



NAVAL HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Captain Personius,

Congratulations! You have been selected as the recipient of the Naval Helicopter Association Historical Society, Inc. (NHAHS) Mark Starr Pioneer Award for 2026 in recognition of your pioneering efforts in the Naval Helicopter Community. This year's award is proudly sponsored by the North Island Federal Credit Union (NICU). Your significant contributions to Naval Helicopter Aviation have been deemed by the Executive Committee of NHAHS as having a profound and lasting impact on Fleet Operations and are being recognized with great admiration and respect at one of the largest gatherings of Naval helicopter professionals in the world.

We respectfully request your presence as our guest at the 2026 NHA Symposium Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 at 10:00 am at Harrah's Rincon Casino 777 South Resort Drive, Valley Center, CA 92082. The presentation will be at the Symposium Opening Ceremonies. This event is a favorite at the NHA Symposium because it highlights distinguished service and accomplishments such as yours before an audience of past, present, and future leaders of the Naval rotary-wing community.

Please RSVP via email to me or by calling the NHA Office at (619) 435-7139 with your acceptance of the 2026 Mark Starr Pioneer Award and your intention to attend the awards ceremony. In your reply, kindly advise us of any guests accompanying you as well as any special considerations that might be needed for your party. We look forward to experiencing this event with you.

Respectfully,

Chris

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