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25 Sailors earn frocking honors

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

Naval Air Station Whiting Field recognized the professional advancement of 25 outstanding Sailors at a frocking ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Base Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presented each selectee with a personalized frocking letter and congratulations.

The frocking honor is a Navy tradition whereby the selectee is authorized to assume the title, professional responsibilities, and wear the uniform of the next rank prior to the Sailor's formal



Naval Air Station Whiting Field frocking selectees stand at attention prior to receiving frocking honors on Nov. 23. Twenty-five Sailors advanced through the fall exam cycle this year. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

promotion. The Sailors are authorized these privileges in advance of formal promotion on the basis of superior performance of duty and exhibition of exemplary character.

Coughlin used the occasion to acknowledge the caliber of the honorees and to implore each to embrace the expanded role each will play. Although the frocking distinction is granted in advance of formal promotion, Coughlin emphasized that the obligations of elevated rank became

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Upgraded carts enhance safety/comfort for RDOs

By Ensign James Hedman, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Standing watch in a little box out in the open sun of an airfield is probably never going to make a top-ten list of anyone's favorite things to do, but the Runway Duty Officer (RDO) watch for Training Air Wing FIVE, which requires exactly that, may have just gotten a little more comfortable.

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy Outlying Fields (OLF) and the base's north and south runways are in the midst of receiving renovated RDO carts which will serve as a welcome improvement for Training Air Wing FIVE instructor pilots standing duty. Six of the eight newly re-finished carts have been delivered with two more in progress.

The upgraded carts will greatly enhance safety and provide added comfort for the watchstanders through new generators, more capable air conditioning and a better stabilized towing system. The older generators in the previous carts were prone to failure. A non-functioning generator means non-functioning radios, air conditioning, wave-off



One of the newly remodeled Runway Duty Officer carts is manned for a watch recently at one of Naval Air Station Whiting Field's airfields. Training Air Wing FIVE worked with Brian Petsel from the base's ground electronics division to design a new trailer frame that could handle the increased size of the new generators, which make the carts more reliable and comfortable. Photo courtesy of TRAWING-5.

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2012 Scholarships for Military Children opens



Scholarship for Military Children recipient Jessalea Miller stands with her father, Dennis Miller; her mother, Cheri Miller; and Kim Jackson, the NAS Whiting Field commissary store director, after being presented with the 2011 scholarship. The Defense Commissary Agency will begin taking applications for the 2012 scholarships Dec. 1. Photo courtesy of Bobby Brooks.

By Tammy L. Reed, DeCA marketing and mass communications specialist

FORT LEE, Va. – 2011 Scholarships for Military Children recipient Jordan Cherry said receiving extra money for college lightened her financial load.

“This scholarship definitely decreases the financial burden of school, which we all know is a big benefit,” she said.

Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available starting Dec. 1 at commissaries worldwide as well as online through a link on <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Awards will be based on funds available, but the program awards at least one \$1,500 scholarship to a student at each commissary. Scholarships are funded by donations from commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public. Every dollar donated goes directly to funding scholarships. No taxpayer dollars are expended on the scholarship program.

If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary are used to award an additional scholarship at another store.

The scholarship program was created to recognize military families’ contributions to the readiness of U.S. armed forces and the commissary’s role in the military community. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded more than \$9.3 million in scholarships to 6,069 military children from 62,000-plus applicants.

“While these numbers are impressive, what’s even more impressive is what past scholarship recipients are doing with their education,” said Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu. “Many recipients have entered a wide range of career fields such as teaching, business, law and military service – to name just a few. Many

others have earned advanced degrees. They are making their way in this world, and they are making a difference.”

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be a dependent, unmarried child, no older than 21 – or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university – of a service member on active duty, reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2012 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay on a topic which will be available Dec. 1 on <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 24, 2012.

The scholarship program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship-management services organization, evaluates applications and awards these scholarships. If students have questions about the scholarship program application, call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

This Week in Naval History

Nov. 30

1942 - In Battle of Tassafaronga, last major naval action in the Solomons, U.S. forces prevent a Japanese attempt to reprovision the Japanese troops on Guadalcanal. Six U.S. ships are damaged in the action.

Dec. 1

1921 - In the first flight of an airship filled with helium, Blimp C-7 piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Ralph F. Wood left Norfolk, Va., for Washington, D.C.

