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Hobson to turn over command of VT-3

By Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Cmdr. Philip M. Brock

Lt. Col. George K. Hobson will turn over command of Training Squadron THREE to Cmdr. Philip M. Brock Friday, September 9, at 10 a.m. in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field atrium.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Col. Christopher M. Marcell, Professor of Leadership and Warfare Studies at the United States Air Force Academy.

During Hobson's fifteen

month tour as commanding officer, VT-3 became the first of the Navy's pilot primary training squadrons to adopt and fully transition from the T-34C Turbo Mentor to the new T-6B Texan

II airframe.

Despite the challenges of the airframe transition, VT-3 led all naval aviation primary training squadrons with 20,030 flight hours during calendar year 2010.

Hobson's management of



Lt. Col. George K. Hobson

the T-6B transition represented a landmark event for naval aviation. The squadron was instrumental in developing the standardized methodology that will form the bedrock of T-6B instruction for decades to come.

Moreover,

VT-3's trailblazing experience with the T-6B allowed its personnel to provide guidance to Training Squadron SIX, which has become the air station's second squadron

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22nd annual job fair brings masses to NAS Whiting Field

By Ensign John Llewellyn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Bringing employers and job seekers together under the same roof is a win-win situation in this job starved market. The annual Naval Air Station Whiting Field Job Fair did just that, providing a venue where more than 70 employers could meet more than 1,000 prospective employees.

Sikes Hall's doors opened at 9 a.m. Aug. 18 to the general public as well as members of the NAS Whiting Field team. Waiting companies ranged from Waffle House to Raytheon, law enforcement to railroad transportation, and many variations between. The event gets high marks for organization and convenience each year, and employers say it sets the bench mark for all other recruitment events.

"This is by far the best job fair in the Northwest

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A representative of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department speaks to one of the many job seekers attending the 2011 Naval Air Station Whiting Field job fair. The fair brought more than 70 employers and 1,100 prospective employees to the base Aug. 18. The event is routinely praised as one of the best in Northwest Florida. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign John Llewellyn.

MCPON releases annual Labor Day message to Sailors

By Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Labor Day message to the Fleet Aug. 17:

"Shipmates and Navy Families, The symbolic end to summer is just around the corner ... Labor Day weekend. Have you started making plans yet? Do your plans involve drinking and driving or driving long distances while fatigued? Do they involve water sports after a long day of drinking alcohol? How about driving a motorcycle at excessive speeds just to feel a rush?

Of course Sailors don't plan to do these things, but we continue to lose shipmates because of the bad choices they make. So far, we have lost 15 Sailors this summer: six in four-wheel motor vehicle mishaps, six on motorcycles and three during recreation mishaps. Last year we lost a total of 14 Sailors from Memorial Day to Labor Day and we have unfortunately exceeded that total with a few weeks left before Labor Day. The loss of one trained and ready Sailor is unacceptable, and in most cases preventable.

I encourage all of you to practice off-duty risk management while planning your activities, and avoid cramming too many activities into a short period of time. Use caution when driving and think SAFE: no Speeding; no Alcohol before driving; no Fatigue (get plenty of rest) and no Ejections (wear your seatbelts). Also use caution when participating in water activities, and if drinking, always have a plan to get home.

Stay safe and let's close out summer and Labor Day weekend with zero fatalities or injuries. Enjoy your much-deserved time off with your family and friends, and as always, keep in mind our Sailors who are deployed and can't be with their loved ones.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and HOOYAH!



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick D. West looks at the scoreboard during the third quarter of the 110th Army-Navy college football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Nick Kaylor.)

Ec-nomics

Fantastic Fans

- A fan, which costs two to five cents per hour to operate, will make a room feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler. The payoff: ceiling fans can decrease your cooling bill by up to 15 percent.

