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Memorial service planned for ABEC Roy

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field is honoring the career of the Chief Petty Officer who died in a car accident Sunday, April 28 with a memorial service in the base auditorium. The commemoration to honor ABEC Robert Roy will be held Thursday, May 2 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

A 15-year Navy veteran, Roy, 33, led the Transient Line crew for the NAS Whiting Field flightlines. It was the latest in a long line of demanding jobs in which he excelled.

A Sea Cadet student from eighth grade through his senior year in high school, Roy was destined to enlist in the Navy, which he did at age 17 in 1997. Following recruit training and Aviation Boatswains Mate Equipment (ABE) school, he reported to the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) as a plank owner. Roy then transferred to Naval Air Station Brunswick in his home state of Maine, where he met and married his wife Jessica. The USS Dwight D. Eisen-



ABEC Robert Roy

hower (CVN-69) was his next duty station followed by service aboard the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77). Roy then transferred to the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in 2009 before reporting to Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Operations Department.

Roy was killed in an early morning hit and run accident on Interstate 10 near Scenic Highway, when a Honda Odyssey struck his vehicle from behind, causing his car to veer into the median and flip several times. Roy will be laid to rest in Lewiston, Maine.

He leaves behind his wife, Jessica, and two boys, Christian and Brady, as well as many friends, family and shipmates.

A memorial fund has been set up at Pen-Air Federal Credit Union. Anyone who wishes to make a donation, can do so at any Pen-Air Branch. Let the teller know it's for The Chief Robert Roy Memorial Fund.

SR County planning annual military picnic

By Ensign Joelle Olson, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Each May, America takes an opportunity to honor its service men and women by observing Military Appreciation Month. Greater than 90 million veterans have served the United States Military in one form or another over the past 230 years; of those, in excess of two million combined active duty and reserve personnel still do. This month, the commitment of these distinguished individuals is highlighted, history is emphasized, and their glory is remembered.

Milton, Fla. is particularly proud of their armed forces and is not ashamed to show it! Whether standing in line at the post office, boarding a plane, paying a check at a restaurant, or even riding a motorcycle, it is commonplace for veterans to receive a heart-felt "thank you" from fellow citizens.

"I'm fortunate to have felt appreciated every month." Lt. Jg. Megan O'Connor, a student coast guard aviator from

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May is Military Appreciation Month, and once again Santa Rosa County is showing their appreciation with a base-wide picnic at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The event offers entertainment for the kids, free food, activities, and lots of fun - as seen in this photo from 2012. U.S. Navy file photo.

NASWF to save over \$300,000 per year in utility costs

- Gulf Power partnership helps to make base more efficient

By Public Works Department

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Public Works Department (PWD) Whiting Field recently completed a \$3.6 million Utility Energy Services Contract (UESC) for 12 facilities on Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field.

“The project was the result of an UESC with Gulf Power. We’ve already begun to see noticeable reductions.” Reggie Parker, the base’s utilities & energy manager, said. “The energy and water savings from this project will translate into annual savings of over \$300,000 per year in our utility costs,” said Parker.

The project scope included significant Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrades and the installation of high-efficiency lighting and low flow plumbing fixtures in 12 separate facilities. Two HVAC chillers at the Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT/EIGHTEEN building and the Academic Training building were retrofitted with magnetic bearing compressors. This new technology nearly doubles the efficiency of the chiller.

Other buildings that received upgrades include:



South Field and North Field hangars, North Field tower, the Ground Electronics building, Sikes Hall, the Aviation Maintenance Officer/HT-28 building, the

Fire Department and more.

“Gulf Power and their subcontractors did a great job working with Public Works and our base tenants,” said Lt. Cmdr. Jason G. Kranz, Whiting Field’s Public Works Officer. “They minimized the project’s impact on flight training by scheduling their work to avoid conflicts with base operations. Projects like this UESC complement our existing installation conservation programs and are a cost effective way to reduce our overall consumption and improve energy efficiency.”

The energy and water savings will help NAS Whiting Field make significant progress toward the reductions required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and Executive Order 13423. These mandates require reductions in energy and water consumption in federal facilities of at least 30 percent and 16 percent, respectively, by fiscal year 2015.

TRICARE Notes

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

May is National Stroke Awareness Month.

Several risk factors, such as age, gender, race, diabetes and family history of stroke, are beyond your control. Controllable stroke risk factors are generally divided into two categories: medical and lifestyle-related.

