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Head of Ukrainian Armed Forces Training visits Pensacola Training Center

PENSACOLA, Fla. - The Head of Training for the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine visited Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola to get a firsthand look at how U.S. Navy aviation mechanics and technicians are prepared to join the fleet Dec. 5-7.

"It was an honor and a privilege hosting Col. Oleksii Taran. Having a training representative from another country take interest in how our instructors are effectively training Sailors for the fleet, and getting positive feedback from them is very reassuring," said Capt. Michael Price, NATTC's Commanding Officer. "It's a testimony to the pride and professionalism of the men and women who train our Sailors and the thousands of Marines, civilians, and foreign students that go through our courses."

During the visit NATTC staff gave a tour of the schoolhouse and familiarized Taran and his staff with NATTC's intermediate enlisted training development, curriculum, and individual skills training.

"The visit to NATTC by Col. Taran continues the partnership with the Ukraine and United States Navies. It also builds upon the basic enlisted familiarization tour that Col. Taran and his staff received during their visit to Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes.

"The goal is for the Ukraine Navy to develop a curriculum for professional military education for basic training that incorporates some of the subjects and skills taught in our 'A' and 'C' Schools to include Non-Commissioned Officer development," said Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Ron Bates, Senior Enlisted Leader for the Maritime Partnership Program. "Feedback from this visit will be used for proposed Center for Civil Military Affairs (CCMR) FY13 Defense Reform with the Ukraine Navy."

"Naval Air Technical Training Center continues to be a model command used as an example of how the United States Navy trains Sailors and Marines effectively and efficiently to meet the demands of the fleet," said Mr. John Semaan, NATTC's International Military Student Officer.

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