



CDC extends accreditation five years

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Child Development Center recently received another five-year accreditation, displaying the quality care that is the hallmark of child care Navy-wide. The accreditation certificate was the result of more than a year-long effort by the staff.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the certifying agency and has been establishing the benchmarks of quality child care for almost 30 years. The accreditation process is voluntary, and NAS Whiting Field's CDC has been participating in the process since the early 1990s, according to CDC Director Mary Marcoux. While the process is difficult and time consuming, she feels the end result is well worth the effort.

"It gives our families the satisfaction that everything is the way it should be. It shows that we give quality care to the children," Marcoux explained.

With five binders of checklists and documentation, plus additional binders in each classroom, the process is ob-

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Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin congratulates the base's Child Development Center Director Mary Marcoux. The CDC received the National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation for the maximum allowable period of five years. NAEYC inspected the team's performance across a wide range of areas including: first aid, student education, administration, water quality, menu choices and more. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Sea Cadet units celebrate 50 years at NASWF

The Whiting Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps hosted a "birthday celebration" Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9 onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Three other sea cadet divisions from Gulf Coast Region 087 joined the Whiting contingent for a weekend of friendly competitions, ending with a birthday dinner and overnight stay.

D. R. Dunlap Division from Mobile, Ala., Seawolf Division from Panama City, Fla., Wiregrass Division from Enterprise, Ala., and Whiting Division gathered to celebrate the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps' federal incorporation date. The organization was established by Congress on Sept. 10, 1962 under Public Law 87-655 (36 USC 1541).

Saturday started with events that included kickball, basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, military drill(knockout), Jenga, and checkers. The competitions were coordinated by Aviation Boatswain's Mates 2nd Class Julie Maness and Darrell Zofcin of Whiting Crash and Rescue Division. Maness and Zofcin are also members of Whiting Division.

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Retired Navy Chief and leader of the Whiting Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Tony Chandler, presents a plaque to Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis. The Sea Cadets presented the plaque to the base in appreciation of its support of the Sea Cadet program throughout the current year. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Ready Navy wants to know if you are ready

WASHINGTON – Are you ready to be notified in the event of an emergency or base closure? A quick and easy sign up to the Wide Area Alert Notification (WAAN) system could save you in more ways than you can imagine.

Deployed by the Navy in 2008, the WAAN system provides Navy Installations (worldwide) with an effective and reliable mass notification system that can be used during a crisis to warn and direct affected personnel.

“As a civilian employee, I thought that my home phone or cell phone numbers were none of my command's business. And certainly they didn't need to know my kids' personal information,” Marcher Castell, CIV CNIC HQ, said. “Of course, that meant that they couldn't call me to tell me to evacuate, or include my children in the evacuation count. Heck, they couldn't even call me to tell me something simple like the power being out in my building and not to drive all the way in to the office.”

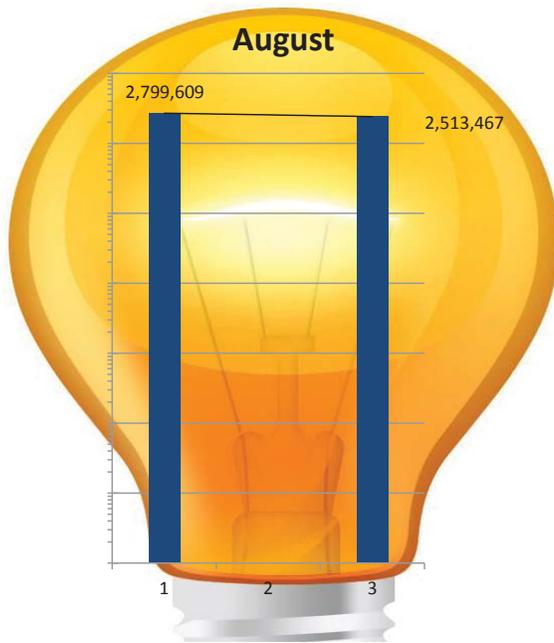


All military (active duty and Reserve), civil service, and contractor personnel with an NMCI or One Net user account are required to register their office email address and phone number, at minimum, in the WAAN. Registering personal emergency contact information also is strongly encouraged.

