



## Naval Submarine League **NROTC**

### **NSL NROTC Awards**

The Naval Submarine League Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to selected graduating NROTC seniors approved for entry into the Navy's nuclear propulsion program as submarine officers. It recognizes students with proven academic and leadership skills and is named in honor of Rear Admiral Frederick B. Warder, a standout among the many World War II submarine heroes. Admiral Warder, who commanded Seawolf, was a courageous, aggressive, and innovative submariner. He was revered by his crew who respectfully dubbed him "Fearless Freddie."

The award is presented by NSL members whenever possible and consists of a certificate, a letter, acknowledgment in The Submarine Review and on the NSL website, and a one-year membership in the Naval Submarine League. The administration and rules for the award are outlined in instruction NSTC M-1533.2A, Appendix E, Section 1-2, Para. 5.

The students nominated superior, sustained performance in a difficult and challenging academic and operational environment and, as a result, has earned his or her Commanding Officer's nomination for this distinctive award. NSL members regularly volunteer to present the award on behalf of the NSL, making the achievement that much more meaningful and putting a "face" to the Naval Submarine League.

### **NSL NROTC Liaison Initiative**

The NSL has recently launched a "pilot" of our NROTC Liaison Initiative. We are recruiting NSL members who have submarine experience to volunteer to share their journey into the submarine force, sea stories, and why the submarine force is/was such a great community for them. Possible activities could be as informal as a pizza dinner or more structured such as interview prep. Virtual meetings are also an option.

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for more information about the  
NSL NROTC programs.

See reverse for NROTC Award  
description.



## REAR ADMIRAL FREDERICK B. WARDER

The Naval Submarine League Outstanding Achievement Award is named for Rear Admiral Frederick Burdett Warder, USN, Ret. Admiral Warder was a true hero of the submarine service during World War II and a dynamic leader throughout his naval career. As a result of his aggressive and innovative leadership during a war patrol, he was dubbed “*Fearless Freddie*” by his crew in SEAWOLF. A member of the 36<sup>th</sup> class at the Naval Submarine School, he served in S-16 during his initial submarine training and went on to command S-38 and then SEAWOLF (SS 197).

He completed seven war patrols in command of SEAWOLF and is credited with sinking eight Japanese ships totaling 38,900 tons. For his performance in SEAWOLF, he was cited for “Displaying great courage and leadership in the face of aggressive enemy advances...” Later, he was assigned by Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet as the Commander of the second Wolfpack, with SNOOK, HARDER, and PARGO in the pack. Their combined action sank seven ships. His wartime duties concluded with his assignment as Commander Submarine Division 122. From 1944 to 1946, then Captain Warder was Commanding Officer of the Submarine School. Here again, the young submarine officers gained from his leadership, and many of them became the first commanding officers of our early nuclear powered and ballistic missile submarines. RADM Warder’s submarine career culminated in his assignment as Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, where his leadership was again felt, as submarines moved into the era of nuclear power and the sea based leg of the nation’s strategic defense.

Recipients of the Rear Admiral Frederick B. Warder Award for Outstanding Achievement can be justly proud to have this link with a courageous, aggressive, and innovative fighter who was esteemed by his crew, and who contributed greatly to the advancement of submarine warfare.