Never Idle

- An idling vehicle emits twenty times more pollution than one traveling thirty-two miles per hour. Cut the engine; cut your emissions; cut your costs.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

CORRECTION

Last Week's Whiting Tower incorrectly used an outdated flyer showing the Navy Ball Golf tournament to be Sept. 9. The flyer in this edition correctly shows the date to be Sept. 23. Enjoy the tournament, and we are sorry for the confusion.

This Week in Naval History

August 29

1861 - U.S. squadron captures forts at Hatteras Inlet, N.C.
1964 - USS Boxer and 2 LSDs arrive at Hispaniola to give hurricane relief to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

August 30

1913 - Navy tests Sperry gyroscopic stabilizer (automatic pilot)
1929 - Near New London, CT, 26 officers and men test Momsen lung to exit submerged USS S-4

August 31

1842 - Congress replaces the Board of Navy Commissioners, with five technical Bureaus, ancestors of the Systems Commands.
1962 - Last flight of Navy airship made at NAS Lakehurst.

News and Notes

236th Navy Ball - Naval Air Station Whiting Field will be holding their annual Navy Ball Saturday, Oct. 8 beginning at 5 p.m.. The event will feature music, dinner, dancing and door prizes, as well as a guest speaker for the function. Tickets are \$25 for E3 and below, \$30 for E4, \$35 for E5 and E6, and \$40 for everyone else. Please call Chief Air Traffic Controller Cecilia Knight-Holton at 850-623-7755 for more information.

Navarre Arts Association - The Greater Navarre Beach Arts Association has issued a call for artists and crafters for the Navarre Fall Arts Festival 2011. The event is scheduled for Oct. 8 and 9, in the Navarre Park adjacent to the Navarre Visitors' Information Center. Deadline for applications is Sept. 1, however with only 50 booth spaces available, acceptance will be on a "first come" basis. There are also 10 food vendor spaces and 10 local business spaces. The Fall Arts Festival will feature fine arts, hobbyists, crafters, music and performance arts. For more information, go to the GN-BAA Home Page, www.gnbaa.org <<http://www.gnbaa.org/>> , for an application, or contact gnbaaexec@yahoo.com.

Santa Rosa Medical Center Auxiliary - The Santa Rosa Medical Center auxiliary (SRMC) will host a patriotic celebration at the Chumuckla's Farmers Opry Thursday, Sept. 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent and live auction as well as entertainment provide by "The Sawmill Band." Tickets are \$25 and proceeds benefit the SRMC Health Care Scholarships. Call 850-626-5113 for more information.

POW/MIA Day - Naval Air Station Whiting Field will host a POW / MIA Recognition Day Event, 10-11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, in the base auditorium. Guest speaker will be retired Navy Capt. Collins H. Haines. Capt. Haines was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire on June 5, 1967, captured by the North Vietnamese, and remained a Prisoner of War until Mar. 6, 1973.

Golf Tournament - The Milton Knights of Columbus will hold the John "Rob" Baker Memorial Golf Tournament, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. The event will be a four person scramble with a shotgun start. Entrance is \$40 per person; which will include the cart,



Retaining Our Best and Brightest
Master-at-Arms 1st Class Russell Nunn receives his reenlistment certificate from Ensign Daron Pettus Aug. 16 in the security building. Nunn reenlisted for six more years. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign John Llewellyn.

range balls, and food. Call 850-981-8078 for more information.

Golf Tournament Too - The Eagle Fund will host a charity golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 1 at Tiger Point Country Club. The event has a noon shotgun start and is a four-man scramble without handicap. Single player registration is \$140 with a team price of \$500. The Eagle Fund was created by the Andrews Institute to support wounded and injured military service men and women in their pursuit to return to active duty. Call 850-916-8650 for more information.

POW/MIA Ceremony - VFW Post 4833 in Milton will host a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. The Post is located near Avalon Boulevard about one-half mile south of Highway 90. Anyone interested should contact Lutz Gruse at 850-982-4178 for details.

