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Naval Submarine League Announces Annual Award

ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- U.S. Navy Capt. Joseph L. Campbell will be honored by the Naval Submarine League for his leadership and contribution to the submarine force, the organization announced today. Capt. Campbell will receive the Rear Admiral Jack N. Darby Award which recognizes inspirational leadership and excellence of command.

Capt. Campbell is being recognized for his superior performance while serving as commanding officer of the USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) Gold Crew. Capt. Campbell's mentorship, leadership and unparalleled expertise resulted in a more proficient and operationally sound ship in support of the Department of Defense.

Capt. Campbell "maintained his ship at sea in 100% readiness throughout his patrols during the pandemic, allowing national decision-makers full options during a period of significant global tensions. His leadership and technical rigor allowed his team to overcome several significant material challenges while keeping his ship in the fight and on station, including supporting at-sea requirements that resulted in one of the longest TRIDENT patrols in recent history." notes Capt. Charles "Chas" McLenithan, commodore, Submarine Squadron 17.

Capt. Campbell's efforts at driving a culture that valued learning and improvement culminated with an evaluation of Above Standards in Operational Fundamentals, a significant increase in Kentucky Gold's performance in this area. Under his command, his focus on Sailors and their continued development and growth accounted for over 50 advancements.

The award's namesake, Rear Admiral Darby, was a career submariner who commanded the submarines Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618) and Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640). He also served as the commandant of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy and commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's submarine force.

Capt. Campbell will be presented with this award on Nov. 2, 2022 at the Naval Submarine League Annual Symposium and Industry Update in Arlington, Va.

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Founded in 1982, the Naval Submarine League (NSL) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting awareness of the importance of submarines to U.S. national security. NSL membership is open to all U.S. citizens.

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CAPT. JOSEPH L. CAMPBELL
2022 RADM JACK N. DARBY AWARD
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