As Marcher discovered, the Navy can't alert you if it cannot find you. Registration is not automatic, but by providing your personal contact information, you take advantage of the following benefits:

- Registration enhances your safety and empowers you to react in times of crisis.
- Registration ensures that real-time alerts provide information to you and your family on what to do and where to go in an emergency.
- Registration allows you to find out about base closures due to weather or an emergency, before you show up.
- Registration permits you to be notified when it is

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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 August, the base consumed 286,142 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

This Week in Naval History

Sept. 26

- 1781 - French fleet defeats British at Yorktown, Va.
- 1910 - First recorded reference to provision for aviation in Navy Department organization.
- 1918 - USS Tampa lost with 118.
- 1931 - Keel laying at Newport News, Va., of USS Ranger (CV 4), first ship designed and constructed as an aircraft carrier.
- 1963 - First steam-eject launch of Polaris missile at sea off Cape Canaveral, Fla., (now Cape Kennedy) from USS Observation Island (EAG 154).

Sept. 27

- 1922 - Report on observations of experiments with short wave radio at Anacostia in the District of Columbia starts Navy development of radar.
- 1941 - Launch of first Liberty ship, SS Patrick Henry, in Baltimore.
- 1942 - Armed Guard on SS Stephen Hopkins engages German auxiliary cruiser Stier and supply ship Tannenfels. Stephen Hopkins and Stier both sink.
- 1944 - Special Air Task Force (STAG-1) commences operations with drones, controlled by TBM Avenger aircraft, against Japanese in Southwestern Pacific.
- 1950 - First Marine Division captures Seoul, South Korea.

Sept. 28

- 1822 - Sloop-of-war Peacock captures five pirate vessels.
- 1850 - Congress outlaws flogging on Navy ships.
- 1944 - Marines occupy islands in Palaus under cover of Naval aircraft and gunfire support.
- 1964 - First deployment of Polaris A-3 missile on USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) from Charleston, S.C.

From - http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

MCPON Change of Office - MCPON Rick West recorded a "Farewell to the Fleet" message on www.navy.mil in advance of his Sept. 28 Change of Office. As MCPON West's time as MCPON comes to a close he says farewell and thanks to the Fleet. To see the message link to <http://www.navy.mil/viewVideo.asp?id=17612>. His Change of Office ceremony will be played live on [navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), September 28th at 10 a.m. ET.

Navy Ball 2012 - The NAS Whiting Field Navy Ball will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 in the Atrium. There will be music, dinner, dancing and door prizes. Prices are set at the following rates: E3-\$25/ E5 and E6 - \$35/ E7 and above and Civilians-\$40. Tickets are on sale now! Please see Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado or contact AC1 Jones @ (850) 291-7311.

Whiting Pines Residents' Meeting - There will be a Town Hall meeting on Oct. 29 for all Whiting Pines residents time TBD. The meeting is being held to answer all questions you may have concerning the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

Outdoor Recreation Open House - Check out everything the Outdoor Adventure Program has to offer, Friday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - food from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The OAP will have discounts on kayaks, canoes, tents, paddle boards, and much more! They will also have prizes and newly reduced prices as well as free food and drink while supplies last. It will be held at the warehouse building #2975 located across from the package store. Call 850-623-7670 for more information.

Kennedy Space Center Salute - We are happy to announce the re-activation of the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex Salute to America's Heroes (SAH) program. Offer good through December 18, 2012. The offer invites active and retired U.S. Military Personnel to visit KSCVC for free! See ITT to receive your free ticket and to purchase additional discounted tickets for family/



United Nations

Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. James Grace receives Vice Adm. Jorge Carlos Morales-Gonzalez, Chief, Naval Aviation Directorate, Mexican Navy, at wing headquarters Wednesday, Sept. 19. The Admiral's visit included an overview of the T-6B Texan II syllabus, a tour of NAS Whiting Field aviation working areas, static display inspections of T-6 and TH-57 Sea Ranger aircraft, and lunch with Mexican flight students training at the air station. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

friends; Adult \$44.50 Child (3-11) \$35.50, 850-623-7032 or 850-665-6250.

Combined Federal Campaign - The local CFC program, EscaRosa CFC, kicked off Sept. 4. Command/office CFC Activity Chairs and Keypeople have materials in hand and are ready to make contact with eligible base personnel. Until Oct. 31, please see your command/office Activity Chair for your chance to support the non-profit of your choice. Contact Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Hamilton Bryant at 850-623-7220 with questions or to obtain a CFC worksheet.

