



New Meters For Whiting Field's Conservation Campaign

By Ensign Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field will reinforce its conservation efforts with a high-tech arsenal of utility meters. The devices, which will be installed on all major Whiting structures, utilize radio signals to provide instant consumption data for electricity, water, and gas. The devices' arrival marks Whiting's latest contribution to Navy-wide material efficiency goals.

The resource meters provide the Naval Facilities Engineering Command with a real-time link to individual structures' impact on waste reduction programs. Resource monitoring is a long-standing Navy tool for material conservation, but the Advanced Metering Infrastructure will accelerate and streamline the process.

Whiting Field Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr.



Here is an example of one of the smart meters in use at a Naval facility elsewhere. U.S. Navy file photo by Jon Gagne.

Jason Kranz emphasized that the advanced information technology embodied in the new system is a powerful tool for analysis and response.

“The key point behind the AMI is that it’s a real-time system. With the typical meter, a technician reads consumption once per month. When you have high-consumption buildings like the barracks and simulators... when you have equipment that’s about to break down, it often starts to draw higher power. With AMI, you can see that immediately,” Kranz

noted.

Whiting’s resource efficiency goals complement the Navy’s larger aim of achieving mission readiness through lean, cost-effective use of material. The new meters will empower Whiting, its tenant commands, and broader naval authorities to evaluate the success of related

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Staff Association helps to clean up Blackwater River

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s staff association pitched in and picked up before the end of Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Clean-up May 11 with a trip down the Blackwater River.

Starting at 8 a.m., the group set out in canoes and kayaks to gather the trash and litter left behind by people using the river. In all, 22 people spent about three hours each paddling down the Blackwater, stopping at the sand bars, and picking up the discarded cans, cups and other debris. Dozens of trash bags were filled with the litter.

“It was a good opportunity to take care of the environment and conserve the natural resources in the area,” Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis said. Lewis is the NAS Whiting Field executive officer and the president of the staff association. “A lot



NAS Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis picks up some cans littering the riverbed of the Blackwater river. He and more than 20 other base staff members picked up dozens of bags of garbage from the Blackwater area May 11. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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NAS Whiting health clinic to move into temporary spaces

The Naval Branch Health Clinic at Naval Air Station Whiting Field is moving June 2 to a temporary location on base while the main clinic building undergoes extensive heating and air conditioning upgrades.

The temporary modular building is across from the Navy Exchange and Commissary onboard NAS Whiting Field. The renovations are expected to take up to 15 months to complete.

“The relocation period may require a partial interruption of some of our medical and dental services,” says NBHC Whiting Field Officer-in-Charge, Cmdr. Chris Mino. “However, since the majority of the moves will occur during night-time and weekend hours, the impact on services should be minimal.”

The set-up for the pharmacy will require additional



Workers prepare the temporary home of the NAS Whiting Field Branch Health Clinic in late summer 2010. This modular building will be the home of the clinic for the next year to 15 months. The clinic will move operations into the spaces June 2 to facilitate the main clinic space's heating and air conditioning renovation. U.S. Navy file photo.

staging; and access may be unavailable for a period of time. Patrons are advised to plan ahead for all of their prescription needs.

For up to date information about the clinic's relocation call (850) 623-7508, Ext. 34, or (850) 623-2505.

Medical care services will be available through the Central Appointments call-in service at (850) 505-7171. NBHC Whiting Field will also post schedules and other relocation information on its Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/whitingfieldclinic>.

The address of the temporary clinic is Naval Branch Health Clinic, 7151 USS Wasp Street, Building 3155, NAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL 32570-6155. Clinic telephone numbers will remain the same. The main number is (850) 623-7508.

Ec-nomics

Help Conserve Water for the Environment

Washing your car in a commercial car wash is better for the environment than doing it yourself. Commercial car washes not only use significantly less water per wash – up to 100 gallons less – but they often recycle and reuse rinse water. If every American who currently washes a vehicle at home chose instead to go to a professional car wash – just once – up to 8.7 billion gallons of water could be saved, and some 12 billion gallons of soapy polluted water could be diverted from the country's rivers, lakes, and streams.

