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From: Commanding Officer, [REDACTED]
To: Navy Office of Community Outreach (Attn: [REDACTED])

Subj: NOMINATION FOR 2022 AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD ICO
[REDACTED], USN

Ref: (a) NAVADMIN 032/23

Encl: (1) [REDACTED]
(2) [REDACTED]
(3) [REDACTED]
(4) [REDACTED]
(5) [REDACTED]

1. Per reference (a), it is my pleasure to nominate [REDACTED] Santoyo for selection as the 2022 American Legion Spirit of Service Award for outstanding community service.

2. Petty Officer [REDACTED] achievements over the past year represent the excellence of a model Sailor. During CY22, he organized, coordinated, and participated in numerous public relations projects to promote camaraderie with the civilian community. His outstanding volunteer service and active participation with the Onslow County Fire and Rescue, Adopt-A-Highway, Onslow County Parks and Recreation, and various national, state, and local organizations totaling 389 hours have distinguished him as a true Navy Ambassador. Over the past year, he has shown initiative and devotion in his commitment to these organizations and has projected a positive image on the Navy and Marine Corps team. Petty Officer [REDACTED] enthusiasm, initiative, and devotion to volunteerism reflect a high regard for the Navy's Core Values.

3. Petty Officer [REDACTED] will be available to attend the American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, NC from 25 to 31 August 2023.

4. Please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED] for additional information or questions.

[Signature]
[REDACTED]

Volunteer Efforts during CY22

1. Volunteer Firefighter, Station 2, Onslow County Fire Rescue
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): As a volunteer firefighter, he devoted off-duty hours responding to 186 emergency calls (fire alarms, medical emergencies, hazardous materials, rural rescue, water rescue, and other calls to protect life and property) as well as community outreach events to promote fire prevention and education.
 - b. Impact of actions: His initiative and devotion to his community are beyond reproach. Petty Officer Santoyo's efforts projected a positive image of the Navy and Marine Corps team to the 12,000 citizens within the 30-mile fire district.
 - c. Time: 273.85 hours over 150 days, Jan-Dec 2022.

2. Adopt-A-Highway (AAH), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): Led 12 Sailors in the removal of refuse along a two-mile stretch of highway dedicated to the 2d Medical Battalion Second Class Petty Officer Association.
 - b. Impact of actions: His leadership and logistical expertise met the NCDOT AAH mission by reducing litter along North Carolina's roadways. Additionally, these efforts saved taxpayers' dollars on annual roadside cleanup costs.
 - c. Time: 6 hours over two days, March-April 2022.

3. Croatan Buck Fifty
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): As the lead medic at the Black Swamp Aid Station, he provided medical aid and sustenance distribution supporting the 50, 100, and 150-mile bicycle race.
 - b. Impact of actions: Efforts resulted in the successful medical coverage of 800 riders and proper first aid care during the Croatan Buck Fifty cycling event.
 - c. Time: 14.5 hours over one day, March 2022.

4. Parks and Recreation Department, Government of Onslow County
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): By direction of the Special Events Coordinator of Onslow County, Petty Officer Santoyo led 45 Sailors and Marines during 11 county-wide events including Onslow County Senior Games, Easter Eggstravaganza, Park after-dark family camp out, Food Truck Rodeo, Movie in the Park, Freedom Fest, Battle at the Pines, Monster Bash, Kids Cue (BBQ), and Coastal Pigout.
 - b. Impact of actions: Overall efforts resulted in the successful event execution of 11 events for 23.2k County residents and guests with minimal mishaps.
 - c. Time: 78.5 hours over 12 days, March-November 2022.

5. Walton's Distillery
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): A supporter of small businesses, Petty Officer Santoyo led 10 Sailors during two open house events. Duties included event set-up, coordinating parking, maintaining cleanliness, and assisting with point-of-sale operations.
 - b. Impact of actions: Efforts resulted in two successful open house events which hosted 1k guests and the promotion of small businesses.
 - c. Time: 10 hours over two days, April-May 2022.