ERAU Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering through Oct. 15. Hours on board NAS Pensacola are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163. Late registration and add/drop a course for a full refund will be held Oct. 15 - 21. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin Oct. 15. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012 5 - 6 p.m. on board NAS Pensacola in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. ERAU's Pensacola campus offers multiple certificate and degree programs with various specializations in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management and the Master of Aeronautical Science degree. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for details.

Military Engineer Business Breakfast - The Pensacola Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is hosting a Business Opportunities Breakfast at the Lighthouse Point restaurant on Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 a.m. The event features speakers from NAVFAC Southeast, the Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District and the UWF Small Business Development Center. All topics are focused on small business contracting and business opportunities with the federal government. The registration cost is \$25 per person. For more information contact pensacola.post@gmail.com.



Recognizing Top Performers

Lt. j.g. Jason Hart, one of Naval Air Station Whiting Field's command chaplains, receives a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from base commander, Capt. Matthew Coughlin. Training Air Wing FIVE nominated him for the award after his expert handling of the "extremely critical communications with the spouse of a student military aviator (Ensign Justin Woods) who was injured in a motorcycle accident and later died of his injuries. His soothing demeanor and reassuring presence comforted the family as they learned of the student's death," as stated in the award certificate. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 27, 1100 - Hispanic Heritage Festival - Bldg. 1401 Lawn

Sept. 28, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

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

Oct. 8 - Columbus Day Federal Holiday Observed

Oct. 12, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Oct. 13, 1800-2200 - Navy Ball - Atrium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Applying for Federal Jobs - Monday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort in searching and applying for a federal job? If your answer is “yes,” then you need to attend this class in order to learn how to prepare the best application possible. You will learn how to read an announcement, analyze core competencies for language, analyze vacancy listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Couples Communication - Monday, Oct. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

During this class, we will discuss the “Speaker/Listener Technique,” a structured way to communicate effectively. This technique helps couples to talk about tough issues without resorting to fighting. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Married to the Military - Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will introduce you to the traditions, culture and lifestyle of the military. We will cover things such as where to go to get information, do’s and don’ts, PCS orders, reading an LES, military time and much more. If you are new to the military or just want to find out what having a military ID means sign up for this class at 623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, Oct 5 & 19 from 8 a.m. to Noon. (850-623-7177 for Appointment)

CSP (2-5 year olds) - Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Unfortunately, children do not come with instruction manuals. As a result, FFSC is holding a class that will provide you with the tools that will equip you with the skills for raising responsible and well-adjusted children. This class is for any parent who wants to “brush up” on their parenting skills or new parents that are not sure where to begin. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

*I saw you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the gleaming
And the red-bellied boys' hearts bursting
Gave proof through the smoke that our shells
I saw does that st...*

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Health Matters

- Keeping on track of the West Nile Virus issue in the United States

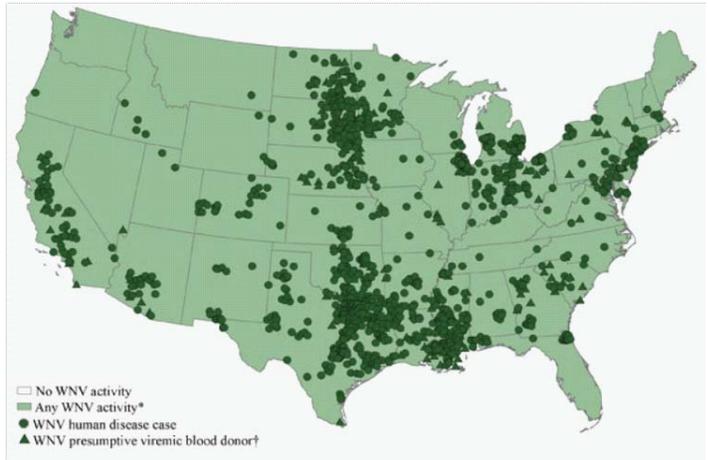
Editor's Note: The following information is from a recently posted Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit – TWO bulletin. While the situation is important to be aware of, the danger to individuals is low. However, you should stay aware of the symptoms and precautions associated with West Nile Virus.

