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CNATT hosts senior enlisted leadership workshop

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Headquarters hosted a leadership workshop Dec. 8-11 for senior enlisted leaders representing all of CNATT activities.

According to CNATT Command Master Chief Michael Knowles, the goal of the workshop was to sharpen leadership skills and foster a “back to the basics” spirit in leading chiefs’ messes, interacting with junior officers, and serving as a functioning member of the leadership triad (commanding officer, executive office and command master chief).

“This was the first time we have been able to gather all CNATT activities’ senior enlisted leaders together to enhance their training, collaboration, and teamwork,” said Knowles.

The workshop included one day of leadership and ethics training presented by facilitators from the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) in Newport, R.I., and a day of training from the U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF)-sponsored Fleet Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Training Team focusing on CPO responsibilities, key Navy programs, team building, and leader development. The program also included a day of leadership insight and vision from Naval Education and Training Command Force Master Chief Jon Port. Workshop attendees were

able to meet and interact with key personnel from the CNATT headquarters staff and the event concluded with a tour of the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC).

“The workshop was an outstanding opportunity for CNATT’s 27 activities to share lessons learned and best practices, in addition to leadership training from the SEA and the Fleet CPO Training Team,” said Knowles. “Feedback from the participants was very positive.”

CNATT Commanding Officer Katherine Erb said that based on the enterprise feedback, she is planning to add this workshop as an annual event.

“All of our attendees will be taking some new and fresh ideas back to their units and detachments,” said Erb. “We were also able to gather some great input from the field that will certainly improve our training products.”

CNATT is the largest training center under the Naval Education and Training Command and is accredited by the Council on Education. Its mission is to develop, deliver, and support aviation technical training necessary to meet validated Fleet requirements through a continuum of professional and personal growth for Sailors and Marines.

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