Fit your garden hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle in order to prevent waste when the water is turned on and the hose is not being used. You'll save up to 6.5 gallons per minute. If just 10 percent of the U.S. household attached shut-off nozzles to their hoses and the average reduction in hose usage was just thirty seconds per week, the water saved would fill over 128,000 bathtubs every day.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

This Week in Naval History

May 23

1850 - Navy sends USS Advance and USS Rescue to attempt rescue of Sir John Franklin's expedition, lost in Arctic.

1939 - USS Squalus (SS 92) sinks off Portsmouth, N.H., with loss of 26 lives.

1962 - Launch of Aurora 7 (Mercury 7), piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Malcolm Scott Carpenter who completed three orbits in four hours, 56 minutes, at an altitude up to 166.8 statute miles at 17,549 mph.

May 24

1917 - First U.S. convoy to cross North Atlantic during World War I leaves Hampton Roads, Va.

1918 - USS Olympia anchors at Kola Inlet, Murmansk, Russia, to protect refugees during Russian Revolution.

1939 - First and only use of Vice Adm. Allan McCann's Rescue Chamber to rescue 33 men from sunken USS Squalus (SS 192).

1945 - Fast carrier task force aircraft attack airfields in southern Kyushu, Japan.

1945 - Nine U.S. ships damaged by concentrated kamikaze attack off Okinawa.

May 25

1973 - Launch of Skylab 2 mission, which was first U.S. manned orbiting space station. It had an all Navy crew of Capt. Charles Conrad Jr. (commanding), Cmdr. Joseph P. Kerwin, and Cmdr. Paul J. Weitz.

News and Notes

June Lifeguard Class - MWR Aquatics Program is offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Classes this summer. The next classes will be held June 4,5 and 11,12. If you're 15 or older and looking for a great summer job or challenging career that's in demand, the Red Cross Lifeguarding program is the place to start. Through videos, group discussion and hands-on practice, participants will learn patron rescue and surveillance skills, first aid and CPR/AED. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive ARC Lifeguarding certification, ARC First Aid Certification, and ARC CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The cost for the class is \$150.00. For more information please call the Aquatics Coordinator at 850-623-7670.

Blueberry Bash - The ARC Santa Rosa, Inc., 2nd Annual "Blueberry Bash" will be held on Sat, Jun 25, 2011, 0800-1400. They are located at 6225 Dixie Road, Milton. To kick-off the event, a 5K Fun-Run will begin at 7 a.m., with check-in at 6 a.m. To register on-line, visit www.imathlet.com. You can also download the registration form at www.thearcsantarosa.org/documents. Registration is \$25.00 and includes a "Blueberry Bash" t-shirt. Refreshments will follow the run. Late registration fee will be \$30.00 after Jun 4, 2011. This promises to be a family event with many children's activities. A variety of Arts and Crafts and other vendors will be on hand, as well as an array of Fun Food items to enjoy! There will be various local entertainment performing throughout the day! Blueberry plants and fruit will be available for purchase! For additional information, please contact Mr. Debbie Goss at dgoss@bellsouth.net or contact The ARC Santa Rosa at 623-9320.

Present Laughter - Pensacola State College presents The Hit Comedy Play "Present Laughter" written by Sir Noel Coward, May 27-29. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees. All shows are at the PSC Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for with special senior and student pricing at \$8., PSC students have free admittance. Box Office and Info: 484-1847 or pensacolastate.edu

Senior Ice Cream Social - In honor of Older Americans Month, the City of Milton will host an ice cream social for senior citizens on May 27. This free event, will be held at the Milton Community Center, 5629 Byrom Street. All seniors are encouraged to arrive early to socialize, play cards and discover the activities offered at the center. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided beginning at 10 a.m. and ice cream will be served at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Linsey Williamson at 983-5466 ext. 4208 or miltonparks@ymail.com.

