

## Sailor of the Week Introduced

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### RECOGNITION

NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan – Sailor of the week is a title granted to a different Sailor on board Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi once a week who has shown exemplary skill and work ethic within their work center.

This week's Sailor of the Week is Hospital Corpsman Seaman Sarah Kolakowski; a native of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Kolakowski has been attached to the Naval Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Atsugi for almost three years where she currently holds the title of Front Desk Senior Corpsman.

Her duties include timely patient check-in, obtaining vital signs, and assisting medical providers with various emergency and acute medical procedures.

Due to her exceptional customer service skills, patient satisfaction has greatly improved. Since working at the BHC, the

primary care clinic has received over 20 positive Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) comments, increasing the customer satisfaction rate from 40 percent to 90 percent.

“[My favorite part of the job] is helping people,” said Kolakowski. “I’ve always liked helping people in any way I could and with the job I do, I can do that daily.”

Kolakowski has been in the military for just over 3 years. Prior to her orders to NAF Atsugi, she attended “A” school in Great Lakes, Ill.

After two years at NAF Atsugi, Kolakowski became a registered emergency medical technician and emergency vehicle operator.

She was also handpicked for on-the-job-training in the pharmacy department. As a result, she quickly excelled and completed her personal qualification standard resulting in her acceptance into the pharmacy advanced training course.

“I’ve learned to get where I want to be, I have to put the time and effort in everything I do,” said Kolakowski. “Others may be interested in helping me along the way, but in the end, it is up to me whether I succeed. I can only blame myself if I fail.”

When Kolakowski is not working hard to make customers happy, she enjoys staying fit, reading, and writing fictional stories.

“I like writing fiction-fantasy stuff,” said Kolakowski. “I have plots that go from hunting ghosts to traveling through time and to fighting something evil that normal people don’t believe in.”

Kolakowski is being honored as Sailor of the Week by being the guest host of the base’s weekly show of Captain’s Call with the Commanding Officer Capt. Steven Wieman and Command Master Chief Carlton Duncan.