

NMITC awards first EIDWS pins



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Seven staff members from NMITC were the first at the command to complete the requirements to wear the EIDWS insignia.

Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/EIDWS/AW) Kenya Barnes, NMITC staff member, was one of the first to earn the EIDWS designation.

"Earning the EIDWS designation was the result of months of hard work and perseverance," said Barnes. "Leading from the front is what chief petty officers do – it was important for the junior Sailors in the command to see three chief petty officers take the lead and be in the first group to qualify."

NMITC Senior Enlisted Leader Master Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) James Kesner and Center for Naval Intelligence Command Master Chief Keith Thomas said they were ecstatic that the program was finally in place and that these Sailors earned their pins.

"It is a great day at NMITC and for our recipients because they are blazing a new path for future intelligence professionals," said Kesner. "I couldn't be prouder of them and their accomplishments."

This milestone was something that the NMITC Commanding Officer Capt. Donald P. Darnell, Jr. had as one of his strategic goals.

"It truly is a great day for our Navy, the Information Dominance Corps, Naval Intelligence and these remarkable, trailblazing Sailors," said Darnell. "It was a monumental task and total team accomplishment putting this program together, including getting it approved and out to our staff and instructors. I could not be more pleased."

Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) LaToya Boyd spearheaded the development of the NMITC EIDWS program including development of the command's unit-specific information.

"I firmly believe there is no better place for the EIDWS program than at a learning site like NMITC where we, the instructors, leaders and mentors can be the example," said Boyd. "Our hope is that the next generation of intelligence professionals follows our example and qualifies for EIDWS."