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Aviators honor local veterans

By Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Training Air Wing FIVE aviators honored local veterans at the Sandy Ridge Care Center Monday, Nov. 7. The active duty officers conveyed TRAWING-5's gratitude to the residents of the assisted living facility during a formal presentation of pins and certificates.

Personnel from the Wing have been participating in the center's annual Veteran's Day recognition ceremony for over a decade, according to Sandy Ridge Activities Director Ann Simmons. This year, eleven residents and three members of the Sandy Ridge staff were commended for their past dedication and sacrifices.



Lt. Col. Douglas Scott conveys the Presidential Veteran's Day Proclamation. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso

means not only when they are recognized, but when the others among them are recognized," Simmons reflected.

Veterans, visitors, and center staff commenced with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a group rendition of the *Star-Spangled Banner*. Several members of the assembly strained against infirmities and failing voices to join the chorus; rife with emotion.

TRAWING-5 Operations Officer Lt.Col. Douglas J. Scott conveyed the Presidential Veteran's Day Proclamation before awarding individual commendations on behalf of the wing. Scott met with each former serviceman and offered a

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"You can see in their faces what it

NAS Whiting Field Sailors of the Quarter selected



MA 1 Adam Turner

By Ensign James Hedman, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field officially recognized its distinguished enlisted with Sailor of the Quarter awards for the fourth quarter.

These Sailors were honored for their continued excellence and dedication to their duties as well as community

involvement.

The candidates for the awards were competitive, but only one Sailor could be selected per category: Sailor of the Quarter, awarded to Master-at-Arms First Class Adam M. Turner, Junior Sailor of the Quarter, awarded to Master-at-Arms Second Class Erica D. Roten, and Blue Jacket of the Quarter, awarded to Air Traffic Controller Airman Charlotte A. Miller.



MA2 Erica Roten

Turner serves as NAS Whiting Field Command Investigator, responsible for conducting command investigations and ensuring proper maintenance of evidence storage.

Turner's Leading Chief Petty Officer, Master-at-Arms Chief Russell Nunn says Turner "has unlimited potential" and is "always the go-to guy when a job needs to be completed."

During his tenure at NAS Whiting Field, Turner has trained three junior military, 23 Department of Defense patrolmen, and over 50 contract security guards.

Turner also participated in a joint color guard event at Milton High School for a September 11 memorial, receiving special thanks from the Santa Rosa County Fire Fighters Association President, Chief John Rebel.

Turner also participated in a color guard event at the

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Aviators honor vets

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sincere expression of gratitude on behalf of his active duty counterparts.

Many of the retirees were visibly moved by Scott's gesture. Although confidentiality guidelines bar public identification of residents, many were eager to relate experiences from their uniformed careers.

"The two biggest things from my 24 years, were the Berlin Airlift, when I served with VR-6 (Air Transport Squadron SIX), and the lead-up to Bay of Pigs, when I worked as a plane captain," a former Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class related.

The gentleman was present with his wife, herself recognized by Scott for service as a Yeoman with the Navy *Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service* in the early 1950's.

Sandy Ridge's veterans offered varied personal perspectives on the meaning of the holiday.

Center staff member Scott Dempsey, a retired Navy Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate, recalls the shipmates that he lost in the 1983 Beirut Barracks Bombings that killed 299 American and allied servicemen. Dempsey was aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima (LPH-2) on the day of the attack.

"Veteran's Day brings back quite a few memories; I remember the mushroom cloud rising from the barracks; I

remember it was a Sunday, and we normally didn't conduct flight ops on a Sunday; we started immediately and didn't pause for 24 hours because of the rescue effort.

"We lost the entire Lima Company. I met most of them in the mess... I knew most of the gunny sergeants and staff sergeants. I remember them most of all today,"

Dempsey reflected.

One resident, a former U.S. Army Sergeant First Class, cited the day as being equally evocative of experiences past and present.

"I was in Korea... I don't remember much of it, the fields, the rice patties. More than that, [on Veteran's Day] I think of the people living here with me today, people who served," he stated.

