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NETSAFA hosts Indonesian senior military delegation

PENSACOLA, Fla. – A group of senior military officers from Indonesia, including six admirals and one brigadier general, visited Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Nov. 5-6 as part of a tour of four Naval installations across the U.S.

Following a welcome by Rear Adm. Mike White, commanding officer of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), and Capt. Doug Heady, commanding officer of Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA), the visitors were briefed on NETSAFA's mission coordinating training support to international governments and organizations, to include aviation training to all foreign national flight students.

"The visit, briefings, and command discussions provided a valuable window into U.S. Naval aviation education and training, and will serve to assist in development of similar programs for the Indonesian Navy," said Heady.

"This is of increasing importance as the Indonesian Navy undergoes force modernization and seeks to increase their operational capacity."

The afternoon included command briefs and tours of both Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) and Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), allowing the visitors to meet with both schools' commanding officers. NASC

and NATTC provide the academic and technical training to prepare aviators and aviation technicians, both officer and enlisted, for the fleet.

Before their departure to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pautuxent River, Md., the next stop on their tour of Naval installations, the group was given the opportunity to see aviation survival swim facilities including the helo-dunker which trains personnel to escape from an aircraft in the water. All flight students, including foreign nationals, must successfully complete water survival training in order to advance to the next phase of flight training.

Major Jeff Pogue, from the Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) Indonesia was very impressed with the group's visit to the Pensacola area.

"Being able to see first-hand the full spectrum of aviation maintenance training, personnel management and training system development will be invaluable to deepening our understanding of these critical growth areas," said Pogue. "The DVOT will be a key enabler for the Indonesian Navy to develop our maritime security needs. NETSAFA was an outstanding host for the visit and they provided the ideal subject matter experts for us during the tour."

NETSAFA is the U.S. Navy's agent for international education and training, and is dedicated to providing assistance to international partners to facilitate development of successful training programs.

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