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NASWF drills emergency response skills

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field exercised its emergency response capabilities fully, Tuesday, Aug. 7, when the base executed a casualty drill that called into action elements from the base and local agencies.

The exercise was evaluated by the Commander Navy Region Southeast Training Team and was one of four drills the base will perform this year.

The scenario entailed an emergency landing for an aircraft that went awry when a hypothetical T-6B Texan II crashed into the Navy



Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Brad Lovin and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Henry pull a simulated victim from a fire truck during an aircraft accident response drill at Navy Outlying Landing Field Choctaw Tuesday, Aug. 7. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Choctaw air traffic control tower as well as emergency response vehicles stationed nearby with teams inside.

With communications and the localized fire fighting capability down, a simulated 911-call from the community initiated the response. Within minutes, teams from nearby NOLF Santa Rosa, Holley-Navarre Fire Department, and Lifeguard Ambulance Services were on site to deal with the situation.

“We have to be prepared for anything and everything. That’s what Fire and Emergency Services does,” said Glen Greenough, the on-scene incident commander and one of the assistant fire chiefs of operations for NAS Whiting Field’s fire department.

“We have a great working
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CMS/ID application phase available

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) - The first application phase reflecting recent changes to Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID), the web-based



program enlisted Sailors use to review and apply for permanent change of station (PCS) orders began Aug. 9, and remains open until 5 a.m. CDT Aug. 21.

The process of applying for billets through CMS/ID is the same, but in a change announced last month in NAVADMIN 226/12; detailers will now fill all advertised active-duty billets each month using the available Sailors who are in their orders-negotiation window.

This change means that some

Sailors in their window may be assigned to billets for which they did not apply.

Sailors are considered in their orders negotiation window when they are within nine through seven months from their projected rotation date (PRD), which equates to approximately 9,500 enlisted Sailors each cycle.

These Sailors may review advertised billets in CMS/ID and apply for up to five jobs each application phase, either directly using CMS/ID or through a command

career counselor (CCC).

The new detailing policy is part of the Navy’s coordinated effort to aggressively address gaps at sea and place Sailors with the right experience levels and skill sets into high-priority Fleet billets.

A single set of sea billets, prioritized by U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and a single set of shore billets, prioritized by U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Bureau of Naval Personnel will be advertised each application cycle. Detailers will always attempt to fill billets using a Sailor’s desired selections first; however, Fleet readiness requirements will be the

NASWF to host 23rd annual job fair

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center will sponsor its 23rd annual Job Fair, Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event routinely is praised as one of the most effective and well-organized job fairs in the Florida panhandle.

The NAS Whiting Field Job Fair provides a broad range of career opportunities for military members transitioning to civilian life, military family members, and the general public. For 23 years, the fair has attracted local and national employers seeking well-qualified, educated, experienced and entry-level individuals for employment within the commuting area and around the world.

Public and private organizations scheduled to attend the event include the following employers: Aerotek; BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards Alabama; Bioceutic; CINTAS; Crew Training International; Cox Communications; CSX Transportation; Express Employment Professionals; Federal Bureau Prison Camp Pensacola; the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Gulf Power, a Southern Company; Home Depot; Keegan Staffing; Landrum Staffing; Lowes of Pensacola; PHI Inc.; Sikorsky Aerospace Maintenance; Southwest Georgia Technical

College/John Deer; Waffle House; West Corporation; Workforce Escarosa; Navy Federal Credit Union; and others. The list is growing rapidly and additions will be made until the day of the event.

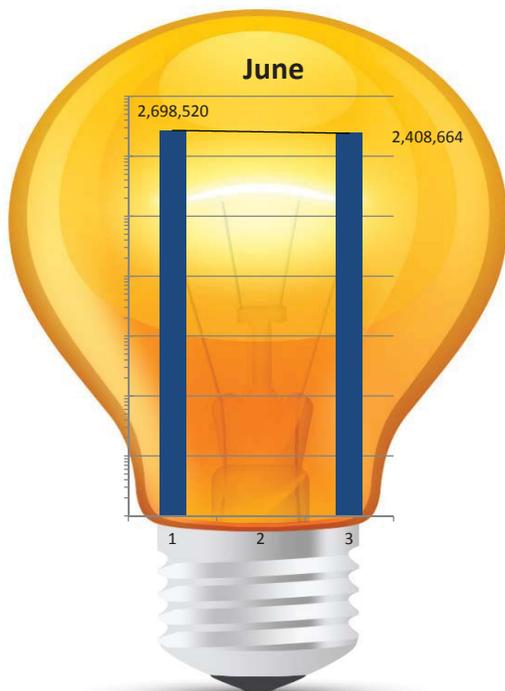
The job fair has attracted nearly 70 employers per year in previous years.