Riverwalk Run - Early registration is now being accepted for the annual Riverwalk 5K Run through historic Milton and along the Blackwater River trail. The race is Oct. 1 and features prizes for both running and walking - in a variety of age groups. An early registration event at Academy Sports, Sept. 2, will be the last opportunity to run the event for \$15. The fee will be \$20 through Sept. 8 and \$25 afterwards. The early registration window will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. This is the third year of the event, and it is growing. Contact Linsey Williamson at 850-983-5466 or through email at miltonparks@gmail.com with questions.

Local Construction - Beginning Monday, Aug. 29, crews started work on a turn lane and modifications to a median opening on SR 87 North at Eagle Crest Drive in Milton. Weather permitting; work is estimated to take 45 days. Motorists may encounter daytime lane closures. Drivers are reminded to use caution when traveling through the work zone and to obey the posted speed limit. Contact Tommie Speights directly at 850.415.9208 or via email at tommie.speights@dot.state.fl.us for details.

Charity Run - The Marine Corps League and Marine Corps Aviation Association will host their 28th annual Semper Fi Charity Run Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 a.m. Registration is \$25 for active duty and \$30 for all other participants and may be completed online at www.wemperficharityrun.org. The run through scenic downtown Pensacola will include a post-race party at Seville Quarter. Check the website for additional information.



Fair Winds and Following Seas
Lt. Cmdr. Dan Madison, USCG, receives his retirement flag from Capt. Andrew Berghorn, USCG. Madison retired Friday, August 19 after 22 years and 9 months of faithful service. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Matthew Udkow, HT-28.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 5 - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 9, 1000 - VT-3 Change of Command -Atrium Building

Sept. 9, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Sept. 11, 1500 - 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony - Milton

Sept. 15, 1000 - POW/MIA Program - Base Auditorium

Sept. 22, 1000 - TRAWING-5 Change of Cmd. - Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Anger Management - Wenesday, Sept. 7, 1 to 3 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.

VA Representative - Friday, Sept. 9 & 23, 8 a.m. to Noon

Resume Writing - Monday, Sept. 12, 10 to 11 a.m.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume issues such as 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.

Smooth Move - Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and five key steps to minimize stress during the relocation and transition period. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

IA Discussion Group - Monday, Sept. 19, 1 to 2 p.m.

E-Books Workshop - Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 to 2 p.m.

Time Management - Thursday, Sept. 22, 2 to 3 p.m.

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself, "Where did the day go?", and feel like you have accomplished very little on your list of "things to do?" If you answered, "yes." to thises questions, this class is for your. The information provided will help you with tools to make the most of your busy and demanding days. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

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to undertake the T-6B transition. VT-6 instructors benefitted from VT-3's lessons-learned and instructional practices while working alongside their VT-3 colleagues.

VT-3 achieved the Navy's calendar year 2010 pilot graduation goals and is on course to advance an additional 200 student military aviators to their follow-on training during fiscal year 2011.

The squadron has reduced the attrition rates of its trainees, and the squadron's graduates have achieved lower attrition rates at subsequent training commands.

Under Hobson's aegis, VT-3 extended its stellar record of flight operations free of Class-A mishaps to 24 consecutive years. The squadron advanced the art and science of aviation safety through comprehensive reviews of best practices and proactive moves to implement improvements.

Hobson's oversight of efficient operations and emphasis on meticulous preparation guided the squadron



Lt. Col. Brian M. Schafer

through three NATOPS inspections- each of which yielded a command rating of "outstanding" with zero discrepancies.

A 1992 graduate of North Carolina State University, Hobson gained his commission through ROTC and was recognized as a distinguished graduate.

Hobson is a senior pilot with over 17 years of service and 2,900 flight hours in F-15C, AT-38, T-34C, and T-6B aircraft. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. and was recognized as a distinguished graduate.

In 2005, Hobson was selected to attend Air Command and Staff College where he earned a Master of Military Art and Operational Science.

He joined VT-3 as executive officer in March of 2009, and he assumed command of the squadron in June of 2010.

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Job fair

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Florida area,” said Greg Young, Human Resources representative for Gulf Power subsidiary to Southern Company. “I have been coming here for more than ten years.”

