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NASWF CO Honors Veterans at Memorial Day Event

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Hundreds of Milton area residents interrupted their Memorial Day picnics and family gatherings to pay tribute to the true meaning of the holiday, May 31. The City of Milton hosted the remembrance ceremony Monday at 11 a.m. near the town's riverwalk in the Veterans' Memorial Plaza.

Originally called Decoration Day to honor service members who died during the Civil War, some form of Memorial Day to remember the country's war casualties has been held for more than 130 years. It is a day to recall the sacrifices of military persons who protect and defend the nation.

Santa Rosa County Commissioner Don Salter served as the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, and joined Santa Rosa County Commissioner Bob Cole and Milton Mayor Guy Thompson as prime participants of the event. The dignitaries took turns at the podium reading their respective proclamations to honor military members past and present. Congressman Jeff



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Hall serves as the guest speaker for the Milton Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial Plaza, Mon. May 31. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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Asian Pacific Heritage Celebrated at Whiting Field



The local Fil-Am Association demonstrates a series of traditional Asian-Pacific dances during the Asian-Pacific Heritage month celebration at Naval Air Station Whiting Field Thurs., May 27. The event was coordinated by the base First Class Petty Officer Association. U.S. Navy photo Lt. j.g. Michael M. Daharsh

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The delicious scents of Kalua Pork, Vegetable Stir Fry, and Pancit Vegetables and Chicken wafted outside the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Auditorium Thurs., May 27 as the base's First Class Association presented the Asian-Pacific Celebration. The two hour luncheon provided information about the heritage of the Philippine, Japanese, and other Asian-Pacific cultures and their influence in the civilian and military communities.

"The growing presence of the Asian-Pacific in the American community is a recent one," said guest speaker Dr. Madan Lal Goel, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of West Florida. "In 1990, there were only 7-8 million of us. Today our numbers have reached over 12 million."

The event began with a benediction and a salute to the American flag. As the color guard marched out of the room the guests were invited to begin eating. After lunch

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President Issues Memorial Day Proclamation

Since our Nation's founding, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in service to our country. From Concord and Gettysburg to Marne and Normandy, from Inchon and Khe Sanh to Baghdad and Kandahar, they departed our world as heroes and gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves.

On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price to defend the United States and the principles upon which America was founded. In honor of our country's fallen, I encourage all Americans to unite at 3:00 p.m. local time to observe a National Moment of Remembrance.

Today, Americans from all backgrounds and corners of our country serve with valor, courage, and distinction in the United States Armed Forces. They stand shoulder to shoulder with the giants of our Nation's history, writing their own chapter in the American story. Many of today's warriors know what it means to lose a friend too soon, and all our service members and their families understand the true meaning of sacrifice.

This Memorial Day, we express our deepest appreciation to the men and women in uniform who gave their last full measure of devotion so we might live in freedom. We cherish their memory and pray for the peace for which they laid down their lives. We mourn with the families and friends of those we have lost, and hope they find comfort in knowing their loved ones died with honor. We ask for God's grace to protect those fighting in distant lands, and we renew our promise to support our troops, their families, and our veterans. Their unwavering devotion inspires us all -- they are the best of America.

It is our sacred duty to preserve the legacy of these brave Americans, and it remains our charge to work for peace, freedom, and security. Let us always strive to uphold the founding principles they died defending; let their legacy continue to



inspire our Nation; and let this solemn lesson of service and sacrifice be taught to future generations of Americans.

In honor of their dedication and service to America, the Congress, by a Joint Resolution, approved May 11, 1950, as amended (36 U.S.C. 116), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has also designated 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe, in their own way, the National Moment of Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11:00 a.m. of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I also ask all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day.

I request the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff until noon on this Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control. I also request the people of the United States to display the flag at half staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

CNO Releases Naval Operations Concept 2010

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Similar to the collaborative signing of the Maritime Strategy, "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower," the Chief of Naval Operations and Commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard released the Naval Operations Concept 2010 (NOC 10) <http://www.navy.mil/maritime/noc/NOC2010.pdf>, which guides implementation of the strategy and describes how, when and where U.S. naval forces will contribute to enhancing security, preventing conflict and prevailing in war.

