Let Your Voice Be Heard, Participate in PPV Housing Survey

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – All Sailors living in government or Private Partner Venture (PPV) housing are strongly encouraged to participate in surveys to share their overall experience about their current living conditions.

The PPV survey, which will be available April 2-30, is an opportunity for Sailors to note their likes and dislikes with PPV housing and any health or safety concerns they may have with their homes, community and services provided by the privatized housing management companies.

Surveys are also being conducted from April 2 to June 30 for Sailors living in unaccompanied housing as well as for those living in government-owned or government-leased housing, which began March 19 and runs through June 6.

“The Navy is committed to ensuring that our Sailors and their families have a quality, healthy and safe place to live,” said Vice Adm. Mary Jackson, commander of Navy Installations Command, which oversees Navy housing throughout the shore enterprise.

“We have made progress in addressing the PPV housing issues, but there is a lot more work to be done. The results from this survey will help us further identify issues and resolutions. I urge all Sailors who receive the housing surveys to take a few moments of their time to fill them out.”

All three surveys are from CEL & Associates, Inc., which is an independent third party that will conduct and manage the surveys. An announcement letter will provide information to access the survey online.

It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey. Those who participate in the survey will remain anonymous unless they choose to identify themselves in the survey.

Sailors who are living in PPV housing are asked to contact their chain of command for more information or the closest Navy Housing Service Center in the event they do not receive a letter.

Cover Photo: Capt. Doug Rosa, U.S. Navy, assumes the duties and responsibilities as Commodore of Training Air Wing Five, relieving the previous Commodore Col. Dave Morris, U.S. Marine Corps. (Photo by Ens. Chase Dowell, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)
First of 10 new TH-57 flight simulators ready for Training Air Wing Five helicopter training operations

By Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs and TW-5 PAO

In a ceremony onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Training Air Wing Five (TW-5) accepted the Navy’s first new TH-57 flight simulator in nearly 40 years. The new simulator is now available for helicopter training operations.

According to Cmdr. Aaron Beattie, TW-5 Rotary Simulator Integration Lead officer, “this simulator represents a significant technology advancement and upgrade to naval aviator training tools. It improves our ability to train student aviators in night vision environments and the simulator displays are a vast improvement over the 1980s technology our current simulators afford.”

For the past 30 years, Training Air Wing Five has trained all United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard helicopter pilots at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. In 1981, the Navy transitioned to the instrument rated TH-57C Sea Ranger platform, which included flight simulators. Those original simulators have been used to train pilots since that time.

The Navy will receive three Level 6 and seven Level 7 simulators. The Level 6 devices are stationary cockpits with seat queuing vibration with a full visual screen that wraps around the cockpit. The Level 7 devices are full motion cockpits with a slightly larger field of view. Also included in the upgrade will be a central control station that will provide the capability to link all ten simulators together in a single virtual environment. This significantly improves training by adding the ability to fly aircraft in formation and in an instrument training environment, with the added feature of student aviators being able to communicate with one another to more closely simulate their flying experience.

“The student aviators will experience training features that will enhance their learning, including the central control station that will allow linked training. They will benefit from training in the safe environment,” explained Beattie. He went on to say that, “all of the team members from the three helicopter squadrons, FlightSafety Systems, Frasca, Aechelon and so many who contributed their efforts made this new advancement a reality. We can’t thank you enough.”

After ten months of coordination between FlightSafety Systems International, Frasca International, Aechelon Technology, and the U.S. Navy, the first of the three Level 6 devices was accepted in a brief ceremony Feb. 28, with the additional two scheduled for acceptance next month. The Level 7 devices are on contract for delivery beginning in May 2019 and ending February 2020, with the central control station scheduled for acceptance in July 2019.

Mr. Hector Zarate, President of FlightSafety Service Corporation, spoke during the ceremony and said, “our mission is to provide unparalleled training to our student aviators. We’re thrilled to have been given an opportunity to be a part, and making students ready to defend the nation—that’s what this is all about.”
Capt. Doug Rosa, U.S. Navy, took command of Training Air Wing Five in a change of command ceremony onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field this morning. He assumed the title of commodore for the Navy’s largest aviation training wing. Col. Dave Morris, U.S. Marine Corps, relinquished command at the event after 18 months as commodore. He will move onto another assignment at the Pentagon.

