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NSTI Sailor To Receive Purple Heart

NAS PENSACOLA, Fla. – A Naval Survival Training Institute (NSTI) Sailor is scheduled to receive one of the United States Armed Forces most recognized medals during a Jan. 23 ceremony at the National Naval Aviation Museum onboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Eduardo Sanchez-Padilla, a Cerete, Colombia native and currently the leading petty officer for training at NSTI's Pensacola Physiology department, will be presented the Purple Heart during the ceremony.

Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command Commander Rear Adm. Tina A. Davidson is scheduled to present the medal to Sanchez-Padilla.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. military on or after April 5, 1917.

An 11-year Navy veteran, Sanchez-Padilla was injured in October 2009 during combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan while assigned as Platoon Corpsman to 2nd Platoon, Route Clearance Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

NSTI is a detachment of Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC). The presentation will begin promptly at 1500. Media interested in covering this event should contact MC2 Michael Lieberknecht, NMOTC PAO, at 850-543-8240.

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