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Dahlgren training center announces Civilian of the Quarter

DAHLGREN, Va. – The Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) announced May 7 their selection of Civilian of the Quarter (COQ) for the first quarter of 2014.

John Hull, CSCS Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) and Non-Resident Training Course (NRTC) program analyst, took his selection humbly, sharing credit with his peers.

“I was very surprised to learn that I was selected,” said Hull. “I work with an amazing team and enjoy every facet of my job.”

Hull has been part of the CSCS training team since February of 2009, maintaining the library of existing PQS and NRTCs and occasionally developing, or helping develop, PQS and NRTCs for new training systems.

Hull’s supervisor, Tom Malley, the PQS / Rate Training Manual (RTM) manager for CSCS’ Training Directorate, said the award nomination was well-deserved.

“PQS is ‘by the fleet for the fleet,’” said Malley. “John excels at getting the right people, such as military Subject Matter Experts (SME) and system commands (SYSCOM) representatives, together to facilitate a productive workshop to update a PQS. This process ensures a quality product for the Sailor in the fleet. He is an

outstanding representative for CSCS who interacts with a wide spectrum of Navy commands to produce a valuable and relevant tool for the surface Navy.”

Hull brings a wealth of experience to his job and served on active duty in the Navy for 20 years. He retired as a fire controlman chief petty officer in 2007.

“One part of my job that I really enjoy is going to where the Sailors work and train,” he said. “Our team will usually update or develop books in a workshop setting at the training site or onboard a ship. During our visits, I am able to interact with the Sailors and see the equipment they operate or maintain. Most importantly, I have the pleasure of witnessing the tangible level of pride these Sailors encompass as they discuss how they support the mission.”

Hull added that his favorite part of the job is being able to tap into his own pride and excitement from his time on active duty.

“I remember feeling both pride and eagerness while serving my country and today, as a civilian, I still share that same enthusiasm with these Sailors,” he said.

The Center for Surface Combat Systems mission is to develop and deliver surface ship combat systems training to achieve surface warfare superiority. CSCS headquarters’ staff oversees 14 learning sites, including CSCS Det East, and provides almost 70,000 hours of curriculum for close to 700 courses a year to more than 40,000 Sailors. CSCS uses a mix of blended learning comprised of instructor led classes, hands-on labs, simulation and computer-based training.

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