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Santa Rosa community throws party for military

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

When Santa Rosa County throws a party for the military, they make it a good one.

Approximately two thousand service men and women, their families, retirees, and civilian employees at Naval Air Station Whiting Field enjoyed the generosity of the community Friday, May 13 during the annual Military Appreciation Day Picnic. The event is hosted on the base each year to coincide with Military Appreciation Month, and is the highlight of the area's recognition of military personnel.

Roxanne Meese was the chairman of the committee charged with planning the event, and spearheaded several new initiatives that helped make the event a tremendous success. Foremost among these was setting a later time for the event to encourage more families to come out and enjoy the day.

"The people I talked to after the event felt it was the biggest one yet," she said. "I think we were really able to reach out and touch the families this time. There

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A couple of children head down the slide of one of the inflatable activities available during the Military Appreciation Picnic Friday, May 13. About 2,000 people attended the event hosted by the Santa Rosa County community for the military service members, their families, and the Naval Air Station Whiting Field team. More than 50 sponsors donated gifts, money, volunteers, food and activities to make the event a huge success. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

VT-3 officer takes supplies to help tornado victims



A fork truck driver brings in a load of water donated by the NAS Whiting Field fire department for a trip up to Alabama. The pallet of water was a portion of the relief supplies taken up by Capt. Brandon Conwill. Photo courtesy of Training Squadron THREE.

By Ensign Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Training Wing FIVE and Naval Air Station Whiting Field personnel joined the national effort to aid victims of the April 26-27 tornadoes that ripped through much of the Southeast. Air Force Capt. Brandon S. Conwill, an instructor pilot with Training Squadron THREE, departed for Alabama, Saturday, May 7, with 3,000 pounds of private donations from base and wing staff members.

Conwill, a native of the Southeast, led the voluntary, all-hands call for relief material. He was moved to act by a profound sense of connection to the people and places affected by the devastation.

"I grew up in the area, born in Meridian, Mississippi, just west of where this happened... it was a tragedy that could just have easily been us. It came down to just being a human being, my Christian beliefs, and thinking, if I was there in that position, I would need help."

Despite spearheading the relief effort, Conwill insists that he was

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Navy Region Southeast Welcomes CMC Herbert Mack Ellis

By Mass Communication Specialist
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Region Southeast Public Affairs

Transitioning from Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific in Hawaii, Command Master Chief (CMC) Herbert Mack Ellis reported to Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) to relieve CMDCM Joseph Curtin, May 9. Ellis' plan for how he will lead the military staff at CNRSE centers on Navy policy.

"For those of us at CNRSE, it is a must that we lead by example," Ellis said. "From our most junior Sailor to our most senior Sailor, we must be on the same page. Education is our page as far as communication, as far as teaching the Navy's policies. I believe if we follow the basic guidelines of educating ourselves and leading by example, we will do well."

Ellis' leadership at the installations command also includes frequent air travel to work with many of his team members at their respective commands throughout the re-



CNRSE Command Master Chief
Herbert Mack Ellis

gion.

"I will be their leader and their mentor," Ellis said of the installation command master chiefs through the Southeast Region. "At the same time, I expect to learn as much from them as they can expect to learn from me. We will communicate. I will be communicating Navy policy and any other information our Sailors need to our installations' CMCs and they will pass that information down to the lowest level."

A Radioman Senior Chief prior to 2001, Ellis was made staff command senior chief of Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet that year by now-Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Rick West. The appointment opened Ellis' eyes.

"I was totally unaware of what was going on in the submarine force before that," Ellis said. "I never could have imagined the amount of energy and education that I would receive from the chiefs of the boats and other com-

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Ec-nomics

Make Your Own Natural Cleaning Products

You may not have given it much thought, but many cleaning products on the market are made from petroleum derivatives. (This also goes for candles, beauty products, fabrics and many other common items.) The average American uses about 25 gallons of cleaning products a year. Since some of these products have a lot of water in them as well, let's assume that it takes half that volume in oil to make them - 12.5 gallons. As an alternative, make your own cleaning products! The process can be simple and fun, and you can scent them exactly to your taste with natural essential oils. Also consider switching to natural candles and beauty products. Savings: 12.5 gallons of petroleum products a year.

