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**BRONZE STAR AWARDED TO NAVY NURSE**

San Diego – A Navy nurse was awarded a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in connection with combat support operations against the enemy while serving as the Officer in Charge, Mobile Care Team 7 in support of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command from Dec. 2012 to Aug. 2013

Cmdr. Jean Fisak expertly led a three-member unit to unparalleled success resulting in an unprecedented completion of 50 investigative missions in 24 regions. She gave Navy warfighters a voice by providing more than 1000 Sailors unrestricted access to behavior health surveys which lead to 66 percent feedback rate. Her efforts ensured comprehensive tracking and direct assessment of all traditional and non-traditional expeditionary Sailors.

"Cmdr. Fisak's leadership of MCT 7 helped provide unprecedented visibility into mental healthcare for Sailors deployed in combat theatre," said Rear Adm. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, chief of staff, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and director, Navy Nurse Corps. "Her efforts have helped set the groundwork for effective deployment mental health practices and significantly improved force readiness."

"It is a humbling experience to receive such an award," said Fisak. "This award is the result of a lot of support, training and preparation we received from the Naval Center for Combat & Operational Stress Control."

Under Fisak's guidance, Mobile Care Team 7 conducted surveillance for five previously un-assessed units. In addition, she passionately advocated for the needs and welfare of Navy personnel, leading critical improvements to Navy Individual Augmentee policy, guidance, logistics and training.

Cmdr Fisak's has previously been awarded: Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal, the NCCOSC Epictetus Leadership Award, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and the San Diego Advance Practice Psychiatric Nurse of the Year 2005-2006.

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