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Navy's international training command selects civilian of the quarter

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) announced April 17 the selection of Susan Phillippi, as civilian of the quarter for the second quarter of fiscal year 2014.

"It's good to get recognized," said Phillippi. "NETSAFA has a lot of hardworking and deserving employees and I am surprised, humbled, honored and happy for the recognition".

Phillippi is a foreign military assistance specialist and cost analyst working in the finance department, a position that she has held for more than a year. She has held numerous positions within NETSAFA, including as a training military articles and services list (T-MASL) specialist for five years. She has been a civil service employee for more than 27 years and says that NETSAFA has been a great place to work.

Phillippi's supervisor, Jan Isosaari, MASL Billing and Costing Division supervisor, nominated her for the award.

"Susan is doing the job of two people," said Isosaari. "The T-MASL position has been gapped since her promotion to cost analyst, but she has made the extra effort to ensure all duties assigned to the desk were completed in a timely manner."

"Phillippi is more than deserving of this award," said Frank Cabigting, NETSAFA finance department head and comptroller. "She was wholeheartedly supported in this nomination for Civilian of the Quarter."

According to her supervisor, as a cost analyst, Phillippi maintains up-to-date information on training available to international students, and on plans to establish, disestablish, or change future training capabilities. She works closely with the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and the Navy International

Programs Office (NIPO) to stay abreast of constantly changing pricing policies resulting from congressional mandates and Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) policies. Additionally, she coordinates as required with the Army and Air Force to assure mutual interpretation of policy guidance and to promote uniform tri-service approaches to procedural implementation of security cooperation pricing.

“Susan’s customer service, diligence and dedication in supporting her old and new positions have earned her the respect and appreciation of her co-workers,” added Isoaari. “She is an asset not only to this division but to NETSAFA as a whole.”

NETSAFA is the U.S. Navy’s agent for international education and training. NETSAFA coordinates training support to international governments and international organizations. As a field activity of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), the command serves as a focal point for all security assistance training program issues, coordination and advice within the U.S. Navy.

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