Staff members, wing personnel, and the assembly of retirees agreed that Veteran's Day is a day to honor past veterans, and to be equally grateful for the present and future veterans that past sacrifices have enabled.

The Sandy Ridge staff was united in its reverence for the former servicemen and effusive in its enthusiasm for the occasion.

After the official ceremony, the proceedings gave way to an informal reception during which the active, retired, and military family members were able to make introductions, share memories, and enjoy light refreshments. The center commissioned a special cake to mark the occasion and express its gratitude to all attendees.

Linda Sanders, Activity Director, emphasized that the fidelity and pride of veterans in the home transcends the effects of aging.

"Although they have infirmities and live in a nursing home, you see that they retain the dignity of the uniform and are worthy of the same respect as when they wore it," Sanders explained.

Cmdr. Christopher Pesile, Executive Officer of Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY EIGHT attended with his family to interact with the residents and offer thanks on behalf of the squadron.

"It was an honor to help brighten the day of these veterans as we train the next generation of aviators," he said.

Pesile viewed the reception as opportunity to give thanks, share memories, and experience the enduring pride exhibited by the veteran community.

He, in turn, conveys this ethic to his students as they prepare for the fleet. Pesile believes that understanding the continuum of dedication and professionalism is essential to the process of training military aviators.

"It is important to look back and remember where we came from," Pesile emphasized.



Lt. Col. Douglas Scott presents a certificate of appreciation to Navy veteran Scott Dempsey on behalf of TRAWING-5. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso

This Week in Naval History

Nov. 9

1921 - USS Olympia arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France carrying the body of the Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

1956 - Secretary of the Navy proposes the Polaris missile program to the Secretary of Defense.

Nov. 10

1775 - Congress votes to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

Nov. 11

1918 - Armistice ends World War I.

1920 - Lenah S. Higbee becomes the first woman to be awarded the Navy Cross.

1921 - Washington Naval Conference begins.

1954 - November 11 designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars

News and Notes

“Honoring Service to America” - Colonial Williamsburg will offer free weekend-long admission tickets to active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their immediate dependants Friday through Sunday of Veteran’s Day weekend, Nov. 11-13. The “Honoring Service to America” ticket provides admission to Colonial Williamsburg exhibition sites, art museums, and most daytime programs. It also includes free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, access to the short movie Williamsburg-The Story of a Patriot, and complimentary use of Colonial Williamsburg shuttle buses. These weekend-long admission tickets are available only at Colonial Williamsburg on-site ticket sales locations, including the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center. Appropriate military identification is required. See <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/visit/planYourVisit/ticketPlans/current-offers.cfm> for details.

Pyrate Products - The Blackwater Pyrates now have merchandise (booty?) available for purchase at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy Exchange main store. Items include tee shirts, glasses, cups, pins and more. The local group helps sponsor child advocacy welfare, boater safety, and more.

School Liaison Classes - The School Liaison Officer for Naval Air Station Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field are teaming up to offer a parent meeting every month. The events will rotate the times and the locations of the meetings to try to make it as convenient for as many people to attend as possible. The first class will be held Nov. 15 at “Crosswinds,” the conference center located on board Corry Station, from 10 - 11:30 a.m.. This will be a Home School Support Workshop. We will have guest speakers from the Escambia County School District, the Family Fitness/Wellness Center from Corry Station, the Pensacola LIFE Home school Assoc., the new National Flight Academy, Tutor.com, S.O.A.R., and the NASP Library. The tentative schedule for the next several months is: December - Response to Intervention/Special Needs (NASWF); January - Postsecondary Planning/Financial Aid (NASP); February - Time/Money Management (Designed for Parents and Students) (NASWF); March 13 - Anti-bullying (Cyber) (Designed for Parents and Students) (NASP) and April 10 -



Model Motorcyclist

Rider Coach and Instructor Wanda Brocato from Cape Fox Professional Services instructs class participant Joseph Courey on braking properly Oct. 27. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Experienced Rider Course (ERC) fine-tunes awareness necessary for survival on the road, even for seasoned riders. The seven participants provided their own bikes for the course. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign James Hedman.

