Panetta Announces 2012 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition, Better Buying Power Efficiency Award Winners

his year's David Packard awards for Excellence in Acquisition and a new Better Buying Power Efficiency award were presented Nov. 2 at the Pentagon by The Honorable Leon Panetta, secretary of defense, joined by The Honorable Frank Kendall, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

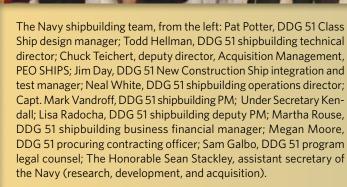
The Packard award winners are:

The Project Manager Combat Ammunition Systems (Army) team for an efficient new approach to buying ammunition and the DDG 51 Shipbuilding Program Office (Navy) team for its competitive procurement of three guided missile destroyers.

The winner of the first-ever Better Buying Power Efficiency Award is:

The Acquisition Rapid Response Medical team for Tactical Combat Casualty Care and Casualty Evacuation team of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) for a new Casualty Evacuation System.





At left: Secretary Panetta with Capt. Vandroff, PM.



The USSOCOM team receives the Better Buying Power Efficiency Award. From left to right: Col. Joseph Capobianco, program executive officer, Special Operations Forces (SOF) Warrior Systems; Tom Mills, PM, SOF Survival Support and Equipment Systems; Leatrice Frederick, contract specialist; Under Secretary Kendall; Stephanie Elder, Assistant PM, Tactical Combat Casualty Care; James Cluck, USSOCOM acquisition executive; and Master Sgt. Kyle Sims, medical combat developer.

At left, Secretary Panetta with Col. Capobianco, PEO.

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