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## **CNO recognizes NATTC CSADD as Training Chapter of the Year**

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, met with members of a Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) group April 1, recognizing them as the 2014 CSADD Training the Chapter of the Year.

“The first time I heard of CSADD, I was amazed and excited about the idea of people like you coming together,” said Greenert. “This is an outstanding example of your generation and we are all impressed that you are willing to take charge, working together to keep bad things from happening.”

After presenting the Training Chapter of the Year plaque to the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) CSADD chapter’s board members, the CNO opened the floor for questions.

Air Traffic Controller 2nd class Michael Rivellette asked the CNO about expectations, since CSADD became an independent organization in October 2014.

“I don’t have expectations, but I have recommended that CSADD chapters be given the opportunity by their commands to grow and succeed,” said Greenert. “This includes use of facilities and support for the things that they want to do.”

Supporting the NATTC student chapter is a cadre of senior petty officers serving as chapter advocates. Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Alexanna Williams serves as lead advocate, but stresses that it's the students that run the program. She added that it was an honor to win Training Chapter of the Year.

"The students—they come up with the ideas, they put in the man-hours and make this program a success," said Williams. "It was very impressive that the CNO took the time to speak with and recognize our CSADD chapter – it's easy to see that it's a program that he really believes in."

Cmdr. Vic Bindi, NATTC executive officer, pointed out that CSADD members also tend to be classroom top performers.

"I think the people who join CSADD, not only are they ones who are less likely to engage in disciplinary issues, they're the ones who time-and-time again are the leaders within every single class," said Bindi.

CSADD members come together voluntarily and grow with very basic command support. The NATTC chapter began with 36 students in 2012 and now includes 323 service members, 56 of whom are Marines and 10 Airmen. The chapter typically schedules events that reinforce the idea of having fun without alcohol; ranging from formal black-tie affairs to monthly sporting events.

Many of the local CSADD members and advocates take the lessons they learn here in Pensacola back to the fleet.

"When I go to my next command, I'm taking all I learned here with me," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Melanie McCollum, NATTC chapter advocate. "It's been fun."

For more information on CSADD, visit: [http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/21st\\_century\\_sailor/csadd/pages/default2.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/21st_century_sailor/csadd/pages/default2.aspx)

Additional information on the Naval Air Technical Training Center can be found through the NATTC website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cnatt/nattc/>

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