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Submarine Learning Center Honored for Training Excellence

GROTON, Conn. - The Submarine Learning Center (SLC) was honored Feb. 27 with the receipt of five different 2013 Training Excellence Awards (TEA) from the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

The annual awards spotlight the continuity of 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 all NETC award recipients, NETC Commander Rear Adm. Mike White noted that commands selected "Epitomize the highest degree of training excellence found throughout the Naval Education and Training Command. Their continued success in the delivery of training will ensure highly trained, top quality Sailors to meet the needs of our fleet."

The SLC received TEAs for exemplary performance in Planning and Programming, Production Management, Logistics Management, Curriculum Management and Training Support Management.

A plaque and burgee, which is a small, triangle-shaped flag, will be presented to all NETC award winners. SLC is authorized to display the

burgee through this calendar year to signify (and celebrate) its accomplishments and excellence in Navy education and training.

Capt. David A. Roberts, commanding officer of the Submarine Learning Center, applauded the work of the headquarters staff in Groton and praised the efforts of the SLC team at training sites scattered across thirteen time zones supporting Submarine Force training.

"There are innumerable moving parts that must be constantly synchronized and adjusted to better assure seamless delivery of world-class training to our submarine Sailors," he said. "These awards are a reflection of the hard work accomplished every day over the course of the last year. 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 has 1,150 instructors and staff (enlisted, officer and civilian). In 2013, more than 235,000 Sailors graduated from 300 separate courses.

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.

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

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