Nutrition/Health Habits & Fit Factor (NASWF). For more information, please call (850) 665-6105.

MWR Hours Update - Due to the base-wide power outage on Friday, Nov. 11, the following MWR facility operating hours will be in effect. This is assuming power is restored as projected. Fitness Center - CLOSED; Golf Course - OPEN; Golf Snack Bar - CLOSED; Bowling Center - OPEN 1500 to 2300; Bowling Snack Bar - CLOSED; Liberty Center - OPEN 1500 to 2100; Outdoor Recreation Center - CLOSED; South Field Snack Bar - CLOSED; Coffee Shop - CLOSED; and Whiting Park - OPEN

Family Campout - MWR is encouraging patrons to join them for their first overnight family campout at beautiful Whiting Park. Located on the Blackwater River just minutes from downtown Milton, Whiting Park is the perfect location for a weekend family getaway. Novices and seasoned campers alike are sure to enjoy themselves. Families will enjoy an overnight stay in a secure environment, and take part in some great family fun. Some of the great activities planned are a scavenger hunt, short canoe trip(optional), nature hike, orientation to Whiting Park, and a good old fashion campfire. A scrumptious chili dinner will be provided, but of course campers are welcome to prepare their own. Camp stoves, and a grill will be available. Gear will be provided for those that do not have what they need. A list of recommended equipment can be picked up from the Outdoor Adventures Program. Cost is \$20 per person for those with their own gear, and \$30 for those that need to borrow some. For more information, and to register, please contact the Outdoor Adventures Program at (850) 623-7670. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Commissary Closure - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field commissary will be closed on Veterans’ Day, Fri, Nov. 11, due to the base-wide power outage.

Chapel Services - Despite the power outage, Catholic Mass will be conducted by Monsignor Bosso at 1100, Fri, Nov. 11, at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Chapel



Fair Winds

Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis presents Regina Randle a farewell plaque from the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Staff Association. Randle, who worked with the Public Works department, left to take a position in Pensacola. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope.

Upcoming Events

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

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Holiday

Nov. 11, 0915 - Veterans' Day Parade - Milton

Nov. 18, 1000 - Christmas Party Golf Tourney - Golf Course

Nov. 18, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Fleet and Family Support Center Items

Time Management - Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself, "Where did the day go?" Do you wonder why you have accomplished little? Then this class is for you. The information provided will give you the tools to make the most of a busy day. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. Call 623-7177 for details.

Resume Writing - Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

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 FFSC conference room. Call 623-7177 for details.

Car Buying - Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1 to 3 p.m.

Many people begin the car buying process by visiting a dealership, which should be one of the last things you do. Come find out how to research and compare for the best prices, when and how to negotiate your trade-in, how insurance fits in, and your best option for financing. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. Call 623-7177 for more information.

VA Representative - Friday, Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

For the 13th consecutive year, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center will hold their Elf Tree program to support children of military families and help ensure all children of NAS Whiting Field have joyful and happy holidays. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will put up a Holiday display in their lobby for hanging the tags. Parents who need assistance in providing holiday gifts for their children can come into the FFSC and request sponsorship from Nov. 14 to Dec. 2. Confidentiality is strictly maintained throughout OPERATION E.L.F. Tags with "wish lists," age, gender, sizes, etc. will be placed on the tree for sponsors to select. Anyone may be a sponsor, and a \$25 limit per child is advised.

Ec-nomics

Mind That Thermostat

It's easy to forget to turn down the heat when you leave the building, but doing so is one of the surest ways to save money. Most households shell out 50 to 70% of their energy budgets on heating and cooling, so why pay for what no one uses?

For every degree you lower the thermostat during heating season, you'll save between 1 and 3% of your heating bill.

Make it easier with a programmable thermostat; they are widely available for as little as \$50, and the average family will save \$180 a year with one.

Reduce Paper Waste

Try recycling your phone books. Better yet: Call to stop the phone book delivery and then use an online telephone directory instead.

