

## **CHS GRAD RECEIVES NAVY HONOR**

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NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH — A 2009 Cookeville High School graduate was announced as the 2018 Sailor of the Year for Naval Education and Training Command in Pensacola at a ceremony onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola at the National Naval Aviation Museum Dec. 5.

Fire Controlman 1st Class Rose E. Raynes serves as a career counselor for 702 service members at the AEGIS Training and Readiness Center in Dahlgren, Virginia.



She personally arranged 29 reenlistments, resulting in 175 years of added military service and over \$1.2 million in Selective Reenlistment Bonuses awarded to Sailors. She dedicated 130 hours in counseling and career milestone training to her career development team and 160 hours of separation counseling for ATRC and base military personnel transitioning from active duty.

Raynes was one of seven Sailors who competed for the title of NETC SOY, representing the top achievers from a pool of more than 8,000 military members. She will now go forward to the next level to compete as NETC's representative in the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education domain's Sailor of the Year competition.

“In my position, I have a great opportunity to interact with sailors coming through Fire Controlman “C” School, as well as senior sailors returning for advanced training,” said Raynes. “As command career counselor, I can show sailors the tools that are available to them, talk to them about their careers, and help them make better informed decisions.”

Raynes is part of the team that takes sailors from “street to fleet” by transforming civilians into highly skilled, operational, and combat-ready warfighters, as well as providing the tools and opportunities for continuous learning and development.

NETC Commander Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad congratulated the finalists for their roles in developing the Navy’s future force and for their contributions to the training and education mission.

"Each of you here today represents the best of the very best in our Navy, making the force development mission a success," said Cozad. "We serve in a great Navy, and that greatness is centered on the initiative, leadership and competitive nature of our people.

"These sailors and officers illustrate everything that is right about our Navy and continue to represent our greatest advantage over any competitor and our most important means to achieving our desired ends, " Cozad continued. "Everything that each of you does on a daily basis sets the highest bar when it comes to building a talented fleet for the Navy the nation needs, and it manifests through your recruiting and training accomplishments."

Raynes is also qualified as a Master Training Specialist, which is a designation for demonstrating highly effective teaching skills and a comprehensive understanding of schoolhouse management, as well as for taking a leadership role in mentoring, instructing and evaluating instructors and curriculum.

"I am so impressed by the caliber of all of our finalists," said NETC Force Master Chief Karim Cole. "We brought them together at NETC to recognize their tremendous talent and to show them how much we appreciate what they do to train, guide and get our Sailors ready to man the fleet. They all represent a great deal of hard work and sweat that goes into creating a combat credible and lethal Navy and Marine Corps Team."

Raynes is currently working towards a bachelor's degree in business management from American Military University.

Raynes is the daughter of Rosalba Houle of Cookeville.

The NETC SOY program recognize Sailors throughout the NETC domain who exhibit attributes, such as sustained superior performance, leadership, mentorship, knowledge and teaching of military history and heritage, self-improvement, command and community involvement, and exemplary military bearing.

For additional information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit the NETC website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil> or <http://www.navy.mil/local/cnet/>.

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