NOC 10 describes the ways with which the sea services will achieve the ends articulated in the Maritime Strategy, signed in October 2007.

"The Naval Operations Concept charts more precisely how our naval forces can and do put into motion our Maritime Strategy," said Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of

naval operations. "Free from territorial boundaries, naval forces can responsively maneuver to meet global needs and challenges when and where they happen."

NOC 10 states who the naval forces are, what they believe, where they operate, what they provide the nation, and what capabilities they employ to meet the demands of a complex, evolving security environment. NOC also describes how naval forces use the sea as maneuver space and are employed across the range of military operations.

NOC 10 recognizes that naval forces continuously operate forward—and surge additional forces when necessary—to influence adversaries and project power.

For more information on the Maritime Strategy go to: www.navy.mil/maritime. For more information on NOC 10 go to: www.navy.mil/maritime/noc.

News and Notes

Red Cross Classes - Lifeguard training will be held at NAS Whiting Field, May 29 - Jun. 6, Sat. and Sun. only. (Class will be on Jun. 5, and Jun. 6). Morale Welfare and Recreation department is also still registering for Red Cross Swim Lessons. For more information, please call Kelsey at 623-7032.

Big Band Music - Milton High School will host the Drum Corps International Drum and Bugle Corps show, Thurs., Jul. 29. The show is titled Sounds of the South. There will be seven drum and bugle corps at this event and the DCI corps are the elite of the elite when it comes to marching bands. For more information visit: <http://www.mhsbandboosters.info/index.php?menu=event4> or <http://www.tealsound.org/drumbuglecorps/events/soundsofthesouth/>. Tickets are \$20 for the Super Section and \$15 for General Admission. There is also a \$5 Military discount with ID at the gates. For additional information, please call 207-8206.

Swimming Pool Open - The Training Pool is now open for lap swimming. Hours of Operation are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon.- Fri.

Troy University is Back - Troy University now has a new student services specialist for Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Christi Berrey will be the contact person for their office located in the Atrium building near Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and ITT. Office hours have been changed to better assist students needs: Mon. - Fri. from 9am to 3pm. She will be available to answer questions about degree programs and how to get started with Troy as well as schedule appointments for students to meet with Sandra, the local academic advisor. Please feel free to stop by, or call 850-458-4736 with any questions or concerns.

'Pirates of Pensacola' Trolley Tours - 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fridays through Jun. 18. The Red Trolley sets sail every weekend on the seas of adventure. Along the way, passengers will face rival pirates, find clues, and learn the Secrets of the Seven Seas. During the voyage, you'll learn how to tie a pirate bandana and wear an eye patch and a hook. Take your pirate gear along and arrive early



Open for Business

Sandy Smith and Roderick Cassi pose for a picture in the south field snack bar. The south field snack bar is now open and ready for business located in the same building as Helicopter Training Squadrons EIGHT AND EIGHTEEN. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Michael M. Daharsh

to get a tattoo applied by a pirate lass. Tickets: \$20; \$5 for ages 9 and younger. Visitor Information Center, 1401 E. Gregory St., 850) 435-0914, or visit www.piratetrolley.com.

Bands on the Beach: Letric Mullet - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tues., Jun. 8, at the Gulfside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach. Feel the beach breeze while listening to 1960s and 70s rock from Letric Mullet. Spectators should take lawn chairs or blankets. Pets are not allowed, and glass is prohibited. The free weekly concert series, presented by the Santa Rosa Island Authority, continues through Sept.. Details: 932-2257.