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.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

This Week in Naval History

May 17

1940 - FDR announces plans to recommission 35 more destroyers.

1942 - USS Tautog (SS 199) sinks Japanese sub, I-28; while USS Triton (SS 201) sinks I-164.

1951 - Aircraft from carriers attack bridges between Wonsan and Hamhung, Korea.

1962 - Naval amphibious ready group lands Marines to guard Thailand's borders from Communist probes.

1966 - Naval Support Activity Saigon established.

1973 - First woman to hold a major Navy command, Capt. Robin Lindsay Quigley assumes command of Navy Service School, San Diego.

1987 - USS Stark (FFG 31) struck by Iraqi Exocet missile in Persian Gulf, killing 37 Sailors; 21 were wounded.

1990 - USS Roark (FF 1053) rescues 42 refugees from unseaworthy craft in South China Sea.

May 18

1775 - Benedict Arnold captures British sloop and renames her Enterprise, first of many famous ships with that name.

1798 - Appointment of Benjamin Stoddert as first Secretary of the Navy.

1969 - Launch of Apollo 10, dress rehearsal for first lunar landing mission. Navy Cmdr. John W. Young was the command module pilot and Navy Cmdr. Eugene A. Cernan was the lunar module pilot.

News and Notes

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.

Fly In & Chili Cook-off - AMS Aviation will be hosting it's 1st Annual Aviation Fly-In and Chili Cook-off Competition, 1100-1700, Sat, May 21, 2010, at Peter Prince Airport in Milton. Bring your best chili recipe to be entered into the competition! There will be prizes for first, second and third place recipes, as well as the Peoples' Choice Chili! There will also be music, activities, static displays, door prizes and airplane rides galore! Please contact Mr. Joseph Toomey, 623-4704, for additional information.

Navy Federal Credit Union 5K - Navy Federal Credit Union will hold a 5K run Saturday, May 21 beginning at 8 a.m. The event will begin and end in Seville Square and will benefit the Armed Forces Relief Trust. Please call Carla McKeag at 912-0962 for more information or register online at www.IMathlete.com.

Present Laughter - Pensacola State College presents The Hit Comedy Play "Present Laughter" written by Sir Noel Coward, May 20-22 and 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.

Armed Forces Kids' Run - Join us Saturday, May 21, from 9 - 1 a.m. at the MWR running track for the 2011 Armed Forces Kids Run. This great annual event is for children ages five to thirteen, untimed, and designed to recognize all finishers. The first number of entries outlined below will receive free t-shirts; however, there is no limit on number of participants.

5-6 years-old 1/2 mile run/walk (12 shirts)

7-8 years-old 1 mile run/walk (12 shirts)

9-13 years-old 2 mile run/walk (16 shirts)

Registration can be completed online at www.americaskidsrun.org. Parents will receive an email confirmation of registration. For more information, please call Mary Marcoux at (850) 623-7472.



Allied Forces

Rear Adm. Henri Bobin, Chief of French Naval Air Forces, discusses training technology with Cmdr. David Humphreys, T-6 transition officer at Training Air Wing FIVE. Humphreys led guests from the French Aeronavale on a May 4 tour of T-6B simulators. Aeronavale student aviators receive primary training at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Tim Mosso.

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 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!

Upcoming Events

May 20, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

May 26, 0900 - UWF Memorial Day Ceremony - UWF

May 30 - Memorial Day

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

June 3, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center classes

VA Representative - Friday May 20 (Call for Appointment), 8 a.m. to Noon - 623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday May 23, 8 to 10 a.m. - 623-7177

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the housing community center.

How to Apply for a Federal Job - May 23, 10 a.m. to Noon. 623-7177

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 listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the base housing community center.