The ongoing outbreak of West Nile Virus (WNV) within the United States has attracted considerable attention among our Navy and Marine Corps customers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that this 2012 outbreak (1993 cases, 87 deaths as of Sept. 4, 2012) comprises the highest number of annual cases since WNV was first detected in the U.S. in 1999.

Seventy percent of U.S. cases have occurred in Texas, South Dakota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Michigan, with 45 percent occurring within Texas alone. Fifty-four percent of total cases were classified as neuroinvasive (encephalitis or meningitis). The one known Navy/Marine Corps case occurred in early July in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in an active-duty patient with neuroinvasive disease.

Most individuals infected with WNV have no symptoms. Approximately 20 percent of those infected have mild flu-like illness, and only one percent develops severe neurologic disease. Of those with neuroinvasive disease, the case-fatality rate is 10-12 percent.

WNV is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes—usually *Culex* species—with greatest exposure risk at dusk and dawn. WNV transmission can also occur in blood transfusions, organ donation, intrauterine infection, and possibly via breast milk. The U.S. screens all blood and organ donations for WNV, but extra caution must be taken when



West Nile virus (WNV) activity reported to ArboNET, by state, United States, 2012 (as of September 4, 2012).

* Includes WNV human disease cases, presumptive viremic blood donors, veterinary disease cases and infections in mosquitoes, birds, and sentinel animals. † Presumptive viremic blood donors have a positive screening test which has not necessarily been confirmed.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What Is West Nile Virus?

West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. In North America, experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall.

What Can I Do to Prevent WNV?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing an EPA-registered insect repellent. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display symptoms which can include fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have been sick for several weeks.

Approximately 80 percent of people (about four out of five) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all, but there is no way to know in advance if you will develop an illness or not.

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

Most often, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.

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FAQs on WNV

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- In a very small number of cases, WNV also has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.

- WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by the infected mosquito.

How Is WNV Infection Treated?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In cases with milder symptoms, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that pass on their own, although illness may last weeks to months even in healthy persons. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing, and nursing care.

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV?

Milder WNV illness improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection though they may choose to do so. If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe WNV illness usually requires hospitalization. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctor if they develop symptoms that could be WNV.

What Is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

People over the age of 50 are more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

The more time you're outdoors, the more time you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time outside, either working or playing.

All donated blood is checked for WNV before being used. The risk of getting WNV through blood transfusions and organ transplants is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor.

Pregnancy and nursing do not increase risk of becoming infected with WNV. The risk that WNV may present to a fetus or an infant infected through breastmilk is still being evaluated. Talk with your care provider if you have concerns.

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Risk factors for neuroinvasive disease include age of more than 55 years or a compromised immune system. Some studies suggest hypertension may be an additional risk factor by compromising the blood brain barrier. Studies suggest previous exposure to other flaviviruses (yellow fever virus, Japanese encephalitis virus, dengue virus) may protect people from progression to severe WNV disease.

Currently there is no WNV vaccine available for humans. The best protection is to reduce exposure to mosquitoes by wearing long pants/sleeves, using insect repellent containing up to 30% DEET, and pre-treating uniforms with permethrin. DEET concentrations greater than 30% do not offer any additional benefits. Lower doses of DEET are effective but for a shorter amount of time. On average 30% DEET will be protective up to six hours and 10% DEET up to two hours. There are no chemoprophylactic medications to prevent WNV infection.

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SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Security Corner will review driving privileges onboard NAS Whiting Field as detailed in the NASWFINST 5560.5A. Last week covered section 5. Information - paragraph b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles. This week continues with an overview of section 5. Information – paragraph b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles and c. Traffic Court.

5. Information – b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles –

(3) Persons convicted in civil courts for acts comprising similar conduct as described in subparagraph 5c will be subject to similar sanctions, regardless of where the conduct actually occurred.

(4) Persons committing acts prohibited by subparagraph 5b (2) on other federal properties of military installations will also be subject to sanctions described in this instruction as though the offense occurred onboard.

(5) Any person who is issued a citation for a suspended or revoked state driver

license and/or driving under the influence will have their vehicle towed by commercial wrecker at their own expense.

