

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK RECEIVES SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 2010 SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD, NON-INDUSTRIAL CATEGORY C

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, presented the 2010 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Safety Excellence Award, Non-Industrial Category C, to Naval Station Norfolk, at the 4 October 2010 awards ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater, Washington, DC. Receiving the award on behalf of Naval Station Norfolk were Director of Operations, Navy Installations Command (former Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk) CAPT Kelly J. Johnson, Safety Manager, Sewells Point Safety Office Ms. Karen Mack, and Safety Supervisor, Sewells Point Safety Office Mr. Thomas Osiadlo.



From left to right are: BG Gary L. Thomas (Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation), The Honorable Jackalyne Pfannestiel (Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment)), CAPT Kelly J. Johnson (Director of Operations, Navy Installations Command (former Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk)), The Honorable Robert O. Work (Under Secretary of the Navy), Ms. Karen Mack (Safety Manager, Sewells Point Safety Office), Mr. Thomas Osiadlo (Safety Supervisor, Sewells Point Safety Office), and VADM John Bird (Director, Navy Staff).

The Safety Excellence Awards were established in 2002, by The Honorable Gordon R. England, who twice served as Secretary of the Navy. The awards recognize Navy and Marine Corps commands that demonstrate “extraordinary excellence by sustained mission success with simultaneous exemplary safety performance.” In addition to a citation and plaque, SECNAV Excellence Award winners receive the Secretary’s distinctive Safety Flag. They are entitled to fly the flag for one year from the date of presentation.

Naval Station Norfolk was in competition with Navy and Marine Corps non-industrial activities worldwide, with a working population of 2,001 and greater. Naval Station Norfolk is the world’s largest Naval installation with a mission to support the operational readiness of the US Atlantic Fleet, providing facilities and services to enable mission accomplishment. It is committed to safety, security, and continuous improvement in quality of life and quality of service for Sailors and their families. Naval Station Norfolk is the host activity to a working population of approximately 68,500 military and civilian personnel. Support services are provided to 386 ashore commands, 17 aircraft squadrons, and 63 ships, including 5 carriers home ported.



Line handlers stand by to cast lines from the pier as the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) prepares to deploy from Naval Station Norfolk. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Lolita M. Lewis/Released)

Some of the 2009 safety successes that led to the command’s selection include:

- Launching an innovative process to identify possible mishap causal factors, validate them, or reject them;
- Proactively facilitating additional on-site training for Category 3 weight handling operators (operators of cranes with certified capacities less than 20,000 pounds) to arrest the slight trend increase in minor hoist accidents;

- Downward trends in most mishap areas, with an impressive 50 percent reduction in both the Civilian Total Case Incident Rate and Military On-Duty Total Case Incident Rate; and
- Zero government motor vehicle mishaps.

For more information on this success story, please contact the Naval Station Norfolk Safety Office at: (757) 322-2917/28.