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NASWF Celebrates Hispanic-American Heritage

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Using food, music and remembrances of time spent abroad, Naval Air Station Whiting Field recognized the significant influences Hispanic culture has on our society. The luncheon event at the base auditorium observed Hispanic-American heritage month.

Established in 1988 to celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, Hispanic-American Heritage Month is now celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The event was originally proclaimed as National Heritage Week in 1968, but was expanded to those dates to coincide with the anniversaries of the independence of five Latin American countries, Mexico and Chile.

Navy bases across the country will celebrate Hispanic-American Heritage Month to recognize the experiences and contributions they have made to the maritime forces.

Today, contributions of Hispanics to the mission of the Navy are woven into every segment of naval operations. Recognizing that America's strength lies in its diversity, it is in the Department of the Navy's best interest to draw from every diverse group in our nation. We must leverage the strength of the diversity that our nation and our people have to offer," the honorable Juan M. Garcia, III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) said.

The event was coordinated by the cultural affairs committee to help bring disparate



Air Traffic Controller Second Class Adriana Ayala-Barcellos performs a salsa routine for the Hispanic Heritage luncheon. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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Fire/Crime Prevention Focus of Fair at Whiting Pines



Sparky the Fire Dog shares a hug with two children attending the 2009 Fire and Crime Prevention Fair. Several hundred people enjoy the annual event to promote fire and safety programs to members of the Whiting Field family. The 2010 event will be held 5 p.m., Oct. 5 at Whiting Pines. U.S. Navy file photo.

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fire Department, Security, Safety, Fleet and Family Support Center, MWR and a host of other organizations are working together to bring the 13th annual Fire and Crime Prevention Night Oct. 5 to the Whiting Pines housing complex.

The event serves as a kick-off for the National Fire Prevention Week, and will offer a great way for children and adults to enjoy an entertaining evening while learning how to reduce the dangers associated with household fires and to utilize crime prevention practices.

The event kicks off at 4:45 p.m. with a parade through housing featuring elements of the base fire and rescue units, base police vehicles, Milton Fire Department, Life Guard Ambulance, Santa Rosa County Sherriff's Office, Skyline Fire Department, as well as other area and base entrants. Following the parade, numerous events will be held to help educate housing residents on fire, crime, and mishap prevention techniques, such as: fire extinguisher training, drunk driving goggles, fingerprinting for

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Don't Neglect Your Smoke Alarm, It Is a Sound to Live With



By Craig Lewis, Fire Prevention Chief, Fire and Emergency Services Gulf Coast

"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With" is a great theme but unfortunately, one too often neglected. Yes, neglected, and for what reason? Is it the constant chirping or beeping every fifteen seconds that annoys one to the point of removing the battery without replacing it with a new one? You don't have the time to change it out? You've never had a fire so you don't really need it right now but when you can you'll get around to it?

From January to August 2010

ported 68 deaths related to non-working smoke detectors due to no batteries. One update reported a home which had three smoke detectors with no batteries and another cited the battery in backward. Reported ages ranged from one to 84 years old and from a single death to as many as four. In this modern age of technology we need to slow down and test our smoke detectors monthly, replace the battery and practice E.D.I.T.H – Exit Drills In The Home. These three simple things can save your life.

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of causes for the fires; here are a few: loose clothing worn while cooking and unattended cooking, children playing with lighters/matches, space heaters too close to combustibles, overloaded electrical circuits, careless smoking and reentering the home after being out. These are real events so please heed the warnings and instruction.

Perform a fire/safety home inspection and check to ensure you can easily open both primary exits (doors) and secondary exits (windows.) Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and change batteries at least every six months. Look for Electrical hazards such as frayed appliance, equipment or light cords. Don't run them under your carpets, and never use extension cords in place of permanent

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This Week in Naval History

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

1941 - Launch of first Liberty ship, SS Patrick Henry, in Baltimore.

1950 - First Marine Division captures Seoul, South Korea.

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

1850 - Congress outlaws flogging on Navy ships.

1923 - Navy aircraft take first and second places in international Schneider Cup Race.

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

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

1946 - Lockheed P2V Neptune, Truculent Turtle, leaves Perth, Australia, on a long-distance non-stop, non-refueling flight that ends October 1.

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

TRICARE Notes

ADJUNCTIVE DENTAL CARE COVERED UNDER TRICARE PRIME

TRICARE Prime does not cover routine dental care, but it does cover adjunctive dental care services. So what is "adjunctive" dental care? In most cases, these services are medically necessary for the treatment of covered medical (not dental) conditions. Adjunctive dental care refers to an integral part of treatment for a covered medical condition, or dental trauma resulting from medically necessary preparation for or treatment of an injury or disease. Adjunctive dental care requires prior authorization from Humana Military.

