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Submarine Learning Center Awarded for Training Excellence

GROTON, Conn. -- The Submarine Learning Center (SLC) was honored Feb. 2 with the receipt of four 2014 Training Excellence Awards (TEA) from the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), responsible for all aspects of the world-wide training of U. S. Navy Sailors.

The annual TEA awards highlight the continued emphasis on quality and intensity of work demonstrating NETC's vision, mission, and strategic goals across the entire range of training and support operations.

In a message praising award recipients, NETC Commander Rear Adm. Mike White praised the commands selected for TEA honors.

"The TEA winners epitomize the highest degree of training excellence found throughout the Naval Education and Training Command," said White. "The continued success in the delivery of training will ensure highly trained, top quality Sailors to meet the needs of our fleet."

SLC received awards for exemplary performance in Logistics Management, Training Production Management, Curriculum Management and Training Support Management.

Capt. David A. Roberts, commanding officer of SLC, lauded the efforts of the headquarters staff in Groton and praised the team at training sites scattered across the globe in thirteen different time zones.

"This is wonderful recognition of the hard work you do every day; your dedication to our mission of improving the quality of officers and Sailors serving in the submarine force," said Roberts. "We have innumerable moving parts that must all be constantly synchronized and adjusted to best assure the seamless delivery of world-class training to our submarine Sailors."

A plaque and burgee, which is a small, triangle-shaped flag, will be presented to all NETC TEA award winners. SLC is authorized to display the burgee through this calendar year to signify (and to celebrate) its accomplishments and excellence in Navy education and training.

Roberts added that "These awards are a reflection of the hard work accomplished every day on a constant and consistent basis. We live and work in a dynamic environment requiring continuous evaluation of every job, duty and task submarine Sailors perform, while assessing the curriculum and tools we use to teach and train them even while making timely decisions and determinations on where and how we need to move forward."

The SLC plans, programs, budgets, and executes individual and team training for Undersea Warfare Enterprise mission readiness. Additionally, it develops, assigns, and coordinates future undersea warfare training and education solutions and allocates resources to execute undersea warfare training in fleet concentration areas and elsewhere to include: Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.; Submarine Learning Detachment San

Diego; Submarine Learning Site Yorktown, Va.; Submarine Learning Site Guam; Submarine Training Facility, Norfolk, Va.; Submarine Learning Site, Dam Neck, Va.; Submarine Learning Site, Whidbey Island, Wash.; Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, Pearl Harbor; Trident Training Facility, Bangor, Wash.; and Trident Training Facility, Kings Bay, Ga..

The SLC blended learning solution combines instructor-led classes, hands-on labs, simulation, interactive course ware, and computer-based training and is a critical support element of Undersea Warfare. In 2014, more than 230,000 Sailors graduated from 300 separate courses.

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit <https://www.netc.navy.mil> and visit www.navy.mil/local/cnet/.

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