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Indonesian Navy Flag Officers Tour NATTC

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), onboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, hosted a group of Indonesian Flag Officers Nov. 5 for a tour and orientation of aviation technical and maintenance training.

Gordon Lawry, Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) Country Program Manager for Indonesia, escorted the group during their visit.

“This trip is to evaluate the aviation capacity of their country, and it will give them a better understanding of what working with the U.S. Navy can bring to their navy,” said Lawry.

During their tour of NATTC, the group observed Sailors and Marines training to become Aviation Electronics Technicians, Aviation Support Equipment Specialists, Aviation Ordnancemen, Aviation Machinists Mates, and Aviation Structural Mechanics. John Semaan, NATTC’s International Military Student Officer also accompanied the group and pointed out that hosting such groups is important to maintain good relations with our allies.

“Indonesia is one of our security cooperation partners, so it is mutually beneficial to show them the NATTC facility,” said Semaan. “NATTC has become the face of naval aviation maintenance training.”

Capt. Alan Dean, commanding officer of NATTC, also emphasized the importance and benefit of hosting foreign dignitaries.

“Taking advantage of the opportunity to showcase our facilities and training methodologies serves a couple of purposes,” said Dean. “First, it strengthens ties with our international allies by fostering an atmosphere of cooperation, and second, it provides insight into the training processes and equipment we use to ensure we have an imminently capable fighting force.”

For more than 70 years, NATTC has been delivering training and increasing readiness within the Naval Aviation Enterprise. NATTC graduates approximately 15,000 Navy, Marine and international students annually. The majority of the student body is comprised of enlisted personnel attending “A” schools, where they gain the knowledge and skills required to perform in the fleet as technicians at the apprentice level.

NATTC also provides advanced schools, which offer higher-level technical knowledge for senior petty officers, and specialty schools that offer specific skills not particular to any one rating, such as airman apprentice training, maintenance, personal financial management and shipboard aircraft firefighting training. NATTC also conducts technical training for officers in aviation fuels, carrier air traffic control center operations, aircraft launch and recovery equipment, shipboard aircraft fire fighting and amphibious air traffic control center operations.

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