The event drew more than 1,100 job seekers in attendance at this year’s job fair, making this the second largest fair in its 22 year history. It was a diverse crowd in Sikes Hall. The floor was a melting pot of young first time job hunters, military personnel, local area civilians, and retirees.

There were over 220 interviews conducted on site which resulted in 157 job hires. Just over 14% of the job fair attendees left NAS Whiting Field with a new job, not to mention the hundreds of scheduled interviews and potential job offers still pending.

With the overwhelming development of more advanced and high speed technology, many companies are using the internet to aid in the hiring process. For example with Gulf Power, a potential employee must first create a profile online, answering relevant job related questions and providing pertinent information. Then they must submit a resume which is processed and filtered through to find specific key words. Once a job becomes available the computer sifts through the potential employees and locates the key words which apply to the new job. A notification is sent to the job candidates, and a thorough interview and possible hiring process begins.

“I’ve recently learned that it helps to have two resumes. A functional resume to submit online, which contains certain key words and a chronological resume, which is rich in text for employers to read personally,” said Senior Chief Petty Officer Trevor Rowe, a job fair attendee who is looking at his future options.

The job seeking public has changed faces through the years. Many retired Americans are finding it harder to maintain their lifestyles after retirement, forcing them back to work. The American youth is better educated and possess a higher skill in technology than in the past, making it difficult for older generations to be competitive in the job market.

A first time job fair attendee, Shirley Hanson, was looking for a job that involved accounting and administrative work. What makes Shirley different from most job seekers is that she has been retired for seven years. “I’ve been looking for a job ever since I retired because I need the income,” Hanson said.

Elizabeth Cockrum was in attendance with her son, both of whom were looking for jobs. Elizabeth went back to school to obtain a bachelors degree in accounting so that she would be more competitive in the job searching world. After a day at the job fair, she left with four different companies

highly interested in her skills and education.

“This was definitely a positive experience. It allowed me to get some good face time with employers instead of just the computer applications,” said Cockrum.

Military personnel are a hot commodity according to many companies in attendance. It was best summed up by Gulf Power’s Greg Young.

“We like to hire former military personnel because they are loyal, have a strong work ethic, diverse, well-rounded, and disciplined.”

Darryl Johnson, the work and family life lead at Fleet and Family Support Center, started NAS Whiting Field’s Job Fair 22 years ago and has been fine tuning it ever since. The employer’s evaluations indicated that the logistical support was excellent and all the attendees were very pleased and planned to come again next year.

“The job fair helps further enhance our relationship with the tri-county area and community players and helps increase military rates of employment,” Johnson said.



NAS Whiting Field's
Annual Navy Ball Golf Tournament
September 23rd shotgun start @ 0800

We will be looking for you there!

\$40.00 per person - Pre register by Sept 2nd to get a free mulligan
\$5.00 Mulligan pkg includes 3 mulligans & 1 tee buster
Prizes for closet to pin, longest drive & longest putt.
To register contact AC3 Richardson @ kyle.w.richardson@navy.mil or
AC2 Balcom @ kelsy.balcom@navy.mil

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Hobson's military awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and Aerial Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster.

As the executive officer under Hobson, Brock was active in managing the transition of the squadron from the venerable T-34C to the T-6B training aircraft. In his new capacity as commanding officer, Brock will continue to advance the innovation, safety, and efficient management standards championed by his predecessor.

Brock graduated from Norwich University in May of 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned as an Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer.

In 1996 he was selected to attend pilot training. Brock was designated Naval Aviator in July of 1998 at NAS Corpus Christi.

He has served as Deputy Director for the War on

Terror and Deputy Director for Special Operations under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Brock's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals in addition to many campaign, service and unit-specific awards.

Lt. Col. Brian M. Schafer, previously the Director of Operations, 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Bagram Airfield, in Bagram, Afghanistan, will relieve Brock as the executive officer of the squadron.

