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Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, commander, Naval Air Forces, right, presents a Naval Air Enterprise Leadership Award to Chief Warrant Officer Mike Guertin, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Jacksonville's avionics division and AIRSpeed officer, for displaying outstanding leadership in the continuous process improvement culture at the command during the Boots on the Ground event Oct. 19. Guertin's technical knowledge and mentoring skills led to the creation of a work center to repair "failed to calibrate" equipment resulting in the recovery of 339 test sets valued at more than \$8.3 million. Guertin was a catalyst behind standing up the AN/AQS-22 Airborne Low Frequency Sonar and P-8A battery work centers at the military depot. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Chief Warrant Officer Mike Guertin is a familiar face around Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Detachment Jacksonville.

In his role as avionics officer, he's led the charge on some of the command's leading technological programs. On Oct. 19, Guertin was recognized for his contributions when Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker presented him with the Naval Aviation Enterprise Leadership Award.

"It was a complete surprise, but definitely an honor," Guertin said. "I made chief warrant officer 5 aboard USS Abraham Lincoln under Vice Adm. Shoemaker, so it was especially nice to receive it from him."



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Unbeknownst to Guertin, his wife was also on-hand to celebrate the award.

“My command conspired with my wife to keep me completely in the dark,” he said. She got up with me that morning because she said she was meeting a friend for coffee.

“They met for coffee, I just didn’t know it was going to be at our officer’s club.”

Since coming aboard FRCSE, the Portsmouth, Rhode Island native has been a busy man.

“The transition of the P-3 work to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island was paramount when I got here, so we began to shut down certain work centers and transition that workload to Whidbey,” he said. “At the same time, we were standing up the Airborne Low-Frequency Sonar and other H-60 programs like the mission computers. Then, the P-8 office decided they needed I-level support, so we immediately began to stand up a P-8 battery shop here.”

The work Guertin has facilitated at FRCSE comes near the end of a 32-year career.

“I came on active duty in 1984 as an E-1,” he said. “I made chief in 1996, and was commissioned in 1999.”

He gave full credit for the award to the Sailors and civilians of FRCSE.

“I couldn’t do any of this without the tremendous support of our Sailors and civilians here,” he said. “Whatever I’ve asked them to do, they’ve done. This award is more of a credit to them for all their accomplishments.”