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## **ROK Training Commander Visits Pensacola**

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PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Rear Adm. Mike White, commander, Naval Education Training Command (NETC) hosted the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy commander of Naval Education and Training, Vice Adm. Jin-Sup Jung, during a visit to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Mar. 3.

The visit began with a discussion about U.S. Navy training at NETC's headquarters, followed by visits to area training facilities. White and Jung discussed new methods in training Sailors being used in the NETC domain such as eTablets and smart phones.

"Our naval forces are stronger when we operate jointly and together with allies and partners, and that includes sharing training with our partners, said White. "We have a great training partnership with the ROK Navy and this visit was a valuable opportunity to build on that relationship."

Admiral Jung was supportive of the partnership.

"I hope that we can visit each other every other year to help strengthen the U.S. and Korean relationship," said Jung.

During the tour of the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) Jung and his staff observed how avionics technicians, aircraft mechanics and air traffic controllers are trained for the fleet. NATTC graduates approximately 15,000 Navy and Marine students each year. The largest part of this student body is comprised of enlisted personnel attending apprentice "A" schools designed to provide them with the knowledge and skill levels required to perform as technicians at the apprentice level.

Jung and his staff were also shown the multi-place underwater egress training, or helo dunker, in the Naval Survival Training Institute's Aircrew Water Survival pool. Hospital Corpsman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Walter J. Bedell demonstrated some of the exercises all aviation students must complete as part of their training.

“I think they were really impressed with the helo dunker,” said Bedell. “It’s more of an immersive training that students will remember for the rest of their life. I still have people come back after years to show their families this specific training they went through.

“I think it’s important to have a strong relationship with the ROK [Navy],” said Bedell. “Training increases the readiness of both navies to efficiently carry out operations throughout the globe.”

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