Routine Dental Care

It is important to remember that the TRICARE medical benefit does not cover routine, preventive, restorative, emergency, prosthodontic or periodontic dental care that is not related to a medical condition.

Visit www.tricare.mil and click on Dental for more information about enrollment to the TRICARE Dental Program or the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

Emergency Dental Care

TRICARE may cover the removal of broken teeth following an accident, if removal is necessary to treat facial trauma resulting from the accident. However, care for accidental injury only to the teeth is considered non-adjunctive dental care and is not covered by your TRICARE medical coverage. If only the teeth are damaged, or if teeth are lost (i.e. knocked out) during the accident, treatment and replacement are not covered by TRICARE Prime.

News and Notes

Spouses Night Out / Date Change- The Santa Rosa County Council of the Navy League and the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center will host their 2nd annual Spouse/Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner and Dance Saturday, Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. until midnight at the base's Sikes Hall. The event is free for all active duty military spouses with a \$25 ticket cost for additional guests. Reservations are required and are requested to be made to the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce at 623-2339. The event is semi-formal and military dress is requested to be Service Dress Blue or better.

Navy Birthday Ball - The 235th Navy Ball 'New Horizons Preserving Traditions' will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 9, in Sikes Hall. Pre-register for Child Care at the CDC no later than Oct. 6 by calling 623-7472. The Navy Ball Committee pays half of the cost. For tickets, contact your division or squadron representatives or call 623-7045/7371.

Fire Prevention Week - Fire Prevention week will be observed October 3-9. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With." Although this is a weeklong event the Fire Prevention Bureau will be conducting training throughout the month. Please take time to focus on your fire safety training needs and schedule a time for command training. Please contact Shirley Watts at 623-7856 or via email at shirley.watts@navy.mil.

NHA Fly-In Golf Outing - The 2010 National Helicopter Association (NHA) Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Golf Course. This will be a four-man scramble, with a noon-time kick-off. The \$30 per person fee includes green fee, cart and lunch. Mulligans can be purchased for \$5.00. Fees (cash or checks made payable to 'NHA



Big Money

Pen Air Credit Union representatives presents Capt. Pete Hall, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's commanding officer, with a \$500 check for the Navy Ball Sept. 24 as a prelude to the Navy Ball golf tournament. The event will be held Oct. 9 in Sikes Hall. Call 623-7045 or 7371 for details. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Region 5') will be collected the day of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, along with longest drive and closest to the pin. Reserve your team by signing up in the Helicopter Training Squadron-8 Duty Office or emailing Lt. Ronald Dillard at ronald.dillard@navy.mil.

Car Wash and Lunch - There will be a car wash and burger burn Friday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Navy Exchange parking lot. The event is sponsored by the Navy Birthday Ball Committee and all proceeds will go to the Navy Ball to be held Oct. 9.

Come Watch "The Outsiders." - Pace High School Drama Presents..."The Outsiders." This production, adapted from S.E. Hinton's timeless novel of the same name, weaves a touching story of friendship, loss, and coming of age. The show runs Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Pace High School Drama Room. Tickets are \$5. Call 995-3600, ext. 1159 for more information.

CFC 5K Run - Naval Operational Medicine Institute (NOMI) is sponsoring a Combined Federal Campaign 5K run Oct. 15 at Naval Air Station Pensacola. Registration fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 day of the race. Medals will be presented to the first three males, first three females, and first three walkers to cross the finish line. T-shirts will be provided to the first 200 registrants the morning of the run. Race begins at 8:15 a.m. for walkers and 8:30 for runners. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 8. Call 452-2355 or email justin.todd@med.navy.mil for more information.

Songwriter's Festival - The second annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters' Festival continues through Sunday on Pensacola Beach. Participating restaurants and clubs will be turned into listening rooms for one to two hour songwriter showcases. For the complete schedule, visit www.pensacolabeachsongwritersfestival.com

Haystacular - S.S. Dixon Primary will host an Haystacular celebration Oct. 1-29 at the physical education field across from the school. The event, presented by the Parent Teacher Organization, features a hay maze constructed with 4,000 bales of hay. Admission is \$5 which includes a trip through the maze, a loop on the hayride, and entrance to the corn trough. For details call 982-8499.



