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## MWR Shows Rather Than Tells About Programs

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Faced with feedback saying "I didn't know Morale, Welfare and Recreation offered that," MWR staff decided to tackle the problem at the beginning and display their programs to new arrivals.

Based on positive feedback from the first such class Feb. 26, the plan is to continue this class for all future indoctrination classes.

"We were doing a lot of things people just weren't aware of," Wayne Short, MWR recreation program manager said. "So instead of just talking about our MWR programs, we thought we would just show them."

Using the indoctrination class for new service members to the area, MWR expanded their brief. Instead of just the one-hour brief that was done previously, MWR worked with indoc coordinator Navy Counselor First Class Gwendolyn King to expand the program to add a six-hour trip to the end of the class.

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Members of the latest indoctrination class are treated to a pontoon boat ride on the Blackwater River Feb. 26. The idea is for MWR to be able to show the services they have to offer for recreations to new people on the base. U.S. Navy photo by Wayne Short.

## Rear Admiral speaks to AMO Graduating Class

By: Ltjg. Michael M. Daharsh

Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews spoke to the graduating class of Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Aviation Maintenance Officers School Fri., Mar. 6. The Commander of the Fleet Readiness Squadron told the crowded room of 14 Navy and Marine junior officers, about what they had to look forward to in the fleet, and what was expected of them as the future leaders of the aviation maintenance community.

"We help fix aircraft," Matthews said. "Aviation is a dangerous business. We need to ensure our work is both efficient and professional."

Aviation Maintenance Duty Officers are responsible to develop and implement maintenance and materials management policies and procedures to support naval aircraft, airborne weapons, attendant systems, and other aviation related equipment fleet-wide. AMDO's are integrated through-

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Ens. Cuschieri receives his Certificate of Completion of Aviation Maintenance Officers School from Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, NAVAIR Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations on Friday, Mar. 6, 2010. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Michael Daharsh.

# 2010 Military Census Preparations Underway – Be Heard

From The Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON--NAVADMIN 001/10, released in Jan., is the second in a series of military census newsgrams which provide guidance for Sailors to make their voices heard during the 2010 Decennial Census.

Beginning Mar.15, the Census Bureau will conduct the Nation's twenty-third decennial census to gather a complete count of the United States' population to include personnel living on naval installations and ships with a U.S. homeport.

The decennial census is an in-depth survey used to gain population counts which fuel government decisions on how approximately \$400 billion per year of federal funding is spent in your neighborhood on hospitals, schools, senior citizen centers, emergency services and public works projects. In addition, the enumeration determines the number of seats a state occupies in the House of Representatives.

Sailors will be asked to complete a short Military Census Report containing 6 questions.

“By participating in the 2010 Census, Sailors of  
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Damage Controlman 3rd Class William Woods places his completed 2010 shipboard census form in a collection box aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43). (U.S. Navy photo by

## TRICARE Notes

### WHAT IS TRIWORLD?

TRIWORLD is an online communications platform designed to help military families stay close and connected during separations caused by deployments or other active duty requirements.

The Humana Military Healthcare Services virtual world keeps military families connected in a far more personal and intimate way compared to phone calls, e-mail or instant messaging. Users communicate and interact in real-time, in realistic settings, with real emotions, enabling them to preserve and build relationships.

The Humana Military virtual environment available through Second Life® is a “closed world.” Access will be granted at no charge to Humana beneficiaries and their families and no commercialization is allowed. The environment is active 24/7 to accommodate all worldwide time zones.

For more information or to get started, go to [www.humana-military.com/TRIWORLD](http://www.humana-military.com/TRIWORLD).

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# News and Notes

**Comics on Duty** - Morale, Welfare and Recreation, in conjunction with [www.thatguy.com](http://www.thatguy.com), will host the Comics on Duty tour March 26 at Sikes Hall. Four comedians, Steve Bills, Steve Burr, Ian Gutoskie, and Jack Mayberry will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Aces will be open during the event and MWR will provide free hors d'oeuvres while they last.

**TPC Tickets for Military** - All active duty, Reserves, retired military members and their dependents are invited to be guests of THE PLAYERS Championship (TPC) and see the best professional golfers in the world compete at TPC Sawgrass May 3-9. Military members and their families can receive complimentary tickets by going online to [www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t0p06r](http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t0p06r) and downloading their free tickets. A valid CAC card must be shown when entering the golf course at the appropriate gate. The complimentary tickets will be valid Monday through Sunday. Parking passes are also available. For the second year, military members and their dependents attending TPC are also invited to enjoy a private hospitality venue called the Patriot's Outpost, which is located on the hill between #16 and #18 fairways. A valid CAC card must be presented to gain admission into the area. A free lunch will be provided. For more information, call the MWR ITT office at 623-7032.