Medical Stroke Risk Factors

- Previous stroke victims are at a high risk for having another
- Heart disease increases stroke risk four to six times
- High blood pressure increases stroke risk four to six times, yet is the single most important

Lifestyle-related Stroke Risk Factors

- Smoking doubles the risk of a stroke
- Drinking too much alcohol can lead to multiple medical complications, including stroke
- High cholesterol increases stroke risk by clogging blood vessels and putting people at greater risk of heart disease
- Being overweight and not exercising enough can increase your risk of stroke

Visit www.mybenefits.metlife.com/tricare for further information.

This Week in Naval History

April 30

- 1798 - Congress establishes Department of the Navy.
- 1975 - Saigon falls to North Vietnamese forces.

May 1

- 1898 - Battle of Manila Bay, Adm Dewey defeats Spanish at Manila, Philippines
- 1934 - LT Akers demonstrates blind landing system at College Park, MD in OJ-2 aircraft
- 1945 - VADM Barbey lands Australian troops on Tarakan Island, Borneo, supported by naval gunfire
- 1951 - USS Princeton aircraft attack Hwachon Dam using aerial torpedoes, only use of this weapon in Korean War
- 1980 - 11 Navy ships begin operations assisting Coast Guard in rescuing Cuban refugees fleeing Cuba in overcrowded boats

May 2

- 1975 - US Navy departs Vietnamese waters at end of evacuation.

May 3

- 1861 - USS Surprise captures Confederate privateer Savannah.
- 1898 - Marines land at Cavite, Philippines, and raise U.S. flag.
- 1949 - First Navy firing of a high altitude Viking rocket at White Sands, NM.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

Kids Fun Run - The annual America's Kids Fun Run will be held May 18, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Sports Complex. It is designed to introduce running as a fun and healthy activity for children. There will be three different lengths to match different age groups: Ages 9-13 will run 2 miles; Ages 7-8 will run 1 mile; and Ages 5-6 will run a 1/2 mile. Every participant will receive a "Fun Run" T-Shirt and a coupon for a free game of bowling at the NAS Whiting Field Bowling Alley. In addition, there will be a drawing for a free Kayak/Canoe rental for all three age groups. To register, simply go to www.americaskidsrun.org. Select Register and then select NAS Whiting Field. Registrations the day of the event will not be possible as the website will close at midnight May 17.

Golf Outing - VFW Post 4833 will host their 5th Annual "Honor Your Vet" golf tournament Saturday, May 18 at Tanglewood Golf Club. Cost is \$50 per person / \$200 per team. The format is a four-man scramble with prizes awarded for first, second and third place as well as for a hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, free drinks during play, and an awards dinner at the VFW with door prizes following the tournament. Call Jackie Johnson at 850-776-6275 for more details or to sign up for the event.

ITT Opportunity - Very exciting news released from LEGOLAND Florida today! Starting today, until the end of the year, LEGOLAND Florida will be offering active Military one free LEGOLAND Florida Admission ticket. Now until October 27, it will be a LEGOLAND Florida Water Park Combo ticket and from October 28 until the end of the year, it will be a LEGOLAND Florida ticket. This offer will be available at LEGOLAND Florida's front gate. All dependents, family and friends can continue to purchase discounted tickets at ITT for the best price. If you have further questions, please contact ITT at 850-665-6250.

ITT has NASCAR - Check with the Information Tickets and Travel office for tickets to Talladega Superspeedway and the 2013 Aarons Dream Weekend - May 3-5, 2013 or for Daytona Interna-



Fair Winds and Following Seas
Maj. Norbert Karczewski III receives his Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from Cmdr. Christopher Pesile during his retirement ceremony April 26 in Aces Pub. Karczewski completed 20 years of military service and retired from Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT as an instructor pilot. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

tional Speedway for the Coke Zero 400 - July 5-6, 2013. They have discount tickets available. Deadlines apply to avoid will call pickups. Call ITT at 850-665-6250 for more information or to purchase your tickets.

Get in Free Card - The National Park Service is offering active duty military and their families free passes to America's national parks. Visit www.nps.gov for more information about the pass and national parks across the country.

Energy Savers - Public Works recognizes the efforts of the Fire Station, Bldg. 3086, the NASWF Headquarters, Bldg. 1401 and HT-28/AMO, Bldg. 2945 for their energy reduction efforts. Those three buildings realized the largest savings in March as compared to 2012 energy consumption.

