NAVFAC Far East top engineers recognized during ceremony

By NAVFAC Far East Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East recognized its top engineers during an awards ceremony held at the command headquarters on board Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka March 4.

Ryo Koike was selected as Host Nation Civilian Engineer of the Year; Lt. Cmdr. Michael Trest, as Military Engineer of the Year and Robert Andres as Civilian Engineer of the Year.

"NAVFAC Far East's workforce is the key to the command's mission success and our great reputation for technical excellence and customer service," said NAVFAC Far East Commanding Officer and Regional Engineer for Japan, Korea and Singapore, Capt. Robert A. McLean. "These engineers of the year represent the very best of a dedicated group of professionals who are absolutely committed to supporting 7th Fleet, the Navy and Marine Corps team and their families."

McLean said he was pleased that NAVFAC Commander and Chief of Civil Engineers, Rear Adm. W. "Greg" Shear, in Yokosuka during a tour of NAVFAC Far East, was on hand to personally present the awards.

Koike was recognized for his management of engineering designs and studies being completed by architectural and engineering firms for customers throughout Japan. In particular, his work on two unusually challenging projects was cited as an illustration of his keen engineering design abilities.

The first project involved the current renovation of CFAY Building A20, an administrative and training facility. The urgent project provided seismic and architectural upgrades to a 70-plus year-old building and reconfigured and converted existing space for multiple new tenants. There was little information or time available for design, but Koike successfully completed the planning and design, and maintained the budget within an aggressive 11-week design schedule.

Commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Chief of Civil Engineers Rear Adm. W. "Greg" Shear awards Ryo Koike with the NAVFAC Far East Host Nation Engineer of the Year award during a ceremony held at the NAVFAC Far East headquarters March 4.

Photo by Yasuko Nakamura

Koike's second project was the full renovation of the Evans Medical/Dental Clinic on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan. The project was a complex renovation of the 40-year old medical facility, including replacement of building mechanical, electrical and emergency power systems, architectural repairs and upgrades and improvement of accessibility throughout the facility. The design project was completed ahead of schedule, resulting in the award of the construction contract on time and on budget.

As Facility Management Officer, Trest was recognized for programming and executing more than $26 million in critical fiscal year 2009 maintenance, repair and construction projects; these projects varied in cost, complexity and discipline, but all met the stringent technical requirements of 82 tenant commands.

In addition, Trest developed a comprehensive $54.6 million fiscal year 2010 Maintenance Execution Plan designed to expend scarce funds on the most important projects to NAVFAC Far East's customers.

As Project Management Branch Manager, Andres supervised a design branch which produced an average of $12.5 million in designs per year. He deftly managed 14 civil, electrical and mechanical engineers and architects, again meeting the stringent requirements of 82 tenant commands. In addition, he managed eleven construction management engineers producing an average annual work value of $57 million.

Meritorious Unit Commendation award recognizes CFAY efforts

By Mark Elrod, CFAY Public Affairs

For efforts involved in the successful transition of the *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) to 7th Fleet as the first nuclear powered forward-deployed U.S. Navy ship, Secretary of the Navy The Honorable Donald C. Winter awarded Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and its departments as well as 16 of its tenant commands the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) medal.

According to the Navy Department Awards Web Service, this is the second time that CFAY has received the MUC.

Departments within CFAY that were awarded the MUC are CFAY Security Detachment, CFAY Fleet and Family Service Center, CFAY Personnel Support Activity Pacific, and CFAY Personnel Support Detachment.

According to the award citation, the three-year evolution took more than 10 years worth of logistical, facility and manpower planning and execution, and was hailed as the most historically significant event in the United States and Japan alliance in the past 30 years.

Additionally, the citation states that the officers', enlisted personnel and civilian employees' truly distinctive contributions, boundless enthusiasm and unfailing devotion to duty reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States naval service.

"The transition of the *USS George Washington* could not have been a success without the countless hours of dedicated, diligent work performed by all CFAY personnel," said CFAY Commanding Officer Daniel Weed. "They are true superstars and should enjoy reflecting on their individual contributions to the historical event."

Military and civilian personnel who worked onboard CFAY between September 2005 and September 2008, and have the award documented in their record, are eligible to wear the medal.

The following is a list of the commands that received the MUC medal:

- Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka
- CFAY Fleet and Family Service Center
- CFAY Personnel Support Detachment
- CFAY Security Detachment
- Commander Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ)
- CNFJ Reserve Detachment
- CNFJ Private Quarters Mess Management
- Commander Naval Region Japan
- Commander Submarine Group Seven
- Fleet Industrial Supply Center Yokosuka
- Naval Reactors Representative Yokosuka
- Naval Telecommunications Station Far East (NCTSFE)
- NCTSFE Base Communications Office Yokosuka
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East (NAVFAC FE) Yokosuka
- NAVFAC Japan Navy Working Capitol Fund
- NAFACFE Public Works Detachment Yokosuka
- Personnel Support Activity Pacific
- Regional Legal Services Office Japan
- Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka

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- CFAY Web Site: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/yokosuka
- CFAY Facebook page: http://www.Facebook.com/cfayokosuka
- CFAY Twitter page: http://twitter.com/cfay_yokosuka
- CFAY base Channel 15
- Eagle 810 AM Radio station
- A recorded weather message can be obtained by calling 243-5155.

The information provided will include but is not limited to notification of actions to take for severe weather and the unexpected or early dismissal of schools.

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