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Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering selects FY12 Sailor of the Year

PORT HUENEME, Calif. – The Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE) announced Dec. 18 their selection of Sailor of the Year (SOY) for fiscal year 2012.

Engineering Aide 1st Class William Harris, Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) Disaster Recovery Schoolhouse (DRS) Leading Petty Officer (LPO) was selected for the CSFE SOY honor.

“Petty Officer Harris is one of the very best first class petty officers I have had the pleasure to serve with,” said NCTC Charlie Company Commander, Lt. j.g. Grant Glover. “His constant maturity and steadfast commitment to excellence is second to none. Just to be nominated for NCTC SOY is a great achievement, so to go forward and represent NCTC and win at the CSFE level is a tremendous accomplishment for Harris.”

As DRS LPO, Harris led three first class petty officers and one second class petty officer to instruct 56 classes delivering 1,208 hours of instruction to 1,685 personnel. Harris personally instructed 49 classes providing 1,148 instructional hours to 1,611 students during three “F” School courses and one “C” School course. According to student end-of-course critiques, his instructors’ participation in these courses consistently enhanced the readiness and capabilities of the operational units they were assigned to

throughout the Naval Construction Force (NCF) and other Navy command in Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Defensive Operations (CBR-D).

"It is a great honor to receive an award of this magnitude, especially with all the great things my fellow Sailors are doing," said Harris. "It is a deeply humbling and motivating experience that couldn't have been possible without the great people who support and mentor me."

"Like every year, the competition was extremely tough due to the fact that we have so many fine and dedicated professionals assigned to the CSFE domain," said Cmdr. Scott Loeschke, NCTC commanding officer. "We have many Sailors doing great things."

As the assistant command career counselor, Harris mentored and provided guidance to peers and students alike. He was also elected as vice-president of the Acey-Deucey Association by his peers. Harris spearheaded a fundraiser called "Bowl for Kid's Sake" which raised more than \$800 for the local chapter of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.

"Petty Officer Harris is a whole-hearted performer by nature and the epitome of our Core Values. Sustained superior performance, dedication to the mission, and empowering leadership qualities should be recognized appropriately," said Chief Construction Mechanic and Navy Military Training (NMT) lead, Anthony Moreno. "Harris maintains these traits and encourages others to do the same, making him the Sailor that NCTC wants to represent them. That, in itself, speaks volumes."

Harris was selected from a cadre of CSFE learning site Sailors of the Year including: Construction Electrician 1st Class Jesus Torres from Civil Engineer Corps Officers School; Builder 1st Class James Pace from NCTC Gulfport, Miss.; Construction Electrician 1st Class James Brown from CSFE

Detachment Sheppard Air Force Base; and Equipment Operator 1st Class Philip King from CSFE Detachment Fort Leonard Wood.

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