Year

For commendable service resulting in his selection as Commander, Tactical Air Control Group ONE Junior Sailor of the Quarter, First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2013. Petty Officer Bryant consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. As the Administrative Department Leading Petty Officer, he properly trained eight Sailors in all administrative functions ultimately leading to the completion of over 60 Defense Travel System orders and vouchers and 70 pieces of correspondence which included personal awards, Fitness Reports and Evaluations and command directives. He balanced admin work requirements to allow his Sailors to fulfill their in-rate training requirements resulting in two advancements, one rate conversion and one Sailor of the Month. Furthermore, as Detachment TWO Leading Petty Officer, he guided 20 Sailors through intense training evolutions, including Team Trainer and Joint Expeditionary Warfare Laboratory which increased Detachment TWO's operational readiness for its upcoming deployment. Petty Officer Bryant's outstanding professional performance and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon himself, Tactical Air Control Squadron ELEVEN, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



Blue Jacket of the Quarter

For commendable service resulting in his selection as Commander, Tactical Air Control Group ONE Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter, First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2013. Airman Larson consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. As Status Board Keeper and instructor, he was key in the incident free execution of over 800 hours of flight operations and qualification of two Status Board Keepers. He qualified as Tactical Air Control Center Fleet Air Defense Identification Zone Controller, a watch normally manned by a trained Operations Specialist, thereby enhancing Detachment ONE's operational readiness. Additionally, as Detachment ONE's Command Fitness Leader, he oversaw a physical fitness program for 30 Sailors which resulted in the detachment achieving an unprecedented 100% pass rate during the Fall Physical Fitness Assessment, including three members of the detachment passing after a spring failure. Airman Larson's outstanding professional performance and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon himself, Tactical Air Control Squadron ELEVEN, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