Sikes Hall, a spacious, air-conditioned facility, provides room for as many as 80 employers to array their respective displays and recruiting tables. All employers actively seeking veterans, and job-seekers with military experience strongly are encouraged to attend.

The job fair is an outstanding opportunity for career-oriented individuals to learn about career paths, meet with employers who are hiring, discover what companies desire in job candidates, and obtain firsthand information about employers from live representatives.

The event is free and open to the public for both the employers and job-seekers.

Call NAS Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center at (850) 623-7177 or email Darryl.Johnson2@navy.mil, Terri.Maddox@navy.mil, or Wanda.Mcdaniel@navy.mil to request registration information.



Power Outage

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's prime objectives, so each month we will display the energy usage comparisons for Naval Air Station Whiting Field between 2011 and 2012. As you can see, in June, the base consumed 289,956 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

23rd Annual

Job Fair



When: August 16, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Sikes Hall
NAS Whiting Field

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Local, Regional, and National Employers will be present. Please bring your most current resume and come prepared to be interviewed!

For more information please contact the NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 623-7177.

News and Notes

ITT Special - DeLuna Fest 2012 tickets are now available at ITT. The three-day beach concert features Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, and the Zac Brown Band, Sept. 21-23. Tickets are \$177 for a three day pass. ITT also has discounted hotel stays at the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach for \$121 per night. There are only a limited number of passes and hotel rooms available. Please call 850-623-7032 or 850-665-6250 for additional information. For a complete concert lineup, check www.delunafest.com.

Extended Hours - Dine 1-1 North Field Snack Bar is now open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For your convenience, new services provided include delivery on base (\$1.00 delivery charge will be applied to each order) and call-ahead orders for pickup. Please call or text (850) 281-5923 to place your order!

Armed Forces Guides - The Armed Forces Benefits Association, 2012 Financial Planning Guides are finally in! These financial planning guides are filled with information on but not limited to: Military Pay & Allowances, Tri-care Benefits, Military Retirement, The Survivor Benefit Plan, Veteran's Benefits, Civil Service Pay & Retirements, Principles of Financial Planning, Wills & Trust, Saving & Investing, Social Security & Medicare, and much, much more. Swing by the Fleet & Family Support Center to pick up your free copy and a copy for your staff, co-workers, etc.

New Bridge Construction - Chipley-Scott Bridge Company of Opelika, Ala. has been awarded a \$14.7 million bridge construction contract to replace bridges over the White River and Bass Hole Cove on U.S. 90 between Pace and the Escambia River Bridge in Santa Rosa. In addition, crews will resurface the westbound lanes, make minor drainage improvements, construct guardrail and place new signs and pavement markings. Temporary bridges will be constructed and utilized during the project. There will be no lane restrictions allowed between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Construction should begin August 2012, with completion scheduled for summer 2016. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the construction area and to use caution. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter @myfdot_nwfl <http://www.twitter.com/myfdot_nwfl

From The NASWF Voting Officer

The general election is just a few months away. To register, request a ballot, and vote absentee go to www.FVAP.gov to complete your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). It takes less than 10 minutes to complete using the online registration and absentee ballot assistant.

Anyone who would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or needs help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or at vote@fvap.gov. And don't forget your installation Voting Assistance Officer, ABHC Wilmoth at Bldg 1454, Mid-Field Hanger, 623-7720. More info is available at [FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov), and don't forget to "like" them on facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow us on Twitter @FVAP.

Questions or problems with the subscription service may be addressed by contacting support@govdelivery.com. This service is provided to you at no charge by the Federal Voting Assistance Program.



Fair Winds and Following Seas

NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin congratulates Chief Air Traffic Controller Michael E. Pedygraft at his retirement ceremony Friday, Aug. 10. Pedygraft served 20 years in the Navy and played a vital role in the training of junior Air Traffic Controllers at the air station. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Navy vs Troy Football - If there is enough interest locally, Troy University would like to sponsor 2,000 active duty military and their family members for the Troy Trojans vs Navy Football Game on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Troy, Ala. Included: bus transportation to/from the game, ticket(s) to the game, lunch and a free t-shirt. All active duty military are eligible - please contact David Durham at (850) 458-4722 or by email: dbdurham@troy.edu if you are interested.

Special Disney Cruise: Disney Cruise Line is offering a military cruise rate of \$1,423.00 for a family of 3 on Sept. 23, or Sept. 30, 2012 sailings. Cruise to the Bahamas on a four-day cruise initiating from Port Canaveral on the Disney Dream. Stateroom is an oceanview verandah. Call ITT at 850-623-7032 for this and other bookings.

