

USS Bates runner up in Arleigh Burke competition

The USS William Bates has been named runner-up in the Atlantic Fleet Competition for the Arleigh Burke Trophy.

The trophy is awarded each year to a ship or aircraft Squadron in each fleet for demonstrating the greatest improvement in battle efficiency during the competitive year.

The award is named for Adm. Ret. Arleigh Burke a former Chief of Naval Operations. He is credited with making vital contributions toward strengthening the Navy through improvements in battle efficiency in war and peace.

The Bates, assigned to Submarine Development Group Two, is named in honor of the late U.S. Representative William Bates of Massachusetts, a Navy veteran who served as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

A member of the Sturgeon Class of submarines, the ship was commissioned in May 1973. Cmdr. Glenn Arthur is the commanding officer.

Only one Atlantic Fleet submarine has won the award since its inception in 1962. In January of 1972 the USS Tullibee received the trophy.

This year's Arleigh Burke trophy winners are USS Barry (DD-933) for the Atlantic Fleet and USS Fresno (LST-1182) for the Pacific Fleet. In addition to the Bates, Fighter Squadron Eleven was Atlantic Fleet runner-up. USS Midway (CV-41) and USS Permit (SSN-594) were Pacific Fleet runners-up.

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