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Sailor Wins National Fatherhood Award

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Naval Base Kitsap Sailor Chris Cady will be awarded the National Fatherhood Initiative's Military Fatherhood Award in June. Cady, who was among three finalists for the honor, found out on Sunday he received the most nationwide votes.

Cady emerged from a field of 600 military nominees from around the country. Other finalists represented the Army and the Air Force.

Cady, a single father who takes care of his special needs son, Joshua, will get his award at Naval Base Kitsap in June. Naval Base Kitsap will also receive materials from the National Fatherhood Initiative for a Fatherhood Resource Center.

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Cady, a first-class logistics specialist, works in the Priority Material Office at Naval Base Kitsap. Eleven-year-old

Joshua was born with cytomegalovirus, or CMV, which affects his muscle control, can cause seizures, and left him legally deaf and blind and needing a feeding tube.

The award is presented each year to a military dad who displays commitment and dedication to his children, who makes extraordinary efforts to father from a distance when deployed, balances military and family life, and mentors other military fathers and children who are separated.

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