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SWOS Names 2015 Instructors of the Year

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NEWPORT, R.I. –The Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) announced the 2015 SWOS Instructors of the Year (IOY) on Nov 17.

Chief Engineman Todd Hosselkus, Damage Controlman 1st Class Nicholas Kulik, and Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Joseph Sanchez were selected as SWOS Senior Instructor of the Year (SIOY), Instructor of the Year (IOY), and Junior Instructor of the Year (JIOY), respectively.

"These sailors contributions to SWOS are at the core of our mission," said Capt. David Welch, SWOS commanding officer. "We are in the business of educating sailors and officers and preparing them for the demanding duties at sea. These leaders in the classroom embody the core tenants of effective instruction, and they impact every sailor from accession to commanding officer assignments at sea. The Surface community entrusts only its finest enlisted sailors with these roles, and these three individuals are shining examples of experienced Fleet sailors whose expertise and professionalism add greatly to the learning experience."

Chief Petty Officer Hosselkus serves as an instructor in the Officer Engineering Training (N74) Directorate; he is the leading LCS-2 engineering instructor.

"It's a great accomplishment to be a part of such a great collection of instructors, and I am honored to even be mentioned in this group, let alone selected to represent them," commented Hosselkus in regards to his recognition. "All the instructors at SWOS do so much in training surface sailors and I am truly humbled to be recognized."

Petty Officer Kulik is assigned to the Damage Control/Fire Fighting (N79) Directorate in Pearl Harbor as an instructor. He has trained over 1,500 students, including 8,500 man-hours of mishap free high-risk training for Sailors and Marines.

"Everything I do as an instructor is not for me, it is for the benefit of the sailors and to make this Navy even better than it already is," said Kulik. "Should the time come when knowledge and skill are tested, we will be ready. Don't Give Up the Ship!"

Petty Officer Sanchez is assigned to SWOS Unit Great Lakes (N78) Directorate as the lead instructor for GSM 'C' School. Sanchez trained and mentored 56 fleet returnees through 16 hands on laboratories and four Advanced Training classroom instructions.

"SWOS instructors are the best of the best," said Peter Dyksterhouse, SWOS command master chief. "They take pride in being the focal point for training the officers and enlisted sailors who man and fight our ships and ensure students are prepared to succeed at every level of leadership."

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