Family Info Night - May 24 6 to 8 p.m. 623-7177

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.

CYP camp scholarship program now taking applications

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) is accepting applications for its 2011 Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program. The program allows 180 eligible Navy teens, ages 13-17, to attend one of eight all-expenses paid summer camps, schools and workshops.

To apply for the 2011 Navy Teen Camp Scholarship Program, visit www.cnic.navy.mil Click "What We Do," then "Family Readiness." Or, visit www.tinyurl.com/3vu7gz9 to read the brochure and complete the application. Teens are required to write an essay about the adventure they want to experience.

Eligibility requirements include: be a dependent of Navy active-duty or Reserve personnel; be between the ages of 13-17 by June 1, 2011; and possess a valid passport if traveling from a foreign country or applying for sailing camp.

Applications must be received no later than May 20, 2011.



DEFY
DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

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DEFY NAS Whiting Field is recruiting and accepting applications for youths ages 8 - 13 for free-of-charge DEFY Year Leadership Camp.

For further information and a copy of the application form check out the following website: <http://www.hq.navy.mil/defy>.

Camp Date: 1 - 5 of August.

DEFY POC: ACCS ROWE 623-7372
AC2 BROOKS (405)625-7893

Military Appreciation

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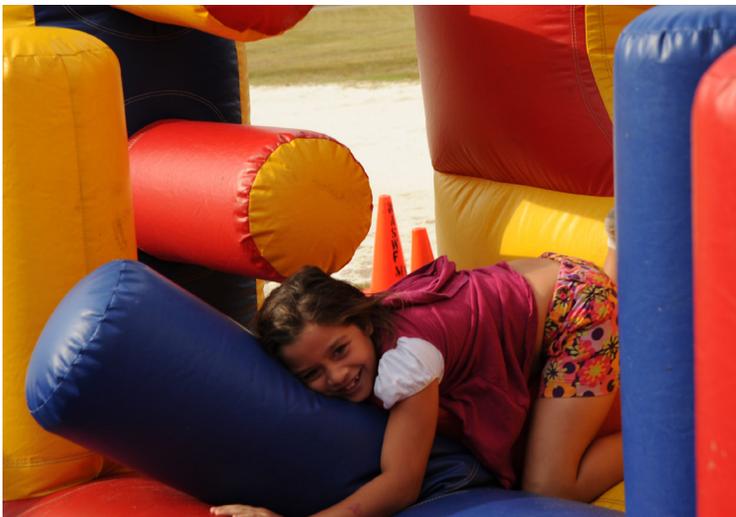
were more kids here and playing on the bouncy rides than I can remember.”

She also said the band received a lot of positive comments, and bringing Decadent Nation to play during the picnic was another major change from years past. The committee coordinated with Morale Welfare and Recreation who worked to bring the band through a Navy entertainment grant.

The rock band from Columbia, Mo., played from 6 to 9 p.m. bringing their hard rock style to cover tunes as well as their original music. The band helped keep the audience in place long after the burgers and hot dogs had stopped being served.

The evening time frame seemed to work well for the attendees. Past picnics were lunch time events running from about 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many people would eat and then go home without their families on-hand to enjoy the festivities. The 4 p.m. start time enabled service members to go home and get the families and bring them back to the event. The fun was still in full force four hours later. The later start time also removed conflicts with normal flight times.

The picnic was very much a family friendly activity.



Viriana Contreras, 7, daughter of Air Traffic Controller Second Class Vanessa Anderson, takes a fall going through one of the stages of the inflatable obstacle course during the Military Appreciation Picnic sponsored by the local community. She doesn't seem to mind too much. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

In addition to lots of food, there were several bouncy slides, a Velcro wall, obstacles courses or houses for the kids to play in. The Gulf Breeze Zoo brought up a few animals for a petting area. Lowes brought some project kits for children to assemble. There were carnival type games, face painting, sand art, bean bag throws, static displays, and more. All of which made the event a fantastic time for the kids.

