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TRAWING-5 Receives CNATRA's First Centennial Designed Aircraft

By Lt. j.g. Tyler Watters, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

In a stark contrast to the bright orange and white training helicopters flying every day above Naval Air Station Whiting Field, a new addition arrived Wednesday with a drastically different color scheme to help celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation. Training Air Wing FIVE (TRAWING-5), the most senior tenant command at NAS Whiting Field, took custody of the blue and grey TH-57 "Sea Ranger" Aug. 4, the first of the new modified aircraft to be delivered to a Chief of Naval Air Training command.

As part of the Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration, one aircraft of each type, model and series from the U.S. Navy aircraft inventory will be painted with a color scheme significant to Naval aviation history.

The earliest Navy aircraft did not have standard markings or coatings. In 1916, the first attempt at render-

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A grey and blue TH-57 designed to honor the origins of Naval aviation passes by the traditional orange and white helicopters at South Field at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. One of each type and model of aircraft in the Navy's inventory will receive similar color schemes as part of next year's Centennial of Naval Aviation. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

New Companies Added to Slate of Job Fair Attendees

- More than 60 Attendees to Set Up Booths for Aug. 19 Fair

Ten more companies recently announced their intention to attend Naval Air Station Whiting Field's 21st Annual Job Fair.

This brings the total number of attendees to more than 60. These new companies include, but aren't limited to the Santa Rosa Medical Center, Northwestern Mutual Financial, Tom Thumb Stores, BAE systems, Military Media and Whataburger Ventures.

FranNet, a franchising consultant firm, will attend as well. FranNet offers free consulting services to help people select the right franchise for achieving the goal of business ownership. Additionally, the Military Spouse

Corporate Career Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, that provides employment referral and job placement solutions, will attend to assist with the job search process at no cost to military spouses, transitioning military, war wounded, and caregivers of war wounded.

For 20 years the NAS Whiting Field Job Fair has served as the premiere, veteran friendly job fair in Northwest Florida. The 2009 fair attracted more than 1,200 job seekers, making it one of the best values for prospective employers in the region.

Sikes Hall, a spacious, indoor, air-conditioned facility, will house the employers' displays and recruiting

booths. NAS Whiting Field's job fair is open to the public, and admission is free.

Areas are available to hold interviews. Booth sites are free, and the site is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Employers may phone Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center at (850) 623-7177, or fax (850) 623-7246 or (850) 623-7690 to request a booth at this event. There are no fees associated with this job fair, but please note that space is limited. A prompt response will aid in ensuring space for attending businesses.

Navy eLearning Moves to New Learning Management System

- Learning Program Will Help Deliver Additional Capabilities for Workforce Development

By Ed Barker, Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- A major milestone toward increasing capabilities of Navy eLearning (NeL) was reached July 21 with the announcement of the contract for the Enterprise Training Management Delivery System (ETDMS) modernization program for the current Learning Management System (LMS) - the backbone of NeL.

ETDMS is a modernization initiative for the existing LMS - Distance Learning program. ETDMS will update existing shore-side Navy eLearning capabilities, and provides numerous options for delivering additional capabilities in the area of workforce management and development.

"With a contract in place, we are ready to move forward with the modernization of our LMS," said Capt. Michael S. Murphy, program manager for the Sea Warrior Program/Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO-EIS PMW 240). "Awarding the contract to the winner, Booz Allen Hamilton, is the result of many months of effort on the part of a talented team from multiple organizations. Partnering with the PEO-EIS PMW 240 staff were the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) and Naval Education and Training Professional Development Technology Center (NETPDTC)."

"We expect the ETDMS system to become opera-

tional by the spring of 2012 and offer significant technology upgrades to users, including navigational search capabilities, better statistics and reporting, trends and forecasting for learning managers," said Roger White, Sea Warrior's training and education assistant program manager. "Contractor projections also indicate ETDMS will make more efficient use of computational resources."

The switch to ETDMS as an LMS takes place as NeL is fast becoming the single site for learning management within the Navy. In addition to LMS services for commands and activities, NeL offers individual learning opportunities and includes a comprehensive catalog of distance learning course offerings available internationally 24/7, to active duty and Reserve military, Department of the Navy civilians, contractors, dependents and retirees.

The catalog contains more than 5,000 courses, and supports Navy "A" and "C" schools with content and learning management services. NeL also allows individual learners to continue their training and professional development with General Military Training, Professional Military Education modules and refresher training.