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6. Children Healthy Eating on Weekends (CHEW) House
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): Participated in the CHEW House program designed to provide easy-to-prepare meals for children in need during the weekend.
 - b. Impact of actions: Backpacks filled with easy-to-prepare meals were and continue to be distributed on Fridays to combat childhood hunger.
 - c. Time: 2 hours over one day, April 2022.

7. USS North Carolina (BB-55)
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): Led 20 Sailors from four commands in holystoning the teak decks aboard BB-55.
 - b. Impact of actions: His leadership, devotion to Naval tradition, and support of a National Historic Landmark resulted in the proper maintenance and restoration of the teak decks which lengthened the life of the decks as well as saved North Carolina taxpayers' dollars in maintenance costs.
 - c. Time: 3 hours over one day, September 2022.

8. Wreaths Across America
 - a. Volunteer Action(s): Honoring the sacrifices fallen servicemembers have given for our country and way of life, Petty Officer Santoyo laid honor wreaths at veteran headstones located at the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
 - b. Impact of actions: Aided in the successful execution of Wreaths Across America's mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach."
 - c. Time: 2 hours over one day, December 2022.

Impact of overall actions for CY22: Impact value of \$10,603.92 according to United Way's Volunteer Center. Property value saved during volunteer firefighter duties according to County appraised property values are unknown.

Total Volunteer Service Hours for CY22: 389.85 hours



United States Navy Biography

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[REDACTED] Battalion [REDACTED]

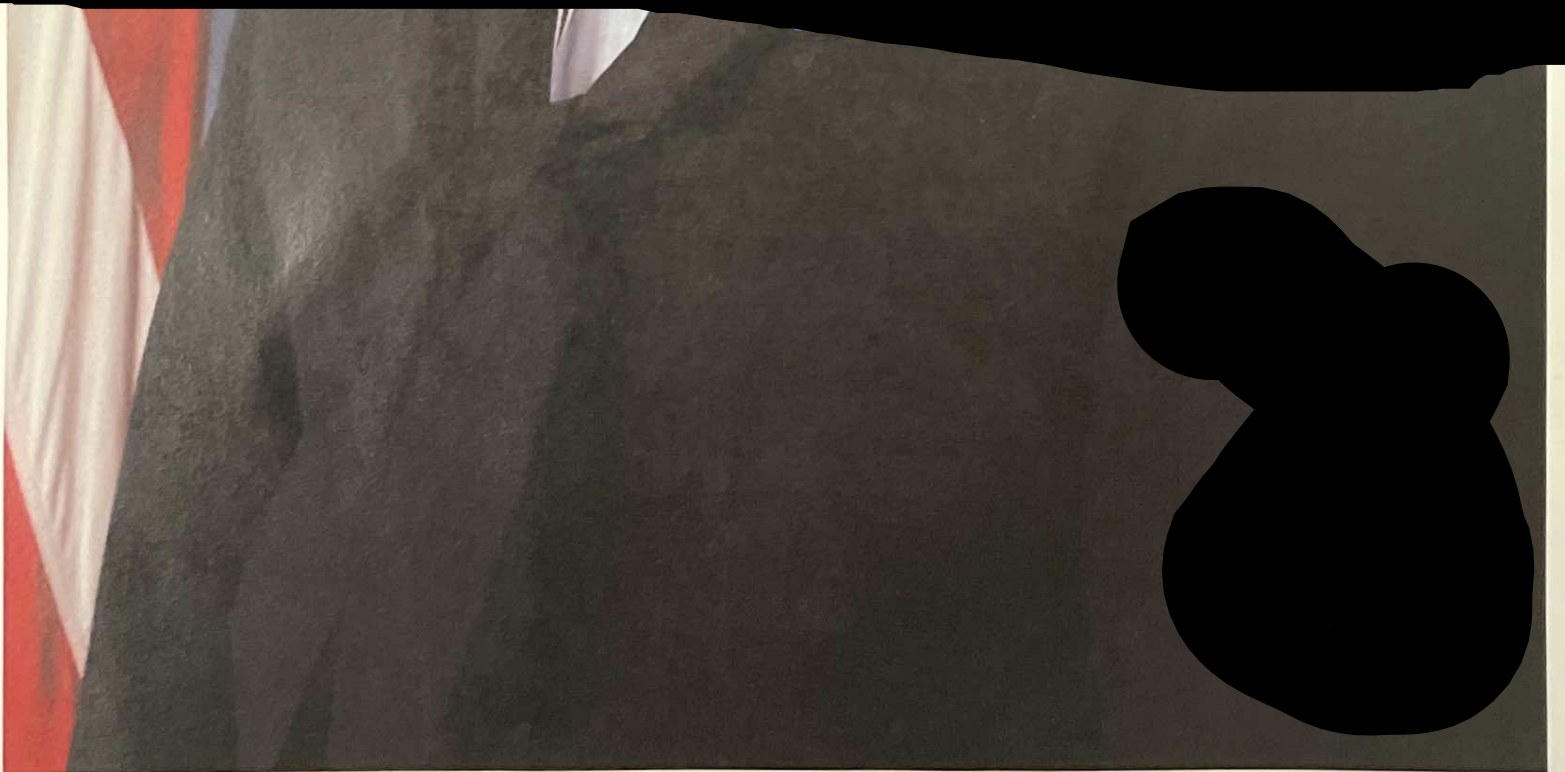
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is a native of [REDACTED]. He enlisted in the United States Navy in February 2014 and attended recruit training in RTC Great Lakes, IL. Upon completion, he attended [REDACTED] "A" School at [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Camp Pendleton, CA.