Fire and Crime Safety - (Cont. from Page 1)

children, car seat inspections, Ident-A-Kid photos, bicycle registrations, and more. The fair will continue until 7 p.m.

Special visits by Smokey the Bear, fire prevention clowns, Sparky the fire fighting dog and McGruff are also expected.

Grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks will also be served, and there will be games for the kids. The event is free for all military, family members, and housing residents to attend.

Call 623-7639 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the event.

Upcoming Events

Sep. 30, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Oct. 3-9 - Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 5, 1645 - Fire/Crime Prevention Night - Whiting Pines

Oct. 8, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Oct. 8, 1300 - NASWF Safety Stand Down - Sikes Hall

Oct. 9, 1800 - 235th Navy Birthday Ball - Sikes Hall

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

STRESS MANAGEMENT - Thursdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am

Are you constantly thinking about work and flight school? Are you having trouble sleeping? Are you having trouble staying focused on studies? The Fleet and Family Support Center has solutions – Study Skills, Self-Care and Relaxation Techniques, The Power of Positive Thinking and Attitudes for Success. For more information, call 623-7177.

HOW TO SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS FINANCIALLY - Wednesday, September 29 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn techniques to making smart spending choices that won't "break the bank" this holiday season! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

ANGER MANAGEMENT - Wednesday, October 13 - 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Is anger affecting your health, your relationships or your work performance? Learn to understand the causes and effects of unhealthy anger and how to express and release that anger in a healthy way! Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, Please contact a Work and Family Life specialist at 623-7177.

HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO - Friday, October 8 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A wide-range of health information for people of all ages will be offered: Dental Health; Asthma Awareness; Breast Health; Colon Cancer Awareness; Immunization Education; Smoking Cessation; Blood Pressure Checks; Free Cholesterol Screening; PSA Screening; Diabetes & Nutrition Education; Physical & Occupational Therapy Management; Retiree Activities; and much more. There will also be a variety of activities and demonstrations throughout the day: 30-Minute Aerobics & Fitness Classes; Martial Arts & Gymnastics Demonstrations; Cross-Fit Challenge; Games; Door Prizes; and Give-Aways. Presented by: Santa Rosa Medical Center, NAS Whiting Field Branch Health Clinic, MWR, FFSC, and DECA. Call 623-7502 for more information.

Hispanic Heritage

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elements of the base together to socialize and learn about a different cultural background. The celebration started with an audio visual presentation documenting entertainment, athletic and historical figures of Hispanic descent who impacted American life. The presentation scrolled through until the luncheon began. The menu of pork, pollo guisado, seven bean salad, Spanish rice, and more reflected dishes from those regions that have become popular in the U.S.

Father Dennis O'Brien served as the guest speaker for the occasion and related his experiences as a missionary tending to congregations in Ecuador. The conditions of the areas he served in the late 1980s and early 90s reflected significant poverty. There were few cars, little organized or modern transportation and a lack of advanced facilities.

"It was overwhelming," he said. "You live in a South American country and you get flexible fast. We asked ourselves, what is the best way of being with these people?"

He and the few other missionaries in the team decided that the best way to help was to set the communities up so they would not need the team anymore. The Missionary Society of Saint James the Apostle worked to provide domestic abuse shelters, schools and other facilities, and once the community were prepared, they moved on to another location they could help. O'Brien worked in Ecuador for five years.

O'Brien went on to work at various parishes until

2004 when he became the pastor for Saint Rose of Lima Church in Milton, Fla. The congregation there was separated by language between the English speaking and Spanish speaking members. Molding the congregation into one community was a task of inclusiveness that O'Brien embraced. Using translators at many functions and gathering together as a community for celebrations of each cultural background, O'Brien thinks they found a way for them to find common ground - much like the Navy's heritage celebrations do.

"Having a day like this is a day of inclusion," he said.

Following the guest speaker, performers entertained the audience with short displays of traditional music and dance. Juan Vazquez, playing the keyboards, sang a Puerto Rican song, "Vico San Juan." Air Traffic Controller Second Class Adriana Ayala-Barcellos energetically performed both new and old style salsa as well as a merengue. Several people even stayed after the event ended to try a few of the dance steps.

The event is designed to educate and remind military personnel about the contributions, but it also can serve as a way to bring awareness to the culture and through that awareness - appreciation.

"I found myself financially, not richer," said O'Brien, "but much richer culturally for living in another country."

DoD Sets Sept. 27 - Oct. 4 as Absentee Voting Week

By Karen Parrish, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Department of Defense announced Sept. 27 as Absentee Voting Week, which lasts from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4, to help service members and civilians serving outside their home states make their votes count.