To visit the Navy eLearning catalog, click on the Navy Knowledge Online website at <https://www.nko.navy.mil> and after logging in, click on 'Navy e-learning online courses' under the 'learning' tab on the top right of the page.

Navy Leaders Want Input from Sailors and Families on “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

By Lt. Cmdr. Erik Wells, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Department of Defense is asking and it wants Sailors to share their opinions about repealing the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT).

NAVADMIN 254/10 released Aug. 2 encourages personnel to participate in the 2010 Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Survey. The survey is designed to provide service members an opportunity to convey their views of the impact, if any, a change in the law would have on military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention.

The survey results will be included as part of the Secretary of Defense's report due Dec. 1.

Approximately 400,000 active



Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff commented in an early response to the idea of a repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, "The current law and policy came from the American people through their elected officials. We will continue to obey that law, and we will obey whatever legislative and executive decisions come out of this debate. Photo from www.jcs.mil.

duty and reserve service members have been asked to participate in the survey.

The recipients of the survey were chosen at random across a range of ages, ranks and specialties. Survey specialists from the Defense Manpower Data Center worked with Westat, a private contracting firm outside the DoD, to conduct the anonymous and confidential survey. Also available is the opportunity to conduct a confidential, "online chat" with a Westat specialist regarding the survey.

Sailors and family members who did not receive a survey may still provide confidential feedback online to the DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group by accessing the following website <http://www.defense.gov/dadt>. This is a CAC-enabled site. The survey should take about 30 minutes to complete.

News and Notes

Bowling Center - The Bowling Center Snack Bar is now open six days a week. Come by or call 7545 for details or to place an order. New hours are Monday and Thursdays 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additionally, the golf course snack bar is open every day (except holidays) from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Back 2 School Bash - The Santa Rosa County Back to School Bash will be held Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the church grounds next to Pea Ridge Elementary School behind CiCi's pizza. There will be lots of door prizes including the grand prize of a limosine ride to school. There will also be opportunities to get free school supplies, haircuts, inoculations and more. Static displays, inflatables, and demonstrations will also be in place to entertain attendees. Call 994-6213 for more information.

Lifeguard Training - Morale Welfare and Recreation will hold Lifeguard classes Aug. 21-22 and 28-29. The cost of the class is \$160 and will train participants in Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. The course is certified by the American Red Cross. For details call Kelsey Holmes at 665-6250.

Web Address Change - The ID Card office has a new link to their automated appointment process. The new link is <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>. The old address will redirect the customers for about two weeks. After that, patrons will need to huse the new address solely. Please call 623-7159 for details.

Milton Soccer Kicks - Registration for an eight-week program to teach soccer fundamentals to children between the ages of three and ten began at the Milton Community Center Aug. 2. The course will cost \$62 and will help youths develop hand-eye coordination, balance and agility. Registration is Monday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m., and classes are taught by Angela Stephens. The Saturday morning classes will begin Sept. 4. Call 983-5466 or check out www.miltonparks.webs.com for details.

Disney Tickets at ITT - Walt Disney World has extended the date to buy your Military Salute tickets to August 31. Military can get a Four-Day Base pass for only \$96! Tickets must be used by



Two for the Price of One

Lt. Jitindra Sirjoo recites the oath of enlistment to Aviation Boatswain's Mate First Class Joseph Stager (center) and Aviation Boatswain's Mate Second Class Jason Norrod. The two members of crash division reenlisted together July 30. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Navy Counselor First Class Gwendolyn King.

September 30. ITT can also book your Walt Disney World hotel also at a 40-60% discount. As of August 5, the regular gate prices at Walt Disney World increased. The ITT prices will remain the pre-Aug 5 prices until September 31, so buy your tickets now to get the best available price. Call Marcy Allen, MWR ITT, at 623-7032 for more information.

Fish Fry - The Santa Rosa County Council of the U.S. Navy League will host an Old Fashioned Fish Fry Aug. 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Milton Community Center. Reservations are requested for this event and must be in by Aug. 16. Please call 623-2339 to confirm attendance. The event will cost \$15 per person.

Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament - The Wounded Warrior Program will have its second annual charity golf tournament Sept. 11 at Tiger Point Country Club. The event will be a two-man scramble format with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration will be between 10 a.m. and noon with an optional lunch available. Following the tournament, there will be a banquet dinner with the presentation of the prizes. Entry is \$75 per person. Please see www.911wwpgolftournament.com for additional information.



Retaining Our Best and Brightest

Aviation Boatswain's Mate First Class Peter Gapasin receives some of his reenlistment bennies from Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Derrick Kemp. Gapasin reenlisted for four years Aug. 2. U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Navy Counselor First Class Gwendolyn King.

