NAVSEA Recognized for Wounded Warrior Hiring Efforts

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WASHINGTON — Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Juan Garcia presented Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with the Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Award at a Nov. 15 ceremony at the Pentagon.

The award recognizes NAVSEA’s commitment and achievement in support of Wounded Warrior hiring and reintegration practices for fiscal year (FY) 2010.

In addition to setting Wounded Warrior hiring goals for each of its major sites, NAVSEA partnered with federal agencies and private organizations to develop programs for post-service veterans to find employment at NAVSEA.

Through a partnership with state and philanthropic entities, NAVSEA’s Learning and Employment Centers are the recognized model in public/private support of Wounded Warrior hiring. The collaboration of state and philanthropic funding with NAVSEA employment opportunities provides comprehensive assistance to veterans, from career counseling to job placement.

NAVSEA’s joint enterprise with Defense Acquisition University and Veterans Individual Assistance Training Link (VITAL) launched a contracting career pipeline for Wounded Warriors. With VITAL coaches serving as the liaison between Wounded Warriors in military treatment facilities and NAVSEA, Wounded Warriors follow a customized program of education and/or training while recuperating to gain certification in the acquisition field, and later job placement as a civilian employee.

Through these joint efforts, NAVSEA surpassed its goal of 134 Wounded Warrior hires in FY10 by 210 percent.

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