

USS Lake Erie named CSADD Small Sea Chapter of Year

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The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) Sea and Shore chapters of the year were announced by the Chief of Naval Personnel on Jan. 23 in NAVADMIN 012/14.

USS Lake Erie (CG 70), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was named Small Sea Chapter of the Year. USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 72) was named CSADD Large Sea Chapter of the Year.

"This year's judging was more difficult than ever," said Fleet Master Chief for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education April Beldo. "All nomination packages demonstrated how CSADD Sailors help foster a positive image of our young Sailors to our communities and abroad."

The best practices that made the winning chapters to stand out included integrating CSADD into their command indoctrination courses, organizing life skills workshops, making effective use of social media and networking resources with other organizations and chapters.

CSADD was established in June 2010 by OPNAVINST 1500.80 as a peer-to-peer mentoring group to positively influence young Sailors' behavior through resources and tools that promote good decision-making.

"Junior Sailors are naturally closer to each other than to their senior leaders, and the great thing about CSADD is that this encourages Sailors to use that influence to promote positive decisions on and off-duty," said Beldo.

"Every time I visit Sailors in the fleet, I hear about the great things CSADD chapters are doing in their communities. I'm impressed, and I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments," she said.

There are currently 300 chapters, which share their activities via Face-book and other networks.

For more information on CSADD, visit the website <http://ow.ly/t8d7g>





The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) returns March 29, to home-port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan