



Navy bids Roughead farewell

- Greenert takes helm during Sept. 23 ceremony at Annapolis

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) -- With 38 years of service, Adm. Gary Roughead steps down from the position of Chief of Naval Operations during the change of command ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy, Sept. 23.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus was the keynote speaker for the ceremony and highlighted Adm. Roughead's accomplishments during his naval career while thanking him for his leadership.

"I don't think anyone can ever fully express how much we're going to miss Gary Roughead's counsel and absolutely unwavering commitment to the Navy [and] the United States," said Mabus. "Admiral Roughead has had the genius and the skill to turn so many of the challenges he's faced into opportunities."

Mabus reviewed Roughead's career milestones including being one of only two admirals in the United States Navy to command both the Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead is relieved by Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert as the Chief of Naval Operations during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Shannon E. Renfroe.

Grace assumes command of TRAWING-5



Rear Adm. William Sizemore, II presents Capt. James Vandiver with the Legion of Merit medal during the Training Air Wing FIVE change of command ceremony Sept. 22. Vandiver turned over command of the unit to Col. James Grace following his successful 18-month tour as commodore. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

By: Ensign James Hedman, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Deputy Commodore Colonel James Grace relieved Captain James Vandiver of duties as commander of Training Air Wing FIVE, Sept. 22. Among the distinguished guests were Assistant Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Juan M. Garcia, III and Rear Admiral William G. Sizemore II, Chief of Naval Air Training.

Vandiver's last 18 months have been demanding. During his tour, Vandiver oversaw 208,900 flight hours, over 800 wingings, and reduced attrition rates by one and one half percent during his time as Commodore. Furthermore, Vandiver oversaw the successful completion of TRAWING-5 community volunteering with programs such as Blackwater River Cleanup, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Toys

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Hunting authorized aboard NAS Whiting Field

- 25 zones set aside for traditional bows, compound bows or crossbows

By Ensign John Llewellyn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

It's that time of the year again, when a hunter gets to become one with nature. Hunting goes all the way back to the beginning of man. It has evolved from throwing rocks and casting spears to using highly accurate rifles and bows.

Nevertheless, the excitement and fulfillment have not changed.

The base will open up white-tail deer hunting for the fourth consecutive year this season. Hunting on military installations is strictly controlled for safety and operational reasons.

The dates delegated for hunting include the following periods: Oct. 22 - Nov. 23: Deer-antlers or antlerless; Nov. 24 - Dec. 19: Deer with antlers; Feb. 20 - Feb. 26: Deer with antlers.

Eligible personnel are: active duty military, reservists and retired personnel and their dependents; DoD employees; and full time contractor employees with assigned work area on NAS Whiting Field.

No children under the age of ten are permitted in any hunting areas during active hunting periods due to safety and liability reasons.

Hunters shall possess all pertinent current



Florida Hunting Licenses or permits and must have proof of completion of the NAS Whiting Field Wildlife Management / Conservation / Safety brief or a State Hunter's Safety Course as well as have read instruction NASWFINST 11015.3D pertaining to hunting on base.

MWR administrative office, in building 1417, will verify all requirements to hunt on base have been fulfilled and then issue the hunter a permit authorizing him or her to hunt.

Hunters are only authorized to use traditional and compound bows or crossbows.

The base has been split into 25 different "hunting zones" marked by fence lines and physical landmarks, such as fire breaks.

Hunter orange is required to be worn until established in a ground blind or tree stand.

Normal hunting days will be Saturday and Sunday and hours are a half hour prior to sunrise until 1100 for morning hunts and 1200 until a half hour after sunset for evening hunts.

Sunday evening however hunters will need to be off the airfield by 1800 to facilitate recovery operations.

It is mandatory that a Huntmaster is on the premises at all times during hunting activity.

Huntmasters are volunteers that are responsible for the adherence of hunters to proper rules and instructions, overall hunter safety, and to be available if hunters need help or assistance.

There is no-cost to hunt aboard NAS Whiting Field. The base provides an area to clean the deer and will issue deer tags free of charge.

For more information on hunting aboard NAS Whiting Field or becoming a Huntmaster please visit the base's facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/naswhitingfield> or contact MWR.

There will be a town hall meeting Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. in the base auditorium. The meeting will address the Huntmaster requirements prior to bow season opening.

This Week in Naval History

Sept. 27

1922 - Report on observations of experiments with short wave radio at Anacostia in the District of Columbia starts Navy development of radar.

1950 - First Marine Division captures Seoul, South Korea.

Sept. 28

1822 - Sloop-of-war Peacock captures five pirate vessels.

1850 - Congress outlaws flogging on Navy ships.

1964 - First deployment of Polaris A-3 missile on USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) from Charleston, S.C.

Sept. 29

1944 - USS Narwhal (SS 167) evacuates 81 Allied prisoners of war that survived the sinking of Japanese Shinyo Maru from Sindangan Bay, Mindanao.

1959 - USS Kearsarge (CVS 33), with Helicopter Squadron 6 and other 7th Fleet units, begins six days of disaster relief to Nagoya, Japan, after Typhoon Vera.

Correction

The Sept. 14 edition incorrectly listed VT-3 as the only joint force training squadron. In fact, every squadron in Training Air Wing FIVE is joint in some fashion. We apologize for the confusion, and hope this sets the record straight.

News and Notes

236th Navy Ball - Naval Air Station Whiting Field will be holding their annual Navy Ball Saturday, Oct. 8 beginning at 5 p.m.. The event will feature music, dinner, dancing and door prizes, as well as a guest speaker for the function. Tickets are \$25 for E3 and below, \$30 for E4, \$35 for E5 and E6, and \$40 for everyone else. Please call Chief Air Traffic Controller Cecilia Knight-Holton at 850-623-7755 for more information.

Riverwalk Run - Early registration is now being accepted for the annual Riverwalk 5K Run through historic Milton and along the Blackwater River trail. The race is Oct. 1 and features prizes for both running and walking - in a variety of age groups. An early registration event at Academy Sports, Sept. 2, will be the last opportunity to run the event for \$15. The fee will be \$20 through Sept. 8 and \$25 afterwards. The early registration window will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. This is the third year of the event, and it is growing. Contact Linsey Williamson at 850-983-5466 or through email at miltonparks@ymail.com with questions.

Motor Sports Show - The Marine Corps League is hosting their 10th Annual Motor Sports Show, Saturday, Nov. 5 at the 5 Flags Speedway in Pensacola, Fla. The event is seeking entrants for the various categories of vehicles. There is a \$20 registration for each car, and cars must be registered no later than Oct. 15. There will be trophies for the winners, door prizes, food and refreshments and much more. Call (850) 912-2351 for details.

Songwriters' Sunset Cruise - The Portino I will carry passengers for the Third Annual Songwriter Songs and Sunset Cruise, Friday, Sept. 30. The cruise is part of the annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters' Festival. The cruise leaves the dock promptly at 6 p.m. from Hemmingway's. Tickets are \$25 or \$40 per couple. See www.pensacolabeachsongfest.com for details.

Country Music Festival - For a fun time of food, drink, and country music, check out the Classic Country Music Festival Sept. 28 through Oct. 1. Nashville performers will headline the event. See www.farmersopry.com for more information.

Embry Riddle Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the winter term through October 17, 2011. Hours on board NAS Pensacola are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163. Add and drop for a full refund will be held October 17-21, 2011. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin October 17. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, October 12 5 - 6 p.m. on board NAS Pensacola in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's Pensacola campus offers certificate programs, associate and bachelors degree programs with various specializations in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management and the Master of Aeronautical Science degree.

Fitness Expo - Naval Air Station Whiting Field's MWR department is teaming with Santa Rosa Medical Center to present the 2nd Annual Health and Fitness Expo, Friday, Oct. 7. The event will feature a wide range of healthy information for people of all ages, including: dental health, asthma awareness, colon cancer awareness, smoking cessation, blood pressure checks, free cholesterol screenings, nutrition education stress management and more. The day will also include fitness activities and demonstrations, 30-minute aerobics classes, and a gymnastics demonstration. The



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Lt. Cmdr. Allen Linn retired from the U.S. Navy, Friday, Sep. 23 after 21 years of active duty service. Linn was assigned to HT-18 where he trained over 80 "On-wings" and received Instructor of the Year for 2003. Former HT-18 commanding officer Colonel Christopher Holzworth IV was the guest speaker. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign James Hedman.

expo will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 850-623-7502 for details.