Embry Riddle Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the summer term through May 30, 2011. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Bldg, 1417, Room 163. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin May 30, 2011. 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. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

Discovery Workshop - Chaplain Summerlin will be offering a Couples DISC personality type workshop. Come learn more



Paving the Way

Contractors in front of the Navy Exchange and Subway parking lot are working to replace to parking lot surface. Work is expected to be complete before the end of the Memorial weekend. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

about how to relate to your significant other. The seminar is open to active duty; reservists; family members; and civilians. If attending, please have your significant other join you. The class will be held Thursday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Atrium Bldg., classroom 169. Please come in appropriate civilian attire. To register, or for more information, contact the Chaplain's Office at 850-623-7211 or see the NAS Whiting Field Religious Ministry Team Facebook page.

Mt. Pinatubo Reunion - Anyone who was ever stationed in the Philippines or assisted with Operation Fiery Vigil is invited to a 20-year reunion, Sunday, June 12 from 12-2 p.m. at the Cubi Bar Café inside the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola. Cost is \$17.50 per person and reservations are required by May 25. For information, call Gay Lynn O'Hara (850) 607-2449 or email gay.lynn.ohara@gmail.com.

Mulligans Open Late - Mulligan's Bar is now open 1200-till. Sitting high above the 18th green of Whiting Field Golf Course, Mulligan's is a great place to finish up a relaxing afternoon on the links, or just meet up with friends/co-workers to unwind from the productive week. Take advantage of the beautiful view, affordable specials, and friendly atmosphere to get your weekend started right. We hope to see you there soon!

Troy Closing - Troy University's branch office at NAS Whiting Field will close Friday May 27 at the end of the work day. Troy U's point of contact for questions will be David Durham, Assistant Director of Marketing & Development of Military Services. He may be reached via email at dbdurham@troy.edu and by phoe at 850-458-4722 office and 850-292-8434 cell.

Starbase Atlantis Registration - NASWF Starbase Atlantis is now accepting applications for their Summer Program, Session July 11-14. There are 25 spaces available so signups are on a 'first come, first serve basis'. Completed applications can be dropped off at Bldg. 1907 NAS Pensacola, faxed to (850) 452-8288, or emailed to starbaseatlantis@mchsi.com. Cost is FREE! The program is open to any child 9-11 to include visiting grandchild from out of state, home schooled, etc. For additional information, call (850) 452-8287. Please mention Whiting Field Program during the call.

Upcoming Events

May 30 - Memorial Day

May 30, 1100 - Dedication NASWF/CTW-5 section - Veterans' Memorial Plaza

June 3, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

June 17, 1000 - VT-6 Change of Command - Atrium

June 17, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center classes

Developing Your Spending Plan - May 26, 1 to 3 p.m. 623-7177

This class is NOT designed to tell you what to do with your money. This class will challenge you to think before you spend. There is no patent on the right way to handle your money, but there are better ways to get your dollar's worth. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room.

Landrum Staffing Recruiting Event - June 6, 10 a.m. to Noon.- 623-7177

As an industry leader in temporary and permanent staffing services, the recruitment professionals at Landrum Staffing are committed to taking the hassle out of hiring. We are constantly searching to find what you're looking for - the right employee for the right job. <http://jobs.landrumstaffing.com/JobOpenings.aspx>.

Grief Loss and Support Group - June 7, 2 to 3 p.m. - 623-7177

We experience grief and loss for a variety of reasons; death or sickness of a loved one, ending of a relationship, losing a job, experiencing trauma. Our reactions can vary, (e.g., anger, sadness, anxiety, etc). Come gather for support and learn strategies for coping. Call 623-7177 for details.