Telephone books make up almost 10 percent of waste at dump sites.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

NAS Whiting Field Christmas Party Golf Tournament

November 18th shotgun @ 1000
4 Person Golf Scramble

\$35.00 per person

Prizes will be awarded

Come on out and have a good time while
supporting the NASWF Christmas Party.

Pay the day of the tournament.

To sign up:

Contact Randy Roy @ 665-6132

Email randy.roy@navy.mil or

Mike Flournoy @ 665-6119

Email michael.flournoy@navy.mil

Sailors of the Quarter

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University of West Florida, from which he received another letter from the Associate Dean of Students and Director for Inclusion Services and Programs, Dr. Lusharon Wiley.

Turner is also a member of the Command's Anti-Terrorism Training Team, a board member of the First Class Petty Officer Association, achieved a score of "Outstanding" on his most recent PRT, has put in over 80 hours of volunteer service, and is an active softball player and horseshoe extraordinaire.

These achievements are properly summed up as his superiors note, "he is the finest example of a 'First Class Petty Officer.'"

Roten serves as a NAS Whiting Field Patrolman for the Security Department. Her primary responsibilities include upholding NASWF and Department of the Navy rules and regulations in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Department Head Lt. j.g. Daron Pettus noted of Roten, "Her ability to lead has been demonstrated while serving in combat and is beyond reproach." Roten has earned her Expeditionary Warfare Specialist insignia earlier this year.

In regard to improvement and development of her juniors, Roten's most notable achievement was acting as a Force Protection Squad Leader. During this time, she expertly supervised 20 US and Afghan security personnel, which subsequently contributed to the safety and security of over 320 coalition force members.

Roten's other professional responsibilities include Department Vehicle Custodian, Deputy Armorer, Field Training Officer, and Anti-Terrorism Training Team member.

She was also an Afghanistan local community liaison, Pensacola First Baptist Church member, and was awarded the NATO Service Medal for services in the International Security Forces for Afghanistan, among many other accolades.

Miller, Blue Jacket of the Quarter winner, surpasses the criteria for such an award. Her primary responsibility is Flight Planning Supervisor (ground and data controller), which includes leading and training up to three personnel at any time.

Among Miller's most outstanding achievements

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Weekly Spotlight - Sandra Smith

Branch of service:

Civilian

Hometown:

Milton, FL

Job title:

Shortorder cook

Command:

NAS Whiting Field - MWR - Bowling Alley

Years in service:

14 ½ Years

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people – meeting everybody and getting to know them.

What do you envision yourself doing in 5 years?

Hopefully working here.



DEFY students conquer Adventures Unlimited

By Airman Darrah Crow NAS Whiting Field Operations Department

Confidence building exercises, team building exercises, and very high ropes, Oh my! DEFY (Drug Education For Youth) took a trip to Adventures Unlimited recently, and the children had a blast.

For the staff, it was amazing to see the youth overcome their fear as they climbed ladders to walk across logs and cables 25 to 75 feet in the air.

“To see different children, from different backgrounds, come together and work as a team was honestly an incredible experience,” Airman Darrah Crow, one of the DEFY mentors, stated as she described her favorite part about the trip.

Of course, the students wore safety harnesses attached to ropes. The youths were ready for the challenge, and the staff was ready to provide emotional support. Everyone did their fair share of motivating others to succeed.

Air Traffic Controller Senior Chief Trevor Rowe, who heads the program for Naval Air Station Whiting Field, emphasized that building self-worth is the core of the program.

“Before the children got to the high ropes course, they received a DEFY lesson called “Self-Esteem”, and that’s what the day was all about, building self-esteem. Mission accomplished,” Rowe explained.

The day’s challenge commenced by splitting the children into five groups with two mentors per group.

Subsequently, each group started its own team-building exercise, designed to enhance self-esteem and team support.

The first course was a tall ladder composed of rope and wood. Each time a child scaled the ladder, the next climber would be challenged to climb farther and farther apart, resulting in having to climb on each other to get to the next level.

Essentially, it had the youth climbing on each other’s shoulders and knees; pushing each other up to get to the next step. This was the ultimate team building exercise. Without help from teammates there was no way the participants would be able to climb the ladder alone.

