

## **The annual Royal Navy Photographic Competition**

### **The Peregrine Trophy**

**From submarine operations in the icy wastes of the North Pole to emotional homecoming scenes on windswept jetties, the service photographers capture all aspects of life in the Naval Service.**

Each year at this time skilled photojournalists are recognised for their perfect pictures in the Royal Navy's annual photographic competition – the Peregrine Trophy Awards. These were presented at an event at Trinity House in the City of London in the last week of September.

Royal Navy photographers are charged with telling the stories of sailors and Royal Marines around the world through still imagery and video, taking them on deployments with warships and commando units wherever they may go.

In the past year their imagery and video has covered everything from submarine operations in the North Pole, flight deck operations on board HMS *Queen Elizabeth*, joyful homecomings and Royal Marines Commando exercises in hot climates.

Warrant Officer Class 1 Nathan Dua, the Royal Navy's most senior photographer, said: *'As technology and photographic practices get better every year, the quality and commitment of our talented photographers improves as well.'*

*'I am always blown away by the standard of imagery achieved by the men and women of the Royal Navy's photographic branch, and this year is no exception. I am proud of every entry in this year's photographic competition.'*

This year the awards were judged by Jane Sherwood of Getty Images, Thomas Newton of Sky News, Lee Durant of the BBC, Stuart McKenzie of the BBC, Nicholas Horne of Great State, Defence Imagery picture editor Panay Triantafillides, and freelance photographer Adam Sorenson.

Leading Photographer Dan Rosenbaum was named Royal Navy photographer of the year by the judges for his portfolio of imagery from operations all over the world.

*He said: 'To win an award in the Peregrine Trophy competition is a moment to be proud of in itself but to win photographer of the year, which effectively is the pinnacle of what all photographers aim for, is undoubtedly the proudest moment of my photographic career.'*

*'Given the fierce competition within our branch and the high calibre of photography that my colleagues and friends produce, this award is definitely the hardest fought for.'*

LPhot Rosenbaum is now deployed in HMS *Argyll* capturing all elements of her deployment to the Asia Pacific region.

Joining up as any other rating into a particular trade such as logistics, engineering or warfare specialists, RN photographers work hard to excel at their chosen field before being accepted into the elite Photographic Branch.

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***PEREGRINE 1***

*Winner of the Colour Confidence Global Operations Award. HMS Trenchant has broken through the ice of the North Pole with two US submarines, as polar Ice Exercise 18 (ICEX) comes to an end.*

*ICEX is a series of demanding trials in the frigid climate of the Arctic Circle, designed to test submariners' skills in operating under the Arctic ice cap.*

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***PEREGRINE 2***

*Part of the winning Wex Commandant General Royal Marines portfolio. Royal Marines turned Angels to rescue comrades from the battlefield in the Arizona desert.*

*Personnel from 45 Commando joined their counterparts from Turkey, Denmark, Peru and the USA for the three-week Exercise Angel Thunder – billed as the world's largest combat search-and-rescue exercise.*

*Members of Yankee Company were aboard trusty Chinooks from the RAF's 7 Squadron as medics, armed with machine guns, are parachuted in to help injured Servicemen.*

*The men from Arbroath were bolstered by Danish Battlefield Medics, attached to the Company to perform specialist medical attention, while the 'Guardian Angels' of the US Air Force whose sole purpose is that of Search and Rescue and Personnel Recovery, were on hand to give expert advice.*

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***Peregrine 4***

*Part of the winning portfolio in the Canon Royal Navy Photographer of the year award.*

*Pictured: AB(WS)\* Aspen Mbabazi takes part in an air defence exercise where personnel were closed up on the Bridge and in the Operations Room.*

*On 20 October 2017, HMS Monmouth took part in Exercise Intrepid Sentinel. The exercise which comprised of HMS Monmouth, USS Shoup and French warship Jean Bart saw various evolutions take place, including boarding exercises, Air Defence Exercises, Officer of the Watch manoeuvres and helicopter cross deck landings.*

*\*Able Seaman Warfare Specialist.*

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