

Named in honor of
Lt. Michael P. Murphy,
Medal of Honor recipient
and distinguished Penn
State alumnus, this award
recognizes achievement by
graduate students enrolled
in Penn State's Geospatial
Program who have served with
the geospatial intelligence
community and demonstrated
exceptional contributions
to the discipline.



Lt. Michael P. Murphy, USN
May 7, 1976 - June 28, 2005
Medal of Honor

Navy SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) Lt. Michael P. Murphy, 29, from Patchogue, NY, was killed by enemy forces during a reconnaissance mission on June 28, 2005. Lt. Murphy led a four man team tasked with finding a key Taliban leader in the mountainous terrain near Asadabad, Afghanistan, when they came under fire from a much larger enemy force. Mortally wounded while exposing himself to enemy fire, Lt. Murphy knowingly left his position of cover to get a clear signal in order to communicate with his headquarters. While being shot at repeatedly, Lt. Murphy calmly provided his unit's location and requested immediate support for his element. He returned to his position of cover to continue the fight until finally succumbing to his wounds. For his selfless leadership, courageous actions and devotion to duty he was awarded the U.S. Military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor.

For more information on the award or
Lt. Murphy's heroic story, contact:

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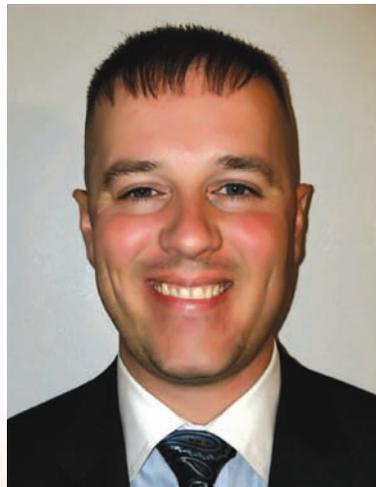
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LT. MICHAEL P. MURPHY AWARD IN GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE



2017



**MR. ROBERT J. FARNSWORTH,
GISP, CGEOG**

2017 Award Recipient

“Having served in the U.S. Army for almost 12 years as a Reconnaissance Engineer, my time was cut short. I was medically retired in 2009 from injuries sustained during my second deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). In 2003, I served as a battalion intelligence sergeant-in-charge and was deployed to Iraq immediately after the invasion.

When I realized how powerful the map graphics were by simply describing the symbology and the course of actions during the daily commander’s briefing, I knew GEOINT was for me.”

Robert completed the Penn State masters program in Homeland Security - GEOINT Option (iMPS-HLS-GEOINT) in 2016.



LT. DREW P. CAVANAGH, USCG
2017 Award Recipient

“One night while at sea, my ship was tasked to rescue eight men from a poorly constructed, homemade raft. Attempting to immigrate to the United States, these men had drifted into a poorly charted area of the Straits of Florida named Cay Sal Bank. This area is notorious for dangerous shallows and other hazards, but with the weather deteriorating, I needed to proceed with

the rescue. My chief navigator and I reviewed the charts diligently and discussed the hazards ahead. Of particular note, my studies regarding map making and GPS accuracy gave me additional insights which assisted in evaluating the outdated chart with greater effectiveness. This improved information allowed us to mitigate the potential risks and proceed. Shortly thereafter, my ship and her 24-person crew located and rescued the eight men safely.”

Drew is enrolled in the masters program in Homeland Security - GEOINT Option (iMPS-HLS-GEOINT).



Solution Engineer,
ESRI

TYSON J. QUINK
2016 Award Recipient

A former US Army Officer who was wounded in Afghanistan, Tyson went on to complete a Masters in GIS at Penn State.



US Customs and
Border Patrol

GEOFFREY KRASSY
2015 Award Recipient

Geoffrey completed the Penn State masters program in Homeland Security, GEOINT Option (iMPS-HLS). Geoffrey served as a U.S. Air Force pilot and USCBP Agent.



Analyst,
Amnesty International

ANGELA CHANG
2014 Award Recipient

Angela completed her MGIS Degree at Penn State University. She works for Amnesty International USA in a variety of roles.



Geospatial Analyst,
NGA

BRYAN GOLTRY
2013 Award Recipient

Bryan completed the Penn State masters program in Homeland Security, GEOINT Option (iMPS-HLS). Bryan is an NGA Geospatial Intelligence Analyst.



All-Source Intelligence
Analyst, DIA

DONNA BRIDGES
2012 Award Recipient

Donna completed her MGIS degree at Penn State University where she also received her Penn State and USGIF Certificates in Geospatial Intelligence.



Geospatial Scientist,
SOCAPAC

VANESSA DAMATO
2011 Award Recipient

Vanessa completed her MGIS at The Pennsylvania State University where she also received her Penn State and USGIF Certificates in Geospatial Intelligence.



Mission Planner,
SAIC

BILL MC DEVITT
2011 Award Recipient

Bill completed his MGIS degree at Penn State in 2013 where he also received his Penn State and USGIF Certificates in Geospatial Intelligence.



Human Terrain Analyst,
CENTCOM

KEVIN STOFAN
2010 Award Recipient

Kevin completed his MGIS degree at The Pennsylvania State University where he received his Penn State and USGIF Certificates in Geospatial Intelligence.