Garcon Point 5K - The 4th Annual Mediacom Garcon Point 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sat, Oct. 22. Start time is 7:30 a.m. Runners and walkers will be transported from Lowe's parking lot on Highway 98 in Gulf Breeze to the starting line of the race on the north side of the Garcon Point Bridge. The approximate 5 mile race (4.8 miles) will end at the south end of the bridge where participants will be transported back to Lowe's. Free hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided after the race for all registered participants. Cost for active duty military is \$20. In order to receive this special rate, you'll have to print out the registration form available online, annotate 'active duty military-Whiting Field' on the bottom, and mail to the Santa Rosa Education Foundation, 5086 Canal Street, Milton, FL 32570. Registration should be completed no later than Oct. 18. See <http://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/sref/files/GPBRRegForm2011.pdf> for the form. Cost for all others until Oct. 18 is \$25 (age 18 and up), and \$20 for those under age 18. Afterwards the cost for everyone will be \$30. For additional information, please contact 983-5043.

Blessing of the Animals - Monsignor Bosso of the St. Rose of Lima Church will perform a Blessing of the Animals Sunday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held at Naval Air Station Whiting field's Wiggly Field Dog Park. Animal friends of all denominations are welcome to attend, and the event will be followed by the re-opening of Wiggly Field for the fall season. Bring a ball and have some fun. Contact Richelle Armstrong at 850-623-7268 for details.

DeLuna Fest 2011 - This year's DeLuna Fest will be Oct. 14-16 at Pensacola Beach. A tremendous line-up of the best acts from across the world will play the stages, including: Jane's Addiction, Weezer, Cake, The Shins, Cut Copy, Big Boi and many more. In all, the festival will host 80 bands and 50,000 concert-goers at what is being called America's Favorite Beach Party. Visit the DeLuna Fest site for more bands and information. <http://delunafest.com>. Discounted tickets to active/retired military, dependents, and DOD civilian employees are \$119.95 for a three (3) day pass and must be purchased through the MWR ITT Office at 623-7032.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29, 1100 - Hispanic Heritage Luncheon - Auditorium

Sept. 30, 1000 & 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Oct. 8, 1700-2400 - Navy Ball - Atrium

Oct. 18-20, 0700-1600 Daily - NHA Fleet Fly-In

Oct. 21, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Nov. 10, 1000 - NASWF Change of Command - Auditorium

Navy orders personal contact info verification

- NFAAS must be updated by end of next month

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy is currently conducting a semi-annual Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) verification requiring all Navy personnel to verify and update their personal contact information in NFAAS, officials said Sept. 27.

"We cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining the most accurate and up-to-date contact information in NFAAS," said Fred Chambers, director, Customer Relations Management at Navy Personnel Command. "It is not only beneficial to those of us running NFAAS, but extremely beneficial to personnel because it can help determine how quickly they will receive assistance during a disaster."

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NFAAS is used to account, manage, and monitor the recovery process for Navy personnel and their families affected by wide-spread catastrophic events. It was most recently used to account for more than 300,000 Navy personnel and families affected by Hurricane Irene and 40,000 Navy personnel and families affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Outdated contact information can delay Navy's ability to account for and assist affected personnel.

NAVADMIN 275/11 requires all active-duty and Reserve Sailors and Department of the Navy civilian employees to log in to <https://navyfamily.mil> to verify and update contact information for themselves and their dependents. Navy contractors outside the continental United States are also required to complete the assessment. All verifications must be completed by Oct. 31.

Commanding officers are responsible to ensure compliance with this verification. NFAAS officials will submit the names of commands not in compliance to the office of the chief of naval operations for review.

The message also directs commands to incorporate NFAAS updates into the command check-in and check-out process during permanent change of station move.

Ensuring NFAAS accuracy can assist commanding officers in carrying out their mission after a wide-spread catastrophic event according to Chambers.

"It allows commanding officers or regional commanders to quickly assess the command's ability to perform their mission."

For more information read NAVADMIN 275/11 and contact the NPC customer service center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC or visit the NPC website at www.npc.navy.mil.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

CNO

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"As Chief of Naval Operations, his leadership has helped to reshape the Navy into the 21st Century operationally and strategically," said Mabus. "Gary Roughead's leadership skills follow great officers and a willingness to innovate while respecting the deep traditions of the sea service."

Mabus spoke about Roughead's commitment to his Sailors and always making them his first priority. Mabus said, "He never lost sight of the primary responsibility of leadership - taking care of the people entrusted to you and to the office you hold."

As Roughead took the podium for the last time as Chief of Naval Operations, he thanked his counterparts, both foreign and domestic, friends, and his family for the continued support and guidance during his tenure. He spoke about his unique experiences in the armed service, especially in the relationships built.