The Navy Inspector General (NAVIG) will conduct an area visit to the Pensacola, Whiting Field area during the period 13-17 Sep 2010. The NAVIG visit focuses on Quality of Life and Quality of Work for the Fleet, Fighter and Navy Family.

To better understand the overall command climate of the Whiting Field / Pensacola area before the assist visit, the NAVIG is hosting an online survey that is available now until Friday, 6 Aug 2010. The active-duty, full-time support and civilian survey can be accessed at <https://www.ig.navy.mil/av071910.htm>. All military and DoD civilian personnel are encouraged to participate in this anonymous survey.

Additionally, there is an online survey for active-duty spouses which will also be available until 6 August. The active-duty spouse survey can be accessed at <https://www.ig.navy.mil/071910spouse.htm>. For questions or concerns, call Jim Dewater, CNRSE IG representative, 623-7189 (DSN 868).

Upcoming Events

Aug. 13, 1000 - Blood Drive - NEX Parking Lot
Aug. 13, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium
Aug. 13, 1330 - NASWF Safety Standown - Sikes Hall

Aug. 19, 0900 - FFSC Job Fair - Sikes Hall
Aug. 27, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium
Sept. 3, 1300 - NASWF Safety Standown - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Challenges of Flight School and Marriage - Aug. 11 @ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Being in Flight School is hard! Being married in Flight School is even harder! This class will help you and your spouse avoid the common pitfalls of the unique challenges Flight Schools has to offer. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Stress Management - Aug. 12 @ 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

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.

VA Representative - Aug. 13 & 27 @ 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Veteran Service Representative Norman Freeman will help with processing compensation claims at the FFSC. Participants must have a minimum of 60 days and no more than 180 days left on active duty at time of filing; must provide an official copy of your service medical record to the VA; and must be available to participate in a VA physical examination within 30 days after filing the claim. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 623-7177.

Anger Management - Aug. 18 @ 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, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Car Buying Strategy - Aug. 25 @ 2:00 – 3:00 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 at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

BBB Examines Real Estate as their Industry of the Month

- Know What You Are Getting When You Hire a Real Estate Agent

Pensacola, Fla. (August 2, 2010) – The Florida Legislature and governor approved a back-to-school sales tax holiday on certain books, clothing and school supplies. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 13 and running through midnight on August 15, consumers can purchase certain books, clothing, wallets or bags having a sales price of \$50 or less and certain school supplies having a sales price of \$10 or less without paying sales tax on the items. Florida's Department of Revenue offers a detailed list of items that do and do not qualify for the tax exemption.

To help consumers make the most of the sales tax holiday, your BBB offers the following tips:

Plan ahead. Set a realistic budget and stick to it. And make a list of the items you need to purchase to avoid buying on impulse. Be sure to check with your child's school for a list of required supplies to avoid return trips.

Comparison shop, carefully. Tax holiday "sales" and promotions may not be the bargains they appear to be. Make sure you're comparing "apples to apples" when looking at sales and promotions.



Talk to the retailer. Before making your purchase, ask the merchant how refunds and exchanges will be handled after the sales tax holiday ends.

Be aware of your surroundings. Because stores may be particularly busy during the sales tax holiday, pay extra attention to those around you. Never leave your wallet, purse or credit card on a counter. Don't get overloaded with packages. Shop with a companion or ask for a security escort to your car.

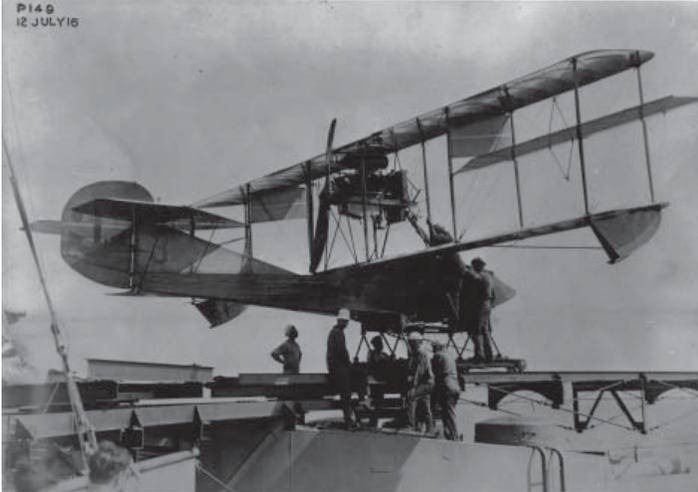
Shop at businesses you know to be trustworthy. Get a free BBB Reliability Report on any retailer you're considering patronizing. In

July 2010 alone, your BBB|Northwest Florida provided over 24,000 Reliability Reports for consumers checking out a business' marketplace record, including length of time in business, number of complaints and how they were resolved, licensing, bonding, insurance or registration that may be required for the business' industry, and whether any government action had been filed against the business.

