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## OCHR Employees Who Packaged Awards for Navy Yard Shooting Recognized

Thirteen employees from the Department of the Navy's Office of Civilian Human Resources (DON OCHR) were recognized by Patricia Adams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Civilian Human Resources), September 3, 2014 during a ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard, D.C.

The employees are:

Sarah Braxton, Charles Buhl, Elizabeth Evans, Betty Fisher, Stefanie Hampton, Toni Johnson, Katelyn Keegan, Tara Landis, Kimberly Lane, Reese Langlois, Harley Mills, Virginia Novak and Tracy Schulberg.

Adams praised the employees for their tenacity, perseverance, good judgment and strict attention to detail in the development and packaging of more than 150 Secretary of the Navy-level awards. These awards were presented to individuals who performed acts of valor during the Navy Yard shooting in September 2013. Examples of acts of valor during the shooting were securing shelter for affected employees, evacuating the wounded and engaging the active shooter.

Adams said that the personal commitment of each of the 13 OCHR employees demonstrated the immense value placed on their work and ensured that the preparation was completed for the Secretary of the Navy's award presentation.

Dannie Smith, another OCHR employee, received the DON Superior Civilian Service Award (SCSA) in special recognition for her exceptional professionalism, personal initiative and loyal devotion to duty during and following the shooting. According to the award citation, "[she] worked tirelessly to assist victims and their families navigate the process of requesting and obtaining injury compensation, death gratuities and benefits....She demonstrated exemplary responsiveness,



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sensitivity and compassion in personally counseling and assisting employees and family members most directly affected.” The SCSA, the second highest honorary award in the DON for civilians, recognizes employee contributions that are exceptionally high in value that reflect great credit upon the employee and uphold the highest traditions of the DON.