



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

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Naval Air Station Whidbey Island takes best installation for entire U.S. Navy

NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. – The Navy's annual Installation Excellence Award winners were announced Dec. 2, 2015, by Commander, Navy Installations Command with Naval Air Station Whidbey Island taking the top spot.

This installation excellence award program recognizes the Navy's top three large and small installations, and rewards installation performance consistent with the command's strategic goals and Office of the Secretary of Defense criteria for the DoD-wide Commander in Chief Installation Excellence Awards.

“We are honored to be recognized as the Navy’s top installation award winner this year,” said Capt. Michael Nortier, NAS Whidbey Island Commanding Officer. “The award recognizes the importance the Navy and Team Whidbey place in striving for excellence in supporting our active duty forces and their families. It is also indicative of the importance we place on being good stewards of the environment and building dynamic relationships with the community. NAS Whidbey Island is a unique duty assignment and we continue to strive for excellence.”

The Navy's top installation winners, 2016 Large Category:

- 1st Place: Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island (led by Capt. M. K. Nortier)
- 2nd Place: NAS Lemoore (led by Capt. M. G. Ashliman)
- 3rd Place: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (led by Capt. J. W. Jenks)

2016 Small Category:

- 1st Place: NAS Whiting Field (led by Capt. T. Bahlau)
- 2nd Place: Naval Air Facility El Centro (led by Capt. W. C. Doster)
- 3rd Place: Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg (led by Capt. R. Geisler)

"Competition this year was extremely keen, as each large and small installation nomination package was impressive and spoke to the myriad of great accomplishments that these installation teams have made. I am proud of their collective accomplishments, outstanding leadership and world class support to the fleet, fighter, and family," said the Commander, Navy Installations Command, Vice Adm. Dixon Smith.

NAS Whidbey Island will represent the Navy in competition with other military services for the Department of Defense Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, which recognizes outstanding efforts in the operations and maintenance of U.S. military installations.

"Congratulations go out to Capt. Nortier and all the men and women of NAS Whidbey Island who worked tirelessly to make this happen," said Smith.

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