Blood Drives - The Northwest Florida Blood Services has two scheduled blood drives at Naval Air Station Whiting Field during May 2013. The first will be Friday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Naval Branch Health Clinic parking lot (vice the NEX parking lot which is their normal location.) The second will be Friday, May 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the sports complex during the Military Appreciation Picnic. All donors at this event will receive a special military T-shirt for donating. At all events, photo identification is required and all donors must be at least 16 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is currently a shortage of 0 negative blood, but ALL types are welcome and greatly needed! If you would like to make an appointment online, go to www.nfbsdonor.org and use Sponsor Code: WSW01. Donating blood is safe, quick and easy and literally makes a lifesaving difference. As you may know, just one donation can save as many as three lives in our area military and civilian hospitals. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Golf Tournament - The NAS Whiting Field First Class Petty Officer Association will host their first annual golf tournament Friday, May 10 at 10 a.m. The event will be a four-person scramble with shotgun start. Cost is \$35 per player and lunch is included. Call HM1 Steven Fearnside at (850) 623-7609 for details.

Usage Information

Total Used

1,786,364 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	2,056,741	1,653,040	1,786,364
Average Daily kWh	66,346	59,037	57,625
Days In Billing Period	31	28	31

Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remain an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the past year by Public Works continue to pay dividends in our energy conservation programs. As can be seen in the above graphic from the March power bill, NAS Whiting Field saved 213,079 kilowatts of power from last year's bill. However, the power bill was still more than \$137,000 for the month. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

Upcoming Events

May 10, 1000 - Northwest Florida Blood Drive - NEX

May 10, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

May 13-24 - HURREX

May 17, 1500 - Military Appreciation Picnic - Sports Fields

May 24, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, May 3, 17, & 31 from 8 a.m. to Noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)

Budget for Baby - Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to Noon

You'll discover local resource information, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities and have fun while attending. All ranks and branches are welcome to attend the class. Eligible clients will also receive Baby's first sea bag (featuring a handmade blanket). Class will be in the Atrium Bldg., Suite 169, class room A & B (same building as ITT and NMCRS office - across from FFSC). Call 850-452-2300 to save a seat for the Budget for Baby class at Whiting Field on Saturday, April 20th.

How to Apply for Federal Jobs - Monday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort in searching and applying for a federal job? If your answer is "yes," then you need to attend this class in order to learn how to prepare the best application possible. You will learn how to read an announcement, analyze core competencies for language, analyze vacancy listing for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Smooth Move - Wednesday, May 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and the five key steps to minimizing stress during the relocation and transition period: get to know your FFSC Relocation Assistance Program Specialist, develop a plan of action, know your benefits, manage your moving day, make it a family affair. For more information, call NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 850-623-7177.

Home Buying - May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you in the market for a new home? We can help! From finding the best agent, to negotiating price, types of mortgage loans, and how to get the best interest rates, we can help! Find out how to buy a home and maintain your lifestyle! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Southeast Region decentralizes human resources

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Greg Johnson, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), presented five Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and 44 letters of appreciation to members of the CNRSE Human Resources (HR) Program during a ceremony on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville April 17.

The ceremony was held four days prior to the decentralization of the HR Program, which will re-assign the majority of CNRSE HR specialists from region headquarters to major commands on board installations throughout the region.

"Our CNRSE team is proud of the outstanding services the HR Program has provided over many years across the Southeast Region," Scorby said. "Meeting our Navy mission would not be possible if it were not for the strong support we've received from each member, especially in the areas of labor employee relations, equal employment oppor-



tunity, worker's compensation, and staffing and classification for more than 4,000 customers in theater."

Prior to decentralization, approximately 75 HR specialists throughout the region fell under CNRSE responsibility. As of April 21, 57 of them will be transitioned to other major

Commands, such as Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Fleet Forces Command and Naval Education and Training Command. The new, Navy-wide model

will position HR specialists at each major command, whereas CNRSE had previously been servicing about 75 percent of all civilian employees in the region.

The decentralization plan was created last year by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs with the goal of delivering more streamlined and customer-focused support. According to Sarah Overstreet, regional CNRSE Human Resources director, the transition comes with distinct benefits.

