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Quartermaster selected as training center's Senior Enlisted  
Instructor of the Year

DAHLGREN, Va. –Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) announced its 2012 Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year Feb. 11.

Senior Chief Quartermaster Allison Knight was honored by her selection.

"Honestly, there is no more of a rewarding job than working as an instructor and I'm humbled and thankful to receive this award," she said. "It gives me great pride having the opportunity to train our navigators, quartermasters, and operations specialists in the laws of the seas and in ship's navigation systems. Quality instruction ensures our surface forces travel the seas in the safest, most efficient manner possible."

Knight teaches Sailors how to perform ship control, navigation and bridge watch duties at CSCS Detachment (Det) West in San Diego.

CSCS Det West's Senior Enlisted Leader Master Chief Gunner's Mate Jason Tisdale emphasized that Knight routinely goes beyond the call of duty.

“Senior Chief Knight is not only our lead instructor she is also department leading chief petty officer, training manager for four courses, Master Training Specialist Coordinator, and Legal Officer,” he said. “She always strives to do her best and has set the highest standard for Sailors to follow and learn from.”

Capt. Don Schmieley, CSCS commanding officer, acknowledged Knight's achievements and thanked her for instructing today's and tomorrow's Sailors.

“When a student graduates from one of Senior Chief Knight's courses, I'm confident he or she is well-prepared to go to the fleet and better our Navy,” he said.

Knight not only joined the Navy to travel the world, but to also follow in her family's footsteps.

“Growing up, I heard stories about the Navy from my grandfather who was a gunner's mate,” she said. “Although my father was an Army gunner in the Vietnam War, I felt my path steered toward my grandfather's. I looked at the Navy as an opportunity to show my grandfather and father how much they meant to me and how very proud I was for their faithful and dedicated service. I wanted to make them proud of me too.”

Knight joined the Navy from her hometown of Elko, Nev. serving in the Navy since 1995, including tours aboard submarine tenders USS Simon Lake (AS 33) and USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), and the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97).

Knight will now go on to compete for Naval Education and Training Command's Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year.

"I'm privileged to represent CSCS in the NETC-wide competition and I thank all those who have helped me throughout my Navy career, as well as those who I have yet to meet in my future endeavors," said Knight.

The Center for Surface Combat Systems headquarters' staff oversees 14 learning sites, including CSCS Det West, and provides 80,000 hours of curriculum and 670 courses a year to more than 50,000 Sailors. CSCS conducts training for 9 enlisted ratings: Fire Controlmen, Electronic Technicians, Interior Communications, Sonar Technician (surface), Gunner's Mates, Mineman, Operations Specialists, Boatswain's Mates, and Quartermasters. CSCS also trains surface warfare officers in skills required to tactically operate and employ Aegis and Ship Self Defense System (SSDS) equipped ships.

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