With all U.S. House of Representatives and some U.S. Senate seats at stake during the mid-term elections Nov. 2, the department's Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has launched a new set of tools to connect voters with their state election processes.

Bob Carey, FVAP director, said the program's online electronic voting support program and federal write-in absentee ballot are designed to ensure voters get the appropriate ballot

and can submit it before its deadline.

FVAP's voting support program, launched this year, offers precinct-specific online ballots and submission instructions for the 19 states so far participating: Virginia, Utah, Montana, New Jersey, Nevada, Kansas, Mississippi, Washington, New Mexico, Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri, New York, Delaware, West Virginia, Idaho, Arkansas, Colorado and Tennessee.

Through the online program, located at www.FVAP.gov, "We can actually give you a direct link to your state's ballot delivery system," Carey said. "Or if your state doesn't happen to have that, then we have an online ballot that has all your federal candidates. You can select and print out the ballot online. It will give you a pre-addressed envelope and complete instructions about how to get the ballot back home."

Some states allow ballots to be returned by fax or online, but the military postal service will express-mail any ballots military members or their spouses submit from overseas, Carey said.

"So Bear County, Texas, has already gotten back two ballots from Korea that were sent back by the express mail," said Carey. "E-mailed out on Friday, and the voter got it, put it right in the mail, it got express-mailed back, was back in San Antonio's hands on that Tuesday. Four-day turnaround."

FVAP also relies on unit commanders and voting assistance officers worldwide to help troops and civilians get their ballots back on time.

"We have over 9,500 voting assistance officers in the military," Carey said. "They're doing a good job; they

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Holley-Navarre Fire District's Hosts 2nd Annual Fall Fire Prevention Festival

The Holley-Navarre Fire District is hosting its second annual Fall Fire Prevention Festival and chili cook-off on Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Navarre Park located at 8543 Navarre Parkway, near the foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge. The public is invited to the fire safety awareness event.

Emergency personnel from Holley-Navarre Fire District, Navarre Beach Fire Department, Midway Fire District, Florosa Fire Department, Lifeguard Ambulance Services, Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office, LifeFlight, Hurlburt Air Force Base and Navarre CERT will be on hand with educational displays and to answer safety questions. Emergency vehicles will also be on display throughout the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn safety tips, watch live demonstrations, explore the safety smoke house and have children's car seats checked for safety. The event also features children's games and activities.

For \$5, event-goers can be a Chili Cook-off judge and sample all the chili entries. Other food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Anyone interested in entering their own chili in the cook-off must bring between two and four gallons. There is an entry fee of \$30 which should be turned in with an entry form by Thursday, September 30. Entry forms can be picked up and turned in at Holley-Navarre Fire Station 45, 8618 Esplande Street in Navarre.

For more information, please contact the Holley-Navarre Fire District at (850) 936-5236.



Give Your Heating System a Tune-Up

You probably already know that cars need periodic tune-ups in order to run their best. Well the same is true for heating equipment. Keeping your furnace clean, lubricated and properly adjusted will reduce energy use, saving up to five percent of heating costs. The good news is many utilities offer free annual checkups by qualified technicians -- but you often have to call early, as HVAC crews get backed up once heating season starts. Some furnace manufacturers and dealers also offer free or discounted inspections. If your entire furnace is in need of replacement, it will cost a lot more -- but replacing an inefficient burner for a modern machine will save you every month through the heating season. Be sure to take advantage of federal tax credits for new furnaces, which can cover 30 percent of the cost, up to \$1,500.

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 percent 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 one and three percent 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.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

Absentee Ballot

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got the military registered at a higher rate than the general population. What we're finding, though, is that while 91 percent of the absentee ballots in the general population are returned, only 63 percent of the military ballots were returned [during the last election cycle]."

In the past, ballots were sent by mail, which slowed the voting process and meant some absentee ballots weren't received before voting deadlines, Carey said.

"Now they're being sent by e-mail or being posted online. We've taken a 30-day transmission process and reduced it to 30 milliseconds," said Carey. "Hopefully that's going to be one of the biggest things we can get out there – let people know they don't have to wait."

For troops deployed to remote locations where computers and printers aren't generally available, units may need to make special arrangements, Carey said.

"What we're urging all the units to do during Absentee Voting Week [is] to maybe set up one day where they have a computer available that has a printer available so any-

one can come on in and at least get their ballot printed out if it's being delivered by e-mail or online delivery," said Carey.

Carey said FVAP also is using social networking tools to reach potential voters.