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Once-a-year professional development seminar to be held



By NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support

The Fleet and Family Support Center is sponsoring a once-a-year lecture regarding transition here at Whiting Field. It will be presented by The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and is entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career". The event will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at 9:00 am in the Atrium Building, Training Room 169A.

This top-shelf presentation is a great professional development opportunity. Transition is of course ultimately a part of all military careers. Therefore, the lecture is perfect for those who are contemplating retirement in one to five years. However, it doesn't stop there. Regardless of whether any particular officer or senior enlisted member has reached the point of being in their own transition, they should be educated about the process in order to mentor and counsel those who work for them and are contemplating or going through their transitions. This "executive summary" presentation can prepare them for that role as well as many multi-day programs. Simply stated, it's a great fit for any commander, officer, or senior enlisted supervisor -- from the most senior, to the most junior.

The lecture will be given by Captain Jim O'Keefe, USN (Ret), deputy director of transition services on MOAA's national staff. The presentation, given annually at over 150 military installations of all Services worldwide, is universally praised by audiences as, "up-to-date, hard-hitting, and sharply focused-- a must see". It includes comprehensive information on the retirement decision itself, employer perceptions, your competition, resumes, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market, and other relevant and important transition topics.

The presentation is geared toward officers and senior enlisted, but those of all ranks are warmly welcomed. SPOUSES are highly encouraged to attend as well! All who attend will receive a free copy of the lecture's companion book, also titled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career". It is an in-depth, all-in-one resource for the transition process.

For further information, contact Terri Maddox/FFSC, 850-623-7177.

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Hot, humid days lead to concerns of mold in offices



By Ensign Joelle Olson, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Many plants grow better in the hot, moist summers of Northwest Florida, and mold is no exception. During these warmer months, building occupants should be aware of the heightened potential for mold presence in their workspaces.

This year the Navy has mandated higher thermostat settings to offset reductions to installation utility budgets. Increasing indoor temperatures can result in a greater opportunity for mold to appear and reproduce in workspaces across

Ceiling leaks which create damp tiles are a likely contributor to mold growth in an office environment. Leaks and moist tiles should immediately be reported to PRI/DJI for repair and replacement. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

“This change, coupled with our naturally humid climate, creates potential conditions for greater indoor mold

growth.” Wes Hamill, Deputy Public Works Officer for NAS Whiting Field, deduced.

Hamill assured that molds are part of the natural environment that can be found anywhere - inside or outside - throughout the year. He notes that molds can grow on virtually any substance, as long as moisture or water, oxygen, and an organic source are present. They reproduce by sending tiny, unobservable, spores through the indoor and outdoor air.

“Molds are usually not a problem unless mold spores land on a damp spot and begin growing. They digest whatever they land on in order to survive. There are molds that grow on wood, paper, carpet, foods and insulation, while other molds feast on the everyday dust and dirt that gather in the moist regions of a building.” Hamill explained.

While unsightly and destructive, mold rarely poses a serious health risk. Because individuals react differently to different levels of contact, government regulations are not imposed.

“Currently, there are no federal standards or recommendations, (e.g., OSHA, NIOSH, EPA) for airborne concentrations of mold or mold spores.” Hamill said.

Typical reactions to mold include benign allergic responses such as runny nose or irritation of the eyes, skin, nose and throat but these floating spores have triggered asthma attacks in certain individuals. Due to these risks coupled with the expedited degradation of affected buildings and materials, everyone is encouraged to prevent and report mold

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Southeast Region

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“One of the major advantages to this change in HR servicing is that HR professionals will be able to focus only on the major command to which they are assigned and will not be required to focus on several different commands at the same time,” she said. “This focus provides the opportunity for better customer service through specific, command-focused HR servicing and better partnerships with customers.”

The new model may have advantages over a centralized approach, but the transition itself presented some logistical challenges. It required extensive planning and preparation to pack and organize hundreds of files and casework, Overstreet said.

During the ceremony, Scorby expressed his appreciation for each of the program member’s efforts throughout the process.

“This was obviously no easy feat, as you completed the transition while still serving customers and providing the services required with your everyday workload,” Scorby said. “Were it not for your willingness to work long hours

and pay attention to a host of details, this decentralization process would not be possible, and for that, our Navy owes each of you a debt of gratitude.”

While decentralization is a major transition for HR specialists throughout the region, civilian employees should not expect to see many changes in the way they receive services, Overstreet said.

