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NAGC Announces 2011 Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition Winners

May 11, 2011 (Falls Church, Va.) – Today, the National Association of Government Communicators announced the 2011 winners of the Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition. The award winners, including Communicator of the Year Admiral Thad Allen, were honored at a luncheon held in conjunction with the 2011 NAGC Communications School at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Riverfront, St. Paul, Minn.

The Best in Show was judged by the NAGC Board of Directors from all entries that earned a first place. Best in Show was awarded to Medal of Honor, the winner for Public Affairs/Relations or Educational Program. It was entered by the 3rd Combat Camera Squadron. The principal contributor is Steve Ninotta.

"The variety of entries for the Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Competition this year was awesome," stated Kathy Zona, NAGC competitions chair. "All levels of government are represented, from federal to county agencies, and they all show the utmost creativity. Once again we have utilized the expertise of volunteer judges from across the United States, and as always owe them our heartfelt thanks for the comments and feedback they provide for every entry. Our entry categories show the current technologies like social media and podcasts as well as the tried and true categories like graphic design and writer's portfolios. It was a great experience!"

The NAGC Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards Competition salutes superior communications efforts of government agencies and recognizes the people that create them. Blue Pencil Award categories are designed for writing, editing, photography, and published products, such as magazines, books, newsletters, and other related materials. Gold Screen Award categories recognize audio-visual and multimedia products, including broadcast and Internet-based products.

More than 430 entries in 38 categories were received and judged by a prestigious panel of experts and merited a total of 39 First Place, 37 Second Place, and 59 Awards of Excellence. Nineteen of the winning entries were from county or city government agencies. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission garnered nine awards, two more than any other organization.

The complete listing of award winners is available on the NAGC Web site at http://nagconline.org/documents/NAGC2011AwardsProgram.pdf

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