"FVAP is on Facebook, and we have a tool, an invitation for people to send to all their friends to say, 'Hey, here's how you can get your ballot now.' And if they go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Facebook page, they can find out all that as well," said Carey.

The program's goal is to make the FVAP Web site the only tool that Defense Department absentee voters need, he said

"We're trying to make the FVAP Web site the single portal to be able to go to any state, any system, and it will be seamless and intuitive for the voter," Carey said. "The experience of a California voter may be very different than the experience a New York voter has, because of the technology used. But hopefully, the experience in terms of the ease of voting is the same."

For Navy specific information or voting questions visit the Navy Voting Assistance Program website <http://go.usa.gov/xGS>.

You are cordially invited to attend the 2nd Annual Spouse/Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner and Dance

Hosted by:

*Navy League, Santa Rosa County Council &
NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center*

*Guest speaker Dr. Diane Scott, Associate Professor, UWF
SRC School Board Member
door prizes, DJ, and much more!*

Friday, 15 October 2010

6:00 pm until Midnight

NAS Whiting Field Sikes Hall



Free for all Active Duty Military Spouses. \$25 per additional guest.

*RSVP by 8 October to reserve your seat by calling
The Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce at 850-623-2339.*

Dress: Coat and Tie or Service Dress (optional)

*Let's make this a special and memorable event for those who stand
alongside our brave men and women of the United States military!*

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Thank you for your support!

Fire Safety Month

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wiring. Avoid overloading circuits or fuses. When cooking keep handles turned in. Don't wear loose clothing while cooking, and if you get called away from the stove remove the pan from the burner in use or turn it off. Never leave cooking unattended - even for a moment.

Additionally, draw a house plan and put E.D.I.T.H to work. In the event of a fire call 7333 (On Station) and 911 (Off Station), give your address and nature of the emergency, sound out a warning alarm in the house, exit the house – stay low when smoke is present, go to the meeting place or a neighbor's residence and meet the fire department when they arrive to give additional information. Finally, never go back inside once you're out.

Please watch for more informational articles during the month of October and remember: "Smoke Alarms a Sound You Can Live With." For more information or to schedule fire prevention training for your organization please call 623-7639 or 623-7856.

Congrats TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Front Row: Cdmr. Mathew R. Frost, USN, commander Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTYEIGHT; Lt. j.g. Lauren C. Wolfe, USN; Lt. j.g. Daitra A. Pierson, USN; 1st Lt. Brian P. Osias, USMC; Lt. j.g. Joal J. Fischer, USN; Lt. j.g. Anna C. Taylor, USN; 1st Lt. Kerwin C. Scott, Jr., USMC and Col. James D. Grace, USMC, deputy commodore, Training Wing FIVE. Second Row, 1st Lt. Matthew R. Kangas, USMC; Ensign Ryan Matthew Agte, USN; 1st Lt. Joseph D. Stalnaker, USMC; 1st Lt. Emmanuel P. Jacinto, USMC; 1st Lt. Duncan M. James, USMC; Lt. j.g. Shawn A. Hoch, USN and Lt. j.g. Christopher Breuer, USCG. Third Row: Lt. Col. Shawn J. Coakley, USMC, commander, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN; Lt. j.g. Ryan T. Giannetti, USN; Lt. j.g. Phillip T. Crawford, III, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew C. Coe, USN; Lt. j.g. Bryan J. Vogel, USN; Ensign Mark W. Boniface, USN; 1st Lt. Sara Sundberg, USMC; 1st Lt. Benjamin J. Bullock, USMC and Col. James R. Kennedy, USMC, chief of staff, Jieddo Joint Center of Excellence. Fourth Row: Cdmr. Michael D. Fisher, USN, commander, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT; Ensign Matthew K. Morse, USN; 1st Lt. Nathaniel D. Wilson, USMC; 1st Lt. Robert A. Beatty, USMC; 1st Lt. John J. Buss, USMC; 1st Lt. Raymond A. Lafleur, USMC; Lt. j.g. Eugene B. Pontes, USN; 1st Lt. Michael L. Goessman, USMC and Lt. j.g. Fredrick R. Yonkman, USN.



Left Photo: Lt. j.g. Garin Kirkpatrick, USCG; 1st Lt. James Gianelloni, USMC; and Lt. Jonathon Waechter, USCG receive their Academic Achievement Awards Aug. 27 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters.

Right Photo: 1st Lt. Ole Grauke, USMC, Ens. Joseph Donnellon, USN; and 1st Lt. Joseph Olson, USMC display their awards Sept. 3.