“HR services will continue regardless of the change in the delivery model. There may be a change in the HR professional who currently provides HR services to them, but the new servicing model will include a primary and a secondary HR professional for each functional area,” she said.

Most services under the new system will be provided from NAS Jacksonville, but HR professionals will be responsive to phone calls and e-mails and are available to meet via video teleconference, she added.

Additional information regarding the specific processes and procedures of regional delivery of HR services will be published in the near future.

Congrats to TRAWING-5 wingers and scholars



First Row: Cmdr. Christopher L. Pesile, USN, CO, HT-28; Ensign Veronica Bildzukewicz, USN; Ensign Kaitlin Boensel, USN; Ensign Scott Collard, USN; Ensign Jenny Rudewicz, USN; Ensign Bowe Gavieres, USN; Capt. James J. Fisher, USN, Commodore, TW-5.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Robert S. White, USMC, CO, HT-18; Ensign Jonathan Tohill, USN; Ensign Michael Morrison II, USN; Lt. j.g. Douglas Eberly, USCG; Ensign Chelsea Rheame, USN; Lt. Caleb Peacock, USCG; Capt. James S. O’Keefe, USCG, Chief of USCG PSD.

Back Row: Cmdr. Matthew R. Bowen, USN, CO, HT-8; Ensign John Arball, USN; Ensign Rodney Wagstaff, USN; Lt. j.g. Jordan Kellam, USCG; Lt. j.g. Eric Barnett, USCG; Ensign Henry Strong, USN. (Photo by Ensign Joelle Olson from the April 26 Winging Ceremony.)

The April 19 edition of the Whiting Tower mistakenly listed Cmdr. Paul Bowdich as the HT-8 commanding officer. in the winging photograph. It should have listed Cmdr. Matt Bowen who assumed command of the squadron April 4. We apologize for the error.



Training Air Wing FIVE recognized Ensign Thomas T. Cullen, USN; Ensign Andrew D. Weatherholt, USN; 1st Lt. Justin R. Bissell, USMC; Ensign James C. French, USN; 2nd Lt. Gert A. Barring, RNOAF; and Ensign Darian C. Khosrowshahi, USN with Academic Achievement Awards April 19 at the command’s headquarters building.



Ensign Mirko Cremona, ITN; 1st Lt. Nicholas Vandal, USMC; Lt. j.g. Cesare Valmori, ITN display their Academic Achievement Awards from April 26.

Picnic

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Training Squadron Six, articulated.

“Last month I was riding my motorcycle to base in my flight suit when I heard honking. I looked around prepared to evade a hostile situation when a car pulled up along-side of me and continued honking. As I came to a stop, a gentleman rolled down his window and said ‘HEY! You’re great! Thank you.’ then sharply offered a salute and drove away.” O’Connor said.

O’Connor is not the only one who reflects on these moments of adornment with a slight sadness as the majority of our countries vets from the not-too-distant Vietnam era tell a very different tale. They recount great disgust and disapproval from the American people. Many such ill-treated heroes have since rallied with pride to change the zeitgeist of a nation. Today young Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsman frequently receive accolades paid up-front.

On one such occurrence, Ensign Leighton Pleasants, a student naval aviator of Helicopter Training Squadron 18, humbly accepted this praise.

“It’s a strange feeling to already be thanked for my service. So far I’ve spent my whole military career as a student and while it does require a great sacrifice, it doesn’t make me war hero.”

Pleasants’ reaction is a typical one of junior officers who joined the armed forces to make a difference and serve their country only to find themselves stuck in school for upwards of six years before they’re granted the opportunity they so authentically desire.

“People thank you for the promise you made to your country.” Lt. Dan Marzluff, Pleasants’ instructor pilot, clarified. “You made a promise to willingly put yourself in harm’s way; a promise to sacrifice your own personal relationships while fighting a war abroad so that others may develop theirs [relationships] in peace at home.”

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to defend this great nation as well as those who already have, this is the time America sets aside to thank them. Moreover, the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce chooses to more tangibly thank its military service members through the annual Military Appreciation Month picnic Friday, May 17. This all-hands event will take place at the Soccer Complex Pavilion from 3 to 6 p.m.

