American Society of Naval Engineering Award Nomination Guidelines (Revised: Sept 2017)

Each year the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) celebrates excellence in our profession by recognizing individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the field of naval engineering. By awarding:

- The **ASNE Gold Medal Award** for a singular achievement in Naval Engineering
- The **Solberg Award** for Naval Engineering Research
- The **Harold E. Saunders Award** for Lifetime Achievement
- The **Frank G. Law Award** for Service to ASNE
- The **Claud A. Jones Award** for Fleet Engineering
- The **Frank C. Jones Award** for intermediate and depot level Maintenance and Modernization
- The **Rosenblatt** Young Naval Engineer Award
- The **Clifford G. Geiger Award** for Naval Logistics

Nominations are accepted in the Fall and award winners are recognized the following year at ASNE symposia around the nation. Award winners are generally notified in January/February time frame.

**Eligibility**

Any U.S. citizen engaged in any of the many aspects of naval engineering may be considered for these awards including government employees, members of the uniformed services, and those employed in the defense industry, in academia, or elsewhere in the private sector. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or organization having knowledge of the qualifications of the individual nominated. Self-nominations are not accepted. The same person may be nominated for more than one award, but that person may not receive more than one award in the same year. Previous nominations will be reconsidered by the Awards Committee one year following initial submission.

**Submitting an Award Nomination**

All nominations, along with any letters of recommendation, should be emailed to the awards coordinator at awards@navalengineers.org. The format of the nomination is summarized below. An example document with this layout can be found on ASNE’s website.

**Nomination Layout - Documenting Award Specifics**

1. Award Name - Identify which award the nomination is being submitted for.
2. Date of Submission
3. Nominee Profile - Name, position, affiliation, email, phone number.
4. Nominator Profile - Name, position, affiliation, email, phone number.
5. Biographical Sketch of Nominee
6. Statement of Accomplishment
7. Assessment of Importance of Accomplishment

- A nomination package should not exceed 12 pages in length.
- Review and focus on the specific reward criteria, which is summarized for each ASNE Award, that you are submitting your nomination for.
- Submit to ASNE Awards Coordinator via email at awards@navalengineers.org.
Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation in support of an award package are frequently used in “breaking the tie” between two or more highly qualified candidates. We strongly encourage the inclusion of endorsement letters from supervisors, or others, who can speak to the achievements of the nominee. Submit letters to the ASNE Awards Coordinator via email at awards@navalengineers.org.

Resubmissions

Candidates who are not selected will be reconsidered automatically for one follow-on cycle. It is encouraged that additional information be submitted, along with any updates of the nominee’s/nominator’s personal profiles. Competition is often very intense and an updated re-submission could be equally competitive with a first-time submission.

For the Rosenblatt Young Engineer Award, the Awards Committee may reconsider candidates within two years of their first submission even if the candidate is older than 35.

Submission Tips/Guidelines

- Be as specific and clear as possible in stating the nominee’s accomplishments.

- Clearly state the significance of the person’s accomplishments in quantitative terms wherever possible. If the significance is of a more qualitative nature, be sure to show the far-reaching effects especially if they are of national or international prominence.

- Ensure the information is timely and that it fits the award criteria, especially where currency of work is involved. Focus on the award criteria (summarized below for each ASNE award) for the award you are submitting a nomination.

- Consider submitting an individual for more than one category of award if his/her work could be considered to overlap. For instance, a person competing for the Saunders Award might also be in contention for the Gold Award if the last five years of their work has made a very significant contribution.

- Consider submitting more than one nominee in each category if you have people that fit the criteria.

- If applicable, it is appropriate to include specific mention of the nominee’s service contributions to ASNE or other professional societies during the period addressed by the nomination.

- For more insight, you can review past recipients and their citations on the ASNE website. www.navalengineers.org

Specific Award Criteria

ASNE Gold Medal - Singular Achievement in Naval Engineering

The ASNE Gold Medal Award recognizes a most significant contribution to the field of Naval Engineering within a particular area within the last five years, but the nomination may cite more than one significant contribution during the five years. Also, the work may have spanned more than five years if it can be shown that the most significant contribution occurred during the last five years. Currency of contribution is critical and should be clearly stated. Impact
(significance) of accomplishment in terms of improved operational performance achieved, resources saved, efficiency gained, problems solved, etc. must be explicitly noted.