In total, more than 50 organizations contributed door prizes, food, money and volunteers to make the event a success. There were nearly 60 door prizes given away including a grand

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Decadent Nation rocks NAS Whiting Field



Decadent Nation band members Colin LaVaute, Cody and Adam rock NAS Whiting Field late in the evening May 13. The band hails from Columbia, Mo. and drove the 800 miles to play at the base. It is one of four military base concerts they will play this year. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

As part of Military Appreciation Month, the four members of Decadent Nation drove the 800 miles from Columbia, Mo. to Milton, Fla. to entertain the Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Airmen, Soldiers, and their families, Friday, May 13.

The band played a three-hour concert at Naval Air Station Whiting Field as the cornerstone of the Military Appreciation Picnic hosted by the Santa Rosa County community. The concert was the first of four military base concerts the band will play this summer: NAS Kingsville, June 2; Gulfport, June 9; Naval Base Panama City, June 10; and Naval Support Activity Millington July.

Supporting the military is important to the bandmates, and something they hope to continue throughout their careers. The band's first exposure playing for a military audience was in 2010 at NAS Key West. They played for about 150 people, and the after-action report on the group was extremely positive so MWR kept their information for future events.

“Military guys always seem to enjoy our music, and some of our music is based on military themes,” Cody Sprock, the band's bass player said. “It's a proud feeling playing for these guys, and I would love to play overseas for the troops someday.”

Other band members seem to feel much the same. Colin LaVaute, vocals/guitar; Adam Rolfes, guitar, and Zack Blomberg, percussion all spoke with much the same passion.

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Congrats to TRAWING-5 wingers and scholars



First Row: Cmdr. Hans E. Sholley, USN; Ensign Joseph W.G. Baker, USN; Ensign Grant C.W. Daiss, USN; Ensign Lauren E. Gillam, USN; Ensign Francesco Finazzi, ITNAVY; Lt. j.g. Connor S. Madison, USCG; Lt. j.g. Michael J. Dubinsky, USCG; Ensign Allen D. Hartley, USN; and Capt. Timothy M. Wilson, USN.

Second Row: Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC; Capt. Charles R. Michalk, USMC; 1st Lt. Louis V. Stramaglia, Jr., USMC; Ensign Christian J. Litwiller, USN; Lt. j.g. Eric C. Turner, USCG; Lt. j.g. Ryan J. McCue, USCG; and Ensign Benjamin R. Farnham, USN.

Third Row: Lt. Col. Shawn J. Coakley, USMC; 1st Lt. Jack D. Waldron III, USMC; Lt. j.g. Marco Nardone, ITNAVY; Ensign Michael B. Feay, USN; 1st Lt. Jeremy R. Williams, USMC; and Capt. James Vandiver, USN.



Left Photo: During the May 13 Academic Achievement Awards presentation ceremony the following individuals received award citations: Ensign Bradley J. Shillito, USN; 2nd Lt. Christopher W. Collins, USMC; Ensign Matthew P. Lail, USN; 2nd Lt. Alexander M. Goodman, USMC; 2nd Lt. Christopher K. Adams, USAF; 1st Lt. Shane J. Vigil, USMC; 2nd Lt. Donald A. Groves, USMC; 2nd Lt. Joshua T. McMinn, USMC; and Ensign Christopher A. Nicolet, USN.



Right Photo: 2nd Lt. Jesse W. Salmon, USAF; Ensign Alexander C. Clausen, USN; Ensign William E. Castleberry, USN; Ensign Orion E. Hall, USN; Lt. j.g. Sara Petacco, ITNAVY; and Lt. John W. Gustine, USN were presented the academic awards for May 6, 2011.

Decadent Nation

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The group first formed in 2005, but LaVaute is the only original member still with the group. The current line-up has been together for slightly more than a year, and their current album is getting some play on indie rock station to some strong responses.