For additional information and advice you can trust, start with bbb.org.

Centennial Helicopter

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An early Navy aircraft prepares to launch in 1916. The anchor symbol first used in 1916 is visible on the tail. The varnish which was originally used to protect the wood and fabric, yellowed and cracked in sunlight. So designers began painting them and the first colors used were grey and blue. Photo provided by L-3 Vertex.

think this encourages great discussion about Naval Aviation's heritage," Cmdr. Hans Sholley, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT executive officer, said.

Two L-3 Vertex pilots flew the aircraft from the maintenance facility in Andalusia, Ala., where it was kept for a regularly scheduled maintenance period. The new color scheme was applied as a part of the planned refurbishment at no additional cost to the Navy.



A flight line contractor helps guide the pilots to their landing spot at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's South Field. The 100 on the front of the helo is the aircraft number which is also a tribute to the centennial. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

ing a national insignia for Navy aircraft was adopted for approximately two years prior to the star insignia that was used beginning in 1918. This insignia was a stylized anchor, typically painted in dark blue.

Navy Capt. Washington Irving Chambers, officer in charge of aviation, prepared the requisition for the Navy's first aircraft to be purchased from aviation pioneer and inventor Glenn H. Curtiss on May 8, 1911. This marks the birth date of Naval aviation.

Beginning January 2011, the Navy will hold a year-long celebration of the men and women whose tremendous achievements have contributed to a century of aviation progress. Celebrations will be held across the country to recognize and commemorate these achievements. These aircraft will provide a visible reminder of our Naval aviation heritage and will serve as just one of the many centennial observances.

"This was a great connection to Naval Aviation's past. I am really looking forward to flying the helicopter, and I



Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore, Capt. James Vandiver and Deputy Commodore Col. James Grace are joined by Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Hall in front of the helicopter shortly after its arrival. The helicopter community on the base was excited about the arrival of this symbol of their Naval aviation heritage. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

The Sea Ranger was taxied to an area in front of NAS Whiting Field's south field hangar where a small crowd of TRAWING-5, squadron and base personnel had assembled to witness the arrival. The crowd applauded when the skids touched ground. Capt. James Vandiver, commander TRAWING-5, was proud to see such a symbol of Naval aviation's past.

"It's great to see this aircraft to help remind us of our history. Looking back at all the great things that Naval aviation has accomplished, you know that as we move forward, we can accomplish anything," Vandiver said.

Throughout the next five years, this gull grey Sea Ranger will be kept in a regular flight rotation, where Student Naval Aviators being trained to become United States Naval helicopter pilots will have a chance to fly training flights in it. As one of each type of Naval aircraft is modified, Naval Air Station Whiting Field should eventually receive a centennial T-34C "Turbomentor" or T-6B "Texan II."

VA Welcome Home Event Planned for Afghanistan, Iraq War Vets



PENSACOLA, Fla. -The Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, in partnership with the Pensacola Pelicans baseball team, will hold a Welcome Home event for veterans and active duty who have returned from supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom on Aug.

28.

Starting on Aug. 6, each OEF/OIF veteran or active duty military member can call the VA and reserve a free ticket and access to free food for themselves and up to two family members.

To sign up, please call 850-912-2380 or 850-912-



2057. The sign up period will end on Aug. 25. Tickets will be distributed at the game.

The Pelicans are scheduled to play the Fort Worth Cats on Aug. 28 at Pelicans Park (University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Fla., 32514). The game starts at 6:45 p.m.

VA personnel will be on hand to provide information on various health care benefits that are available to veterans.

For more information about the VAGCVHCS, visit www.biloxi.va.gov <<http://www.biloxi.va.gov/>> . For more information about the Pelicans, visit: <http://www.pensacola-pelicans.com/index.php>

Ec-nomics

Switch to Biodiesel

If you're interested in renewable and homegrown fuels, or want to roll like Willie Nelson or Woody Harrelson, you may have thought about running your vehicle on biodiesel. The fuel can be made from a wide range of feedstocks, from corn to soy, agricultural waste, algae, used cooking oil and other materials.

