

NAVSEA Receives "Disability Matters" Award for Wounded Warrior Hiring

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) received the "Disability Matters" Workforce Award for the organization's Wounded Warrior program, at the 2011 Disability Matters Conference in San Jose, Calif., April 7.

The Disability Matters award recognizes organizations for their innovation in workforce management, learning and development, diversity, and work/life balance initiatives that support disabled employees.

NAVSEA's receipt of this award supports the Chief of Naval Operations' goal for the Navy to be recognized as one of the top 50 employers. Top 50 organizations maintain competitive advantages in areas of compensation, benefits, diversity, and learning and development, while earning national recognition as leaders in human resource innovation.

"We are honored to have our enterprise-wide initiatives to facilitate both the placement and retention of Wounded Warriors recognized," said Cmdr. Dave McAfee, NAVSEA Wounded Warrior program manager. "The pride we have in helping injured service members continue service to their nation is surpassed only by the commitment these Wounded Warriors bring to the job every day."

Since the formation of NAVSEA's Wounded Warrior program in 2009, the command has pioneered Wounded Warrior outreach programs in military treatment facilities, and established public/private partnerships to provide education, training and job placement to injured service members separated from service.

In 2010, NAVSEA embarked on an ambitious outreach effort, assigning hiring goals for each of its major activities, along with full-time Wounded Warrior hiring officers. The command exceeded its hiring goals by 210 percent and is working toward an FY11 goal of hiring one Wounded Warrior for every day of the year.

"Each and every day this year, a Wounded Warrior is getting a career at NAVSEA," said NAVSEA Commander, Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy. "They will be able to translate their battlefield experience, their leadership to overcome their injury, and the knowledge of what happens in a battle environment into our business, which is all about supporting our warfighters. Who better to be in our midst than those folks."

For more information on NAVSEA's Wounded Warrior program, contact Cmdr. Dave McAfee at (202) 781-1364 .

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