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Dear Colleagues,

For over 25 years Religious Program Specialists have served the Navy and Marine Corps team with honor, courage and commitment. You can help recognize the stellar work of an RP by nominating him or her for the Junior or Senior Outstanding Religious Program Specialist of the Year.

The nomination criteria for this recognition are delineated in OPNAV 1650.27. This instruction is under revision to better explain the component categories and submission process. For this year one RP will be selected from each of these categories:

- (1) Active Component Junior/Senior Sea RP (E1-E4/E5-E6)
- (2) Active Component Junior/Senior Shore RP (E1-E4/E5-E6)
- (3) Reserve Component Junior/Senior Sea/Shore RP (E1-E4/E5-E6)

The period of eligibility is 1 Oct 03 to 30 Sep 04. A reserve component RP recalled to active duty for more than 1 year during this period of time will compete with the active component. For commands that desire to nominate a RP who has transferred, the RP must have served in the type duty they are being nominated for at least 7 months during the eligibility period. Type 3 duty is considered shore duty for this program.

Nominations will be accepted from: Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Commander, Pacific Fleet; Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Commander, Naval Reserve; Commander, Naval Education and Training; Commander, Navy Installations. Nomination packages must be post marked by 12 Nov 04 and are due to my office by 10 Dec 04. The Senior Enlisted Advisor, RPCM Harold Terry, and I look forward to the selection process and announcing the recipients of this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis V. Iasiello".

Louis V. Iasiello
Rear Admiral, Chaplain Corps
U. S. Navy
Chief of Chaplains