The next course was a cable extending 30 feet in the air with ropes crossing on top designed to disorient the climber. This exercise basically required “street smarts,” or ability to navigate around the ropes but stay on the cable and keep balance. The next course was walking across a log, again roughly 30 feet in the air. This course was mentally the hardest because it helped some overcome their fear of heights. It stressed balance and confidence during the 50 foot trek.

The most intimidating part of this activity was



Drug education for Youth (DEFY) students get a safety brief before tackling one of the many obstacles during the confidence course at Adventures Unlimited. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of DEFY NAS Whiting Field.

walking back to the middle of the log and committing to a backward fall as the staff of Adventures Unlimited controlled the descent with the rope until each child safely reached the ground.

The next station was walking across a suspended cable. This was similar to walking across the log but offered less platform for balancing.

The participants had fun with this course because they were lowered upside down when they were coming off the cable. The children liked to call it “The Spiderman,” because they fell back upside down and put their hands out as if shooting webs from their hands, a crowd favorite.

The last course was physically the hardest. It involved climbing up a ladder, through two tires, then up two logs. Only a few youths were able to complete this exercise, but after finishing it, they had smiles on their faces and a feeling of accomplishment darting through their veins.

To conclude the event, the staff and youths were asked to sit in a big circle and summarize their respective experiences in one word. Many of the youths used words like, “awesome” and “fun.” The high ropes course was definitely a physical and mental challenge for all DEFY participants- staff members included.

Learning to work together to accomplish all the events was the biggest “hurdle” they overcame. The children did an outstanding job helping each other. The event had a great turn out and the DEFY youths made memories that they will carry with them for a lifetime.



Two DEFY mentors are all smiles as the students enjoy themselves during the self esteem training at Adventures Unlimited. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of DEFY NAS Whiting Field.

Sailors of the Quarter

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is serving as her command's Sexual Assault Prevention Representative (SAPR). Her Leading Chief Petty Officer, Air Traffic Controller Senior Chief Trevor Rowe, proudly emphasized that "[she] serves as the juniormost Sailor in that capacity!"

Miller's collateral duties include SAPR Victim Advocate, Assistant Historian, and Assistant Training Petty Officer (Blue Crew). Miller, however, finds ways to be just as busy in the community as she does as an air traffic controller.

She contributed over 80 hours as a Girl Scout Troop Assistant in Navarre, 10 hours with the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, is on the Command Assessment Team, and Captain's Cup Softball team.

Division Officer Lt. Chris Mitchell stated that Miller is "the perfect example of what a Blue Jacket of the Quarter should be."

Each award recipient was judged to be representative of the base's top enlisted performers, personnel who are best to emulate. Sailor of the Quarter is reserved for the best enlisted rank of E-6; Junior Sailor of the Quarter is awarded to the top E-5; and Blue Jacket of the Quarter includes Sailors of ranks E-1 through E-4.

These members are automatic qualifiers to be entered

in the Navy-wide search for Sailor, Junior Sailor, and Blue Jacket of the Year selections.

The selective process for these positions is highly competitive, as these professionals represent the best in their fields of work. NAS Whiting Field Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado praised all of the worthy candidates;

"While all could not win, the command was extremely pleased with the competition... Bravo Zulu to all."

ID Card Update

For lost/stolen CAC cards: a police report is still REQUIRED to be presented to the ID Card clerk. The customer MUST also have 2 forms of ID in order for the CAC card to be replaced. Primary form of ID MUST have a photograph on it and can NOT be expired. The secondary form of ID can be either: social security card, voter's registration, passport, birth certificate, any ID from any city, state, or federal government, school ID, concealed weapons permit, or any other ID listed on an I9 form.

In the past, we were able to use the police report as a second form of ID, but due to a new SOP, we are unable to use this as a form of ID for the customer. However, it is still required to be presented

Blackwater River Canoeing Day Trip Saturday November 19, 2011 \$10.00 per person

Join us for a day of leisurely paddling down the Blackwater River. We will be paddling down a section of the Blackwater that will take approximately 3 hours to complete. We will be providing all necessary canoeing gear; canoes, paddles, lifejackets and coolers. We will meeting up at the drop off site were we will pick you up and transport you to the top with the canoes. Once we have paddled back to the bottom we will load the boats and part ways.

