



June 14, 2013

From: William H. Natter, Jr.
President
USNA Class of 1964

To: Lt. (jg) Daniel Stayton, USN
USS CARNEY (DDG-64)

Subject: U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1964 Lanny King Leadership Award

It is with great pleasure, on behalf of the Naval Academy Class of 1964 that we present you with the USNA Class of 1964 Lanny King Leadership Award. This award is very special for the following reasons:

- The award is named for the late Commander Lanny King, USN, the first prospective Commanding Officer of USS CARNEY (DDG-64).
- Commander King, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate himself, class of 1978, noting the obvious relationship between the CARNEY's hull number and the Class of '64, approached the leadership of our Class during the mid-1990's with the suggestion that we support the commissioning of the ship in some meaningful way and consider sponsoring a leadership award for junior officers. We were pleased to make a significant donation from the Class to the ship's Commissioning Committee.
- Regretfully, Commander King passed away suddenly before the ship was commissioned. With the cooperation of the Executive Officer and the newly designated Prospective Commanding Officer, the Class of '64 decided with the concurrence of the ship's leadership, to establish a leadership award in Commander King's name to be presented to the selected outstanding junior officer on CARNEY annually.
- In order to establish additional significance to this award, our Class decided to present a U.S. Savings Bond to the award winner, purchased from our Class operating funds. Recognizing a recent change of Federal requirements applicable to gifting bonds, the award was changed to a cash gift of \$640.00.

In recognition of your selection through the described process, it is a distinct honor to represent the great Naval Academy Class of 1964 and present this award to you which, by direction of a CARNEY Instruction, will be accompanied by additional recognition.

We wish you continued success in your career, which has clearly gotten off to a very professional start!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Natter, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William H. Natter, Jr.
President, USNA Class of 1964