

NIOC Maryland is recipient of the 2009 RADM March Foreign Language Excellence Award

NIOC Maryland Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven Ashworth, watched as Rear Adm. Edward H. Deets presented the March family with a replica of the Rear Adm. G. P. March Foreign Language Excellence Award at the reception following March's memorial and inurnment at the U.S. Naval Academy, Dec. 4, 2009.

For the fifth consecutive year, Navy Information Operations Command Maryland is the recipient of Navy's Foreign Language Award in the command language program category.

"It is an honor for NIOC Maryland to receive this award for it signifies the lasting legacy of Rear Adm. March and exemplifies the impact that he had and continues to have on the Cryptologic and Information Warfare Communities and Commands," said Ashworth. "We will remember him fondly every time we look at this award and the Sailors have this award to strive for every year as we continue to raise the bar for linguistic excellence in the Navy."

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), Monterey, Calif., sponsors the competition to recognize language excellence.

NIOC Maryland now competes for the larger cross-Service award competition, which will be decided prior to the Command Language Program Manager (CLPM) conference in Monterey scheduled for May.

"Our selections represent the superior levels of linguistic proficiencies represented throughout the Navy, and our expectations are high for the cross-service competition," said Rear Adm. Daniel P. Holloway, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education director.