Rear Adm. Gregory Harris, Chief of Naval Air Training, Corpus Christi, TX, was the guest speaker for the ceremony and spoke to the crowd about Morris’ achievements and the Wing’s aviation training mission. He said Training Air Wing Five in Milton flies, “208,000 flight hours, a little over 125,000 sorties. It works out to about 43% of all the flying CNATRA (Chief of Naval Air Training) does. It’s about 15% of all the flying the Navy does—15% right here at Whiting Field. Don’t lose sight of what happens at this base.” The admiral also presented Morris with a Legion of Merit medal for his service at NAS Whiting Field.

Morris served four years as an enlisted Marine until December 1989. In December 1992, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Designated as a naval aviator in March 1996, he flew in several aircraft, including the KC-130 aircraft. Morris was assigned to the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels), flying the C-130, known as Fat Albert, for the 2001 - 2003 airshow seasons. Following a number of different assignments including the Joint Staff at the Pentagon and the immediate staff of the Secretary of Defense, in March 2016 Morris began serving as the deputy commodore and then became commodore for Training Air Wing Five in Sept. 2017.

His inspirational leadership of three T-6B primary flight training squadrons, three TH-57B/C advanced rotary-wing training squadrons and two instructor training units culminated in the execution of more than 122,000 sorties and 196,000 flight hours delivering 861 graduates to advanced training and designating 726 aviators for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied nations.

Speaking about Morris’ time as commodore, the admiral said, “the other thing he (Morris) brought to this organization…and he brought in spades…is a culture of excellence.”

Morris spoke to the audience and thanked the local community for their support of the base and Training Air Wing Five. “You embrace the military as if it were their own family. Our community leaders have taken strong steps to ensure NAS Whiting Field remains viable and the Naval flight training continues to flourish in northwest Florida.”

The commander of the Chief of Naval Air Training’s (CNATRA) largest air wing for the past 18 months, he directed and coordinated the efforts of more than 2,000 officers, enlisted, civilian, and contract personnel, consistently and safely executing the primary mission of training future military leaders and combat aviators. As the
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lead for CNATRA’s Primary and Rotary Task Groups, he was responsible for the production of more than 1,750 primary student Naval aviators (SNAs) across three primary training squadrons and the winging of 726 aviators through three advanced rotary-wing training squadrons.

Rosa enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and was granted a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship to Jacksonville University, Fla., in 1990 following a tour with Attack Squadron 81 (VA-81) at NAS Cecil Field, FL.

He was commissioned in 1994 and was designated a naval aviator in April 1997. Following a career with many different staff and operational assignments, he reported to Training Air Wing Five at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, FL and assumed the position of deputy commodore in August 2017.

“I’m going to be relying on CB (Rosa), and Col. Pavelko, and the rest of TRAWING 5 to lead the charge for CNATRA, because we are lethal military professionals, and we have to train faster and harder,” said Harris.

As commodore, Rosa will now be responsible for an estimated 43 percent of the Chief of Naval Air Training Command’s total flight time and more than 15 percent of Navy and Marine Corps’ flight time world-wide. More than 1,200 personnel complete their essential flight training through TRAWING Five annually. Col. Jeffrey Pavelko will be the new deputy commodore.
Whiting Field News

TW-5 Commodore Change of Command

Top left, clockwise: Capt Doug Rosa, U.S. Navy receives the TW-5 command pin from his wife. Col. Dave Morris, U.S. Marine Corps goes ashore after being relieved as Commodore of TW-5. Morris receives the Legion of Merit from Rear Adm. Gregory Harris, Chief of Naval Air Training, Corpus Christi, TX. Rosa assumes the responsibilities as Commodore of Training Air Wing Five. Morris gives remarks about his time as Commodore of TW-5. Harris speaks about TW-5’s accomplishments during Morris’s tenure. (Photos by Ens Chase Dowell and Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)
New NAS Whiting Field Ombudsman, providing a voice for Navy families.

By Lt.j.g Ashley Koenig, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Ombudsman program began in the 1970’s as a way to provide a link between the Navy family and the Command. On-board NAS Whiting Field, Mirella Savage serves as that link. As Ombudsman, she is a representative to the command leadership and helps to provide information and support military families’ needs.

Savage has long been acquainted with the type of lifestyle the military demands. Her father served as a Navy corpsman, and she has worked with veterans’ organizations providing career development.

Although Savage has been a military spouse for almost 11 years, the move to NAS Whiting Field was a first for the Savage family. This isn’t, however, her first time providing a voice and information to Navy families. This is her second time serving as Ombudsman to a command.