C. Traffic Court. A Traffic Court is hereby established to aid in the administration of the Motor Vehicle Traffic Management Program onboard. This Court will operate as an administrative body to take action as delegated herein and to advise the Commanding Officer concerning traffic violations. As an administrative body, the Court need not adhere to the fine lines regarding evidence required in courtroom practice, but will attempt to reach the truth of the matter, and will be fair and impartial in its actions. The Traffic Court will be composed of a traffic administrator designated by the Commanding Officer.

CDC

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viously exhausting. The process reviews such diverse elements of child care as teacher to student ratios, child safety, drinking water quality, food menus, available first aid and training, and even pest control. The paperwork and supporting evidence have to be in order before the site visit can be scheduled. The validator spends all day at the site, not only reviewing the facility as compared to the documentation, but also observes the children and their interaction with the teachers.

Marcoux emphasizes that there is no fooling the examiners. The reactions of the children will show if there is any change in the routine or classroom environment.

“You have to do things the right way all the time. If you do something different for the inspection, they will see it through how the kids respond,” she said. “Getting the certification is a relief, but it doesn’t stop, because we have to keep that same level up.”

The results show that the CDC did very well. Eighty percent is passing throughout each of the inspection areas. The NAS Whiting Field CDC never scored below a 93 percent, and in fact scored over 100 in several areas where they were able to accumulate points based on emerging criteria that are not yet required, but will be.

The hardest part for Marcoux was the waiting. The site visit, which is the final step in the evaluative process, occurred in April. However, the CDC didn’t receive the final

results for more than three months.

“It feels good. We were all a team and we all came together for this. We worked hard, and it showed,” she said.

About 6,500 day care centers across the country carry the NAEYC accreditation, and the certification is common with Navy CDCs. Naval Station Jacksonville went through their process about the same time as NAS Whiting Field, and NAS Pensacola is preparing for its site visit now. It is a valuable tool in helping to show military members that the Navy is concerned with providing the top quality attention for their children that their service deserves. NAEYC stresses that their ‘stamp of approval’ helps families identify programs that provide the strong learning environment that kids need to enjoy “greater readiness for and success in school.”

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Director Joe Vukocan concurs.

“The NAEYC accreditation process validates that NAS Whiting Field's CDC is providing not only a high quality early childhood education, but also ensures other services, such as health, nutrition, social skills, and well-being are of equal high quality to help form well-rounded individuals. Parents should feel that when they entrust the Child Development Center with the care and education of their children, all their needs are being addressed.”

Sea Cadets

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About 120 cadets, leaders, family members, and sponsors attended the birthday dinner that was held in the base auditorium. Members of the US Navy League Santa Rosa County Council and Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 210 were in attendance were also on hand to help honor the occasion.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for American youth ages 13-17 who have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is for boys and girls, at least 10 but not yet 14 years old, who are interested in the sea and ships, and our nation's seagoing services.

For more information on the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps visit www.seacadets.org or contact Whiting Division Commanding Officer, LCDR Tony Chandler, NSCC at usnscwhiting@yahoo.com or (850)712-8040.



Sea Cadets from four different divisions form up as they prepare to march from the auditorium to another location on the base. The units were at Naval Air Station Whiting Field to celebrate the Naval Sea Cadet Corps' 50th anniversary. Photo courtesy of Whiting Division Naval Sea Cadets.

Ready Navy

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clear/safe to return to the installation.

Rest assured; your personal information is safeguarded.

How to Register

1. NMCI/One Net users—Right-click on the Purple Globe icon (bottom right corner on desktop).
2. Select "Access Self Service."
3. Select the "My Info" tab and update your Last Name, First Name, and Display Name and save.
4. Select the "Devices" tab and enter your work and personal contact information in the appropriate mandatory and optional device fields.
5. SAVE.
6. Update your profile any time you have a change.

If you have trouble with registering through the Purple Globe, try the workaround for your region. Links can be found under Mass Notification>Wide Area Alert Notification System on the Ready Navy website at www.ready.navy.mil. Click - <https://waansecdap01.nmci.navy.mil/corp/atlaunch.asp?opt=uid&nextUrl=https://waansecdap01.nmci.navy.mil/SelfService/Entry.aspx?uid=%5bUID%5d>

For questions about the WAAN or support, contact the CNIC Support Center at 888-264-4255, DSN 942-6597 or http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/supportcenter/index.htm.

