

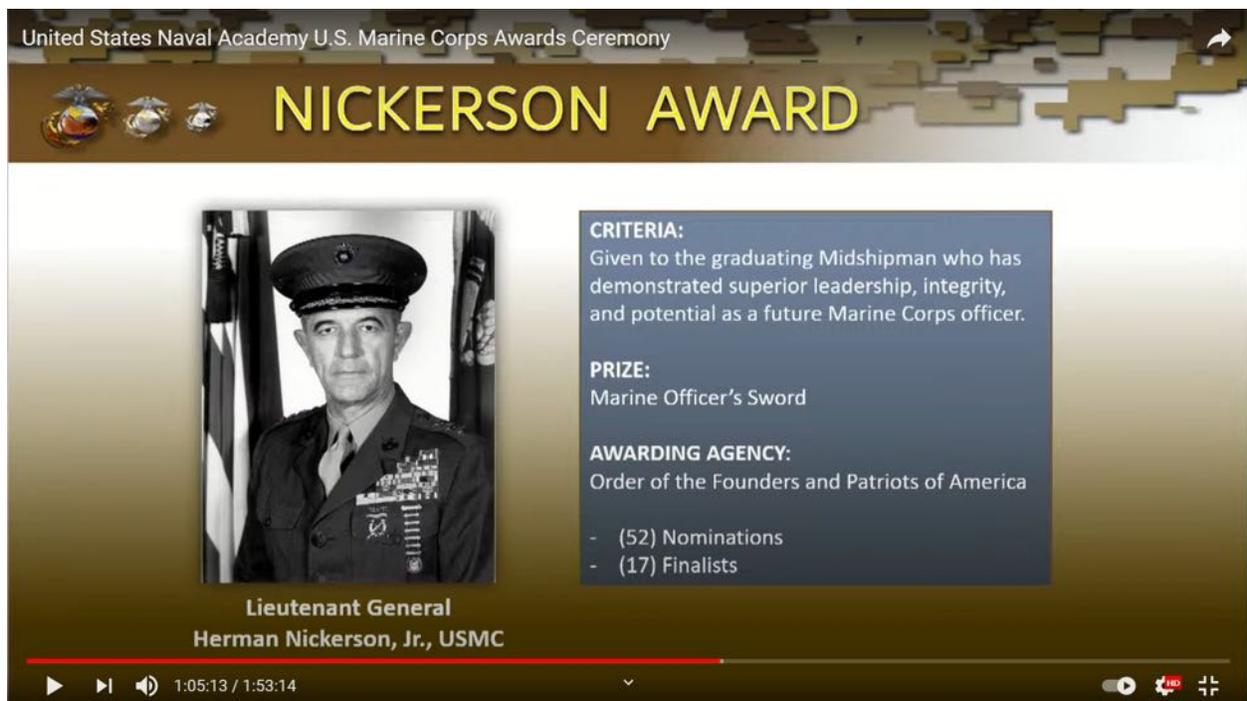
The Nickerson Award at the United States Naval Academy

On May 25, 2021, Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson, Governor General of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America from 1986 to 1988 was again remembered and honored at the United States Naval Academy for his service and heroism as a Marine Corps officer.

The Order of the Founders of America annually presents an award named in honor of Lieutenant General Nickerson to an outstanding Naval Academy midshipman who is entering the Marine Corps. The event on May 25 was the United States Marine Corps Awards ceremony, a ceremony held during commissioning week, for the 279 Midshipman entering the Marine Corps and for their families.

Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson

Lieutenant General Nickerson served in the Marine Corps for 35 years, from 1935 to 1970, having participated in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. While he was the Commanding Officer of the Seventh Marines, 1st Marine Division in Korea, and as a result of action on 31 May 1951, Colonel Nickerson was awarded the nation's second highest combat award, for extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy. Moving to the front line under a ferocious counter-attack by the enemy, Colonel Nickerson guided his troops to repulse the counter-attack, take the offensive and secure the high ground. His story is an inspiration to young Marine officers.



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NICKERSON AWARD



CRITERIA:
Given to the graduating Midshipman who has demonstrated superior leadership, integrity, and potential as a future Marine Corps officer.

PRIZE:
Marine Officer's Sword

AWARDING AGENCY:
Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

- (52) Nominations
- (17) Finalists

Lieutenant General
Herman Nickerson, Jr., USMC

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Award Presenter, Captain Michael E. Weyler, CEC, USN (Ret)

Deputy Registrar General Weyler's naval service biography was read as an introduction to his final remarks. His service as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer and Seabee diver, as well as his assignment to the Academy's Mechanical Engineering Faculty from 1980 to 1982, were noted.



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CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Nickerson Award

CAPTAIN Michael E. Weyler, USN (Ret)

- 23 years Active Duty Navy Officer
- Seabee
- Helped develop the Navy's formal Seabee Training School
- USNA Mechanical Engineering Faculty from 1980 – 1982
- Member of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

The video player shows a portrait of Captain Michael E. Weyler, USN (Ret), wearing glasses, a dark suit, and a red tie, with an American flag in the background. The video player interface includes a play button, a volume icon, a 'LIVE' indicator, and a settings icon.

Compatriot Weyler closed the 2021 Nickerson Award presentation with the following congratulatory remarks:

“Good morning, and congratulations, Midshipman Barber. The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America is an Order dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who came to America when it was mostly a wilderness and to their descendants who fought for our independence and our liberty, and gave us our Constitutional Republic and a nation of free people. This sword is given in memory of Marine Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and past Governor General of our Order. Wear it proudly as you enter the officer ranks of the United States Marine Corps.”