1959 - Bureau of Ordnance (BUORD) merges with Bureau of Aeronautics (BUAER) to form the Bureau of Naval Weapons (BUWEPS).

Dec. 2

1908 - Rear Adm. William S. Cowles submits report, prepared by Lt. George C. Sweet, recommending purchase of aircraft suitable for operating from naval ships.

News and Notes

Milton Christmas Schedule - The Christmas light displays in downtown Milton kicked-off Nov 25 and will continue to be lit every evening through Jan 2. The Dragonfly Gallery Christmas Store already has their holiday lights on for patrons' enjoyment and will keep them on through Jan. 3. December 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m., Milton will hold their Gallery Night and Light Up Milton festivities with a reception at Dragonfly Gallery, horse and carriage rides, Blackwater Bistro elf dining, carolers, a puppet theatre and more - plus an appearance by the big guy himself, Santa. The annual Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce will host their Christmas Parade, Dec. 3, beginning at 6 p.m., and Dec. 10 will feature the popular light boat parade kicking off at 7 p.m.

Camp Walton Christmas Open House - The Heritage Park & Cultural Center will hold its annual Christmas Open House at the Camp Walton Schoolhouse Dec. 3 from 1-5 p.m. Join in for a free admission day with live music from 2-4 p.m., children's games and crafts, home-baked goodies, and local history. Santa will arrive on an antique fire truck at 4 p.m. and he will light the tree at 5:00 p.m.

12th Avenue Holiday Trolley - Pensacola's 12th Ave. businesses are ringing in the holidays with the 13th annual Holiday Trolley Tour. There will be two trolleys running up and down 12th Ave, Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m., stopping at all participating businesses, where people can disembark enjoy food, drink, activities, entertainment, shopping and other festivities. The trolley is free. Please call (850) 434-6168 ext. 6 for more information.

School Liaison Meeting - Chris Hendrix, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's School Liaison Officer, is coordinating a meeting to help brief parents on educational options available for their children. The meeting will cover topics such as exceptional education needs, home schooling, ESE, response to intervention, and individual education plans. The brief will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Pace High School room 404. Call (850) 665-6105 for details.

Ring Those Bells - Santa Rosa's Clean Community System is kicking off the holiday season with a special event for kids to raise money for their new Fireman's Recycling Station. Tickets are \$5, with seating limited to thirty-six at each time. Children five and under must be accompanied by an adult. Each session will last approximately an hour or possibly a little longer. There will be one seating at 11 a.m. and a second at 2 p.m. It will take place in the Clean Community Education building, 6758 Park Avenue in Milton Dec. 10. Children will enjoy refreshments, a hands-on Christmas recycling craft project, favors and will be read the "Firefighter's Night Before Christmas" by special guests, Santa Rosa County Judge, Robert Hilliard at 11 a.m. and Milton Mayor Guy Thompson at 2 p.m. Kathy Marshall of the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Department will be available to sign during the 11 a.m. seating only. Additionally, City of Milton firemen will be on hand to show children fire equipment and the city's fire engines.

Santa Fly-In - come see Santa Claus fly into Milton Airport Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Santa will fly in at noon. This is a free community event sponsored by Aviation Exploring Post #421 and AMS Flight School. All children ages 10 and under will receive a present from Santa. Santa will pose for pictures with the children in front of the airplane as well. There will be bouncy houses; hay rack rides; and hot chocolate, cider and cookies for the



Recognizing Top Sailors

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Phillip Watson receives his Navy Achievement Medal from Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin. The award was presented during the safety stand-down in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

kids to enjoy. Call (850) 623-4151 for more information.

ERAU Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the Spring 1 term through January 9, 2012. 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. Late registration and add/drop a course for a full refund will be held January 9-13. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin January 9. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 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. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

Looking for a Few Good Men - Did you play baseball in high school or college? If so, the NAS Whiting Field Warriors might be looking for you. The Warriors are looking to add players to their roster for the upcoming USSSA Military Intramural Softball Tournament Series that leads to the Military World Tournament in Panama City Florida. The Warriors have finished third in the World Tournament the last two years in a row. Please call Todd at (850) 665-6102 or email him at (todd.mooneyham@navy.mil) to get your information on try-outs for this year's team.