"There has been a lot of change but throughout there has been the decisive, constant and the aspect of the Navy that will be my enduring memory - our Sailors," said Roughead.

In an emotional conclusion, Roughead did the best he could to summarize his naval career.

"To echo what another Navy man said nearly five decades ago at this academy, when asked what I did to make my life worthwhile I will respond with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, I served in the United States Navy."

Mabus spoke about the transparent transition the Navy will go through when Adm. Roughead is relieved by Adm. Greenert as the top Navy officer.

"Adm. Roughead's contributions may be hard if not impossible to surpass but I am confident that if anyone can match them it is Jon Greenert," said Mabus.

Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, the newly appointed 30th Chief of Naval Operations, took the podium after Roughead, thanking him for his service and bringing the Navy to where it is today.

Greenert said Roughead has done a magnificent job and the plan would be to keep it that way.

"My priorities, our course, are one we've got to remain ready to meet the current challenges today, we've got to build a relevant and capable future fleet, and we have got to continue to care for our Sailors, our civilians and their families, and recruit and nurture a motivated, relevant and diverse force," said Greenert.

Greenert then went on to talk about the three tenets he will focus on during his time in office which include warfighting first, operate forward and be ready.

"We will approach our challenges and we will implement our changes that will have to be done in the future with three tenets in mind," said Greenert. "They will be effective [and] efficient. Our Solutions will be joint and the Marine Corps will remain our primary partner."

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Get Cooler Lights

Incandescent bulbs don't contribute as much heat as unshaded windows, but they do add heat to a house and can raise the perceived temperature, sending you to the thermostat to seek relief. To reduce this hot-light effect and save lighting costs year-round, replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents. They use about 75 percent less energy and emit 90 percent less heat. Cost: \$12 to \$25 per bulb. Benefit: Up to 5 percent off your cooling bill plus electricity savings.

Snug Up the Ducts

Leaky ducts can cut into air-conditioning efficiency. Leak-prone areas include the return plenum; where branch ducts meet the trunk line; and where ducts attach to outlets. Also, insulate ducts that run through a hot attic with a blanket of R-11 fiberglass insulation. Unless the duct repairs are minor, it's wise to leave them to a HVAC pro. While the contractor is on site checking your ducts, have them tune up the air-conditioning unit by cleaning filters, unplugging coils, unblocking drains and lubing the fan. Cost: \$75 to start for a service call. Benefit: Up to 40 percent off your cooling bill



Family Information Night

Participants at Fleet and Family Support Center's Family Information Night sign up for prizes at the Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) table Sep. 20. The event included guest speakers from different departments of Fleet and Family Support on base, including the School Liaison Officer, the Navy Exchange, Defense Commissary Agency, MWR, and Child Development Center in addition to the ITT office. After the speakers, guests were allowed to browse table setups for further information and promotional goodies. Ombudsmen from around the base were also on hand to answer questions posed by visiting families. Overall, it was an opportunity to learn about services on base and to informally meet others (with wine and cheese tasting, to boot!). U.S. Navy photo by Ensign James Hedman.

Congrats to TRAWING-5's Wingers and Scholars



Back row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; Lt. j.g. Adam M. Beauregard, USN; Lt. j.g. Francis J. Horohoe, USN; Lt. j.g. Robert L. Lennon, USN; Lt. j.g. Kenneth A. Kuhl, USN; Lt. j.g. Chad W. Peterson, USN; Lt. j.g. Leah K. Jordan, USN; Lt. j.g. Dylan J. Phillips-Levine, USN; Lt. j.g. Gregory S. Ericksen, USN; Lt. j.g. Zachary D. Jackson, USN.

Middle row: Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC; Lt. j.g. Joseph G. Proffitt, USN; Lt. j.g. Evan S. Berenholtz, USN; Lt. j.g. Rick L. Jobski, Jr., USN; 1st Lt. David J. Niles, USMC; 1st Lt. William J. Majeski, USMC; 1st Lt. Zerbin M. Singleton, USMC; ENS Tyler W. Sargent, USN; Lt. j.g. Michael J. Schwartz, USN; Lt. j.g. Adrien C. Malone, USN; Capt. John W. Funk, USN.

Front Row: Cmdr. Hans E. Sholley, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew J. Boyle, USN; Lt. j.g. Christian M. Burnett, USN; Lt. j.g. Grace E. Reilly, USN; Lt. j.g. Jessica L. Phenning, USN; Lt. j.g. Leah K. Blaine, USN; Lt. j.g. Jeanne R. Moody, USN; Lt. j.g. David D. Barandon, USN; Lt. j.g. Damien Le, USN; Capt. Jamie L. Vandiver, USN.