A Blood Services Thank You - Northwest Florida Blood Services thanks everyone who participated in their blood drive on Friday, July 13. A total of 29 pints were donated, which will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. The next blood drive is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 21. The bloodmobile will be parked in its usual spot in the NEX parking lot.

Civilian Benefits eSeminars - Government civilian employees may now access free eSeminars on many benefits topics in the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS). eSeminars are easy to view and self-paced. Anyone retiring within the next five years is encouraged to watch the eSeminar on retirement. New employees can get a head start on their futures by watching the Financial Planning eSeminar. The eSeminars are now available in the Employee Benefits Information System available at <http://www.public.navy.mil/donhr/Benefits/resources/Pages/Default.aspx> provides additional information about the eSeminars and how to access them. For more information, please contact the Benefits Line at 888-320-2917 and select menu option #4 to speak with a Customer Service Representative (CSR). CSRs are available from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. The TTY number is 866-359-5277.

Upcoming Events

August 16, 0900-1500 - FFSC Jobs Fair - Sikes Hall

August 24, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

August 24, 1400-1600 - Evening at Ace's Event- Ace's Bar

August 31, 1330 - NASWF Safety Standown - TBD

Sept. 14, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Oct. 2, 1000-1300 - Health and Fitness Expo - Gymnasium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

FFSC Job Fair - Thursday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is one of the largest and best attended job fairs in the Florida panhandle each year. Spaces are set aside for immediate interviews and job offers are sometimes issued during the event. Attendees are recommended to bring their resumes and to dress for success. The event is open to the public. Contact Darryl Johnson at 850-623-7177 for more information.

VA Representative - Friday, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (By reservation only. Call 850-623-7177)

Smooth Move - Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and the five key steps to minimizing stress during the relocation and transition period: get to know your FFSC Relocation Assistance Program Specialist, develop a plan of action, know your benefits, manage your moving day, make it a family affair. For more information, call NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 850-623-7177.

Money and the Move - Friday, Aug. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.

A Permanent change of Station (PCS) move can be one of the most exciting adventures of your career as well as one of the best benefits. However, a PCS move can also become a financial disaster that can take months to recover from if not properly prepared for. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Drill

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relationship with the local communities, and a drill like this helps us strengthen our partnerships with our colleagues in Santa Rosa County.”

Exercising the mutual aid agreements with the various agencies in Santa Rosa County was one of the main goals of the drill. County and municipal emergency service teams will assist NAS Whiting Field assets as necessary just as the Whiting Field Fire Department will respond to emergencies out in the local communities.

Past drills have tested the mutual aid agreements in various locations within the five-county area where NAS Whiting Field has assets, but this is the first time in recent history the base's unit has worked with Holley-Navarre.

The team from NOLF Santa Rosa arrived first and immediately proceeded to combat the aircraft fire, simulated with a helicopter fire trainer. Within minutes, the Holley-Navarre team showed up and attacked the air traffic control tower structural fire. The teams also worked to



An emergency response team from Naval Air Station Whiting Field advances on a fire fighting trainer to simulate attacking an aircraft fire during a training exercise at the base's Navy Outlying Landing Field Choctaw. The multi-agency effort also included a fire fighting station and ambulance service from the local area. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

remove injured personnel from the scene and to prepare them for evacuation to local hospitals.

Behind the scenes, the event also incorporated an activation of the Emergency Control Center and initiated the administrative response procedures such as notification of next-of-kin and counseling for personnel through the Chaplain's office and Fleet and Family Support Center.

It was a complex drill that tested nearly every facet of NAS Whiting Field's emergency response checklist.

“I have never seen a larger-scale exercise here before,” Cmdr. Robin Higgs, the Regional Training Team senior officer who observed the drill, said.

“It was phenomenal, absolutely phenomenal. These kinds of exercises help us make ourselves better. It was an extremely impressive drill.”

Not everything was perfect, and the event wrap-up emphasized the lessons learned for future training sessions

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Congrats to TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



First Row: Cmdr. Christopher L. Pesile, USN; Lt. j.g. Stefano Ara, Marina Militare; Ensign Joseph E. Decker, USN; Ensign Justin T. Medlin, USN; Lt. j.g. Evan S. Rutherford, USN; Lt. j.g. Amanda M. Berlinsky, USN; and Capt. John K. Winkler, USN.

Second Row: Lt. Col. Robert S. White, USMC; Ensign Kyle T. Stringer, USN; Ensign Christopher A. Ames, USN; Lt. j.g. Jonathan D. Karunakaran, USN; Lt. j.g. Patrick J. Boensel, USN; Lt. j.g. Cameron Z. Caraway, USN; and Capt. James J. Fisher, USN.