E-Books Workshop - June 13, 1 to 2 p.m. - 623-7177

Enlisted Retention Board quotas announced

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Initial enlisted retention board (ERB) quotas were published May 18 to provide Sailors a clearer picture of the competition in individual ratings, paygrades, and years of service-competitive categories.

"These initial quotas have been released to show Sailors how focused the ERB will be and to help them make informed career decisions," explained Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of military personnel plans and policy.

As a result of increased competition and reduced opportunity for strong-performing Sailors to reenlist caused by record high retention and low attrition, Navy announced the establishment of the ERB in NAVADMIN 129/11, April 14.

The main objective is to help the Navy achieve mandated end strength by eliminating overmanning in 31 ratings. Rebalancing Navy manpower will have many benefits in the Fleet, including improved Perform-to-Serve reenlistment approval and advancement opportunity in these ratings.

All 15,688 eligible Sailors will first be reviewed for adverse performance; no quotas have been established for this portion of the ERB. Retention quotas will then be applied to years of service (YOS) bands where overmanning is concentrated. These bands are focused by rating and paygrade, and are established to ensure a balance of seniority, skills, and experience necessary to meet current and future Navy requirements.

Since chiefs and senior chiefs in the designated 31 ratings are not currently overmanned in the 7-14 YOS bands, they will not compete for retention quotas, but will still be reviewed for adverse performance.

The quotas posted on the Navy Personnel Command website are first listed by rating and paygrade, with a "rating

inventory" showing the total number in each category. This is followed by the total number of Sailors eligible for the ERB within that category. All of these Sailors will receive a performance review.

For example, when a Sailor looks at the quotas, they will see there are 491 ABF3s and 371 ABF2s in the Navy. Of this group, there are only 2 ABF3's with 7-14 years of service and 180 ABF2's with 7-14 years of service who are eligible for the ERB.

The second block of numbers is further refined and focuses on the number of eligible Sailors within each YOS band subject to the quota-based review. Not all YOS will be subject to quotas. The final block shows the total number of Sailors who will be retained.

Returning to the previous example, the quota-based portion of the board will review the ABF3s with 7-14 YOS, and ABF2s with 7-13 YOS (YOS 14 will not be reviewed for ABF2s). These populations are 2 and 176 respectively, equaling a total of 178 Sailors who will compete for the 101 retention quotas.

These initial quotas are only a snapshot of the current rating manning. Revised quotas will be developed based upon Sailor retention behavior and approved rating conversion requests in the intervening period. These final quotas will be released after the board convenes, following the same process as Enlisted Selection Boards.

To view learn more about the ERB, conversion opportunities and to view the complete quota list, visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/BOARDS/ENLISTEDCONTINUATION/Pages/default.aspx>.

Staff Association

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Lori Aprilliano and Bill Lawson scour the Blackwater River for more trash May 11. The river clean-up was an effort to support the Great American Clean-up sponsored every spring by the Keep America Beautiful foundation. Various organizations around the base generally help keep the area clean throughout the summer. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

of our Sailors use the area, so it serves a dual purpose. We want to keep the area clean for our service members and their families to enjoy, as well as being a good neighbor to the residents of the county.”

The base’s Morale Welfare and Recreation department provided the canoes and transportation to the drop off point about six miles upriver from Whiting Park. MWR employees also picked up the accumulated trash at the end of the trip. All told, several hundred pounds of material was collected for disposal.

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program. The event occurs annually from March 1 through May 31. NAS Whiting Field’s efforts were only a small part of the , estimated 3.9 million participants who donated more than 5 million hours annually to clean, beautify and improve our environments across the country.

It wasn’t all work though since the staff association ended the project with a hot dog cookout on the river.

“It was such a fun day it ought to be illegal,” Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado stated. “It was a great way to spend the day and help the community.”

Smart Meters

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conservation technologies and protocols as they are introduced.

“They have the capability to directly report to a computer system, the engineers at NAVFAC Southeast, NAVFAC in [Washington] D.C.; this is all by radio signal,” explains Whiting Field Project Management Engineer Branch Head Chuck Foster.

