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## **Congressman visits Naval Air Technical Training Center**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Honorable Douglas C. “Mike” McIntyre II, Congressman representing North Carolina’s 7th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and member of the House Armed Services Committee, toured Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) Jun. 13.

At NATTC, McIntyre and his staff had the opportunity to observe the full range of aviation maintenance training, including ground support equipment labs, electronics theory labs, aviation ordnance lab, jet engine maintenance lab, and aircraft structural repair metalworking lab.

McIntyre got a chance to be “hands-on” with the training as he operated a helicopter systems trainer, including an articulated rotorhead. During the stop, he told a group of students that he appreciated their dedication and skills.

“These planes can't fly if you're not doing your work on the ground,” he said.

The congressman repeatedly expressed his gratitude for their service to the Sailors and Marines, staff and students he met during the tour. “On behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, thank you for your sacrifice and your commitment, and the sacrifice of your families,” he added. “We appreciate your sacrifice and what you do.”

Accompanying McIntyre throughout the tour of NATTC was Commanding Officer Capt. Alan Dean.

"I appreciate Congressman McIntyre taking the time to visit NATTC today, meeting our Sailors and seeing our facilities," said Dean. "It is a rare opportunity for us to present the command to our elected representatives and speak with them directly about our training mission. We do our very best to be good stewards of taxpayer resources as we train future Naval aviation maintainers, and today's visit was an opportunity to showcase our outstanding Sailors, Marines, civilian instructors and facilities."

For more than 70 years, NATTC has been delivering training and increasing readiness within the Naval Aviation Enterprise. NATTC graduates approximately 15,000 Navy and Marine students annually. The majority of the student body is comprised of enlisted personnel attending "A" schools, where they are gaining the knowledge and skills required to perform in fleet as technicians at the apprentice level.

NATTC's advanced schools provide higher-level technical knowledge for senior petty officers, and specialty schools offer specific skills not particular to any one rating, such as airman apprentice training, maintenance, personal financial management and shipboard aircraft firefighting. NATTC also conducts technical training for officers in aviation fuels, carrier air traffic control center operations, aircraft launch and recovery equipment, shipboard aircraft fire fighting and amphibious air traffic control center operations.

For more information about Naval Air Technical Training Center visit <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cnatt/nattc/Default.aspx> .

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