**Harold E. Saunders Award - Lifetime Achievement**

The Harold E. Saunders Award is intended for those who have made significant contributions over a lifetime of career service within the Naval Engineering community, generally 25-30 or more years of service. The nominee should be a renowned expert within his or her field and have earned broad acclaim throughout the entire Naval Engineering community. Service with international impact, or recognition is a plus. Contributions that include not only material accomplishments but advances in professional development of the next generation of Naval Engineers also serve to boost the nominee’s standing for this award.

**Claud A. Jones Award - Fleet Engineering**

The Claud A. Jones Award is primarily for fleet engineers and has historically been awarded to an operating military engineer. However, it can and has been awarded to civilian members who meet the criteria. It is especially important that the accomplishments and their significance be clearly communicated. The broader the impact in terms of contributions to enhancing fleet and material readiness, homeland security, and homeland defense, the more competitive the candidate will be.

**Frank C. Jones Award - Intermediate and Depot Level Maintenance and Modernization**

The Frank C. Jones award recognizes those Naval Engineering professionals who, over a period of at least ten years culminating in the current year, have substantially and significantly contributed to their agency’s intermediate and/or depot-level ship maintenance and/or alteration programs. It is differentiated from the Claud A. Jones Award primarily in terms of level, scope of the work, and the period of time covered by the nomination. The Claud A. Jones Award is intended to address field level operational and maintenance engineering over a span of three years or more, while the Frank C. Jones Award is intended to recognize individuals above field level for their involvement in any aspect of intermediate and/or depot level repair or alterations including program management, planning, design or project execution over a period of ten or more years.

**Solberg Award - Naval Engineering Research**

The Solberg Award is intended to recognize most significant contributions in personal research or directed research culminating within the most recent three-year period ending with the current year. Nominations that include evidence that the research has transcended from theoretical to practical are generally more competitive in this category. While clarity of accomplishments and assessment of significance remain important for this award, it is also very helpful to provide additional reference material in terms of lists of published articles or abstracts, endorsements or summaries that outline for the committee the significance of the nominee’s accomplishments.

**Frank G. Law Award – ASNE Service**

The Frank G. Law Award nominee must show steady professional growth and contribution to the Society at the local section or chapter and/or at the national level on committees or the national Council. A complete summary of articles published, symposia or workshops organized, committees chaired, offices held, outreach performed on behalf of the
Society, members/volunteers recruited will all help to round out a nominee’s portfolio for this award.

**Rosenblatt Young Naval Engineer Award – Young Engineer**

The Rosenblatt Young Naval Engineer Award will be presented to a single award winner person who will not have reached the age of 35 years by December 31 of the year of nomination, who has demonstrated remarkable, early professional achievement in one or more areas of the field of naval engineering as defined by the Society. The nominee shall have made a most noteworthy contribution to advancing the field by clearly demonstrating one or more of the following:

1. Superior innovation and insight, as evidenced by senior acclaim, published paper(s), invention, design creativity, patent(s), simulation, process improvement, or similar accomplishments.
2. Outstanding technical leadership and obvious potential for continued distinction in naval engineering based on assigned responsibilities and recognized preeminent performance that is typically uncharacteristic of someone of his or her age.

Moreover, the nominee shall exhibit character and integrity that reflects the Rosenblatt tradition of both ethics and excellence that has brought great credit to our community and the Society, and that will serve as a role model for other young engineers.

This award is intended to motivate a younger engineer to even greater achievements in the field and as such should focus on their potential as well as their accomplishments made to date. Further, mentoring of younger engineers by the nominee would make that individual an even stronger candidate for the award, and examples of such mentoring should be included. The nomination narrative should focus on the nominee’s specific accomplishments and the significance of those accomplishments in a very succinct fashion. The nomination must document the candidate’s birth date.

**Clifford G. Geiger Award**

The Clifford G. Geiger Award is intended to recognize professionals who have distinguished themselves in the field of naval logistics over a period of ten years or more. Areas of emphasis in the nomination should include discussion of the nominee’s efforts to foster and enhance the synergy between engineering and logistics; the nominee’s involvement in the education and professional development of naval logisticians; and the nominee’s overall impact on the logistics readiness of the naval services.

**Questions**

Questions on award submissions should be directed to the Awards Coordinator at ASNE Headquarters, email: awards@navalengineers.org. The Awards Coordinator will coordinate with the Awards Committee and provide responses to questions as required.