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## **NETC Commander Recognizes Aerographer's Mate and Seabee Graduates**

Pensacola, FL. – The Commander of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) recognized new "A" and "C" school graduates during visits to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Unit, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. and the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Gulfport, Miss., July 22.

While at CNATTU, Rear Adm. Mike White addressed the Navy and Marine Corps graduates of the Advanced Calibration Technician School and presented awards to four students.

During the ceremony White thanked both the students and staff, stressing the importance of training and the positive impact the newly trained Sailors bring to the fleet.

"I'm grateful that you have joined our Navy and Marine Corps team," said White. "I hope you recognize what an elite group you are. I couldn't be more proud to be here today and thank you for your service as you return to do great things in the fleet."

The Advanced Calibration Technician School (ACTS) course is a 10-week school providing college-level curriculum, in the management of advanced calibration measurement concepts, techniques and theories pertaining to

Test and Monitoring Systems (TAMS) including calibration laboratory operation and technical management of meteorological facilities.

White's tour of CNATTU included the calibration classrooms, Meteorological Electrician Maintenance Training (METEM) classrooms, Weather Training Complex and the Weather Observation Tower.

During his visit to NCTC Gulfport, White addressed the new graduates of the Builder A School. He spoke about the pride he sees in the new Sailors joining the service and the great accomplishments yet to come.

"I've seen the Seabee mission first hand, the "can-do" attitude and what can be done," White said. "You are going to travel worldwide and see amazing things due to the training you have received here at NCTC."

On graduation day the seamen are able to wear their "Seabee" patch on their uniform, signifying their accomplishment. Upon congratulating, their Commanding Officer, Scott Anderson challenged the new BUs to "look for opportunities where you can have an impact and leave your mark." Additionally he wanted them to be able to look back on their career and ensure that it was what they wanted to achieve.

After the ceremony, White, conducted a walking tour of the Builder and Steelworker schoolhouses, including the welding simulator, concrete finishing, carpenter and roofing classes.

NCTC is responsible for conducting Builder and Steelworker entry-level training and advanced training for all seven Seabee ratings. They provide training support for six of the seven Seabee "A" schools and the Center for Security Forces (CSF) Expeditionary Combat Skills Course.

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For more information on the Naval Construction Training Center, visit the NCTC website: <http://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/csfe/gulfport/>

For more information on the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, visit CNATTU website:

<http://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cnatt/keesler/Default.aspx>

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