Summer Salute III - Cat Country 98.7's Summer Salute III concert is Thursday, June 17th aboard NAS Pensacola and once again, ALL TICKETS ARE ON THEM! The Cat bought all of the tickets and are giving half to the Military and the other half to the rest of Cat Country. You will need a ticket to get in to see Country Superstar Tracy Lawrence. The station will announce each Summer Salute Ticket Stop location and time (will also be posted on the website: <http://www.catcountry987.com/>). You can get up to 4 free tickets at each Summer Salute Ticket Stop. All adults will need a ticket, kids 12 and under get in without a ticket, accompanied by an adult.

Child and Youth Program (CYP) Survey- If you have a child who lives with you at any time during the year and is eligible to participate in Navy children's programs. Please enter this link into your web browser to take a short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QMFPBY>. The survey covers such areas as child care needs, hours of care you might need, school transportation, youth programs, and youth sports options. It will only take about 10 minutes. You may get a printed copy at the CYP facilities.

FFSC Has Consumer Handbooks - Hear Ye Hear Ye! The 2010 Consumer Action Handbooks are finally in! Swing by the Fleet & Family Support Center to pick up your "free" copy. This handbook is packed with consumer assistance info on topics that can help make you a saavy consumer.



Back to School

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Hall reads to a 4th grade class at Chumuckla Elementary School for the school's Read Across Chumuckla Program Fri., May 28.

Upcoming Events

Jun. 4, 1230 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Jun. 11, 1300 - VT-3 Change of Command - Atrium

Jun. 18, 1230 - Winging Ceremony- Base Auditorium

Jun. 18, 1300 - NASWF Safety Stand Down - Sikes Hall

Jun. 21 - Fathers' Day

Jul. 02, 0800 - NASWF Safety Stand Down - Sikes Hall

Jul. 02, 1230 - Wining Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Jul. 16, 1230 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Developing Your Spending Plan - Wed, 2 Jun, 1400 – 1500

There is no patent on the “right” way to handle your money, but there are better ways to get your dollar’s worth. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Fri, 4 Jun, 0800 – 1200

TAP WORKSHOP (Call to Schedule Appointment) - Tue - Fri, 8 – 11 Jun, 0800 – 1600

Challenges of Flight School & Marriage - Wed, 9 Jun, 1800 – 2000

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 the unique challenges Flight Schools offers. For more information call 623-7177.

Anger Management - Wed, 16 Jun, 1300 – 1400

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.

VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Fri, 18 Jun, 0800 – 1200

Resume Writing - Mon, 21 Jun, 0800 – 1000

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.

Homeowner’s Financial Disaster Preparedness - Wed, 23 Jun, 1030 –1200 - (Base Auditorium)

Mr. Arthur Youngblood from the Florida Department of Financial Services will discuss flood insurance, hurricane deductibles and other property insurance coverage's a consumer might need in order to recover after a disaster. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

BBB® examines industries with most activity in 2009

As summer approaches, your BBB turns its attention to vacation vouchers. As an industry, vacation certificates and vouchers were ranked number two out of 1,700 industries in both inquiries and complaints to your Better Business Bureau Serving Northwest Florida in 2009.

Your BBB is focusing on the industries that had the most activity last year and plans to highlight one each month in 2010. BBB hopes to proactively provide the information that consumers seek from BBB as the leader in advancing marketplace trust. BBB urges consumers to take precaution as you begin booking travel packages:

First and foremost, check out all travel-related businesses with your BBB. Our database includes reports on more than 4 million businesses and charities in the U.S. and Canada.

You’ll also want to watch out for these red flags:

- You’re pressured to make a quick decision. If you have to decide immediately, walk away.
- The vacation comes with a too-good-to-be-true price. Yes, you may be able to find great deals this spring and summer, but nobody’s going to give away trips.
- They request that you wait at least 60 days before taking your trip. Why is this a red flag? Because scam artists know that you



must dispute credit card charges within 60 days of the date you receive the bill, not the date of your travel.

- You’re asked to send money by wire, messenger or overnight mail. Once you send the money, you have no recourse to get a refund if something goes wrong.
- You must disclose your income, Social Security number, bank account number or other private information. You’re just asking to have your identity stolen.

