
SpaceTEC® Begins Pilot Certification Program with NAS Pensacola

SpaceTEC® began a pilot certification program on August 27 with sailors at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. The purpose of this program is to offer the SpaceTEC® Core Certification through Navy COOL (Credentialing Opportunities On-Line). Navy COOL is a developing product for sailors (active and reserves). It defines civilian credentials that best map to a sailor's rating and training, and outlines the path, work, and experience required to achieve them.

This effort has been facilitated by Maria Peterson and Larry Harvey of the Center for Applied Space Technology (CAST). Maria's and Larry's extensive background in Naval affairs has been very helpful in moving the process along.

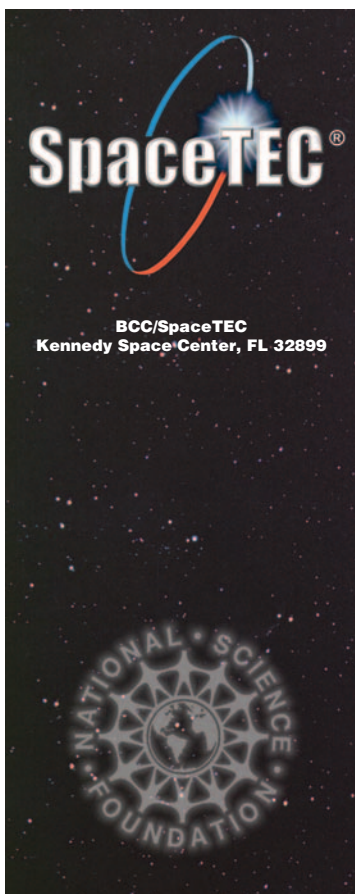
The first step was to conduct a pre-pilot with selected members of the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT). These individuals participated in the certification process and then became trained SpaceTEC® Examiners (STE's). The initial results were very favorable.

The next step will be to select 30 sailors with different ratings and jobs. These 30 will be tested and the data analyzed to determine how relevant the SpaceTEC® Core Certification is to their rating and training.

If the pilot program is successful, qualified sailors will be able to add the SpaceTEC® Core Certification to their resume. This will help in their professional growth and possible future civilian job opportunities.



SpaceTEC® Core Certification – “Awards Ceremony”.
Pictured left to right: Captain Terry Merritt (Commanding Officer, CNATT), Royce McKie (Navy COOL), AMCS(AW) Daniel Carmody (Career Manager-CNATT), AVCM(AW) George Mullen Jr. (Career Manager-CNATT), ASCM(AW) Michael King (Career Manager-CNATT) and Robert Ward (SpaceTEC® Program Manager).



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