



USS Leyte Gulf CG 55
Junior Officer Professional
Excellence Award for 2002



Gathering at our “Class Cruiser”, USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55)

Alumni from the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1955 meet on pier 4 at the Destroyer Submarine Piers, NOB Norfolk. The occasion is the presentation of the Junior Officer Professional Excellence Award on USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55). This award, also known as the Junior Officer Leadership Award, is presented annually by the USNA Class of 1955. The 2002 presentation was part of a general awards ceremony that followed a successful six month deployment of Leyte Gulf’s with the Theodore Roosevelt battle group in support of Operation Enduring Freedom



Nine classmates pose
for a group picture.



Charley Plumly meets Leyte Gulf's Commanding Officer, Captain R. Cameron Ingram in the wardroom.



The 2002 recipient of the Junior Officer Professional Excellence Award, Lieutenant Scott A. Rosetti, U S Navy.



Leyte Gulf crew and Class of 1955 guests assemble for the ceremony.



Awards have been assembled, checked, and checked again.



Attention on deck! Captain "Cam" Ingram leads Rear Admiral Mark P. Fitzgerald, commander of the Roosevelt battle group to the podium.

Rear Admiral Paul Sutherland this year's presenter of our Class of '55 Award.



Admiral Fitzgerald opens with some remarks about Operation Enduring Freedom.



Personal awards presented by Admiral Fitzgerald included the Navy-Marine Corps Medal for lifesaving actions. Various crew members received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service during the deployment. Leyte Gulf also received the Ney Award for the top Mess in the Atlantic Fleet.



Bill Stevens looks on



Leyte Gulf's Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Eric Weilenman, introduces Rear Admiral Paul Sutherland U S Navy (Ret)

Remarks by Paul Sutherland end with the reading of the citation.



The presentation





**UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1955
TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING
THEIR ANNUAL JUNIOR OFFICER LEADERSHIP AWARD**

TO

**LIEUTENANT SCOTT A. ROSETTI
UNITED STATES NAVY**

For Service as set forth in the following Citation:

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT IN USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2001. WHILE DISPLAYING INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SUPERB PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, LIEUTENANT ROSETTI CONSISTENTLY SET THE STANDARD AMONG THE JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE WARDROOM THROUGHOUT A CHALLENGING OPERATIONAL PERIOD, INCLUDING THE RIGOROUS TRAINING CYCLE AND SUBSEQUENT DEPLOYMENT WITH THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT BATTLE GROUP IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. A SEASONED SECOND TOUR DIVISION OFFICER, HIS SOLID DECK PLATE LEADERSHIP AS MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHIP'S OUTSTANDING RECORD OF MATERIAL READINESS AS DEMONSTRATED BY A FLAWLESS ASSESSMENT BY THE BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY. HIS EFFORTS AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL RESULTED IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT DEPLOYING CASREP FREE. DESPITE THE LACK OF ANY MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY, *LEYTE GULF* REMAINED AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STATE OF MAIN PROPULSION READINESS THROUGHOUT THAT DEPLOYMENT. LIEUTENANT ROSETTI'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, INSPIRED LEADERSHIP, AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1955 AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

Given this 11th day of April, 2002



Paul E. Sutherland USNA 1955
Rear Admiral, US Navy (Retired)



Following the awards ceremony we assembled in the wardroom for a sample of Leyte Gulf's award-winning food.

Charley Plumly presented to Lieutenant Rosetti a mug (beer or coffee) especially engraved by classmate Bob Englert.



Scott was asked to make a few remarks