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## **Navy Training Commander visits Great Lakes commands**

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Training Support Center Great Lakes (TSC) and its supported learning sites hosted the new Commander of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) March 19-20.

Rear Adm. Michael S. White's visit gave him the opportunity to see the roles played by TSC and area learning sites in the initial training process of all new-accession enlisted Sailors. Sites visited included the Center for Surface Combat Systems Unit (CSCSU), Surface Warfare Officers School Unit (SWOSU), Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving (CEODD), and Naval Special Warfare Center, Great Lakes.

White's tour began with a welcome from TSC Commanding Officer Capt. Henry "Hank" P. Roux Jr.

"We had an outstanding visit with Rear Adm. White. He had been to Great lakes in the past, but didn't get as in-depth of a tour as he did this time," said Roux. "He was very appreciative of the opportunity to talk with the NMTIs (Naval Military Training Instructors) in one of our ships or

barracks, and he also spoke with members of our Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD)."

The admiral took time to talk with staff, instructors and students throughout the visit, telling each the importance of the job they were doing.

"It's inspiring to watch our NMTI's and learning center instructors transform these young men and women in to quality Sailors," said White. "The facilities are impressive, but it's the dedication of our staff and instructors that makes carrying out the NETC mission possible; delivering trained Sailors throughout the Navy. Every student I spoke with was impressed by their training and eager to join the fleet."

At the CSCS Unit, White visited the Boatswain's Mate (BM) "A" school and the USS Whitehat training facility. This mock ship gives Sailors familiarity with line handling, ship-to-ship refueling, cargo transfers, winching systems and small boat usage.

He also saw the Operations Specialist (OS) and Quartermaster (QM) "A" schools and received an overview of the technical training in charting, radar scope operations and other core specialties of the rates. While at the Controlman (FC), Electronics Technician (ET) and Gunner's Mate (GM) schools he saw demonstrations of the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) and torpedo tube trainer.

White also saw the SEAL Pre-Buds (Basic Underwater Demolition) and EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) preparatory schools, as well as the

training for Hull Technician's (HT) and the Basic Engineering Common Core (BECC) Computer-Based Training (CBT) classrooms and various labs. BECC balances CBT training with hands-on training labs, instructor-led classroom training, and the study of fleet equipment in simulations creating an Integrated Learning Environment (ILE).

"The visit gave him a good glimpse of some of the things we need his support on in the future as we continue to make our fleet stronger," added Roux. "Our staff is extremely dedicated to doing this right and getting the best Sailors we can to the fleet."

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