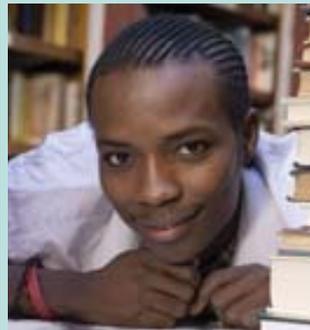
Biodiesel has much cleaner emissions than petroleum diesel, and it cleans your engine and extends its life. It also decreases net gain of carbon emissions, although critics have argued that we shouldn't be using industrial agriculture to produce it from food crops, since that takes resources and could conceivably raise food prices.

Biodiesel isn't yet widely available, though it is often relatively easy to find if you know what to look for. An increasing number of filling stations are offering biodiesel blends, which mix plant-based fuel with petroleum diesel in order to improve performance. These work great in all modern diesel engines without any modifications. Common is B20, made with 20% biodiesel.

If you are more ambitious, you can make a few adjustments to run your diesel on straight vegetable oil (SVO), though you may have to add a fuel heater and/or blend with petro diesel in the winter. Also, according to fuelconomy.gov, diesels tend to be 30-35% more efficient than regular gas models. So a typical diesel driver would use an average of 430 gallons of fuel a year instead of 642. If 20% of that 430 gallons were made up of biodiesel, that would be an additional 86 gallons of petroleum products not used.

TRICARE Notes

WHEN YOUR CHILD BECOMES INELIGIBLE FOR TRICARE



Your unmarried children remain TRICARE-eligible until age 21, or age 23 if enrolled in college full time and if you provide at least 50 percent of their financial support. Your children's DEERS information must be kept up to date to ensure eligibility. You

should update their college enrollment status before their 21st birthday. If you have a child who will soon lose TRICARE eligibility due to age, the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) or a commercial (Non-military) insurance plan may be options.

CHCBP is a premium-based health care program administered by Humana Military that is available to all beneficiaries in the United States. CHCBP is similar, but not part of, TRICARE – it is provided to help serve as a bridge between military health benefits and civilian health care coverage. With CHCBP, your child can receive up to 36 months of health care coverage after his or her TRICARE eligibility ends.

For more information on CHCBP, contact Humana Military at 1-800-444-5445. You may also visit TRICARE's Continued Health Care Benefit Program page.

Congrats to TRAWING-5's Wingers and Scholars



July 30 Winging Ceremony:

First row, left to right: Cdr. Mathew R. Frost, USN, Commander, HT-28; Lt. j.g. R. Cody Adams, USN; Lt. j.g. Ryan D. Culbertson, USN; Lt. j.g. Jessie L. Clayton, USN; Lt. j.g. David J. Mendonsa, USN; Lt. j.g. Margaret K. Reynolds, USN; Lt. j.g. Sean C. Castle, USN. Second row, left to right: Lt. Col. Shawn J. Coakley, USMC, Commander, HT-18; 1st Lt. Brian M. Sherman, USMC; Ensign Paul M. Kraft, USN; Lt. j.g. Christopher J. Waddell, USN; Lt. j.g. Jonathan D. Gayfield, USN; Lt. j.g. Jason J. Miyoshi, USN; Lt. j.g. Matthew D. Young, USN; Capt. James L. Vandiver, USN, Commander, Training Wing Five. Third Row, left to right: Cdr. Michael D. Fisher, USN, Commander, HT-8; 1st Lt. Jonathan C. Putney, USMC; 1st Lt. Christopher A. Wallace, USMC; Lt. j.g. Otis V. Dunlap, USN; Lt. John P. Poley, USCG; 1st Lt. Daniel E. Alger, Jr., USMC; Capt. Peter Hall, USN, Commander, Naval Air Station Whiting Field.



1st Lt. Kevin N. Flippin, USMC; Lt. j.g. Gaganpreet Singh, Indian Navy; and 1st Lt. Mark W. Bock, USMC receive their Commodore's List certificates July 30 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



1st Lt. Joseph M. Olson, USMC; 1st Lt. Charles A. Kuhnmuench, USMC; Capt. Tristan M. Gerritsen, USMC; 1st Lt. Kevin W. Sladek, USMC; and Lt. Christopher N. McAndrew, USCG hold their Training Air Wing FIVE academic certificates Aug. 6. Gerritsen's was a Commodore's List award and Sladek's was the Advanced Academic Achievement Award. The other three students earned Academic Achievement Awards.