

## 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 San Diego native, Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Shawn Keese.

Keese has only been attached to the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment on board NAF Atsugi for four months and is already being recognized for his work ethic.

Keese's many duties include running maintenance on avionics systems, keeping track and updating the technical publications used by Sailors to complete their jobs, and ensuring material readiness within the workspace.

“[Since I’ve joined the Navy] I think I’ve matured over the years,” said Keese. “I was able to be out on my own, and survived on my own without anyone else’s help. I’ve definitely learned a new job in my rate and I’ve gained a lot of experience doing the job.”

Keese has been in the military for four and a half years. In that time, he attended the “A” school of his trade. Shortly after graduation, he was assigned to Fleet Readiness Center Northwest Whidbey Island Sea Operational Detachment in Whidbey Island, Wash.

Keese has also received a good conduct award and for the time spent aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), he received a Flag Letter of Commendation.

“[I joined the Navy] to kind of get a jumpstart on my life, money for college and benefits,” said Keese. “To get out on my own and really take control of my life.”

When Keese is not working hard, he enjoys the occasional video game, staying fit, and playing sports.

“[I] haven’t gotten to snowboard in Japan just yet.” Said Keese. But it’s something he is looking forward to.

Keese 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 NAF Atsugi’s Executive Officer Douglas Huggan and Command Master Chief Carlton Duncan.