



Description of USNA Class of 1964 Lanny King Leadership Award dated

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During the mid-nineties, Commander Lanny King, USN, the first prospective Commanding Officer of the USS Carney (DDG-64), approached the US Naval Academy class of 1964 about supporting the about-to-be commissioned ship. Sadly, he passed away suddenly before the ship was commissioned. With the cooperation of the ship's new Prospective Commanding Officer, the Class of '64 persevered and established a leadership award for the outstanding junior officer of the year. It was named it in honor of Commander Lanny King.

The Awardee is selected through secret ballots conducted with their peers (CARNEY officers), those they lead (CARNEY chiefs) and the command (concurrence by the CO), through a three-sixty perspective in recognition of the leadership the selected recipient has shown throughout the prior year. The award-winner is also awarded a Navy Achievement medal by recommendation of the command.

Each year since the ship became operational, Jacksonville classmates of USNA Class of 1964 participate in the award presentation. The class presents a \$1,000 US savings bond to the award winner purchased from Class operating funds.

As a result of significant changes in Federal requirements applicable to the purchase and gifting of a single US savings bond in 2011, the Class of 1964 executive committee voted in May 2012 to convert its annual award to a cash gift in a like amount to its prior savings bond gift, subject to approval of the Navy and CARNEY authorities.

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