Don't forget to check out the Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/naswhitingfield> and MWR's Facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/WFMWR>.

NAVY BALL
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH
ATRIUM 1700-2400
MUSIC, DINNER, DANCING & DOOR PRIZES
E3-\$25.00 / E4-\$30.00 / E5 & E6-\$35.00 / E7 & ↑ & CIVILIANS - \$40.00
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Congrats to TRAWING-5's Wingers and Scholars



Back row: Cmdr. Jeffery Debrine, USN; Lt. j.g. Matthew Alvarez, USN; Lt. j.g. Jason Lacy, USN; Lt. j.g. Alexander Clausen, USN; 1st Lt. Brandon Showers, USMC; Lt. j.g. Trenton Daiuto, USN; Lt. j.g. Benjamin Arnett, USN; Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Gibson, USN; Capt. James Vandiver, USN

Middle row: Lt.Col. Mark Thompson, USMC; Lt. j.g. David Miller, USN; Lt. j.g. Jeffrey Lindbom, USN; 1st Lt. David Goodrich, USMC; 1st Lt. Nicholas Ferri, USMC; 1st Lt. David Ralph, USMC; Lt. j.g. Christopher Danielczyk, USN; Lt. j.g. Kristen Sprague, USN

Front row: Cmdr. Hans Sholley, USN; Lt. j.g. Steven Jaworski, USN; Lt. j.g. Brian Edmonds, USN; 1st Lt. Eric Chung, USMC; Lt. j.g. Logan Jaybush, USN; Lt. j.g. Caleb Levée, USN; Lt. j.g. Lynda Pearl, USN; Cmdr. Donald Kennedy, USN



Left Photo, From Left to Right: Lt. Daniel A. Schrader, USCG; Lt. Matthew G. Hardgrove, USCG; Lt. j.g. Jeffrey C. Jurin, USCG; Lt. Monica R. Mondloch, USN; Ensign James J. Robillard, USN; 1st Lt. Devin S. Taylor, USMC, receive their Academic Achievement awards, Aug. 5 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters.



Right Photo, From Left to Right: Ensign Andrea M. Lazzaro, USN; Ensign James Gibbons Jr, USN; Ensign Justin C. Reifsnyder, USN; Lt. j.g. Michael J. Haas, USCG, receive their Academic Achievement awards, Aug. 12 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters.

NAS Whiting Field
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 Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation

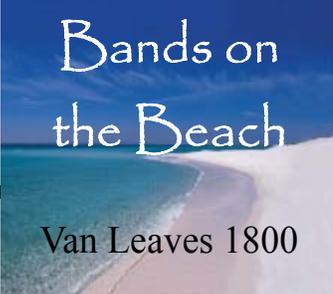
Sept. 2 **MOVIE PREMIER**
X-MEN
FIRST CLASS
 2000 On the Lawn

Sept. 3-5 **Weekend in Atlanta**
 Six Flags
 Coca-Cola
 Braves

Sept. 7 **Ladies Choice Movie Night**
 2000

Sept. 10-11 **HORSE PENS 40 CLIMBING TRIP**

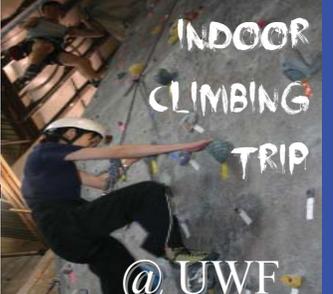
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Sept. 13 **Bands on the Beach**

 Van Leaves 1800

Sept. 16 **Gallery NIGHT**
 MUSIC - ART - CUISINE
 Van Leaves 1800


Sept. 17 **Bartram Canoe Trail Day Trip**

 \$20

Sept. 18 **INDOOR CLIMBING TRIP**

 @ UWF

Sept. 23 **MOVIE PREMIER**
SOMETHING BORROWED
 2000 On the Lawn

Sept. 28 **MENS CHOICE MOVIE NIGHT**
 2000

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