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CNATT Sailors and Marines volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Sailors and Marines from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) teamed-up with Habitat for Humanity Jan. 27 to assist a local family with construction of a new home.

The crew of 12 from CNATT installed hurricane straps on the roof and sides of the house, raised interior wall framing, anchored boards in the kitchen for cabinets, framed-out the front porch and installed drywall spacers.

"There are two important reasons why I work with Habitat for Humanity," said Cmdr. Shawn Dominguez, director of Functional Integration at CNATT. "First, it's a chance for the military to give back to a community that supports us in so many ways and second, I'm a product of Habitat for Humanity. They provided housing to my mom, sister, and myself when we desperately needed it, and it's wonderful to be able to give back to the organization."

According to Taylor Thomae, Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator, the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976 and is working to address issues of poverty in by constructing housing around the world.

"Habitat for Humanity Pensacola has built nearly 1100 homes in the Pensacola area since 1981," said Thoma. "Last year alone we built 60 homes in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and have completed a total of 100 homes in the subdivision Providence Manor II."

"I volunteered because it makes me feel great by giving back," said Marine Master Sgt. James Hill, CNATT safety officer. "During our lunch break, I was able to speak with the project foreman and learn more about the program. Each family getting a house is required to conduct 300 hours of community service giving back to Habitat for Humanity."

CNATT is the largest learning center under the Naval Education and Training Command and is accredited by the Council on Education. Its mission is to develop, deliver, and support the aviation technical training necessary to meet validated fleet requirements through a continuum of professional and personal growth for Sailors and Marines. In the CNATT enterprise, there are 17 subordinate commands across 27 locations around the world.

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