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Navy Training to Recognize Top Sailors and Instructors

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) will recognize their 2012 Sailor of the Year and Military Instructors of the Year (IOY) from a field of 13 finalists during a ceremony at the National Naval Aviation Museum on board Naval Air Station Pensacola Feb. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

NETC Commander Rear Adm. Don Quinn, commander, Naval Education and Training Command praised the finalists for their roles in shaping the future force of the Navy by delivering to the Fleet a diverse and highly skilled global force.

"Hats off to you for your sustained superior performance and a most heartfelt thank you for a job extremely well-done," said Quinn. "These exceptional Sailors were carefully chosen from an extraordinary field of nominees who characterize the honor, courage, and commitment of our Sailors throughout the NETC enterprise."

Quinn will present the Sailor of the Year finalists with the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal and a plaque. The Sailor of the Year will go on to compete for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Sailor of the Year. Instructors of the Year in their respective categories will receive a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation

Medal and plaque, and the runner-ups will receive the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal and plaque.

The following personnel are the finalists for NETC Sailor of the Year for 2012:

- Aviation Support Equipment Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Hennesie Manangan, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training
- Masters-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Robert White, Center For Security Forces
- Engineman 1st Class (SW) Sivenson Guerrier, Center For Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving
- Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Dawn Turner, Training Support Center Great Lake
- Sonar Technician 1st Class Submarines (SS) Jason Guy, Submarine Learning Center
- Aviation Electronics Technicians 1st Class (AW/NAC) Adam Gladding, Recruit Training Command

The following personnel are the top two finalists in their respective categories for NETC Military Instructors of the Year for 2012.

Junior Enlisted Instructor of the Year:

- Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class (EXW) Kasey Helms, Center for Information Dominance's Navy Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center Dam Neck, Va.
- Navy Diver 2nd Class (DSW) Jason Fenn, Submarine Learning Center's Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

Mid-Grade Enlisted Instructor of the Year finalists:

- Electronics Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Gerardo Ceballos, Center for Surface Combat Systems' Detachment West, San Diego

- Electronics Technician 1st Class (SW) Jodi Geibel, Naval Service Training Command's Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year finalists:

- Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) Joshua Meyer, Surface Warfare Officer School Learning Site, Great Lakes, Ill.
- Chief Air-Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Ronesha Nation, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training's Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Fla.

Officer Instructor of the Year finalists:

- Lt. Riley Smith, Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering's Civil Engineer Corps Officer School, Port Hueneme, Calif.
- Lt. Jeffrey Rasmussen, Center for Information Dominance's Navy Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center Dam Neck, Va.

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The training commands within the NETC domain provide individual skills training to more than 30,000 military students on any given day. The training supports operations around the world.

The NETC SOY program recognizes Sailors throughout the NETC domain who exhibit sustained superior performance, leadership, self-improvement, command and community involvement and military bearing. It is open to Sailors in the ranks of E-4, E-5 and E-6 who served in the NETC domain during the calendar year.

The NETC Military Instructor of the Year program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps instructors and facilitators who exemplify personal excellence and display outstanding instructional and leadership performance.

The program highlights the significant contributions of individuals from throughout the Naval Education and Training enterprise who have been nominated by their command

based on their sustained superior performance over the course of the past year. Nomination packages, highlighting the nominee's accomplishments, community involvement, and personal and professional growth, are submitted to NETC headquarters in Pensacola, Fla.

Media representatives are invited to cover the event and should contact Steve Vanderwerff at the phone numbers or email address provided below for more information.

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