New Administration Officer Arrives at NAS Whiting Field

By Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office

Walking into the administration office, you will be met with walls filled with Navy Blue Angels swag and the Alabama football team logo.

Julie Broadwater is the new administration officer for NAS Whiting Field and it does not take long to notice her Naval history. The retired Navy Senior Chief Yeoman (YN) comes with a wealth of knowledge and is now settled in onboard the installation. Her last position was with Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center (NETPDC), Saufley Field and she is a former YN with the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Navy Blue Angels.

“I am looking forward to the new position and wanted to be back around Sailors,” Broadwater said.

Originally from Hawthorne, Nev., Broadwater is not the first in her family to have served and retired in the Navy. Her father is retired Navy, her brother is active duty Navy, and her husband is a retired Navy senior chief.

The new administration officer is in charge of six personnel who help process the command correspondence, instructions and directives. The office also handles the pay and personnel programs, and the limited duty Sailor program.

Broadwater shared that there will be some changes to the administration office, but they will be slow and will improve the efficiency and accuracy of the administrative processes.

Getting to know Broadwater further, she shared a favorite memory from her Naval career about an mass communications petty officer 1st class who she progressed with during
“We were both at Gulfport and then transferred together. I went to the Blue Angels then he got selected too. It was great watching him progress as he went through the Navy Seaman-to-Admiral Commissioning Program. It was very rewarding and just one of many things I look back on,” Broadwater shared. While Broadwater remembered fondly her time with the Blues, she is ready to put her efforts into improving NAS Whiting Field’s administrative processes.

The new administration officer is located in the command building and can be reached at 850-623-7624 for any issues or concerns.

**SECNAV Visits NAS Whiting Field**

The Secretary of the Navy, Richard V. Spencer (second from left) met with leadership from Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Training Air Wing Five in Milton, Fla, on July 3. He wanted to see firsthand the results of the first-ever land exchange agreement, NOLF Site X in Jay. From left to right: Cmndr. Kenneth Kerr, commanding officer, HT-18, Secretary Spencer, Capt. Paul Bowdich, commanding officer, NAS Whiting Field, Capt. Doug Rosa, commodore, TW5, and Cmndr. Jim Brownlee, executive officer, NASWF. (Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field PA office)

The Secretary of the Navy, Richard V. Spencer (right) received a pre-flight briefing from Cmndr. Kenneth Kerr, commanding officer, Helicopter Training Squadron 18, HT-18, before his flight on a TH-57 training helicopter. Spencer and Kerr flew to one of the installation’s twelve outlying landing fields, Site X near Jay, Fla., to see firsthand the results of this first-ever land exchange agreement. Spencer and his wife, Polly, visited Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla, on July 3 to meet with leadership from Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Training Air Wing Five for a familiarization of the base and its mission. The Secretary’s wife, Polly, also visited various functions across the base to learn about how the base supports military and family members with fleet and family services, morale welfare and recreation and child development activities. (Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field public affairs office)
Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)

By Mike LeClear Financial Educator, Fleet and Family Support Center

Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful circumstances, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical, and other records is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently. Taking the time now to collect and secure these critical records will give you peace of mind, and in the event of an emergency, will ensure that you have the documentation needed to start the recovery process without delay.

- Gather financial and critical personal, household, and medical information for your Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK),
- Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATM’s and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.
- Obtain property (homeowners or renters), health, and life insurance if you do not have them. Review existing policies for the amount and extent of coverage to ensure that what you have in place is what is required for you and your family for all possible hazards. Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program at www.floodsmart.gov

With the hurricane season upon us it is important to have an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) from FEMA.

For a copy of the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK), please use the links listed below:

https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/96123

https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness

NAS Whiting Field Restaurants and Snack Bars

NOTE: Effective Friday, 19 July, Mulligans Snack Bar will temporarily close. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please visit any of the installation’s food service operations to meet your needs.

South Field Snack Bar – Bldg 2977
Monday – Friday 0600-1900
Tel: 850-623-6574

North Field Snack Bar – Bldg 1142
Monday-Friday 0700-1400
Tel: 850-623-2692

Tower Books & Café
Monday – Friday 0600-1300
Tel: 850-623-7290

Navy Exchange Subway
Monday – Friday 0600-2000
Saturday 0900-1530
Tel: 850-623-5897
NAS Whiting Field History

By NAS Whiting Field public affairs office

Naval Auxiliary Air Station Whiting Field celebrated its 76th anniversary last week, highlighting almost eight decades of significant contributions to Naval aviation.

The field was dedicated as an air station on July 16, 1943, with men still living in tents and unfinished buildings serviced by dirt roads. The base was commissioned by the commandant of Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Rear Admiral George Murray.

The planes, SNJs from Chevalier and Saufley Fields had arrived just 15 days earlier to begin operations in basic and radio instrument instruction as part of the intermediate phase of the World War II training program.

The base was named for Capt. Kenneth Whiting, Naval Aviator #16, and the final aviator taught by Orville Wright. He died just three months before the dedication ceremony at the age of 62, but his widow, Edna Andresen Whiting was on hand for the event. Whiting was still on active duty when he died and held command of Naval Air Station New York in Brooklyn, New York, while also serving as District Aviation Officer, Third Naval District.

Whiting served as a surface sailor, a submariner, and as an aviator, though it is as an aviator where he truly made his mark. Whiting is often called the “father of the aircraft carrier.” It is through his innovation and tenacity that a coal ship was refitted with a flat top to become the first aircraft carrier. Thus, the USS Jupiter became the USS Langley (CV-1) in 1922. Whiting became her first executive officer and made the first catapult launch from an aircraft carrier Nov. 18, 1922. Many of the design elements and procedures still used today stem from his two years on the Langley.

