

## **USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) RECEIVES SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 2010 SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD, AUXILIARY**

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, presented the 2010 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Safety Excellence Award, Auxiliary to USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40), at the 4 October 2010 awards ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater, Washington, DC. Receiving the award on behalf of USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) was LCDR Scott Greenstein, Safety Officer.



From left to right are: BG Gary L. Thomas (Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation), The Honorable Jackalyne Pfannestiel (Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment)), LCDR Scott Greenstein (Safety Officer, USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)), The Honorable Robert O. Work (Under Secretary of the Navy), RADM Mark Buzby (Commander, Military Sealift Command) and VADM John Bird (Director, Navy Staff).

The Safety Excellence Awards were established in 2002, by The Honorable Gordon R. England, who twice served as Secretary of the Navy. The awards recognize Navy and Marine Corps commands that demonstrate “extraordinary excellence by sustained mission success with simultaneous exemplary safety performance.” In addition to a citation and plaque, SECNAV Excellence Award winners receive the Secretary’s

distinctive safety flag. They are entitled to fly the flag for one year from the date of presentation.



USS FRANK CABLE was in competition with other Military Sealift Command operated ships. USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) is a forward deployed submarine tender operating out of Polaris Point, Guam, providing quality submarine repair maintenance for SEVENTH Fleet Submarines and Surface Ships.

The submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) moves through Apra Harbor from Guam Shipyard to her normal berth at Polaris Point. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David R. Krigbaum/Released)

Some of the 2009 safety successes that led to the command's selection, include:

- Zero Class A<sup>1</sup> or B<sup>2</sup> mishaps;
- An injury rate decrease of 27 percent; and
- Execution of effective initiatives to allay mishaps, such as individualized safety training for all hands; a top-down supported safety program; an aggressive and effective Enlisted Safety Committee; meticulous documentation of safety hazards, incidents and concerns; and stand-downs that focus on high-risk on- and off-duty activities.

For more information on this success story, please contact the Public Affairs Officer at: [tinerg@as40.navy.mil](mailto:tinerg@as40.navy.mil).

1. Class A Mishap. The resulting total cost of damages to DoD or non-DoD property in an amount of \$2 million or more; a DoD aircraft is destroyed; or an injury and/or occupational illness result in a fatality or permanent total disability.

2. Class B Mishap. The resulting total cost of damages to DoD or non-DoD property is \$500,000 or more, but less than \$2 million. An injury and/or occupational illness result in permanent partial disability or when three or more personnel are hospitalized for inpatient care (beyond observation) as a result of a single mishap.