“It will show how much, say, installation of occupancy sensors saved in a particular building,” Foster said. NAS Whiting Field authorities will use the AMI consumption data to gauge the effectiveness of new routines, operations, and energy-saving practices as they are introduced. The impact of after-hours “lights out” policies, thermostat settings, and cumulative power requirements of support equipment will be readily apparent due to the faster feedback cycle enabled by the meters.

“The bottom line is that the Navy is pursuing conservation above all else, even renewables... at Whiting, we have the energy conservation goals posted right at the west gate. If you want to target a number, you have to be able to measure results,” Kranz observed.

The addition of advanced resource meters will serve to complement Whiting’s extensive array of conservation efforts. According to Foster, the base already boasts an extensive waste recycling program for paper, plastic, glass, and metal. He adds that five heating systems have been installed to convert waste oil to usable energy.

NAS Whiting Field’s new monitors reflect evolving public and private sector interest in efficient technologies. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established a mandate for federal facilities to install or improve resource-metering devices. Congress clarified its preference for “Smart Grid” technologies - such as interactive radio-meters - with the passage of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocated funding for NAVFAC to improve naval facilities with respect to consumption awareness.

The base’s Public Works Department will install and maintain the meters in conjunction with its civilian partner, PRI/DJI. No fewer than 80 devices will be installed in order to monitor consumption of the three primary utility commodities.

The installation is scheduled to take place as Whiting’s resource consumption reaches its seasonal peak.

“We’re getting ready to start in June, expect to be complete by the end of July,” notes Foster.

SRB adjustments made for FY 2011 by CNP

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- A second adjustment to the fiscal year 2011 Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) Program was announced in NAVADMIN 166/11 released May 18.

SRB is a dynamic market-based incentive program designed to retain Sailors in the Navy's most critical ratings and enlisted classifications (NEC).

The NAVADMIN adjusts the 124 skill/zone combinations that were updated in February, reducing 46 skills and eliminating 34.

The NAVADMIN also outlines a policy change for the SRB program. Reenlistment requests for SRB awards will be approved based on quota availability. Specifically, within 30 days of a particular skill/zone reaching the needed quota for reenlistments, a "shutdown date" will be posted on the PERS-811 webpage of the Navy Personnel Command

(NPC) website.

As with Perform to Serve (PTS), eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their chain of command as early as possible within their reenlistment window to maximize potential for SRB.

PERS-811 will post and update a current list of SRB eligible ratings/skills based on available quotas at, <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlistedcareeradmin/Pages/SRB.aspx>.

For commands with limited internet access, command career counselors should contact PERS -811 directly for the latest updates at (901) 874-2526/DSN 882, FAX (901) 874-2623/DSN 882 or e-mail EMCMS(S) Irish at douglas.d.irish@navy.mil, Mr. Frank Palomo at francisco.palomo@navy.mil, or PSC Bellew at jeffrey.bellew@navy.mil.



DEFY is seeking active duty personnel and/or DoD civilians to serve as Team leaders, Camp Corpsman, and Administrative Assistants for the 2011 - 2012 DEFY Program. Camp will focus on substance abuse prevention, gang resistance, physical fitness, citizenship, conflict resolution, and self esteem development for Youth ages 9 - 12.



Staff Volunteers needed for Summer Leadership Camp 01 - 05 AUG 2011



Persons interested in serving should be:

- Highly motivated
- Interested in positively influencing the lives of military youth,
- Attend day-staff training
- Able to participate Monday - Friday, 01 - 05 AUG 2011
- Have approval from your Command to participate
- Required to be on one week, on cost TAD orders

Pick up an application at <http://www.hq.navy.mil/DEFY> .

Applications are due to DEFY Coordinator no later than 15 JUN 2011. For more information contact ACCS Rowe at (850) 623-7372 or AC2 Brooks at (405)625-7893