She says that “the greatest challenge is balancing family with work and time to volunteer, but having her family on a current shore duty, it is easier to find the balance.” A lot has changed over the years with the duty of the ombudsman.

Besides developing a newsletter for spouses, there are now advanced communication capabilities such as Facebook, emails, and other social media tools. Savage says she is ready to use all of it.

“This is a new command, much smaller and tight knit and being able to connect has been really helpful,” she commented.

Having just completed the family’s move, Savage said, “this is an entirely new experience for us, and we’ve been lucky that my husband’s job has allowed us to stay in one concentrated area for so long. But going through this new experience allows me the chance to help out maybe some of the newer spouses doing a PCS move for the first time.”

The Ombudsman is a volunteer position appointed by the commanding officer to serve as an information link. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information both up and down the chain of command. They can also provide resource referrals when needed and are instrumental in aiding to resolve family issues before they require command attention.

For families assigned to NAS Whiting Field, Savage, encourages military spouses to reach out through email at naswfombudsman@gmail.com, Facebook at www.facebook.com/naswfombudsman, or text 703-606-8365 if they need assistance or any help.
Tower Books & Café celebrates its first year anniversary

By Morale, Welfare and Recreation, NAS Whiting Field

The Florida Naval Air Station Whiting Field Morale Welfare and Recreation celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Tower Books & Café on Mar. 1 onboard the installation. If you haven’t been in recently, it’s a great time to stop by to check out the growing collection of books and grab a cup of coffee. Since opening, the library has seen an expansion in programs, and services.

One of the biggest changes over the year has been the availability of the conference room. Responding to feedback from aviation students who study at the library to make it through their training regimen, a secure door was added to the interior entrance to the main coffee shop and library area, leaving the foyer and the conference room open and available 24/7. With a chalkboard and whiteboard, modular furniture and Wifi, students use the space to study or relax any time of day.

The library also provides resources and programs for a variety of ages. From the weekly story time program for toddlers, to the monthly Tower Book club for adults, as well as the bi-weekly STEAM Ahead program for school aged children, there’s a little something for everyone.

“It was actually a little surprising,” said Francie North, librarian. “We were prepared to be a study center for the students, but so many parents have expressed an appreciation for the kids’ programs we’ve provided. It’s been hugely gratifying to be recognized and appreciated by the spouses and retirees, and even civilians who are using the library!”

The newest addition to the library and the collection is a “Library of Things,” also called a “non-traditional circulating library.” This library of things consists of non-consumable craft tools that can be checked out for up to 3 weeks. From knitting and crochet to leatherwork, and even boasting a sewing machine, these offerings can help any budget conscious family.

With all of these current changes, the library has even more to offer in the second year of its existence. This year’s summer reading program will bring the performing arts to the library with the theme, “It’s Showtime at your Library!” Also, look for additional items in the library of things.

“I would really like to get a portable record player and some instruments for circulation,” Francie said. “Who wants to go buy a guitar that your kid’s going to possibly give up on in two weeks? At least this way you can see if they’re serious about it before you’re out a hundred bucks.”

Things are always changing at the library, so if you haven’t been in recently, you’ve been missing out. Oh, and the coffee’s not bad either.

When we opened a year ago, we didn’t know what we would be. A library is typically more than just a book warehouse; they are community centers, resources providers, meet-up and hang-out places, study spaces, literacy advocates, and more. We’ve spent the past year figuring out how to be all these things and meet the needs of our diverse community on Whiting.

We started with a newer collection of fiction and non-fiction, new children’s room, conference room, whiteboards, chalkboard, and laptops.

Over the past year, we’ve added games, the Library of Things, DVDs and kids DVDs, new popular books every month, new movies every month, and a conference room open 24/7.

Come visit the NAS Whiting Field library to see for yourself all the things it has to offer. Call 850-623-7057 for further information.
Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) is widely known for training future naval aviators, but many don’t know that it is also home to the Aviation Maintenance Officer (AMO) School. Consisting of two courses, AMO school encompasses the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Indoctrination course and the NAMP managers’ course.

The purpose of the 58-day NAMP indoctrination course is to train newly commissioned or designated aviation ground officers, Marine Corps, DOD-sponsored civilians, and international officers with little (two years or less) or no aviation maintenance background. These officers are prospective members of organizational or intermediate maintenance organizations with technical information and knowledge of managerial responsibilities and the administrative duties required to perform at an entry-level aircraft maintenance position.