“Groovy bottom end, cool guitars, and a singer who draws you in to listen again and again,” was how they were described by Indie-Music.com.

Decadent Nation just released their second independently produced album “So There Can Be No Doubt,” and has been touring to advertise the music. They have shared the stage with the likes of Chevelle, Les Claypool, Three Days Grace, Shadows Fall, Lacuna Coil, Powerman 5000, and Puddle of Mudd. But little they have done excited them as much as when they learned their music inspired some of the service members overseas.

LaVaute relayed a story he was told from a soldier who returned from overseas. A song from the band’s first album was a favorite of one of the tank crews stationed in Iraq.

The crew repeatedly played “Sound the Horn” while getting ready to head out on patrol. According to Blomberg, it was a ritual the team used to “get pumped and ready to go.”

“‘Sound the Horns,’ at the time, I wanted to speak to the moment. The song expresses my personal feelings about the war. I found out later that guys went over there and rolled through Baghdad listening to the song. It really just blew my mind,” LaVaute, the song’s author, said.

The band was brought to NAS Whiting Field through a Navy entertainment grant that covered the band and incidental costs. Decadent Nation played for more than 2,000 people during the picnic, and the report on the group is likely to be just as glowing, based on MWR Director Joseph Vukovcan’s impressions.

“I enjoyed their original stuff as much as their covers,” he said. “Our intention was to cater to young students and enlisted folks. The band nailed it. I think they are a group to watch out for in the future.”



Colin LaVaute, the lead singer for Decadent Nation, is the only original band member from when the group formed in 2005. The current line-up is touring to promote their album “So There Will Be No Doubt.” They sold dozens of the CD following the concert. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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prize of a two-night stay at Margaritaville which included a stipend for food and entertainment. The grand prize was valued at nearly \$1,000.

“We can’t thank the businesses enough. If we didn’t have the sponsorships, we simply couldn’t do this event right,” Kristal Kelley, branch manager of the NAS Whiting Field Pen Air stated. Kelley, one of the committee members organizing the event added, “It takes the community working together as a team. The diversity of organizations and the variety of activities really helped keep people involved.”

Members of this community don’t need much prodding to help when it comes to appreciating the military. Nearly everyone has some kind of connection to at least one of the services and they understand the hardships a military lifestyle entails.

“We both jumped at the chance to volunteer,” Steve



Joe Villanueva paints a patriotic image on Katelyn Pierson, 7, at the face painting booth during the picnic. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Hacker, executive assistant manager at the Milton’s Walgreens said about him and his coworker Jennifer Brumbelow - both of whom were self-proclaimed military “brats.” “There is a lot they do for us over there, and we want them to know the community here notices and that we care.”

In excess of 100 volunteers were on hand cooking the food, watching the slides for safety, supervising activities, manning give-away tents, and serving meals. The day began with the committee bring breakfasts to Sailors at the Navy Outlying Fields. With set up through much of the day and the picnic running through 9 p.m., it was an exhausting day, but well worth the effort.

“I just think it [military appreciation] is important. They are out there doing a great service to our country, and they feel welcome,” Meiss said. “People around here are really appreciative of what they do.”

CNRSE CMC

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mand master chiefs.”

It was a tour that led Ellis in a new direction.

“At one point, I thought I wanted to retire. I’ve always worked hard, but I didn’t make plans to become a command master chief,” he said. “It’s everyone’s dream to be a Navy Chief, and that had been mine, too. Still, I wanted to make a difference, and to make a difference, you have to keep climbing and convince others to do the same.”

According to Ellis, he has found positive guidance from multiple individuals throughout his career.

“I feed off people and believe in influence going both ways, in leading by example. I value effort and integrity, and I value motivation in every Sailor. No one is perfect, everyone should do their best, and we should be able to accept that,” Ellis said. “All of that has led me into the position I’m in today.”

Ellis resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Yvette, and son, Quansulo. Aside from inspiring people to success, he looks forward to focusing on his eleven year old son and enjoys exercising.

