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## **Navy Training Headquarters Selects 2014 Sailor and Instructors of the Year**

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced and recognized the training domain's 2014 Sailor of the Year (SOY) and Instructors of the Year (IOY) Dec. 12 at a ceremony in the National Museum of Naval Aviation on board Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Rear Adm. Mike White, commander, Naval Education and Training Command praised the SOY, four IOYs and the finalists in each category for their roles in shaping the Navy's future force and for their contributions to the training and education mission.

"These men and women are excellent examples of the fact that we have magnificent ships, aircraft and weapons, but without skilled Sailors and Marines they are ineffective," said White. "Our instructors produce the men and women that give these incredible machines the ability to protect our nation. Our instructors display hard work and dedication to perfecting their craft; they are preparing the next generation of warfighters. They truly are the best of the best."

The 2014 NETC Sailor of the Year is Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Sharon Barker, from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Barker will go forward to compete as NETC's representative in the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPTE) domain's top Sailor competition.

The 2014 NETC Instructors of the Year (junior/midgrade/senior/officer) are:

Junior -- Sgt. Benjamin Courter USMC, Center for Security Forces Detachment North Island, San Diego.

Midgrade – Builder 1st Class (SCW/DV) Joshua Sisson, Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, Fla.

Senior -- Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AW/SW) Frankie Garrett, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Officer -- Lt. Michael Ellison, Center for Surface Combat Systems, Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, San Diego

NETC Force Master Chief Jon Port coordinates the SOY and IOY programs for the NETC enterprise and the SOY/IOY week in Pensacola.

"We have just recognized 15 outstanding examples of the best and brightest the Navy has to offer," said Port. "I've always believed that it is important to identify and recognize our best Sailors and Instructors for their hard work, dedication, pride and professionalism. It's those traits that have resulted in these individuals rising above the rest, and the SOY and IOYs provide excellent examples for the NETC enterprise to emulate. They are representative of the exceptional talent we have in our training pipeline and are responsible for one of the most important jobs in the Navy -- training our replacements in the fleet. I am honored to stand on the same stage with those chosen and recognize their efforts."

The NETC SOY and IOY programs recognize Sailors throughout the NETC domain who exhibit sustained superior performance, leadership, mentorship, knowledge

and teaching of military history and heritage, self-improvement, command and community involvement and exemplary military bearing among other attributes.

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