“We just like to throw a party...or ‘Shindig’ as we call it in the South! This is just one little way we can say ‘thanks’ and give back to our warriors.” Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce President Tracey Allen stated. “Often, the focus of military presence is an economical one but here [in Santa Rosa] we recognize our military as members of our churches, they go to little league games, help out at schools, clean up the road ways and water ways; it’s so much

more than money. We just want to say thanks for being a part of our community and our lives.”

This year’s picnic features food, games and a jumper for the kids, as well as door prizes and welcome gifts donated by local businesses wishing to show their support. Most importantly, the Military Appreciation Picnic will be an opportunity to just get out and enjoy the day.

“We just love to see the military families come out and enjoy themselves. In fact, many veterans actually retire here where they feel they belong, the community does such a great job showing them they are loved. You can find signs that state ‘We love our Military’ and ‘We support our Military’ all over because we genuinely do.” Allen said.

The picnic is a family event, so service members are encouraged bring their families and an appetite and join the fellowship as the community and NAS Whiting Field celebrate their honored military members past and present.

Those wishing to personally thank a veteran may visit www.uso.org to send a care package or make a monetary donation. Interested parties could alternatively visit www.soldiersangels.org to ‘adopt a soldier’.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT



What type of tickets do the base Police issues for traffic violations?

NAS Whiting Field Police (Military and Civilian) issue two types of citations, DD Form 1408 and DD Form 1805. 1408’s are issued to personnel holding a NAS

Whiting Field Decal (e.g., DOD employees, certain DOD contract employees, active duty military, military reservists, military dependents, and retired military and dependents) who commit traffic violations. DD Form 1408 citations will be handled aboard NAS Whiting Field Traffic Court. Base Traffic Court appearance is optional for minor traffic violations unless mandatory Court appearance is so stated. 1408 citations don’t go against your state driving record or license, but is recorded in Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (Cleoc), a Navy/Marines data base. Personnel issued a citation and desiring to contest it must appear in Court. Non DOD affiliated civilians who are found to have committed a violation will be issued a DD Form 1805 and will be required to appear in Federal Magistrate Court for said violation.

Mold

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growth to the greatest extent possible.

The good news is that mold is controllable. It just requires a continuous commitment to prevention from all building occupants. Molds are a unique plant life in that they do not require light to thrive. They do, however, rely on water to grow so the most basic solution is to simply eliminate unnecessary moisture from workspaces. Control the moisture. Control the mold.

Hamill offered up the following five simple steps to keep work spaces free of molds and spores:

- 1) Be proactive. Thoroughly clean and dry up any water infiltration within the first 24-48 hours.
- 2) Report any roof or window leaks to the PRI help desk.
- 3) Call the PRI help desk if your spaces are unusually stuffy or damp. Public Works aims to keep indoor relative humidity levels below 60 percent.
- 4) Keep doors and windows closed at all times. A major source of moisture intrusion and mold growth results when humid outside air condenses on cold surfaces.
- 5) Be a good housekeeper. Small areas of mold growth can be easily cleaned with bleach and water. Discard moldy items such as cardboard boxes or old furniture

“Early intervention is the key to preventing an unhealthy workplace environment and a potentially costly remediation effort.” Cautions Hamill. “Contact Public Works if you notice mold growth or if you believe the conditions exist for growth. Public Works, in collaboration with Base Safety and the Naval Hospital Pensacola Industrial Hygiene department, will investigate and determine the best course of action to resolve the problem.”

A FREE 2 ½ hour professional lecture for officers and senior enlisted who plan to leave the service in the near future. Spouses are cordially invited.

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

Make plans to attend this “must see” lecture.

Date: 6 June 2013 **Time:** 9:00 am
Place: Atrium Building, Training Room 169A
Speaker: Captain Jim O’Keefe, USN (RET)
Deputy Director Career Transition Center
Military Officers Association of America

- Served 26+ years on active duty including command at-sea and ashore.
- Extensive experience with networking and job searching.
- Worked in industry, large corporation and small high tech company.

Gain valuable insights that will help you make a successful career transition.

You’ll learn to:

- Understand your competition in the job hunt
- Overcome civilian employers’ perceptions about military personnel
- Develop the right plan for your job search
- Craft powerful résumés, cover letters, and broadcast letters
- Recognize how employers read your résumé
- Network and penetrate the hidden job market
- Prepare for and conduct a successful interview
- Negotiate your salary and benefit packages.
- Overcome rejection

Questions? Please contact the Base Project Officer.

