

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY WEAPONS SYSTEM
EXPLOSIVES SAFETY REVIEW BOARD SECRETARY OF
THE NAVY 2010 SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD,
EMERGING SAFETY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, presented the 2010 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Safety Excellence Award, Emerging Safety Center of Excellence to the Weapon System Explosives Safety Review Board (WSESRB). Work presented the award at the 4 October 2010 awards ceremony held at the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater, Washington, DC. Receiving the award on behalf of WSESRB were WSESRB Chair Ms. Laura DeSimone, WSESRB Vice Chair Ms. Mary Ellen Caro, and Board members Mr. Jim Gerber, Mr. Sidney Andrews, Mr. Dave Champine, Mr. Scott Allred, Mr. Jim Zidzik, and Mr. Walt Margeson.



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)), Mr. Scott Allred (Marine Corps Systems Command), Mr. Walt Margeson (Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEASYS COM)), Ms. Laura DeSimone (Chair WSESRB), Mr. Sidney Andrews (Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA)), The Honorable Robert O. Work (Under Secretary of the Navy), Ms. Mary Ellen Caro (WSESRB Vice Chair), VADM Kevin McCoy (Commander, NAVSEASYS COM), Mr. Jim Gerber (NOSSA), Mr. Jim Zidzik (Naval Air Systems Command), VADM John Bird (Director, Navy Staff), and Mr. Dave Champine (NOSSA).

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 and groups 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.

The WSESRB received this inaugural Emerging Safety Center of Excellence Award in recognition of the Board’s safety-focused culture, which has resulted in the identification, mitigation, or elimination of safety hazards throughout the development lifecycle of numerous weapon and combat systems. The Board has made significant and innovative contributions to the advancement of weapon system safety that have paid invaluable dividends by safeguarding Sailors and Marines, and will have a lasting impact on the entire Department of Defense acquisition community.



Aviation ordnancemen assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 unstrap an AGM-84D Harpoon missile prior to loading the weapon to the wing of a P-3C Orion aircraft. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Meagan E. Klein/Released)

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