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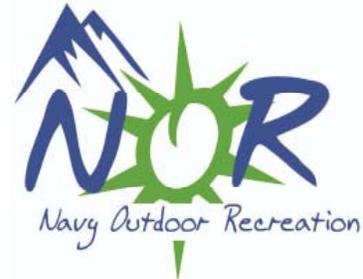
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What is RECP and how will it affect me

Editor's Note: The Resident Energy Conservation Program is a military housing utilities conservation effort that you will be hearing a great deal about in the coming months. Although it won't be officially rolled out locally until next April/May, the plan is to start preparing residents early so they can be informed before the initiative takes effect. The Housing Office will hold a meeting in the base auditorium Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. to explain the program, but to help everyone understand the basics, here are some frequently asked questions and answers about the program.

1. Why did the Navy decide to start RECP?

In September 1998, OSD issued a policy to transfer responsibility for the payment of utilities from PPV projects to residents. The Navy is implementing the RECP program now that most PPV housing is individually metered. Research shows that residents use 20+% less in utilities when they are directly responsible for utility payments. The RECP helps to bring PPV utility usage in line with usage in private communities, and results in savings that will be reinvested to improve PPV community quality of life.

2. When will the RECP program start at my installation?

The tentative roll out schedule for live billing is shown by the Region of the country where the Navy has PPV homes, as follows:

New Orleans: January 2013

Northwest, Midwest, Southeast: April 2013

Southwest: July 2013

Mid-Atlantic and Northeast: October 2013

For more specific information about when the RECP will roll out for a specific installation contact your local Navy housing office (a master list of all Navy installation housing offices is located at www.cnic.navy.mil/housing).

3. How does this program work?

The Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) establishes like type groups of housing and measures the average usage for each like type group every month. A 10% buffer is then added above and below the average to create a Normal Usage Band. Residents will receive monthly statements on how their usage compares to the Normal Usage Band. Those using more than the Normal Usage Band pay for the excess and those using less than the Normal Usage Band will receive a rebate or credit for the difference between the Normal Usage Band and their actual usage.

4. How do Sailors, Marines and their families benefit from RECP?

Dollars saved through conservation will be put right back into the PPV project in the form of capital reinvestments such as new housing, renovations, community amenities, quality of life programs, etc. Sailors and Marines will earn rebates if they use less than the normal usage band for their like type group.

5. How is my usage target determined?

Your house will be combined with other housing units into like-type groups (LTG) of metered homes that have similar characteristics that affect home energy performance such as the square footage, age, and condition of the home. Each month the average usage of utilities for the LTG are developed with a 10% buffer above and below the average to create a Normal Usage Band. Residents with usage above the Normal Usage Band will pay for the excess and those conserving relative to the Normal Usage Band will receive a rebate for their savings.

6. Can I get information about my like-type group?

Yes, your Resident Services Manager/Housing Office can provide you with that information.

7. How will this program affect my Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)?

There will be no impact to the BAH allowance.

8. Isn't a utility allowance already part of my BAH?

Yes. An allowance for "normal" utilities is a part of the BAH. BAH includes an allowance for the following utilities: electricity, gas or other heating fuels, and water/sewer. The BAH includes the cost of utilities based on averages from residents living in the private sector who are directly responsible for paying for their utilities. This program is intended to encourage residents to achieve normal usage and to reward them for conservation beyond normal expectations. If you conserve and use utilities wisely within the normal range, you will have no out-of-pocket utility expense and with a little extra effort could be eligible for a utilities rebate.

9. How does billing work?

Every month residents will receive a monthly statement that shows how their usage compares to the Normal Usage Band for their specific like type group. Residents who use less than the Normal Usage Band will accrue a credit or rebate and residents who use more than the upper Normal Usage Band will pay for excess consumption. Before residents are responsible for payments they will experience a "mock billing period." Mock billing will allow residents to adjust their consumption before live billing starts. After mock billing the live billing period starts and residents will be directly responsible for their utility usage.

10. Does this program mean I have to pay a utility bill every month?

No. If your usage is within the Normal Usage Band you will not have to make any payments. Only if you exceed the Normal Usage Band will you have to pay and then only for the amount over the Normal Usage Band. If you are below the Normal Usage Band you will receive a rebate for the difference between the amount consumed and the lower end of the usage band.

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