**Voluntary Leave Donor** - A fellow employee needs help. Mr. Gregory T. Majewski of CNRSE, Budget Department, Naval



**Working to Serve Those Who Serve**  
The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center welcomes three new Ombudsmen to the fold. Elizabeth Vermeychuk, Training Squadron TWO; Cheryl Barnes, Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT; and Angela Bush, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN finished training Feb. 25. Photo courtesy of FFSC.

Air Station, Pensacola has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Mr. Majewski is required to be out of work approximately 3 months or more due to an unexpected medical emergency, and has exhausted all of his leave. Mr. Majewski currently is in a Leave Without Pay (LWOP) status and truly in need of donated leave. Please complete the applicable Leave Donor Form. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave under this program may contact Diane Stukes at CNRSE (Code N1), (904) 542-2283 or DSN 942-2283.

**Free Concert** - Jason Crabb, a 2010 Grammy Award winner, will perform in concert at the First Baptist Church in downtown Milton at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 13. First Baptist Church is located at 6797 Caroline Street (Hwy 90 & Canal St). The concert is FREE of charge. For more info check out: [www.jasoncrabb.com](http://www.jasoncrabb.com)

**Give a Day, Get a Day** - Visit Walt Disney World Resort, for free? For one day of volunteer work you can receive a 1-day, 1-theme park ticket to the Disneyland Resort or Walt Disney World Resort, free. There's no better time to make a dream come true for others and let Disney make a few come true for you! For more details, visit: <http://disneyparks.disney.go.com>.

**Embry Riddle Registration** - The Pensacola Campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now holding registration for the March Term through March 22. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. through Thurs. and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri. in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue, NAS Pensacola and Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163 on NAS Whiting Field. Add and drop for a full refund will be held March 22-28. New Student Orientation will be Sat., March 20, 8:30am-noon in Bldg. 634. Email [pensacola.center@erau.edu](mailto:pensacola.center@erau.edu), visit [www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola](http://www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola) or call 458-1098 for details.

**Military Appreciation Night** - The Pensacola Ice Flyers will host their final home game and Military Appreciation Night Sat., March 20. The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Information Tickets and Travel office has tickets available for \$5 each. Call 623-7032 for details.



## Taking Care of the Past

The U. S. Naval Sea Cadets, Whiting Division, formally adopted the 1865 circa Civil War cemetery located on Langley St. just east of the traffic light on Hwy 87. According to Tony Chandler, Whiting Division commanding officer, his Sea Cadets have been involved with the upkeep and cleaning of this historic cemetery since 1999 and decided to officially "adopt" the cemetery in partnership with Santa Rosa Clean Community System's Adopt-A-Spot program. Adopt-A-Spot is a county wide volunteer program where individuals, civic and church groups, businesses or military organizations can adopt a section of county or city road, parks, recycling sites and other public areas. The Whiting Division Sea Cadets are actively involved throughout the year in support of several community service projects including Adopt a Spot and Great American Clean Up. Photo courtesy of Whiting Division Sea Cadets.

## Upcoming Events

Mar. 12, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Mar. 17 - Saint Patrick's Day

Mar. 18, 1300 - NASWF Safety Standown - Sikes Hall

Mar. 18, 1300 - TRAWING 5 Change of Command - Base Aud.

Mar. 26, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Mar. 26, 1500 - VT-6 Change of Command - Base Auditorium

# Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

**VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, March 12, 0800 – 1200**

**Time Management - Wednesday, March 17, 1300 - 1400**

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself “where did the day go?” and feel like you have accomplished very little on your list of “things to do?” If you answered “yes” to these questions, this class is for you. The information provided in this class will provide you with tools that will help you make the most of your busy and demanding days. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

**Consumer Awareness - Wednesday, March 17, 1400 - 1500**

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 are illegal, most however, are simply rip-offs and misrepresentations. Don't be a victim! Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

**Deployment Support Group for Children - Monday, March 22, 1800 - 1930**

Kids and youth ages 5-18 who are children of deployed service members are invited to meet for fun and fellowship! Creative activities engage the mind and promote conversation. Share experiences and feelings with others who are also dealing with the absence of a parent due to deployment. For more information, please contact the FFSC at 850-623-7177. Hope to see you there!

**VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, March 26, 0800 – 1200**

**Resume Writing - Monday, March 29, 1000 - 1200**

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. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

**Insurance Needs - Wednesday, March 31, 1400 - 1500**

A 60 – 90 minute interactive program suitable for all audiences, designed to develop knowledge and skills that will enable participants to make informed consumer decisions on the basic types of insurance, and to determine their personal need for life insurance. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

**Common Sense Parenting for Ages 5 - 18 - Wednesday, March 31, 1800 - 2000**

Unfortunately, children do not come with instruction manuals. This class is for any parent who wants to “brush up” on their parenting skills or new parents that are not sure of where to begin. For details call 623-7177.

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## Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site to Host Annual Open House

*- Free Guided Tours and Educational Activities Will Be Available*

MILTON – Arcadia Mill, located in Milton, Florida, will be hosting its 3rd annual Open House, Sat., March 13, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Staff will provide guided tours of the site and educational activities will be available for children. In addition, visitors will be able to see a number of local heritage crafters, artists, living historians and reenactors demonstrating their crafts and skills.

Laura Heyse, Arcadia Mill Educator, said, “This annual event allows us to create a special day for the public. Staff goes above and beyond to showcase the history and archaeology of Arcadia's significant past, as well as the culture of Northwest Florida.”



**Arcadia Mill**

This event is in conjunction with Florida Archaeology Month. For more information about the event, please call Heyse at (850) 626-3084.

For more information on Florida Archaeology Month, please call Irina Franklin at 850-595-0050.

Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, located at 5709 Mill Pond Lane, is open for free to the public, Tues. through Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., is a direct support organization of the University of West Florida, operating the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum, Historic Pensacola Village, the Pensacola Historical Society, and

Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site.

## AMO School

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out the fleet such as Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Sea Systems Command, and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

The AMO School has been at Whiting field since December of 2002, when it was relocated from Naval Air Station Pensacola. The indoctrination course last 58 days and is offered five times a year. The main purpose is to take junior officers with no maintenance background and orient them to the intricacies of aviation maintenance. It covers a broad spectrum of topics ranging from operational readiness, maintenance control, material management, to aviation maintenance management, and much more.

After attending the AMO School the officers will move on to serve in the fleet in operational billets in both squadrons and Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Departments. These billets are served both ashore and on deployment.

The job of an AMDO in the fleet is one of great importance. However, the job alone is not the most important thing to an AMDO.

"The most important thing your naval career as well as your life is balance," Matthews said. "Make sure you take care of your family, yourself, and your job. If you have all those things in balance, you will be a successful Naval Officer."

## Census

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all ranks have an opportunity to help create a better future for those they care about," said Chief Petty Officer Melanie Kinchen, of Navy's Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch. "I can't imagine any Sailor who wouldn't want to make that difference."

Commander, Navy Installations Command is the lead for executing census procedures onboard shore installations and Commander, U. S. Fleet Forces Command is the lead for afloat commands.

Ship crew members will be required to complete a regular census questionnaire for their onshore address as well as a Shipboard Census Report (SCR) onboard the ship. The completion of both forms is required by the federal government.

In addition, military personnel assigned to a group quarters, to include bachelor's quarters, will be counted at the group quarter, even if it is located on a non-naval installation.

Census questionnaires will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to all housing units on military installations beginning March 15, 2010. If you live off-base, you will receive a census questionnaire at that address.

All commands may obtain information specific to their command by contacting their command's Census Project Manager.

For additional information visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Census2010/>.

For more information from the Chief of Naval Personnel, visit [www.navy.mil/cnp](http://www.navy.mil/cnp).



### VT -3 Red Knights 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Main Events

29 April – Alumni Tour and Ribbon Cutting  
30 April – Golf Tournament  
30 April – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Formal Ball

Ball Ticket prices - \$30 (Black Tie Event)

RSVP with VT-3      Call: 850-623-7321 or  
E-mail: [sue.anctil@navy.mil](mailto:sue.anctil@navy.mil)

## MWR Indoc

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Using their vans, MWR took the new arrivals to each of the various facilities and showed them what activities were available. This included trips to the coffee shop, golf course, disc golf course, the nature trail, sports complex, bowling center, liberty program office, gymnasium and to Whiting Park. Ashley Platts, the liberty program manager led the tour.

MWR allowed free use of the sites during the trip to include a boat trip at the marina and a free lunch at the golf course.

"We took them there to let them experience the site," Short said. "We feel comfortable that we gave them a good introduction in to what we have, and hopefully we left them with a lasting impression of the facilities."

# - Sports -

## Navy - Marine Corps Relief Society Fun Run to be Held

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society team at Naval Air Station Whiting Field is gearing up for the annual fund drive with a 5 and 10K Fun Run at the base April 10. The event is open to the public.

This is the first time NMCRS has hosted this event. Last year, a similar event was hosted by Training Squadron THREE which raised \$1,000 for the fund drive. The group is looking to make this year's event bigger and better.