The purpose of the 23-day NAMP managers’ course is to provide officers with significant (two years or more) aviation maintenance background with technical information and knowledge of the managerial responsibilities and the administrative duties required to direct an aircraft maintenance activity. The course also includes instruction for using the supply system interface.

On Mar. 7, 19 students from class 19040 completed AMO school. Graduates received orders to their first ship where they will take their newly learned skills and mold them into becoming leaders of aviation maintenance. Once aboard their ships, they will work toward their Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer (AMDO) designation.

Aviation maintenance duty officers with the career designator 1520, develop, establish, and implement maintenance and material management policies and procedures to support naval aircraft, airborne weapons, attendant systems, and related support equipment fleet-wide.

Capt Nate Schneider, commanding officer, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT), Naval Air Station Pensacola, spoke to the graduating class about what their future holds. Schneider emphasized the importance of respect. “To be successful JOs, you need to always remember the golden rule,” Schneider said. He also encouraged prior enlisted Sailors to “remember where you came from” and to use that experience and knowledge to help the peers around them.

CNATT is responsible for quality training and education of enlisted and officers across the career continuum of learning for aviation maintenance.
Whiting Field Photos

**Puck Drop:** NAS Whiting Field and Commander, Navy Region Southeast Sailor of the Year, Petty Officer First Class Michael Hein, drops the puck at the Ice Flyers hockey game Mar. 16 in Pensacola. (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

**Crash Crew:** Fire Crew at NOLF Santa Rosa conduct fire crew training for helicopter incidents. These exercises maintain the proficiency needed to respond to TH-57 aircraft mishaps. (Photo by Ens Chase Dowell, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

**Final Flight:** Col. Dave Morris, Commodore, Training Air Wing Five completes his final flight as commodore in the T6-B Texan II on March 11. (Photo by Lt.j.g Ashley Koenig, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

**Energy Award:** NAS Whiting Field hoisted the Energy Award Flag among command staff on March 7, with NAVFAC personnel and Public Works Dept personnel after receiving the 2018 SECNAV Energy Award for Navy small shore earlier this year. (Photo by Lt.j.g Ashley Koenig, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

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...AND THEN WE’LL TAKE COURSE RULES BACK HOME.

HMM, THAT BRIEF WAS ALMOST TOO GOOD...

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FREE Tax Filing Assistance

If you still need assistance filing your taxes you can contact MilTax, which is a free tax service for the military. MilTax is from Military OneSource and the DOD.

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For more information, go to: https://www.militaryonesource.mil; To speak with a MilTax consultant call 800-342-9647.

THIS DAY IN NAVAL HISTORY

APRIL 1, 1893
Navy General Order 409 establishes the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

APRIL 2, 1916
Lt. R.C. Saufley sets an altitude record for a Navy aircraft, 16,072 feet in a Curtiss pusher type hydroplane at Pensacola, Fla., bettering the record he set on March 29 that was set at 16,010 feet.

APRIL 11, 1970
Apollo 13 is launched, commanded by Navy Capt. James A. Lovell. The ship endures an explosion forcing an immediate return to Earth. Recovery is by helicopters from USS Iwo Jima (LPH 2).

APRIL 12, 1945
President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies at Warm Springs, Ga. Besides being the nation’s longest-serving president, he also was an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

APRIL 25, 2009
Boeing’s new P8-A Poseidon test jet, a 737-based submarine hunter for the Navy that will replace the P3-C Orion, flies first flight from Renton, Va., to Boeing Field, Seattle, Wash.
Whiting Field Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Academic Award Recipients

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MIDDLE ROW: Cdr Kenneth M. Kerr, USN, CO HT-18; Ens Chase W. Sax, USN, HT-28; Ens Harrison G. Wentfall, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Conor J. Howe, USMC, HT-8; Lt.j.g Mitchell P. Reynolds, USN, HT-18; Ens Matthew S. Smutny, USN, HT-8; CDR Matthew Persiani, USN, CO HSC-22.

BOTTOM ROW: Cdr. Jessica R. Parker, USN, CO HT-8; Lt.j.g Jacob T. Mullins, USCG, HT-8; Lt.j.g Karisa L. Maurer, USCG, HT-8; 1st Lt. Daniel T. Lillie, USMC, HT-28; CDR Matthew Persiani, USN, CO HSC-22.

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