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Navy training headquarters recognizes top performers

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced its 2013 Senior Civilian of Year and Junior Civilian of the Year Jan. 22.

Rear Adm. Don Quinn, NETC commander, lauded the awardees as an indispensable part of the education and training mission.

"The NETC team members we honor as civilians of the year and quarter are shining examples and representative of the highly-trained professionals we have throughout the Navy training domain," said Quinn. "Our civilian employees are a critical component of our warfighting capability and are a crucial part of our ability to enable fleet readiness by responding to fleet needs. The exemplary work carried out by these patriots every day in training commands around the world is key to the success of our Navy and Marine Corps team."

Katrina Chancellor, a program analyst in the Total Force Manpower division, was named the Senior Civilian of the Year. According to Chancellor, there is inspiration all around you when you work on a military installation.

"I thoroughly enjoy my job at NETC," said Chancellor. "When I retired from military service, I was hoping to find employment that would allow me to continue to contribute to my country in a meaningful way. I am very happy that my job allows me to provide support to the men and women of our armed forces who are serving our country."

Erica Biron, the branch head for the Total Force Manpower Optimization branch and also Chancellor's supervisor, described her performance and professionalism as truly exceptional.

"Ms. Chancellor's efforts have been focused on aligning our manning to support the surge in the number of Sailors in the training commands," said Biron. "As the lead for Enlisted Quarterly Demand Planning, she works tirelessly to show the impact the planned accession throughput would have on our training sites, ultimately leading to a reduction in throughput. She also managed the first large-scale Definite Direct Recall of reservists to augment 'A' school instructors."

Paula Bares was selected 2013 Junior Civilian of the Year due to her outstanding performance as office automation assistant in the NETC headquarters administrative division. According to Bares, the award highlights the hard work of her entire office.

"I'm beyond amazed by my selection," said Bares. "There's such talent at headquarters; seasoned professionals. Nothing has happened to me like this since I was on active duty. It puts a real spring in your step to be recognized by your boss for what you do."

According to Bares' supervisor, Jackie Stoltz, administrative department supervisor, Bares stands out as an achiever because of her amazing dedication and work ethic.

"Ms. Bares' work is very impactful on her customers," said Stoltz. "She works pay and personnel issues, and if not done correctly and in a timely manner, it can have a significant impact on service members and their families."

In addition to the Civilian of the Year announcements, the NETC headquarters Civilians of the quarter were also recognized.

Jackie Stoltz was selected as Junior Civilian of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2013 due to her superior performance as administrative department supervisor.

Honored to receive the award, Stoltz said that although it's not glamorous, administrative processes are extremely important to one's command.

"I wouldn't have received this honor if it weren't for the dedication and hard work of the people in this division," said Stoltz. "Their dedication to the people of NETC is steadfast and we've seen significant improvements in this past year."

Mark Thorne, Corporate enterprise Training Activity Resource System (CeTARS) program manager for NETC's Learning and Development Division (N7) in Norfolk, Va. was recognized as the NETC Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2013.

Thorne said he is honored by his selection and keenly aware of how hard others in the NETC organization work.

“Everyone at NETC is extremely smart, experienced and motivated in support of Navy training,” said Thorne. “Each person has a technical role in our organization, but what gives me heart is the fact I always overhear that training Sailors is what we are here to do. We have a focus as an organization, regardless of our particular place or role in it. That's a hallmark of a learning organization and an indicator that everyone here knows their work is extremely important.”

NETC is the largest shore command in the Navy and is comprised of more than 12,000 military and staff personnel at more than 230 subordinate activities and detachments in the United States and at remote sites overseas. NETC provides training and education to more than 31,000 students on any given day.

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