- The company offers great bargains, but refuses to put the details in writing unless you pay first. When it

comes to contracts, your BBB can’t emphasize enough that you need to always get it in writing.

- The salesperson makes vague references to “all major airlines” or “all major hotels” without saying which ones you will use.
- A caller asks for your credit card number over the phone.
- The deal cannot be booked through a travel agent.
- You must call a 900 number. You will be charged to make this call — sometimes an astronomical amount.
- The company cannot provide the names of references, or the references you call repeat nearly verbatim the claims of the travel provider.

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

Memorial Day

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Miller also said a few words before Salter introduced Capt. Pete Hall, commanding officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field and the event's guest speaker.

"Those we honor today are our service members gone but never forgotten. And we assume the unspoken duty to remind our friends, family, neighbors, and children, about their actions and their sacrifices," he said. "All of the good we do in the world today is because of the legacy given to us by those who gave their lives in service. Their sacrifices helped make the United States the great power it is today and with every action undertaken, every conflict resolved, and every life improved by the United States; we pay tribute to these heroes.

Hall spoke for less than ten minutes, and reminded the assembled guests not only of the history of the holiday, but also why it is so important to observe Memorial Day.

"We often hear that freedom has a price and that each generation pays its due. Today is our day to say thank you to those who for generations have foot the bill; to those who have paid so dearly—with their lives, and to their families and friends whose lives are forever changed and to whom we owe an enormous debt. Gathering together on this day is one way to show our appreciation and gratitude."

That expression of gratitude extended through the remainder of the ceremony as Salter called up veteran organizations one-by-one to place wreaths on the wall of the Veterans' Memorial. That was followed by a two-bell ceremony and a 21-gun salute during a wreath laying in the Blackwater River to conclude the event.

"We are here today to tell you how much we appreciate all your service," he said, before quoting Gen. George S. Patton. "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."



Capt. Pete Hall, commanding officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field, speaks to the audience during the Milton Memorial Day ceremony. Hall served as the guest speaker for the event with Congressman Jeff Miller, Santa Rosa County Commissioner Bob Cole, Milton Mayor Guy Thompson and Santa Rosa County Commissioner Don Salter also speaking. The event remembered the sacrifices of America's military service members, and was held at the Milton Veterans' Memorial Plaza Monday, May 31. "There is arguably no greater sacrifice one can make than to die for another. And so through the years and wars, Americans have never ceased to honor those who gave all," he said. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1868, Memorial Day has been uniquely an American day of remembrance on which we honor the memory of our brave service men and women who have given their lives for our freedom; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the traditions that have preceded us, most of us have memories of loved ones who are honored on this day, and it is right to remember and recognize past service to America by all veterans; and

WHEREAS, veterans have bravely served in all parts of the world, and all citizens of the United States of America have benefited from the sacrifices of veterans in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa County joins with other counties throughout the State of Florida and the United States of America in honoring those who have given their lives for our great country; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day has become a significant part of our American heritage as we recognize the millions of citizens whose military service has had a profound effect on America's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that May 31, 2010, be observed as **MEMORIAL DAY** in Santa Rosa County, in remembrance and in honor of the Veterans who have given their lives in service of our country.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Asian Pacific

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NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Hall, welcomed the guests and kicked off the informational part of the luncheon. To close the event the Filam Association performed a series of four dances to demonstrate the culture and heritage of the Asian-Pacific communities.

While May is usually remembered for Military Appreciation Month it also shares the spotlight with Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. President George Bush Sr. designated the heritage month in May to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May, 1869. According to United States Census Bureau, Asian Americans constitute 5 percent of the total population of the United States.

Goel spoke to the crowded room with in a humble manner about his life, how it has been affected by America, and how even though many Asians came for poor and underprivileged lifestyles they have managed to succeed by working hard toward their dreams in America.

“Even though our numbers are small, our accomplishments are large,” Goel said. “26 percent of PhDs are awarded to individuals in the Asian community.”

