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## **NETC Recognizes Top-Performing Civilians**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced its top performing civilian employees of the year Feb. 20.

Capt. John Jones, NETC chief of staff, praised the awardees and the consistent effort put forth by NETC staff to implement the Navy's training mission.

"It's always a great day when we recognize our outstanding civilian workforce because they do so much for us," Jones said. "We military personnel come and go, but it's our civilian workforce that gives us stability through their continuous service. We couldn't do it without them."

Alex McCrory, an NETC Planning Program manager, was named the 2014 Senior Civilian of the Year. According to McCrory, the rewarding work he does at NETC is only possible because of teamwork.

"It was a very pleasant surprise and I felt greatly honored to be selected," said McCrory. "At the same time, it is also humbling to know that the roles I play and what I contribute can only be accomplished by the support of others. For that, this is a great place to work."

Charles Bailey, McCrory's supervisor, said he has become a leader in facility planning because of his expertise.

"Alex is routinely selected to lead major initiatives for NETC," said Bailey. "Most recently, he led a significant planning effort to complete the very first Dormitory Master Plan (DMP), which required coordination between all levels in the Navy."

The DMP identifies near-term strategies to ensure sufficient bed capacity and the long-term investment strategies requiring military construction.

Keith Palmer, the Manpower Personnel Training Education (MPTE) assistant Personal Property manager, was awarded NETC 2014 Junior Civilian of the Year.

"I was very surprised, excited and extremely thankful," said Palmer. "This is such a great honor being selected as NETC Junior Civilian of the Year."

Palmer explained that beyond awards, being able to train new members of the staff is the best part of his job.

"When new Personal Property managers come on board ... you have to train them from the ground up, and it's rewarding to see the fruits of your labor."

Palmer's supervisor, James Kight, said Palmer has quickly become an expert in the billet making him well respected by his peers.

"His billet had been vacant for over six months," said Kight. "He has, in a

short period of time, become an expert in this field. He is respected by all who associate with him, and I get praise from all levels in the MPTE relating to his outstanding performance."

Jack Webler, a planning program manager, was awarded Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the 4th quarter. According to Webler, it is the talent around him that enabled him to win this award.

"I was both humbled and appreciative," said Webler. "I know that no one person who works in our business can enjoy success without the continuous help and support of many others. I am blessed to be surrounded by so many very talented and professionally competent folks throughout NETC and our training domain; they are truly responsible for me receiving this recognition."

Thomas Bonanno, Webler's supervisor, said he is an example to be followed.

"He performs all assigned tasks in a professional and timely manner that is worthy of emulation throughout the organization," said Bonanno. "Bottom line, Jack is a team player who steps to the plate with enthusiasm, professionalism and a can do spirit that is second to none. He could be submitted every quarter and would be an excellent and challenging candidate."

Jeff Wells, the NETC Activity Program Coordinator (APC), was named the 2014 Junior Civilian of the Quarter for the 4th quarter. Wells said that after 20 years of naval service prior to joining NETC, he is happy to still be able to serve.

"Our mission at NETC is to get Sailors to the fleet, and I'm just glad to help with our part of that effort," Wells said. "Earning this award is satisfying, but it mostly goes to show how good the people I oversee do their jobs. This award is also a representation of their work."

According to Cmdr. Glenn Dietrick, NETC Logistics and Staff Supply officer, Wells is an energetic problem solver.

"Jeff is a great asset to our team," said Dietrick. "Our customers are the learning centers and he is always there to lend them a helping hand and always looking for ways to improve and help them complete their mission."

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