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Training Support Center San Diego Senior Civilian of the Year extends life of training software

SAN DIEGO – Training Support Center, San Diego (TSC) announced Jan. 22 the selection of Greg Mix, an Operations and Infrastructure Information Technology Specialist, as TSC’s Senior Civilian of the Year for 2013.

A Navy veteran, Mix spearheaded the effort to join Navy electronics-equipped classrooms in Guam and Japan to the Naval Education Training Command (NETC) electronic training domain.

TSC System Administrator Paul Burrows said the new links between Guam, Japan and the rest of the NETC domain allow for greater security.

“Guam and Japan are now using TRANET – the Navy’s electronic training network – which allows for greater security,” said Burrows. “Additionally, there are fewer users with system administrator privileges, thus reducing the potential for lapses in security.”

Mix designed and implemented the structure and policy for the new electronic classrooms in Guam and Japan; he installed and configured the server he built to more effectively join the classrooms to the NETC domain.

“In general, it adds security and allows more access to NETC-based training material,” Mix said.

“In Guam I set up two classrooms; working with a local contractor we completed the installation of all workstations, servers and software,” he continued.

The move of NETC learning sites in Guam and Japan to TRANET brings these locations into line with the rest of the Navy's West Coast learning sites, increasing ease of technical support and cutting down on travel expenses, Burrows added.

Mix also extended the life of software used by the Navy to train Sailors on the Close-In Weapon System (CIWS) Interactive Electronic Technical Manual. He created a virtual environment in which the Navy's CIWS training software is able to continue to operate with the current version of Java, rather than lose training due to changes in the software.

According to Burrows, the reengineering of the software allowed its lifespan to be extended by another year beyond its original planned obsolescence. This solution also avoids the costs associated with performing security upgrades to the legacy software.

Training Support Center San Diego provides centralized student management and support to 17 Naval Education and Training Command Learning Sites in the Southwest region.

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