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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 July 30 their selection of Ruthanna Marie Brown as civilian of the quarter for the third quarter of 2014.

"It is an honor to work at NETSAFA", said Brown. "I came to NETSAFA almost 20 years ago to work as an administrative assistant, and through hard work and perseverance I have been given the opportunity to excel and achieve my dream of becoming a country program manager. NETSAFA is a great organization and I feel it's a privilege to work with such a caring and professional workforce."

Brown is a foreign military assistance specialist for the African Command (AFRICOM) Division in NETSAFA. She manages 23 countries, but during this quarter her workload was temporarily increased to 53 countries. She also serves as the backup supervisor for the division when needed.

"Marie's accomplishments this quarter are over-and-above the requirements of her position," said Susan Busch, NETSAFA's AFRICOM supervisor. "She is very concerned with the quality of training the international students receive, so she takes it upon herself to find training to suit their specific needs."

According to Busch, Brown was instrumental in establishing a special convening of the Professional Military Education (PME) Preparation course. This special course, taught in coordination with Defense Language Institute English

Language Center (DLIELC), allows for follow-on training with the Naval Command College (NCC) and Naval Staff College (NSC). The nine-week course emphasizes the development of English language skills for international military students who will attend PME courses with their American counterparts.

Busch also added that as a result of the success of this class, DLI has agreed to schedule the course again in future years, resulting in a win-win for our allies, DLI and the Naval War College (NWC). Additionally, Brown is working closely with the US Coast Guard, Navy Dive School, and NETSAFA International Training Command (NITC) to increase International student throughput.

“Marie is a dedicated employee who truly takes supporting the mission of NETSAFA to heart,” said Dave Babcock, NETSAFA operations department head. “During this quarter, her performance is distinguished by the manner in which she has demonstrated efforts beyond her ‘own desk’ so to speak.”

Brown's hard work and determination was also reflected in her off-duty hours. She enjoys training with her husband and son in Hapkido, a Korean martial art.

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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