Pensacola Ice Flyers Tickets - Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Information, Tickets and Travel office has Pensacola Ice Flyers home game tickets available now in Bldg. 1417 (next to Pen Air Federal Credit Union). The discounted tickets are only \$8.50 per ticket and the seats are in section 112. Similar seats cost \$16 at the gate. There are a limited number of tickets available per game. The upcoming schedule includes:

Friday, Dec. 9 - Mississippi Surge @ 7:05

Friday, Dec. 16 - Columbus Cottonmouths @ 7:05

Friday, Dec. 23 - Columbus Cottonmouths @ 7:05

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Louisiana Ice Gators @ 7:05

Thursday, Dec. 29 - Mississippi Riverkings @ 7:05

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2, 1000 - HT-8 Change of Command - Base Auditorium

Dec. 3, 1800 - Milton Christmas Parade - Stewart Street

Dec. 6, 1030 - Tree City USA Tree Planting - Fire House

Dec. 6, 1100 - NASWF Christmas Tree Lighting - Bldg. 1401

Dec. 10, 1800 - NASWF Christmas Party - Sikes Hall

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Fleet and Family Support Center Items

Resume Writing - Monday, Dec. 5, from 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.

Consumer Awareness - Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

According to the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, fraud cost consumers over \$40 billion dollars every year. We are constantly approached by people trying to take our money. Some offers are truly fraudulent and illegal, most, however, are simply rip-offs and misrepresentations. Don't be a victim! Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. Call 623-7177 for details.

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.

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Dodge The Drafts

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, drafts can waste 5% to 30% of your energy use. Start simple and adopt that old Great Depression fixture -- the draft snake, which you can easily make yourself.

Just place a rolled bath towel under a drafty door, or make a more attractive DIY draft snake with googly eyes, felt tongues and the like. You can use any scraps of fabric -- even neckties -- and fill with sand or kitty litter for heft.

Make sure drafts aren't giving your thermostat a false reading too, and read on for more advanced solutions.

Phone Books

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.

Tree City USA 2011

Tree Awareness Week

December 5-9, 2011



All station personnel are invited to attend:

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's
20th Annual Tree Planting Ceremony

Where: **North side of Fire Station**

When: **Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

Time: **10:00 am**

The River Birch being planted will serve as a symbol of NAS Whiting Field's commitment to a healthy environment, in addition to providing aesthetic beauty.



**The planting will coincide with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting taking place in front of building 1401 at 10:30 am on December 6, 2011.



Florida Bright Futures online application opens Dec. 1

For students anticipating graduation in June 2012, December 1st marks the first day they can go online to complete the application for the Bright Futures Scholarships and other state loans and grants. Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org, select "State Grants, Scholarships & Applications" and then select "Apply Here." The completion of the Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application gives the Florida Department of Education permission to evaluate the student's high school transcript and test scores for eligibility for state scholarships and grants.

General eligibility requirements include the following:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at an eligible Florida postsecondary institution.
- Begin using the scholarship funds within three years of high school graduation (unless enlisting directly in the military after high school graduation. Then the three-year period begins upon date of separation from active duty).



Chris Hendrix
Schools Liaison Officer

- Have not been found guilty or pled no contest to a felony charge.
- Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours.

A major change to this year's process is the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is now a REQUIREMENT for Bright Futures eligibility. Up until now, the FAFSA was required for any federal financial aid, including Pell Grants, Perkins and Stafford loans, and work-study. Florida has now joined several states and many school financial aid programs which require the FAFSA.

The online Florida Financial Aid Application is a self-reported document. The student can use his transcript from last June to complete the application. All information will be verified when the district uploads his first semester grades and courses in January of 2012.

If you need additional help when completing a FAFSA for the first time, you can go online to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

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Weekly Spotlight - Lt. Cmdr. Martin Ortiz

Branch of service:

USN

Hometown:

Moorpark, Calif.

Job title:

Training Squadron SIX Logistics/Security Officer

Command:

VT-6

Years in service:

12

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Interacting with SNA's and teaching them how to fly.

What is the best part of working for/with the Navy?

Great opportunities

What do you envision yourself doing in 5 years?

Completing my last tour before retiring, hopefully something flying.



Frocking

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incumbent with immediate effect.

“Your appointment carries with it the obligation that you exercise increased authority and willingly accept greater responsibility.

“Occupying now a position of greater authority, you must strive with a renewed dedication toward the valued ideal of service with honor,” Coughlin declared.

He enjoined each Sailor in a brief discussion of the member’s service at the air station, and base Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis facilitated the awards as presiding officer of the ceremony.