What a nice way to spend a Saturday!

Spots are limited so sign up early.

To sign up or if you have questions contact us at 850-623-7670.



Congrats TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Back Row: Cmdr. Hans E. Sholley, USN; Lt.j.g. Nathaniel J. Swank, USN; 1st Lt. James L. Dearth, USMC; 1st Lt. Clayton C. Graham, USMC; 1st Lt. James N. Grim and Col. James D. Grace, USMC.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC; Ensign Matthew W. Agee, USN; Lt. j.g. John E Powers, USN; 1st Lt. Alexander G. Smith, USMC; Lt. j.g. Fahad Al-Qahtani, RSNF; Rear Adm. David A. Dunaway, USN.

Front Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; 1st Lt. Rowdy L. Meinen, USMC; Ensign Joseph A. Downer, USN; Lt. j.g. Thomas E. Hobbs, USN; Ensign Kathleen Lorraine Tidwell, USN; Lt. j.g. Claire C. Geilfuss, USN; Lt. j.g. Bryon R. Yoder, USN; Lt. j.g. Justin L. Siddall, USN.



Left Photo: Ensign Kristina F. Mullins, USN, and Lt. j.g. Michael I. Freeman, USCG, display their Academic Achievement Awards Oct. 28 after receiving them in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



Right Photo, Front Row: 2nd Lt .Shelby W. Judd, USAF; 2nd Lt. Brian K. Walpole , USMC.

Back Row: Ensign Neil W. Whitesell, USN; 2nd Lt .James D. Campbell, USMC; Ensign Alex J. Tidei, USN.

Local businesses treat military to Veterans' Day specials

Applebees - Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: There will be 7 entrées to choose from. Military ID or proof of service required. Find locations at <http://applebees.com/>.

Chili's — Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours on November 11, 2011 at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included.

Golden Corral — Free meal, Monday Nov. 14: The 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner will be held on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 from 5 pm to 9 pm in all Golden Corral Restaurants nationwide. The free "thank you" dinner is available to any person who has ever served in the United States Military.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Friday Nov. 11th.

Outback Steakhouse — A week of Free Bloomin' Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 - Friday Nov. 11. Outback Steakhouse is honoring America's military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola product during the week leading up to Veteran's Day.

Subway - Free Six Inch Sub. Select Subway locations offer a FREE six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Buy one get one free Nov 11-14. At participating locations for anyone with an old or current military ID.

The Dollar General — Veterans, service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Sears – Local Sears stores are offering Veterans an additional five percent on home electronics and ten percent on home appliances, floor care, lawn and garden, as well as select other items for their Salute to the local Heroes Nov. 11 and 12. Discounts apply on already reduced merchandise.

Photocopying of military ID cards is prohibited

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Monique K. Hilley, Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Commander, Navy Installations Command issued an announcement reminding all personnel that the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC) is strictly prohibited, Nov. 1.

There have been recent incidents reported of commercial establishments photocopying U.S. government identification to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service. These incidents are a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Although commercial establishments may request to see military/government identification, they may not photocopy or duplicate it in any way. Many military personnel and commercial establishments are unaware of the prohibition and the reasons it exists, which results in this being a fairly common practice.

Because of the access the cards grant, criminal elements and terrorist organizations place obtaining U.S. government identifications at a premium when planning acts against the U.S. military. If a copied military or government identification fell into the wrong hands, it could spell disaster for the Armed Forces and the nation.

Unfortunately, there are no safeguards in place to prevent a counterfeit military/government identification card from being produced based on a photocopy provided to a commercial establishment. For this reason, personnel are requested to remain vigilant in ensuring they do not allow anyone to photocopy their identification cards.

CNIC recommends that all personnel, both military and civilian, provide a state drivers license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied when there is a request for such information by a commercial establishment.

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