Left Photo: Lt. j.g. Joseph J. Ciaravella, USCG; 1st Lt. Michael J. Harper, USMC; 1st Lt. Donald W. Bussell, USMC; and Ensign Patrick J. Fedewa, USN receive their Academic Achievement Awards at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters Friday, Sept. 2.



Right Photo: 1st Lt. Adam J. Bueltel, USMC; 1st Lt. Joseph P. Desantis, USMC; 1st Lt. Kurtis B. Wrinkle USMC, Ensign Jarrod S. Blain, USN; 1st Lt. Matthew L. Rostine USMC; and Ensign Brendan M. Kelly, USN were presented with their recognition Sept. 9.

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for Tots, as well as a myriad of others. For these and other achievements, Vandiver was awarded his second Legion of Merit by Sizemore. The award recognized what Sizemore described as “forethought and oversight” in a command capacity.

It was a difficult tour with many challenges, and during his speech, Vandiver emphasized God’s presence. “Early on I had a conversation with God. ‘Are you sure I’m the right guy for this job?’ He said, ‘Yes,’ and asked me if I knew why I was here. I said, ‘Yes, Sir!’”

Vandiver is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and was designated a pilot in 1986. Upon completion of his first Fleet assignment with HSL-35, Vandiver completed his Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. Subsequent commands include HSL-49 and HSL-37, Aide to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief U.S. Space Command, and VT-27 executive and commanding officer. Prior to becoming Commodore, TRAWING-5, Vandiver served as Director of Surface Warfare in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Antisubmarine Warfare Section Head and later the Maritime Warfare Systems/Surface Strike Branch Head. He has now been assigned to take over as commanding officer, Naval Aviation Schools Command, at NAS Pensacola.

There are still challenges that await Grace as he takes the new position that include the ongoing T-34 Mentor to T-6 Texan II transition. The new commodore, however, took the responsibility with humble gratitude and sincerity.

“It is my distinct honor, a pleasure to be your new commander - thank you. Capt. Vandiver, it has truly been a pleasure to have been your deputy for the past 18 months. As Admiral Sizemore said the other day, ‘It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.’

“However, through it all you have dedicated yourself to the men and women of Training Air Wing FIVE... You have led this wing with honor, character and devotion. None of us could have asked for anything more.”

The change of command ceremony is a tradition which formalizes the relief of one commanding officer by another. The event also emphasized the importance of teamwork and family. Both men recognized the hard work that the instructor pilots, students, and staff put into making the Navy’s largest and busiest training air wing safe and effective.

Vandiver emphasized the hard work of the staff, pilots and students while at the podium. “This tour has been an adventure and the wing could not have accomplished our mission without a great team. I would like to acknowledge that team.”

Vandiver and Grace also recognized their families for support over the years. Grace had his father – a WWII Navy veteran and USS Antietam ordnance man – stand so

that he may be acknowledged by the crowd. Then Grace light-heartedly added, “I’m not sure how you did it, Dad, but you managed to get my last tour, before I retire, in a Navy command.”

Grace, graduated from Portland State University and reported for Officer Candidate Course in 1982. After Basic School, he was designated a pilot (UH-1N Huey) in 1984 and reported to HMT-303 in Camp Pendleton, CA. In 1985, he was assigned to HMA-369 in Okinawa, Japan, as well as subsequently holding billets in various other squadrons and locations. In 2002, Grace commanded HMLA-167. He completed his Master of Arts in National Security Strategy, thereafter serving on the Joint Staff where he facilitated USCENTCOM operations in OIF and OEF. Prior to becoming deputy commodore, Grace worked Headquarters Marine Corps as Director of Safety.

The two men formed a close bond during their time in TRAWING-5 command suite, and perhaps the most striking moments of the event came as Vandiver prepared to relinquish command.

“...I leave command with my heart full with friendships formed in adversity... Thank you for a great tour; it’s been an honor being your commodore.” One could sense the candor in his voice. “Colonel Grace, you said you would be the best deputy you could be. You’ve been that and so much more. You have been my wise counsel. You are a leader of warriors and I am privileged to call you my friend... I am now ready to read my orders.”