Second Class Petty Officers were frocked to First Class, Third Class Petty Officers were frocked to Second Class and Airmen were frocked to Third Class.

Sailors from NAS Whiting Field who were selected for advancement to Petty Officer Third Class included the following members: Air Traffic Controller Airman Darrah Crow; Air Traffic Controller Airman Daniel Flores; Air Traffic Controller Airman Charlotte Miller; Air Traffic Controller Airman Noah Onevathana.

“It’s an honor to progress in rank, and I’m looking forward to continue to take on the new responsibilities that I’ve gained,” Miller noted.

Sailors who were selected for advancement to Petty Officer Second Class included the following members: Air Traffic Controller Third Class Jeffrey Wooten; Air Traffic Controller Third Class David VanMeter; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Jeremy Robertson; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Vince Pompa; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Zachery Pickle; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Zachary Nance; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Brad Lovin.

“It’s going to allow me to grow - give me more responsibility, and that is what I was looking for,” VanMeter reflected.

Additional Sailors who were selected for advancement to Petty Officer Second Class included the following members:



NAS Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis announced and congratulated the honorees. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Shawn Johnson; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Alvinet Johnson; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Tyler Hulshizer; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class David Harrell; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Benjamin Goebeler; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Dylan Forsyth; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Brian Courey; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Ogarry Clarke.

Clarke, who enjoyed the double distinction of promotion and recent selection as NAS Whiting Field Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of 2011, derived great satisfaction from the occasion.

“It was a very fulfilling feeling. I know this is a competitive rate, to advance in this rate is a true honor,” Clarke exclaimed.

Sailors who were selected for advancement to Petty Officer First Class included the following members: Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Second Class Anthony Taylor; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Second Class Korinne Reese; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Second Class Johnny Payanomendez; Aircraft Boatswain’s Mate Second Class Roger Eagleson.

Eagleson rendered a satisfied and succinct verdict on his path to success: “it’s hard work, and this is a great feeling.”

Emerging challenges including Perform to Serve, high year tenure, and Enlisted Review Boards have cemented the primacy of advancement in Navy career progression. NAS Whiting Field Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado lauded the Sailors but stressed that looming DoD personnel reductions should inspire continuous efforts to excel.

“It’s exciting to see these Sailors achieve this significant milestone in their careers. We want to see everyone who wasn’t selected make it next cycle, and we are standing by to help,” he stated. “It takes a lot of hard work and preparation to be selected for promotion and all of NAS Whiting Field is proud of their accomplishments. So we congratulate them on their success, and they should enjoy it – but it is only one step in what we hope will be long string of accomplishments.”

Bright Futures

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dentFinancialAid.org for additional information on the Bright Futures Application. Starting with the 2011-2012 high school graduates, more community service hours will be required for the scholarships. Learn how to create a PIN (Personal Identification Number) online. This year the state will not be sending acceptance letters by mail so it is important for students to know how to check the status of their application and award online.

Funding for the scholarship does not begin until the fall term following high school graduation. Scholarship recipients are not eligible for funding during the summer term immediately following high school graduation. The academic year begins in the fall and ends in the summer. Summer disbursements are only made if funds are available. You can check the website each year for summer funding information.

If you have questions or concerns about an educational issue impacting your child, contact Chris Hendrix, NAS Whiting Field’s School Liaison Officer, via email at christopher.p.hendrix@navy.mil or by phone at (850) 324-1154.

Congrats TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Back Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew R. Poulin, USN; 1st. Lt. Reed C. Inglee, USMC; 1st. Lt. Jason D. Amundson, USN; Lt. j.g. Thomas J. Cameron, USCG; Ensign James D. McKenzie, USN; Lt. j.g. Brandon L. Tomblin, USN; Lt. j.g. William M. Burt, USCG; and Cmdr. Joseph M. Staud, USN.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Hans E. Sholley, USN; 1st. Lt. Travis G. Denny, USMC; Lt. j.g. John W. Pasichnyk, USN; 1st. Lt. Louis E. Prosperie III, USMC; 1st. Lt. Steven M. Lemons, Jr., USMC; Ensign Daniel J. Rudolph, USN; 1st. Lt. Jeremy E. Weber, USMC; Ensign Brian A. Small, USN; and Ensign Kerwin S. Post, Jr., USN.

