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San Diego training center announces its 2011 Sailor of the Year and Civilian of the Year

SAN DIEGO -- Training Support Center (TSC) San Diego announced its 2011 Sailor of the Year and Civilian of the Year Nov. 30.

Capt. Antonio Cardoso, TSC San Diego's Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief Kelvin Carter presented the awards to Civilian employee Dee Thurber and Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Jimmy Combs during an all hands call.

"This award recognizes that TSC San Diego epitomizes the highest standards of training excellence," said Cardoso. "TSC San Diego makes sure that superbly trained Sailors are available to meet the needs of the fleet, and continues to support the maritime strategy and the success of the Navy as a 'Global Force for Good'."

Thurber is TSC San Diego's Human Resources Liaison, Manpower Coordinator, and Performance Appraisal Review Board Administrator. She received a Letter of Commendation with the title of TSC San Diego Civilian of the Year. In her commendation she was recognized for her dedication to researching requirements and preparing documents that enabled and

established a well-organized tracking system for the new government services performance appraisal system. Thurber was also praised for ensuring TSC compliance with the Navy's 2010 Tele-work Enhancement program and determining which employee positions were eligible to participate.

Petty Officer Combs is TSC San Diego's Facilities Leading Petty Officer and Leading Building Monitor. He received a commendation letter and the title of TSC San Diego Sailor of the Year. In his commendation Combs was praised for his initiative to develop and execute a comprehensive energy conservation program for Naval Education and Training Command facilities onboard Naval Base San Diego, which resulted in saving of more than \$25,000 in energy costs for FY2011.

He also volunteered his time throughout the year providing mentorship and assisting foster children with their studies, and supporting the Fleet and Family Support Center on their questions and answer panel and Educator Opportunity Visit Program.

"I am honored to receive this award. I work for a great command, and they mentored me to the point at which I am today," said Combs.

"Petty Officer Combs' performance as TSC's Facilities Leading Petty Officer has been nothing short of outstanding. He is counted on time and again, whether it is to follow up on a trouble call or provide status updates. He does not stop until the job is done," said Julie Lee, TSC San Diego Facilities Department Head.

TSC San Diego includes three geographically separate service support centers that support 15 independent learning sites within the San Diego region. The command supports both surface Navy and aviation schools and averages 60,000 students per year.

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