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### A New Safety Star Selected at NAVFAC Hawaii

**PEARL HARBOR** – Steven Christiansen, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii’s Environmental Services Branch Chief received the command’s annual Safety Star award Apr. 23 at an Employee of the Year ceremony.

The Safety Star award recognizes an individual who has clearly made safety a priority in all they do.

“Steve has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to safety in the workplace this past year, 2012, and is recognized as a true role model for safety,” said Emric Katada, NAVFAC Hawaii safety director. “He manages and motivates a great team, who perform high-risk work every day that most people do not even realize is being done or take for granted. Yet despite his heavy workload, Steve always supports our safety office, command safety initiatives, and our ultimate goal of ‘Beyond Zero Mishaps’ position.”

Christiansen, a resident of Kaneohe, is responsible for the supervision and direction of approximately 86 professional and trade personnel, both civilian and enlisted military within the Environmental Services Branch of NAVFAC Hawaii which includes the Navy Laboratory Section; Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Section; Asbestos & Lead-Based Paint Remediation Section; and Pest Management Section. These are industrial operations and the daily work in each section has unique inherent safety risks.

All of Christiansen’s employees are aware of his constant reminder of “safety first.” He continuously sets the example through regularly emphasizing the use of the NAVFAC Safety Handbook, providing basic and continuing safety training, frequent job site visits and underscoring the use of Operational Risk Management (ORM) - identify hazards, assess hazards, make risk decisions, implement controls and supervise (watch for changes).

“ORM is not just another catchy safety buzz word or program,” said Steven Christiansen. “It is a valuable tool that should be used in all aspects of our life. If followed, the five simple steps will allow us to make the best decisions at home and work resulting in a healthier and happier life.”

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In addition, the NAVFAC Hawaii safety office representative is a fully integrated member of the environmental division team as a result of Christiansen's efforts to insure all employees understand that safety is our first priority. He has provided a model approach to safety that has inspired all supervisory members of the environmental division and produced an enviable safety record for the division.

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Photos/cutline: High-resolution images are available. Please contact Denise Emsley.



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PEARL HARBOR (Apr. 23, 2013) Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii's Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Williamson presents Steven Christiansen with the command's annual Safety Star award Apr. 23 at an Employee of the Year ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs Officer/Released)

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