

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
2003 FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARD WINNERS**

**2003 Civilian Firefighter of the Year
United States Navy**

Mr. Thomas Epperson
Drillmaster
U.S. Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan

**2003 Civilian Fire Officer of the Year
United States Navy**

Mr. John D. Smithgall
Assistant Fire Chief
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, PA

**2003 Fire Department of the Year
United States Army**

Fort Bragg
Public Safety Business Center
Fire and Emergency Services Division
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

**2003 Heroism of the Year Award
United States Navy**

Mr. Akihito Sato
Fire Protection Crew Chief
Regional Fire Department
Commander Naval Forces Japan

**2003 Military Firefighter of the Year
United States Navy**

Machinery Repairman First Class (SW) Chris A. Gates
USS Hue City (CG 66)

**2003 Military Fire Officer of the Year
United States Marine Corps**

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Roger E. Bond
Marine Corps Air Station
Yuma, Arizona