During the war, NAAS Whiting Field hosted a large fleet of SNBs to conduct intermediate multi-engine land-plane instruction. This was a timeframe when Link train-
ers were used heavily for instrument and radio instruction and the trainers were Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES).

After the war, Whiting Field became a Naval Air Station (for the first time) and began flying more advanced training units under the Naval Air Advanced Training Command in Jacksonville. In 1948, Whiting was redesignated as an auxiliary air station and resumed primary instruction in the SNJs.

This was short-lived, however, as the base’s newer facilities and longer runways were appealing for the larger jet aircraft, and Jet Training Unit ONE transferred to Whiting Field in 1948, beginning four-week training units for newly winged aviators. They were joined by the Blue Angels (who were formed just two years earlier in 1947) in 1949, but the advent of the Korean War took the Blue Angel pilots into combat. JTU-1 then transferred to the newly opened NAS Kingsville.

Whiting Field resumed primary training, which continues to this day. Today, NAS Whiting Field instructs more than 1,200 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and some international students each year, comprising 16 percent of all U.S. Navy flight hours. The mission remains the same as it was 76 years ago—to train the world’s finest aviators.

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Swimming Pool Hours of Operation
(Through Sept. 2)

Monday-Friday: 6:00am – 8:00am
(lap swimming only)

Monday-Friday: 11:00am – 6:00pm
(recreation & lap swimming)

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: 10:00am – 4:00pm (recreation and lap swimming)

Float Days every Sunday – Bring your own float/inner tube.

For more information, please call the Fitness Center Pool at 850-623-7412.
Whiting Field in Photos

**MillTown Race:** The city of Milton held its annual “duck race” July 4. 5,000 rubber ducks were dropped into Blackwater River, and the first to enter a chute received winning prize money. Here, judges from the community include Capt. Paul Bowdich, CO, NAS Whiting Field (far right). (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NASWF Public Affairs Office)

**Florida Defense Support Task Force:** FDSTF visited NASWF to understand more about the base mission and organization. Here the group visits the South Tower onboard Whiting. (Photo by Lt.j.g. Nicholas Wren, NASWF Public Affairs Office)

**Bounce-a-Palooza!** In celebration of the first walk on the moon, MWR hosted a free event where kids burned off some energy in different bounce houses in the Atrium, gym, and swimming pool. (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NASWF Public Affairs Office)

**Retirement Ceremony:** Master Chief Jason L. Shaefer is piped ashore with his wife in what concluded a moving retirement ceremony. Many shipmates, family, and friends attended to honor an exceptional and distinguished 30 year Naval career. Congratulations Master Chief! (Photo By Lt.j.g. Nicholas Wren, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

**VT-2 Squadron Augmentation Unit (SAU) Change of Command:** The official party salutes during the National Anthem in a ceremony during which Cmndr. Dax Tracy relieved Cmndr. Ben Boyer as commanding officer. (Photo by Lt.j.g. Nicholas Wren, NASWF Public Affairs Office)

**Air Traffic Controller Frocking:** Congratulations to Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Daniel G. Parks on being frocked to his new rank. He will occupy this new position of greater authority and will undoubtedly continue serving with honor. (Photo by Lt.j.g. Drake Greer NASWF Public Affairs Office)
News & Notes

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Contacting Base Security in Emergency and Non-emergency situations:

For an EMERGENCY on base, Whiting Pines Housing, at Whiting Park, or at any of our outlying airfields, please dial 9-1-1 and identify that you are on base to the operator. For a NON-EMERGENCY, please dial 904-542-8681 to reach the NAS Whiting Field Security Department Administrative Staff during normal working hours:

- Antiterrorism Officer: 850-623-7387
- Physical Security: 850-623-7433/7349
- Security Administration: 850-623-7694
- Visitor Control Center (Pass & Tag): 850-623-7205

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Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Academic Award Recipients

One Commodore’s List Recipient and one Commodore’s List with Distinction received recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on July 2.

One Commodore’s List Recipient received recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on July 12.

Two Commodore’s List Recipients received recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on July 19.
Congratulations to TRA eting-5 Wingers

TOP ROW: Lt. Col. Gregory R. Curtis, USMC, CO HT-28; Lt.j.g. Newton B. Allred, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Daniel M. Grant-Johnson, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Austin K. Grell, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Abdulrahman S. Awad, RNSF, HT-28; Lt.j.g. Michael F. Madigan, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Daniel L. Sullivan, USN HT-18; Lt.j.g. Benton J. Mathis III, USMC, HT-18; Lt.j.g. Brian E. Greggs, USN, HT-28; Lt.j.g. James A. Calloway, USN, HT-8; Col. Jeffrey Pavelko, USMC, Deputy Commodore TW-5.

MIDDLE ROW: Cmdr. Kenneth M. Kerr, USN, CO HT-18; Lt.j.g. Ben M. Allen, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Max L. Miller, USN, HT-28; Lt.j.g. Ryan C. Pellegrino, USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Michael K. Kelly, USN, HT-28; Lt.j.g. Peter J. Oristian Jr., USN, HT-8; Lt.j.g. Khalid E. Almutairi, RNSF, HT-28; Lt.j.g. Samuel J. Olson, USMC, HT-18; 1st Lt. Joseph M. Vandegrift, USMC, HT-28; Lt.j.g. Ahmed U. Khan, USN, HT-8; Cmdr. Mark J Miller, USN, CO HSM Weapons School Pacific.


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