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Captain's Call

Thanks for participating in Captain's Call, great discussion and questions. Getting to talk with you is one of the most rewarding things I do, here's some of the things we talked about and your concerns. I've tried to paraphrase to save space. Italics are the answers

Q: Can we get increased security patrols in housing? A: *We'll step it up a bit.*

Q: Can we standardize prices at the snack bars? A: *Yes*

Q: Can we get Aces opened up for Football games on Sunday? A: *No. But CMC and I are looking at another option for us NGIS dwellers. More on that later.*

Q: Can we have the gym open for extended hours, open up earlier and stay open later? A: *We're looking at schedules to provide more hours, I think if you show up at 0430 you'll find people there... (not me though).*

Q: Why don't we allow floaties in the pool? A: *Believe it or not, it's against regs. Has to be CG approved floatation device to be in the pool as an individual floatation device.*

Q: Can we have an indoor track at the gym? A: *Sorry too expensive. I don't like treadmills either.*

Q: Can we get rid of the entry / exit signs in back of the NGIS? A: *YES.*

Q: Can we increase the speed limit from the front gate to the "Y" to 35mph? A: *No. We see too much speeding around base right now and cell phone use while driving.*

Q: There is a Blue (and Yellow) folder shortage in ATC can we get some folders? A: *Yes.*

Q: The nature trail around south field is overgrown can we get it cut back for the joggers? A: *Yes.*

Q: People are feeding the skunks and rats around the NGIS. A: *Stop feeding the skunks and rats, that's just bad and unsanitary. We'll post some signs.*

Q: Can we wear coveralls as uniform of the day? A: *Yes, we'll do a one month trial. 21 Sept -21 Oct. Gotta wear Navy Ball cap until for transiting around the base. Only patch is NASWF patch. Worn iaw Navy regs for coveralls.*

Q: Can we get new Basketball nets at Whiting Pines? A: *Done*

Q: Lighting around the base is not adequate especially between the gym and NGIS. A: *Concur 100%; more lighting is on the way.*

Q: Can we get more MWR/Liberty center schedules out around the base to advertise? A: *Yes.*

Q: Can we do a ribbon shoot for rifles? A: *We're working on it, we need to go to Pensacola but we'll see if we can get the ammo to get it done.*

Q: Can we reserve boats at Whiting Park? A: *Yes.*

Q: Can we get kids programs at the gym so Mom's can work out and have the kids close? A: *The Navy is heading in this direction with family fitness programs. MWR is looking to get the necessary quals etc.*

Q: How about a kitchen /break room next to the commissary so we can buy, cook, eat our lunch / dinner there? A: *Brilliant. We'll see what we can do, will involve a lot more than just building a room. Sanitation, construction costs etc. But it's a great suggestion.*

Q: Can we get a Jack in the Box on base? A: *No. They won't come here because their business model won't support what our population/ hours/ customer flow is. We're trying to increase hours at the snack bars, get some additional menu items.*

Q: Can we get parking spots for ACs at South and North Towers? A: *Yes. New parking plan is in the chop chain it will include reserved spots for the ACs.*

Q: Can we get more computers at the midfield hangar? A: *Yes. N6 is getting additional seats from the region to provide both the NMCI drop and the computer. It'll take awhile but they are coming.*

Q: Can we get faster internet access at the OLFs? A: *I wish. Current limits on technology available are limiting factors. We'll get the fastest equipment we can, given what we can get from the Navy.*

Q: After a safety stand down can we have a picnic? A: *We're going to do that after the PFA*

Q: Can we get a better vehicle for the CDO? A: *Yes.*

Q: Can we get a CDO room, perhaps at a discount at the NGIS? A: *We're looking to change things up with the CDO watch a little. More later on this one.*

Q: Can we upgrade the vending machines in the White House? A: *I'll ask and see what we can do*

Q: Can we get ammo cans with sand for the gym; the USMC PFA uses them...? A: *We've already have them down by the running track. We don't want to bring sand into the gym, so we'll leave them by the track.*

Q: Can we get a climbing rope in the gym? A: *No. We have the climbing rope machine and we have 8 climbing ropes down by the running track. We don't really have excess room in the gym and all the padding we'd need for a climbing rope inside.*

Q: Are civilians paying less to live in Whiting Pines? Can we start a neighborhood watch in Whiting Pines? A: *First is not a yes or no answer, they pay the same. I'll see if we can get a flyer to the Pines residents to explain the rental structure. Neighborhood watch is a great idea; I'll talk with the housing people.*

That about wraps up this edition of Captain's call questions and answers. Thank you for the candor and openness.