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NETC Director of Logistics Retires

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Capt. Greg Harshberger, director of Logistics for the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), was honored for 28-years of exemplary service at his retirement ceremony July 24 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation here on Naval Air Station Pensacola.

A native of Minneola, Kan., he was commissioned in the Civil Engineer Corps in May 1987 after graduating from Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kan. He also attended Wichita State University, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and later earned a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas.

While in the Navy, Harshberger served all over the world including tours in the Middle East and Pacific and excelled in assignments as resident officer-in-charge of construction, facility planning officer, base civil engineer, executive officer and commanding officer of construction battalions. He is also a plank owner of Commander, Naval Installations Command.

At the retirement ceremony, Rear Adm. Mike White, NETC commander, reviewed several of Harshberger's accomplishments while at NETC, culminating in the presentation of the Legion of Merit for a career marked by exceptionally meritorious conduct.

At NETC, Harshberger's expertise was recognized when he was selected as the senior advisor to the Navy's flag-level shore mission integration group to guide their development Navy-wide for infrastructure policies and establishing priorities for shore capital investments. Under his leadership, the NETC supply and logistics department team managed a command purchase card program with zero delinquencies on more than \$300 million in purchases. Also under his leadership, the NETC Travel Card Oversight Program had more than 20,000 card holders and a miniscule 1.1 percent delinquency rate over 49 months. He also re-engineered the NETC-domain contracting oversight process, resulting in approximately \$250 million in savings.

"Throughout his career, he took the responsibility seriously and imparted that sense of importance to the people he worked with," said White. "Your dedication to the Navy and our Sailors is core to the deep and abiding ethics which have been a part of your entire Navy career. We thank you and your family for your service. While this is the end of one chapter in your life, there are new adventures for you to fill with new pages and new memories."

Harshberger explained during his comments that he wasn't planning on making the Navy a career.

"It seems like just yesterday that I was a care-free college student in Kansas when I got a letter from a Navy recruiter, and so I applied and discovered the Navy Civil Engineer Corps," said Harshberger. " I started out my Navy career firmly on the four-year plan, but very quickly learned that I loved the work and I loved the Seabees and I knew I was hooked and wanted to stay in. I can't think of a better organization to close-out my Navy career than the dedicated crew of military and civilians here at NETC."

Harshberger and his family hope to stay in the Pensacola area while he moves on to the next phase of his adventure, one aspect of which is a fascination with

mountain climbing. Of the 100 highest mountains in Colorado, 54 are above 14,000 feet elevation and he has already climbed 35 of those. He is currently working on climbing, or 'bagging' all of them.

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