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Dahlgren training Center selects 2012 Civilian of the Year

DAHLGREN, Va. – The Center for Surface Combat System's (CSCS) Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) announced its 2012 Civilian of the Year, Feb. 12.

Capt. Ian Hall, ATRC's commanding officer applauded Greg Kuss, ATRC's Systems test officer (STO) for his selection, saying that Kuss's dedication to the schoolhouse's mission is very impressive.

"As STO, Greg manages the daily operations of the Combat Systems Officer of the Watch staff. I can't run this place without him," Hall said. "With his strong technical skills, motivation, and team player attitude, he ensures that scheduled laboratory equipment is configured correctly and proper tactical software is loaded in accordance with our training staff's direction concerning equipment readiness, availability and deficiencies."

Kuss was honored by his selection.

"I work with an amazing group of people," he said. "They are truly the ones who deserve this award. It's a privilege to come to work and train those who will better our Navy and defend our nation."

Kuss started working at ATRC in 2002. Before he became STO in 2009 he was a supervisory system's analyst, and in 2012 he was recognized as Civilian of the Quarter.

"As STO, I'm responsible for the integration and management of combat system maintenance efforts, evaluation of combat systems material and operational readiness, and combat system alignment at the schoolhouse," he said. "My highest priority is to ensure Sailors receive quality training so they are ready to meet the demands of the fleet."

ATRC's traditional school house instruction is delivered 24 hours a day, five days a week. Nearly 1,200 enlisted fire controlmen and 550 surface warfare, limited duty and aviation officers graduate annually. Military instructors are typically fleet returnees who bring relevant, recent experience to the classroom. Contracted instructors are typically prior Aegis Sailors who provide continuity to the instructional staff. Electronic classrooms, electronic technical manuals, and long-range connectivity allow for continued expansion of the quantity and quality of training to meet growing training requirements. ATRC's ongoing efforts include examining new technologies and training methods for innovative, less costly ways to train to meet new challenges and needs of the United States Navy.

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