

NETC Training Excellence Awards winners

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Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr., recently announced the winners of the 2003 NETC Training Excellence Awards.

"This year's competition was especially keen due to the exceptionally hard work and dedicated efforts of our trainers and educators throughout the past year," said awards board member and NETC staff Command Master Chief Lewis Capehart.

"Their many contributions to the revolution in training have dramatically reshaped the way we train and educate our force, and directly impact our ability to wage war on terrorism.

"Commands taking part in the competition were specifically graded on their demonstrated performance in providing more knowledge, to more Sailors, faster and at less cost," said Capehart.

"Creative and innovative efforts to achieve these goals is, in my opinion, what made these commands truly stand out."

Harms added, "The selection of these commands was extremely difficult. All the

nominations highlighted the tremendous talent, dedication and focused commitment to mission found throughout the Navy Education and Training Command."

The Training Excellence Award is designed to give special recognition to commands that demonstrate superior performance in meeting NETC's mission of providing the highest quality training to Sailors around the world.

All NETC training activities and those that conduct NETC training courses are eligible to submit nominations.

Award selection criteria encompassed a broad range of factors, including how specific commands improved knowledge and skill retention, and the proficiency levels of both staff and students.

They were also evaluated on how they increased participation in voluntary training and education programs.

Also under scrutiny was how they maximized the number of qualified Sailors who successfully completed training in minimal instruction time.

The 2003 award winners are:

Large Training Commands: Center for Cryptology, Corry Station, Pensacola.

Medium Training Commands: Trident Training Facility, Kings Bay, Ga.

Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, Va.

Small Training Commands: Mine Warfare Training Center, Ingleside, Texas.

Training Wings: Training Squadron Ten, Pensacola. Helicopter Training Squadron Eight, Milton.

"My heartiest congratulations to this year's selectees and all Navy Education and Training Commands for their incredible efforts in sustaining an outstanding level of training and education while providing significant support to the revolution in training," said Harms.

Each winner of the Training Excellence Award will receive a NETC letter of recognition, a plaque and a burgee (pennant) for display at the command for one year.

For more information about Navy training, visit the NETC Web site at www.cnet.navy.mil