Front Row: Cmdr. Christopher S. Amador, USN; Ensign Brittany N. Amerau, USN; Lt. j.g. Walter S. Fredenhagen III, USCG; Ensign Brandon S. McReynolds, USN; Lt. j.g. Darin S. Coleman, USCG; Lt. j.g. Joseph J. Ciaravella, USCG; Lt. j.g. Andrew G. Jarolimek, USCG; Ensign Emanuel Otero, USN; and Capt. James J. Fisher, USN.



Ensign Kenneth O'Loughlin, USN; Ensign Michael Vaughn, USN; Ensign Shari Kleiman, USN; Ensign Michael Ellwood, USN; and Ensign Thomas Mennerich, USN, display their Academic Achievement Awards Nov. 18 after receiving them in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.

RDO carts

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lights, and anemometers for reporting wind speed. Non-operational carts limited the number of available outlying fields which TRAWING-5 could use and by extension, the number of exercises they could conduct. Ultimately, the efficiency of the training pipeline could be compromised, and had to be avoided at all costs according to Lt. Christian Hansen, TRAWING-5's fixed-wing assistant operations officer.

"Losing an NOLF is huge for pilot production. Each NOLF is necessary for training, as well as giving instructors flexibility in how they need or want to conduct the sequence of events for each training flight," Hansen said.

Heavy use of an NOLF or inclement weather might make it safer to fly training flights elsewhere. With the enhanced reliability of the renovated RDO carts, alternate locations are much more likely to be available. This decreases the work load on the RDO's at any given field and improves flight availability and safety. With new generators online, all OLFs will be operational at any given time – a huge improvement from its former state. Not only does this increase production, but it also gives the instructor pilot options and flexibility when preparing for their flights. This is another operational advantage when it comes to completing syllabus requirements.

In addition to being more reliable, the new carts are quiet in comparison to the former RDO carts. So quiet, in fact, that Hansen says, "You can carry on a conversation easily right in front of it." Liquid cooling is also equipped in the generators which are important in combating summer's heat when compared to the old models that used air cooling.

The new generators and anemometers were purchased, but the existing cart structure couldn't handle the size or weight of the generators. Brian Petsel, who works in ground electronics on base, designed and engineered a frame that could accommodate the newer, larger, and heavier generators. Working with Eddie English's Boat Trailors, the remodeled cart frames were constructed on time and at a cost far less than what would have been required from an outside contractor. If purchased outright, the RDO carts would have totaled approximately \$200,000. As is, the project cost \$60,000, saving TRAWING-5 around \$140,000.

"Overall, the generators will provide years of reliable service for the future," Hansen said. What makes Mr. Petsel's contribution so impressive is that he engineered the entire installation, as this is a completely custom application. His professionalism, outstanding work ethic and patience in dealing with a mountain of details were instrumental to bringing our RDO cart face-lift program from concept to reality."

NAS Whiting Field MWR Outdoor Adventure Program January 2012 - September 2012 Adventure Trip Schedule	
<p>Blackwater Backpacking/Camping January 14-16 (MLK day) \$60.00</p> <p>Florida Caverns Tour Day Trip February 4 \$20.00</p> <p>Oak Mountain Mt. Bike/ Hike/Camp February 18-20 (President's Day) \$70.00</p> <p>UWF Mountain Biking Day Trip March 10 \$15.00</p> <p>Fort Pickens Camping March 24-25 \$50.00</p> <p>Fort Pickens Day Kayaking Trip April 14 \$15.00</p> <p>Ocoee Whitewater Rafting III-IV+ April 27-29 \$160.00</p> <p>Tallulah Gorge Full Moon Hike May 5-6 \$70.00</p> <p>Stand-up Paddle Board Day Trip May 12 \$20.00</p>	<p>Chattooga Whitewater Rafting III-V May 26-28 (Memorial Day) \$180.00</p> <p>Nantahala Whitewater Rafting I-II+ June 29-July 1 (Families Welcome) \$110.00</p> <p>Stand-up Paddle Board Day Trip July 14 \$20.00</p> <p>Ocoee Whitewater Rafting III-IV+ July 27-29 \$160.00</p> <p>Adventures Unlimited Tubing Trip August TBA \$15.00</p> <p>Cheoah Whitewater Rafting (experienced rafters only) September 1-3 (Labor Day) \$200.00</p> <p>Blackwater Canoeing Day Trip September 15 \$10.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information please contact us at 850-623-7670 or email us at outdooradventure.wf@gmail.com</p>