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CNETC Makes First Visit to NETPDTC

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) – Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Rear Adm. Michael S. White, visited the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC), in Pensacola, Fla. for a familiarization tour March 18.

White was introduced to NETPDTC's various missions supporting education and training. Comprised of 237 civilians, 166 contractors and 12 military, the command's elements include the Navy Advancement Center, Resources Management, Visual Information, and the Systems Engineering and Technology Services Departments.

"I'm astounded by how much NETPDTC does to support the fleet," White said. "This small cadre of folks are enablers for the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC), NROTC, Recruit Training Command (RTC), NETC Learning Centers, voluntary education, enlisted advancements, and much more. Whether they know it or not, every Sailor in the fleet benefits from NETPDTC in many ways. It's truly impressive."

The admiral's visit included a tour of the Systems Engineering and Technology Services Department, which is the Central Design Activity/Enterprise Applications Service Provider (CDA/EASP) for NETC.

Their primary mission is to manage automated information system applications for the NETC enterprise, as well as application support for Navy manpower and personnel, Navy-wide, and the joint services.

NETPDTC Commanding Officer Capt. Janet Lomax briefed White during his tour on the command's initiative to remove social security numbers (SSNs) from information technology (IT) systems. "NETPDTC prides itself on being the acknowledged leader in delivery of high quality products and services for entry level (apprentice) training and advancement," said Lomax. "Our team of professionals works hard to stay on the leading edge of change. We were one of the first DoD organizations to remove the Social Security number (SSN) from some of our products. As an example, the Navy-Wide Enlisted Advancement exam answer sheets used for the latest exam cycle contained DoD IDs vice SSNs."

NETPDTC has initiated an effort to reduce and eliminate the use of SSNs throughout its portfolio of supported applications to comply with Navy directives to safeguard the Sailors' privacy.

"A detailed analysis has been completed to ascertain the full extent of SSN presence," said George Taylor, NETPDTC's Systems Engineering and Technology Services department head. "Plans are currently being made to remove SSNs or replace them with a unique DoD identifier. Our deep concern and commitment to protecting the Sailor's identity finds us dedicating many hours in the removal of Social Security Numbers throughout our supported applications, significant reduction and elimination of SSNs from application products and supporting documentation has already been realized."

CeTARS, the authoritative source for formal naval training is one of the successful SSN removal initiatives. SSN exposure has been deleted from 1,450 of 2,070 screens, reports, interfaces and data extracts.

"The threat of identity theft has made the use of the social security number in Navy IT systems unacceptable," added White. "While we may not be able to do away with using an SSN on every document in the Navy, NETPDTC is working hard to eliminate its use where possible."

Some of the additional NETC applications hosted by NETPDTC include the Corporate enterprise Training Activity Resource Systems (CeTARS), MyEducation (Voluntary Education suite of applications), and the Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS). Examples of manpower and personnel supported systems include the Fund Administration and Standardized Document Automation (FASTDATA) system and the Corporate Automated Resource Information System (CARIS) for financial management. Also managed by NETPDTC are several Department of Defense (DoD) applications, such as the DoD Voluntary Education Support system (DoDVES).

For more information on NETPDTC, visit

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/netc/Commands/NETPDTC.aspx>

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