Contact: Terri Maddox
Phone: (850) 623-7177

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Villane announces election info

Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections Tappie Villane announces important information regarding the special election to fill the current vacancy in House District 2.

Absentee Voting

An absentee ballot may be obtained by:

- Visiting www.santarosa.fl.gov/elections
- Calling the elections office at (850) 983-1900
- Visiting the Supervisor of Elections Office located at 6495 Caroline Street, Suite F in Milton

Wednesday, May 8 is the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you for the Tuesday, May 14 Republican Primary. Early voting will be available Saturday, May 4 through Saturday, May 11. Voting hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sunday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations:

- Supervisor of Elections Main Office, 6495 Caroline Street, Suite F, Milton
- South Santa Rosa Service Center, 5841 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze

Primary & General Election

On Election Day, May 14, the primary will be open only to registered Republicans in Florida House District 2. The general election on June 11 will be open to all voters living in the boundaries of House District 2, regardless of party affiliation. To find out if you live in House District 2 please visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/elections or call the elections office at (850) 983-1900.

Florida is a closed primary state, which means in primary elections you may only participate in the primary of the party in which you are registered. Since only one Democrat qualified, there will be no Democratic primary. The Democratic candidate automatically advances to the June 11 election to face the winner of the Republican primary.

Sailors Missing From Vietnam War Identified

- Helicopter simulator building on base named for downed pilot



The plaque in the Peterson Building honors the courageous attempt of Lt. Dennis Peterson and his crew as they attempted to rescue a downed pilot during the Vietnam War. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that a Navy pilot, missing from the Vietnam War, has been accounted for and will be buried with full military honors along with his crew.

Navy Lt. Dennis W. Peterson of Huntington Park, Calif., was the pilot of a SH-3A helicopter that crashed in Ha Nam Province, North Vietnam. Peterson was accounted for on March 30, 2012. Also, aboard the aircraft was Ensign Donald P. Frye of Los Angeles, Calif.;

Aviation Antisubmarine Warfare Technicians William B. Jackson of Stockdale, Texas; and Donald P. McGrane of Waverly, Iowa. The crew will be buried, as a group, on May 2 at Arlington National Cemetery.

On July 19, 1967, the four servicemen took off from the USS Hornet aboard an SH-3A Sea King helicopter, on a search and rescue mission looking for a downed pilot in Ha Nam Province, North Vietnam. During the mission, an enemy concealed 37mm gun position targeted the helicopter as it flew in. The helicopter was hit by the anti-aircraft gunfire, causing the aircraft to lose control, catch fire and crash, killing all four servicemen.

In October 1982, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (S.R.V.) repatriated five boxes of remains to U.S. officials. In 2009, the remains within the boxes were identified as Frye, Jackson, and McGrane.

In 1993, a joint U.S./S.R.V. team, investigated a loss in Ha Nam Province. The team interviewed local villagers who identified possible burial sites linked to the loss. One local claimed to have buried two of the crewmen near the wreckage, but indicated that both graves had subsequently been exhumed.

Between 1994 and 2000, three joint U.S./S.R.V. teams excavated the previous site and recovered human remains and aircraft wreckage that correlated to the crew's SH-3A helicopter. In 2000, U.S. personnel excavated the crash site recovering

additional remains. Analysis from the Joint POW/MIA Command Central Identification Laboratory subsequently designated these additional remains as the co-mingled remains of all four crewmen, including Peterson.

DoD scientists used forensic tools and circumstantial evidence in the identification of the remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO website at www.dtic.mil/dpmo or call 703-699-1420.



Lt. Dennis Peterson in a copy of the photo in the Helicopter Simulator building at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The building is named for Peterson. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

FIRST ANNUAL PETTY OFFICERS BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



WHEN: MAY 10 @ 1000

WHERE: NAS WHITING FIELD GOLF COURSE

WHAT: A four man team, best ball golf tournament to support the areas first Petty Officers Ball. \$35 per person. Lunch will be provided, shotgun start at 1000. Prizes for closest to the pin, and longest drive, as well as 1st through 3rd place finishers.

Come out and support the First annual Petty Officers Ball. Space is limited need to be signed up by May 3.

POC for more info and to sign up please contact: HM1 Steven Fearnside (850)623-7609 or HM1 Channing Smith (850)665-6375