Goel went on to describe his lifelong journey in education from Punjab University in 1956, to University in Oregon in 1959, to receiving his Ph.D in Political Science from the State University of New York in 1969. After he finished his speech he was thanked by a hearty applause from the audience.

“The best universities are here in America. We still lead in innovation, education, and research,” Goel said. “The

great strength of America is that it welcomes immigrants. The genius of the American way is that we are open to introducing new cultures to our bloodlines and learning to grow together. This is our crowning achievement.”



More than 90 people attended the Asian Pacific Celebration 2010 at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Auditorium Thurs., May 27. The cultural event highlighted the impact and influence of Asian-Pacific Islanders in America. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Michael M. Daharsh

TRICARE Notes

TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM SURVIVOR BENEFIT

If your loved one dies while serving in the military, you may be eligible for dental benefits under the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) Survivor Benefit. The TDP Survivor Benefit continues for three years from the month following your sponsor's death. During this three-year period, the government pays 100 percent of the TDP premiums and you are responsible only for applicable cost-shares.

For more information about dental coverage after the death of a sponsor, refer to your TRICARE Dental Program Benefit Booklet, contact United Concordia at 1-800-866-8499, or go to the enrollees tab at www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com and click on “Survivor Benefits” under the “Benefits Information” heading.

Ec-nomics

Rid yourself of junk mail-or at least recycle it. The average U.S. household receives 1.5 trees' worth of junk mail each year, and many of these trees are thrown right into the trash. If you want to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive, you'll need to register with the Mail Preference Service. It costs a buck, but you can do it easily online at www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailinglist. For the junk mail you continue to receive, remember toss it in the recycling bin instead of throwing it out with the garbage. You can even recycle plastic window envelopes. If all Americans recycled their junk mail, \$370 million in landfill dumping fees could be saved each year.

Try to flush the toilet just one less time per day, and you'll save about 4.5 gallons of water-as much water as the average person in Africa uses for a whole day of drinking, cooking, bathing, and cleaning.

Avoid using plastic liners (you don't really need them) with your shower curtain, and you'll keep unnatural vinyl plastics out of the landfills. PVC plastic waste amounts to 1.23 million tons per year, and none of its recyclable.

Congrats TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



First row: Cmdr. Matthew Frost, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew Lund, USCG; Lt. j.g. Matthew Heaster, USN; Ensign Rebecca Tucker, USN; 1st Lt. Brian Fredo, USMC; Ensign Julian Pascuzzi, USN; Lt. j.g. Mohammed Albalawi, RSNF; and Capt. Mark Eubanks, USN.
Second row: Lt. Col. Shawn Coakley, USMC; Lt. j.g. Brian Seekatz, USCG; Ensign Kyle Corry, USN; Ensign Mark Foris, USN; Lt. j.g. Sean Groark, USCG; Lt. j.g. Nathan Shakespeare, USCG; Lt. j.g. Joshua Peeples, USN; 1st Lt. Ryan Harbison, USMC; and Capt. James Vandiver.
Third row: Cmdr. Michael Fisher, USN; Ensign Peter Church, USN; Lt. j.g. Abdolmajid Alghtani, RSNF; Lt. j.g. Paul Mitchell, USN; 1st Lt. Thomas Hall, USMC; Lt. j.g. Michael Gibson, USCG; Ensign Evan Cook, USN; Ensign James Callahan, USN; and 1st Lt. Joseph Madren, USMC.



Above the Academic awardees for the ceremony on May 21, from left to right: Lt. j.g. Nicolas Reszkiewicz, French Navy; Ensign Isaac G. Ostlund, USN; Lt. j.g. Timothy R. Phillips, USN; 2nd Lt. Matthew C. Daugherty, USMC; Lt. j.g. Caroline D. Kearney, USCG; Lt. j.g. Mary E. Alexander, USCG; 2nd Lt. Stephen M. Blanchette, USMC