His first assignment was [REDACTED] Camp Pendleton, CA from January 2015 to 2018. [REDACTED] served as [REDACTED] and Training Petty Officer for [REDACTED] where he advanced to Petty Officer Third Class in July 2016 and qualified [REDACTED] in December 2016.

In January 2018, [REDACTED] transferred to [REDACTED]. He was assigned to [REDACTED] as the Work Center Supervisor where he quickly distinguished himself among his peers and was hand chosen to be the Leading Petty Officer for [REDACTED]. His team was crucial in the implementation of the [REDACTED] personnel and beneficiaries for [REDACTED]. Additionally, he served as the Command Honor Guard Petty Officer-In-Charge.

In May 2021, [REDACTED] reported to [REDACTED] and in July 2021, he advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. As [REDACTED] he was responsible for providing [REDACTED] Service Support and as a [REDACTED] he instructed and certified DoD personnel [REDACTED]. In November 2022, [REDACTED] was temporarily assigned duty to [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] Team Leader in support of [REDACTED]. His collateral duties include [REDACTED] Instructor, Second Class Petty Officer Association Volunteer Coordinator, Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Decontamination Team member, and various other collateral duties.

Petty Officer [REDACTED] holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Sciences and is currently working towards his Bachelor of Arts degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 Awards), Good Conduct Medal (3 Awards), National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various personal awards.



Summary of Schools Attended and Awards

Education

1. [REDACTED] High School 2009-2010
 - a. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
2. [REDACTED] School 2010-2011
 - a. Air Force JROTC
3. [REDACTED] High School 2011-2013
 - a. Marine Corps JROTC
4. Recruit Training Command Great Lakes Feb-Apr 2014
5. [REDACTED] "A" School Apr-Jul 2014
6. [REDACTED] Training [REDACTED] Nov-Dec 2014
7. [REDACTED] University
 - a. AAS in [REDACTED] Nov 2020-Oct 2022
 - b. BA in [REDACTED] Sep2022-Sep2027
 - i. Societies: International Association of [REDACTED]

Awards

1. Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 Awards)
2. Good Conduct Medal (3 Awards)
3. National Defense Medal
4. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
5. Humanitarian Service Medal
6. Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
7. Expert Rifle Ribbon
8. Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbon
9. Flag Letter of Commendation (2 Awards)
and various personal awards.

14 Mar 23

From: [REDACTED]
To: Navy Office of Community Outreach

Subj: CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Ref: (a) NAVADMIN 032/23

1. I, [REDACTED], do hereby authorize the release of all information enclosed in this nomination package to those persons involved in the selection process.

2. Thank you very much for your consideration.


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