

# NAVFAC Safety Manager wins CNO Individual Shore Safety Award

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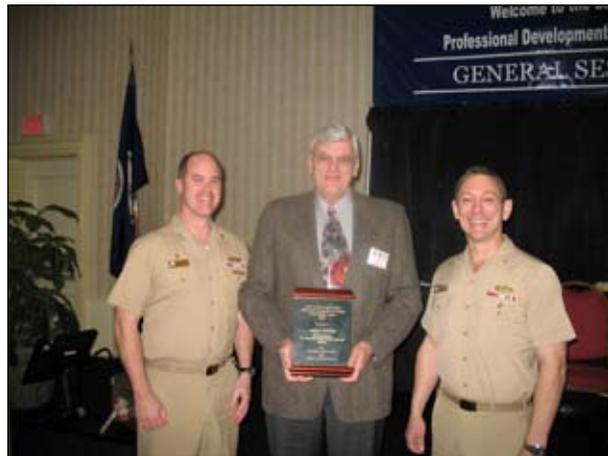
GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) -- Safety manager from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Midwest was named winner of the 2007 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Individual Shore Safety Award Feb. 26.

Joe McCloud is being recognized for outstanding achievement in safety and occupational health as NAVFAC Midwest supports the Secretary of Defense's goal to reduce mishaps by 75 percent, reducing mishap trends, costs and demonstrating safety leadership.

"Joe's innovation and dedication have been the driving force behind our vigorous safety program, improving safety performance, reducing mishaps and costs, and consistently passing safety inspections," said NAVFAC Midwest Commanding Officer, Capt. Bob Gibbs. "Through Joe's leadership and innovation, NAVFAC Midwest has decreased lost-workday mishap rates and improved safety awareness."

"Joe's focus on construction and services contract oversight has led to zero contractor mishaps since September 2005, while NAVFAC Midwest contractors completed more than 1.5 million man-hours of construction work without incurring a lost-workday mishap," added Gibbs.

McCloud has served as NAVFAC's safety manager at Great Lakes for more than 20 years, managing a successful safety program as NAVFAC has reorganized into its current structure. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services from Southern Illinois University and a Master's Degree in Health Facilities Management from Webster University. Prior to his service as a Navy civilian employee, McCloud retired from the Navy as a senior chief hospital corpsman after 25 years on active-duty service. He was an instructor at the Naval Hospital Corps School, on submarines as an independent duty corpsman and with the Fleet Marine Force.



CAPT Bob Gibbs (NAVFAC Midwest CO), Joe McCloud (NAVFAC Midwest Safety Manager) and CAPT Tom Bersson (NAVFAC Atlantic Vice Commander)

## From Bright Idea to Real Life

### NAVFAC Northwest's new energy mascot

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"Brite" is Naval Base Kitsap's new energy team member. The original thought for Brite was created by Bob Sheldon when he was the energy manager several years ago. He thought some type of icon could be displayed on web sites, posters and other promotional materials. Bob decided to make the icon a compact fluorescent bulb. So Bob went to the shipyard's illustrator, Larry Parkhurst with the idea in hand, Brite was born into a graphic drawing.



After the final drawing was created, Bob decided to have the shipyard employees come up with a name for the new illustration. That's where the name "Brite" was conceived and announced. A few years later David Motroni, a contractor for the Energy Awareness/Conservation team, thought it would be a great idea to make "Brite" come alive.

"Brite" makes routine visits to the Navy's Child Development Center. He recently attended the Armed Forces Day events, where he is pictured at right with Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gary Roughead. He will be attending Military Appreciation events in the local area, as well as Energy Awareness/Conservation events.

