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Local Rotarians Honor Outstanding Military Members

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Rear Adm. Mike White, commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) was the guest speaker at the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola (CROP) annual Military Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 3.

More than 270 personnel including Rotarians from 13 local clubs, community leaders and military members attended the event at New World Landing in downtown Pensacola to honor and recognize local military members. Bob Schuster, member of the Five Flags Rotary Club and Assistant Governor, Area 1, gave opening remarks, recognized numerous military veterans and welcomed the active duty service members in attendance to the Rotary meeting.

"The Rotary motto 'service about self' - is something that every Sailor as well as every individual who wears a uniform shares," said White, as he talked about the newest generation of Sailors and the sacrifices they make today.

Representatives from several local Pensacola commands were honored for their contributions not only in the military workforce but also as members of the community. In FY14, more than 1,600 military members volunteered their spare time to feed the hungry, tutor children, help the elderly and clean beaches. Their combined volunteer effort totaled more than 26,900 hours.

“Without any reservation, in this all volunteer force, they have chosen a lifestyle of service, dedicating themselves to the highest standards of American citizenship and commitment,” White added.

U.S Congressmen Jeff Miller, representative from Florida’s 1st District gave closing remarks and said that he was grateful for the opportunity to share in the day’s events.

“It was an honor to be here today recognizing those men and women who wear the uniform both present and past,” said Miller. “Thank you for your service and selfless sacrifice”.

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