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Meehan selected as NATEC “Team Player of the Year 2008”

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(CNATT) announced recently the selection of Joseph Meehan as the Naval Air Technical Data and Engineering Service Command (NATEC) “Team Player of the Year” for 2008. This award was part of the NATEC 2008 Excellence Award, and was announced by Colonel Bruce Neuberger, NATEC Commanding Officer.

Selected from a field of 370 NATEC employees world-wide, Meehan was recognized due to his excellence in his field and was recommended to the NATEC Commanding Officer by a board of his superiors. Each of the NATEC awardees exhibited the attributes of professionalism, accountability, stewardship, positive attitude, and initiative as set forth in the Commanding Officer’s expectations.

Meehan is the NATEC Liaison to CNATT, and coordinates with CNATT Integrated Product Teams, CNATT Unit and Detachment personnel, and NATEC Field Service Technical Representatives throughout the Fleet to improve the Training Continuum of Fleet-bound Sailor and Marine Corps aviation technicians.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Meehan is no stranger to the military. He joined the Navy in 1975, shortly after high school graduation, and attended Avionics "A" School in Memphis, Tenn. During his 23 years of honorable service, his time in the Navy included avionics qualifications and multiple tours with A-6, EA-6B, and P-3 battle platforms. He served two tours with the now-disestablished Naval Air Maintenance Training Group, one as an instructor and the second as the Maintenance Training Unit Training Chief of all aircraft maintenance courses. He also served in Texas for a three-year tour with special projects.

Retiring in 1998 as an Master Chief Avionic Technician, Meehan decided he wanted to continue a similar career path in the government sector. In March 2000, he was hired at NATEC as a Field Service Technical Representative for the P-3 air frame. From 2002 to 2007, Joe deployed with combat units in the Persian Gulf region and served with numerous squadron overseas, a total of 22 times.

In 2007, he was selected from more than 30 NATEC employees to become the NATEC Liaison to CNATT and he relocated to the Pensacola area in June 2007.

The development of this billet was an initiative by the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) that has resulted in improved communications between Naval Air Command (NAVAIR) Fleet customers, the schoolhouses, and CNATT. Meehan has also previously received the NATEC Supervisor of the Year Award, numerous Letters of Appreciation, Letters of Commendation, and a Commendation from the Task Force 57 Commodore for unprecedented technical service during combat operations.

Joe and his wife, Davene, live in Pensacola.

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Pictured left to right: CDR Terry Hammond, NATEC Executive Officer; Joe Meehan with his NATEC Team Player of the Year 2008 award; and CAPT Terry Merrit, CNATT Commanding Officer (Photo by Jena Stephenson)