"We want to create an event that will bring people in from all over the area," said Chief Air Traffic Controlman Trevor Rowe, the NMCRS coordinator for NAS Whiting Field. "We don't get to open our doors to the public very often, and we hope people will come out for this unique opportunity."

The new scenery for the race is only one part of the day's activities. The race, which kicks off at 9 a.m., will be followed by a hamburger and hot dog cookout with fun activities for children, and door prizes.

Trophies will be presented to first place for top male and female runner in the 10K race in each of the seven race age groups with second and third place medals for each category as well. Medals will be presented to first, second and third place finishers in each category for the 5K. T-shirts will be provided to the first 200 paid registrants.

NMCRS is the primary organization which provides assistance to Sailors and Marines in need. The society provides interest-free loans or grant to active and retired service members and their families, regardless of rank, who are in



A couple of runners head toward the finish line during last year's Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Fun Run organized by Training Squadron THREE. Photo courtesy of Debra Bridges.

financial need or dealing with emergency situations.

Pre-registrations will be accepted until April 7 with a \$20 entry fee. Day of race fees will be \$25. Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. at NAS Whiting Field's pavilion parking lot near the sports complex. Please call 512-6653 for more information or to register for the race. The event will run rain or shine.

"This event will be even more special for us with the public running along with the military personnel at NAS Whiting Field," Debra Bridges, the event coordinator, said. "Hopefully, they will come out, support our military, and have a great time."

### *MWR Upcoming Events*

\* *Golf clinic will be held Sat., March 13 at the golf course. A 10 a.m. session is scheduled for intermediate golfers and an 11 a.m. session is for novice golfers. Participants get the one hour session and 18 holes with a cart for just \$10 for active duty and \$15 for all others. For information call 623-7348.*

\* *Free Throw / 3-Point Shootout will be held Wednesday, March 17 at the gymnasium beginning at 4 p.m.*

\* *Billiards and Table Tennis tournament will be held Wednesday, March 24 at the Liberty Center beginning at 4 p.m.*

\* *Softball Coaches meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7 in the MWR Conference room at 1 p.m.*

## Captain's Cup Basketball Standings

*As of March 10, 2010*

1. Medical	9-2
2. VT-3	8-3
3. HT-28	7-4
4. Crash	6-4
4. VT-2	6-4
6. HT-8	4-7
7. ATC	3-8
8. HT-18	0-11

# Congrats to TRAWING 5's Newest Wingers



First Row: Cmdr. Matthew Frost, USN; 1st Lt. Michael Wooten, USMC; Ensign Justin Boschetto, USN; Lt. j.g Lauren Campbell, USN; Ensign Nadia Brouillette, USN; Lt. j.g Russell Kratoville, USN; and Cdre. VINCENZO E. B. DI PIETRO, CSC, Royal Australian Navy.  
Second Row: Cmdr. Mark Murray, USN; 1st Lt. Michael Stremer, USMC; Lt. j.g Alan Shingler, Jr., USN; Ensign Joshua Moses, USN; Ensign Todd Barriger, USN; Lt. j.g Raymond Jamros, USCG; Lt. j.g matthew Foster, USN; and Ensign Stewart Latwin, USN  
Third Row: Cmdr. Michael Fischer, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Hart, USMC; 1st Lt. Travis Grell, USMC; Ensign Richard Gutierrez, USN; 1st Lt. Scott Wood, USMC; 1st Lt. Matthew Hayden, USMC; Lt j.g. Leo Lake, USCG; and Ensign Michael Mclaughlin, IV, USN.  
Fourth Row: Col. John Walsh, USMC; 1st Lt. Alan Murphy, USMC; 1st Lt. Adam Broderick, USMC; Ensign Christopher Saxton, USN; Lt. j.g. Christian Gintyrapp, USCG; and 1st Lt. Robert Degeorge, USMC.



Left Photo: 2nd Lt. Paul J. Lancaster III, USMC; 2nd Lt. Kraegen J. Bramer, USMC; Ensign Christopher M. Aldrich, USN; Ensign Nicholas C. Rezendes, USN; and Ens. Andrew J. Stephenson, USN receive their Academic Achievement Awards Feb. 26 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters.

Right Photo: Lt. j.g. John Sgarlata Jr., USCG; 2nd Lt. Bradley W. Beard, USMC; 1st Lt. Ryan D. McGonigle, USMC; Ensign Ian R. Higgins, USN; Lt. j.g. Abel M. Marten, USN; Ensign Matthew D. Warshaw, USN; Ensign Jeffrey M. Ryan, USN; and Ensign Amy Gignac, USN display their Academic Achievement awards March 5. Photos by Training Air Wing FIVE.