Third Row: Cmdr. Paul D. Bowdich, USN; 1st Lt. Blake S. Medeiros, USMC; Lt. j.g. Ivan V. Chernov, USN; Ensign Jonathan D. Feazell, USN; Ensign Aric J. Myers, USN; Ensign Richard O. Waters III, USN; and 1st Lt. Joseph W. Sewell, USMC.



Left Photo: 1st Lt. Raymond Webb II, USMC receives his Advanced Phase Academic Achievement Award from Training Air Wing FIVE Deputy Commodore Capt. James Fisher at the TRAWING-5 headquarters Friday, July 6.



Right Photo: Lt. j.g. Benjamin C. Zintak, USN; Ensign Bryan C. Marek, USN; Lt. j.g. Justin B. Stevens, USN; and Capt. Samuel B. Eliason, USAF, display their academic achievement awards at the TRAWING-5 headquarters Friday, Aug. 10.

CMS

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guiding factor in filling billets. Detailers will still follow sea-shore flow guidelines outlined in NAVADMIN 201/11, so unless a Sailor requests Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) or the Voluntary Sea Duty Program (VSDP) to take consecutive sea duty orders, a Sailor up for shore duty should not be involuntarily assigned another sea tour. It may mean a Sailor hoping for shore duty in Florida or California may receive shore duty someplace else where the need is greater.

Some factors a detailer must weigh when matching Sailors to jobs include the Sailor's desires, qualifications, career progression, and cost to the Navy.

Sailors can be more proactive in getting an assignment of their choice by maximizing their choices. Data shows that Sailors rarely apply for more than two advertised jobs. Officials recommend using all five choices when applying.

"Sailors should be open-minded when looking at their next assignment as every duty station available has unique opportunities for success," Senior Chief Navy Counselor Mark W. Rush, Force Career Counselor, Navy Personnel Command, said.

Drill

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or live responses.

With inter-agency coordination and extra elements imposed on the scenario, no one expected it would go completely as planned, but that's the purpose of training, according to NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin - to prepare for the unexpected.

"We have a great safety record here, but some time, something bad could happen. This was a difficult exercise and we tested a lot of moving pieces," he said during the drill debrief to the response teams.

"Thank you for your vigilance and your participation. I was very pleased with what I saw out here today."



Aviation Boatswain's Mates 2nd Class Brad Lovin and Matthew Henry rush toward the simulated downed aircraft to overhaul the fire and search for the pilots Tuesday, Aug. 7. The event was part of a large scale, multi-agency drill at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Navy Outlying Landing Field Choctaw to test the emergency response teams from the base as well as exercise the mutual aid agreements with local fire fighting stations and emergency services. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

"Sailors may and should apply for all five of their top choices so they will have a better chance of being detailed to one of their desired assignments."

The application phase typically is 10 days allowing Sailors time to review available jobs, research billets and discuss options with their family and chain of command before making applications before the application phase closes.

"When the detailer reviews applications, it makes no difference if you applied on the first day of the application phase or the last day, so use that time," Rush said.

Detailers won't make assignments to advertised jobs until after the close of the application phase, during the detailer selection phase.

Sailors may log into CMS/ID anytime after the detailer selection phase to see if they have been selected for orders.

Sailors can learn more about CMS/ID from their CCC or <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/enlisted/cmsid/Pages/default2.aspx>.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5100.12J
PMVs



2) Private Motor Vehicles (PMVs)

(a) All military personnel riding in a PMV manufactured after 1968, on and off a Navy installation, shall properly

wear safety belts. Individuals shall not ride in seating positions where safety belts have not been installed or have been removed or rendered inoperative.

(b) All civilian personnel riding in a PMV manufactured after 1968, on a Navy installation, shall properly wear safety belts. Individuals shall not ride in seating positions where safety belts have not been installed, or have been removed or rendered inoperative.

(c) No one shall be authorized to ride in the cargo areas of motor vehicles when prohibited by State or local laws. When not prohibited by law, vehicles used to carry passengers in the cargo area must be modified to include the installation of safety belts which meet Department of Transportation (DOT) FMVSS 208, 209, and 210. (See reference (d).)

(d) The use of child safety seats in vehicles shall be consistent with host nation, State, or local laws. The safest location for an installed child safety seat is in the center of the rear seat. Do not install child safety seats in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with a passenger side air bag.

(e) Vehicle drivers are responsible for informing all passengers of safety belt and child safety seat requirements. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure compliance by all passengers with these requirements.