

**RADM G. P. MARCH
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AWARD**

Background. Commander, Naval Security Group Command presents the RADM G. P. March Award annually to two commands which demonstrate the deepest commitment to their linguists' professional development and which achieve superior states of linguist readiness in support of the Naval Security Group's Language Readiness Program. NSGINST 1550.9 (series) provides additional guidance.

Eligibility. Commands with five or more CTI personnel assigned. Training detachments are not eligible.

Criteria. For purposes of command recognition, commands are divided into small and large categories based on their on board linguistic strength. Awards are provided to both categories. In case of ties, both commands will receive the award.

Small - commands with 5 to 19 assigned linguists.

Large - commands with 20 or more assigned linguists.

Commands will submit a package to COMNAVSECGRU/N7 NLT 15 November of each year. The package will be no longer than 12 pages and must address the command's efforts in the 11 areas of interest listed below:

1. Commander's description of the command language program (CLP);
2. Command language council;
3. Regulatory guidance;
4. Language data base and record keeping;
5. Training resources;
6. Instructional methodology and DLPT results;
7. Training opportunities;
8. Program evaluations;
9. Linguistic retention and incentives;
10. Marketing the CLP;
11. The CLP Manager.

Recognition. Qualifying commands will receive an inscribed permanent retention plaque announcing the command and award category. The best overall NAVSECGRU Element CLP will go on to compete for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) Command Language Program (CLP) of the Year competition.

Nomination Procedures. An award selection board will review the nomination packages. The board will be chaired by the COMNAVSECGRU Assistant Chief of Staff for

Training (N7) and will consist of at least two senior officers and two senior enlisted personnel from the Headquarters, Naval Security Group Command staff. The board will forward the results to the Commander for approval.