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Navy Medicine Leadership Recognizes Information Technology Specialists

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ORLANDO, Fla. (NNS) -- Deputy Chief for Installations and Logistics, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Rear Adm. Richard Vinci, presented the Captain Joan Dooling Awards to the 2011 recipients at the annual Navy Days Training Symposium in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 19.

The Dooling Award for Information Professional Excellence was established to recognize and encourage notable contributions to accomplishing Navy Medicine's mission worldwide, spotlighting outstanding achievements of individuals or groups of individuals in the information management and information technology areas.

"Dooling was a pioneer who laid the ground work for the automated patient flow between facilities of all services, using open systems architecture as just one of her many accomplishments," said Vinci. "The 2011 awardees have dedicated countless hours and made immeasurable contributions to Navy Medicine and embody the same spirit and dedication as Dooling herself."

This year's team awards included the Navy Essentris Team as the Multi-Facility Team of the Year; the Multinational Medical Unit Management Information Department Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as the Operational Team of the Year; and Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center's Information Resource Management Department as the overall Informational Professional Team of the Year.

This year's individual awards were presented to Chief Information Systems Technician (SW) Derrick Poe as the Enlisted Information Professional of the Year; C. Wayne "Bo" Knight as the Civilian Professional of the Year; and Lt. Cmdr. Mark T. Young as the Information Professional Officer of the Year.

"These recipients were chosen from an even larger group of IT professionals that have made great IT-related contributions to Navy Medicine, despite limited resources," said Mr. Verlin Hardin, deputy chief Information Management/Information Technology/Chief Information Officer, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. "Professionals like Lt. Cmdr. Young are models to emulate throughout the Fleet. His actions to promote and enact telepharmacy remote dispensing and verification systems, created an enormous amount of savings for the Navy Medicine enterprise.

"We have a responsibility to be good stewards of our taxpayer dollars, and these awards are about recognizing individuals and teams who are creatively and proactively contributing to our success in this and our many other missions," said Hardin.

The Navy Days Symposium (Navy Days) is an annual conference that is held in conjunction with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Conference and Exhibition. HIMSS provides keynote speakers addressing leading issues, educational sessions, exhibitions and connections to physicians, nurses, administrators, pharmacists, payers and other key players in healthcare IT.

Navy Days precedes the HIMSS Conference and Exhibition and is focused on both Navy and joint (Navy, Army and Air Force) information management/information technology throughout the Navy Medicine enterprise.

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