Tornado relief

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merely “a catalyst” for the tornado supply drive. He describes the collection as a team effort that engaged almost every facet of the Whiting Field community.

Flight students and instructors donated a diverse array of essentials including bottled water, baby products, and school supplies. Many individuals volunteered to join Conwill for the delivery.

“We had a lot of people who wanted to help [distribute supplies],” he noted with pride.

Military families and NAS Whiting Field’s civilian staff bolstered the effort by contributing material donations and spreading word-of-mouth awareness.

“Krystie Hobson [wife of VT-3 Commanding Officer LtCol George Hobson] really helped me to get word out to the military spouses; she contacted a lot of people for this,” Conwill gratefully observed.

The Whiting Field Fire Department, which is manned by civilian firefighters, donated seventy cases of bottled water. Captain Don Banks, NAS Whiting Field’s fire chief, led an internal relief drive that generated more emergency material than Capt. Conwill could transport.

“Thanks to them, we maxed the U-haul,” Conwill noted with a mixture of satisfaction and regret.

Conwill encountered a similar spirit of determina-

AQUATICS

SUMMER 2011 SCHEDULE



POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

TRAINING POOL	6AM - 6PM - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY *MAY 2 - END OF OCTOBER WEATHER PERMITTING
FAMILY POOL	10AM - 6PM - 7 DAYS PER WEEK *MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND THRU LABOR DAY WEEKEND

ACTIVE DUTY - FREE DEPENDENTS / RETIREES \$2 CHILDREN UNDER 4 - FREE
DOD / CONTRACTORS \$3 CIVILIAN GUEST \$5 (DAY PASS GOOD FOR ALL MWR FACILITIES)
Season passes for up to 5 Family members. \$10 per each additional family member.
Season Pass (Active) \$100 Season Pass (others) \$150

SWIM LESSONS

American Red Cross Swim Lessons- Cost \$50

Session 1: June 13-23 (M-TR) (Make up classes June 27-30)
Session 2: July 05-14 (M-TR) (Make up classes July 18-21)
Session 3: August 1-11 (M-TR) (Make up classes Aug. 15-18)

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

American Red Cross Lifeguard Classes- Cost \$150.00

Class 1: May 21-22 & 28-29 (Make-up Class May 30)
Class 2: June 4-5 & 11-12 (Make-up Class June 18)

KAYAK | RIVER CAMPS

Kiddie Kayak Camp- Ages 7-10 - Cost \$50
Partnership with Outdoor Adventures Program
June 13-17 (M-F) 1500-1600
Location: Training Pool

Youth Kayak Day Camp- Ages 11-17 - Cost \$75
Partnership with Outdoor Adventures Program
June 20-24 (M-F) 0900-1100
Location: Whiting Park

Blackwater River Camp - Cost \$125
July 25-29 - 0900-1200
*with overnight family river trip on the 29th.



more information
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tion, kinship and cooperation during his delivery run. Individuals from all neighboring states, FEMA workers, and many locals - themselves victims - were toiling to aid the most devastated areas, particularly Tuscaloosa, AL.

“There were people from the nearby states; one guy was injured after flying 100 feet in a storm... and he was still helping. There’s a self-sufficient attitude.

“The towns really rallied to help themselves. One high school in Smithville, MS was just about to hold its senior prom, and they lost the school; a local hotel donated space and time to make it happen.”

Despite the resilience of affected residents and the outpouring of support, Conwill stressed that the recovery effort is incomplete, and the ongoing need is great. He witnessed homes destroyed en masse, and communities reduced to “scenes from the Apocalypse.”

State and Federal agencies have estimated the tornado death toll in excess of 300, and thousands remain homeless. Conwill fears that the concurrence of the tornados and the death of Osama bin Laden placed predominantly rural, geographically diffuse victims at a disadvantage in the national media.

“Parts of that region got wiped away, and it kind of got overlooked,” Conwill lamented.