



UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

CLASS OF 1966



15 July 2021

GM2 (SW) Johnny J. Hoyos, USN
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Re: **UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966 AWARD FOR
SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM FOR 2021**

Dear Petty Officer Hoyos:

On behalf of the Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy, I commend you on your selection to receive the Class of 1966 Petty Officer Superior Leadership and Professionalism Award for 2021.

As Combat Gunnery Leading Petty Officer your leadership was essential to the successful induction of USS HUÉ CITY into the Cruiser Modernization Program and her subsequent change of homeport to Norfolk, Virginia. Leveraging your experience as a Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor and Range Safety Officer, you have continuously provided crucial support to waterfront commands. While underway on USS GUNSTON HALL, you led their team in the construction of an underway firing range and facilitated 42 hours of combined classroom and on-range weapons familiarization training for first time shooters. Your efforts resulted in the qualification of 90 Sailors and GUNSTON HALL meeting 100% of Type Commander armed watch stander requirements.

You provided professional training to 22 Sailors on USS GETTYSBURG leading to their OC (Pepper) Spray qualifications. Your efforts brought them one step closer to completing Modernization and rejoining the Fleet. You assumed the role of Training Petty Officer and adeptly saw that all annual training requirements were completed on time for the crew of 35 onboard HUÉ CITY. Your ability to adapt and train in all situations is a testament to your dedication and professionalism!

As a leader in your field of expertise, you continually excel among your peers in every aspect and have raised the standard for others to emulate. As collateral duty Public Affairs Officer and Command Facebook Page Administrator, you have served as the focal point for ensuring day-to-day operations, award ceremonies, noteworthy events, and long-lasting memories are shared with the crew, family, and friends, including the brave veterans who fought in the Battle of Hué.

In recognition of your achievement, The Class of 1966 would like to present you with the enclosed certificate and check to show our respect and appreciation for your exceptional performance in HUÉ CITY during Calendar Year 2021. Your loyal devotion to duty, unselfish service to your Shipmates and your Country, and continued high level of professionalism are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

My classmates and I wish you much success during your Naval career and may you always have fair winds and following seas. Well done!

Most Sincerely,

Carlton W. Fulford, Jr
General, United States Marine Corps (Ret.)
President, Class of 1966
United States Naval Academy

Copy to: Commanding Officer // USS HUÉ CITY (CG 66)