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NATTC Instructor Awarded National CFC Hero Award

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Chief Aviation Ordnanceman David Long, an instructor at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), received the National Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Hero Award during a ceremony at NATTC July 1.

Capt. Keith Hoskins, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola, presented the award to Long on behalf of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). According to OPM, Long was chosen for this award because of the leadership he displayed as NATTC's activity chairperson during the 2013 CFC campaign. Under his leadership, 6,600 personnel at NATTC contributed a total of \$166,446.00, which was a 52 percent increase over the command's record high contribution of \$109,327.00 during the 2012 campaign.

Ron Denson, the Campaign Director for EscaRosa CFC, explained that this award is presented annually by the OPM to recognize outstanding leadership, support, and dedication by activity chairpersons. Denson pointed out that there is special significance in being presented this award.

"Chief Long is one of only four military recipients of this award nationally, and the only recipient within the continental United States," said Denson.

Long credited his receipt of the award on the team he was able to form to contact NATTC staff and students. "I was given the authority to hand-pick my team, to choose the right people," said Long. "We put a smooth process in place, and it was only with their assistance that we were able to contact everyone and ask them to give."

To Capt. Alan Dean, NATTC's commanding officer, this award honors not only Long, but his team and NATTC.

"This award not only recognizes the leadership by Chief Long and the hard work of his team, but it also showcases the generosity of the NATTC staff and students," said Dean. "Our Sailors and Marines are able to give back some of their hard earned pay to the charitable organizations and causes they supported through the CFC."

Since its commissioning in 1942, NATTC has been committed to 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 population is made up of enlisted personnel attending "A" schools, where they are learning the skills and knowledge required to perform as apprentice-level technicians in the fleet. The center also provides airman apprenticeship training, personal financial management, and shipboard aircraft firefighting training. Advanced schools provide higher-level technical knowledge for senior petty officers, and technical training for officers in aviation fuels, carrier air traffic control center operations, amphibious air traffic control center operations, aircraft launch and recovery equipment, and shipboard aircraft fire fighting.

Additionally, NATTC supports the fleet by providing team training to ships

personnel during their pre-deployment work-ups, to ensure that shipboard personnel have the proficiency required to take their ship on deployment, after a prolonged period in port.

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