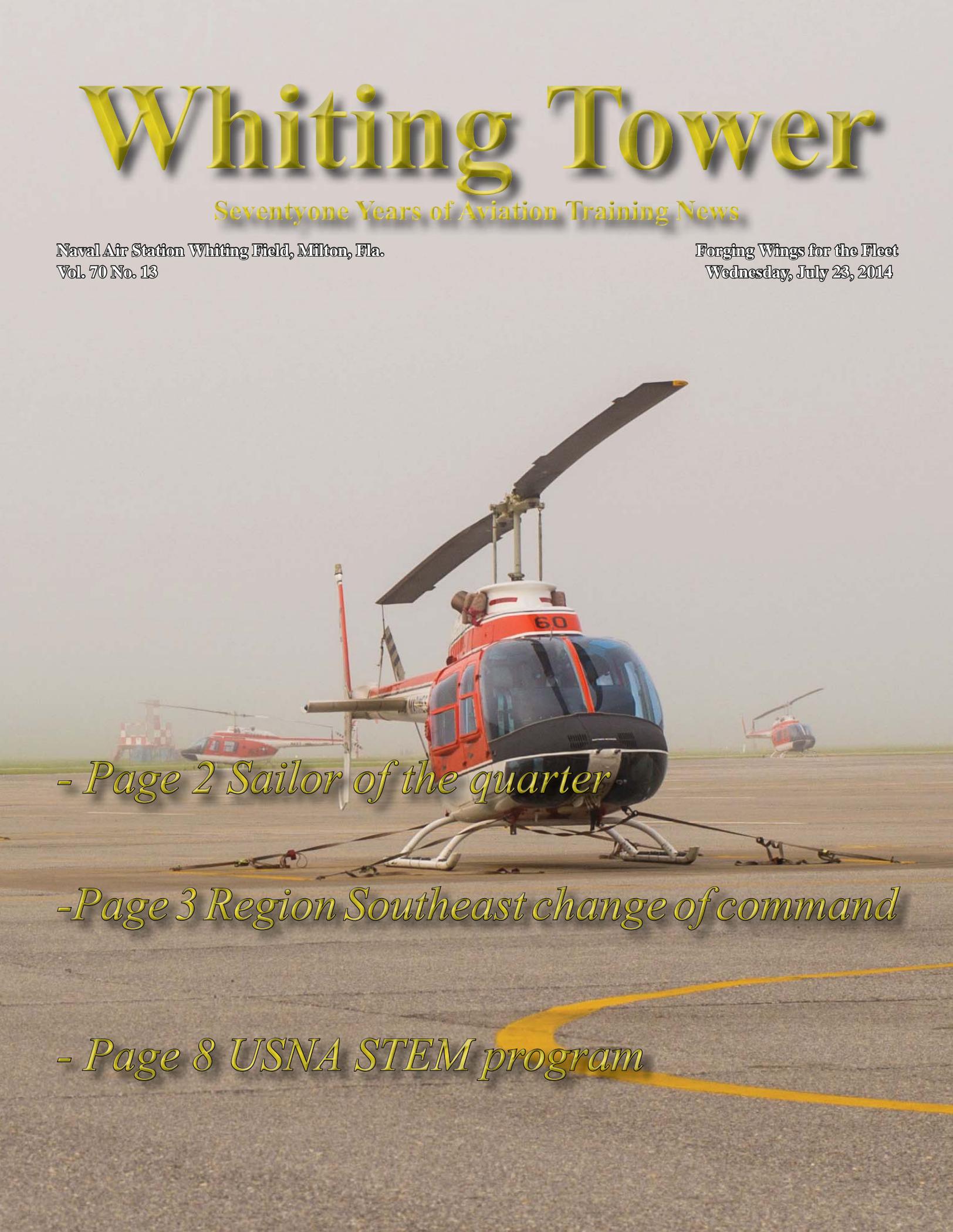


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Whiting Field News

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Third quarter Sailors announced

Photo's and story by Lt. j.g. Brett Resue-NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) recently announced its Sailors of the Quarter for the Third quarter fiscal year 2014. This awards program is designed to give recognition to the top performing Sailors at various levels of enlisted service. The Sailor of the Quarter is the top performing first class petty officer. The Junior Sailor of the Quarter is the best performing second class petty officer. Lastly, the Blue Jacket of the Quarter is the most impressive Sailor in the junior ranks.

Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Dennisha Jones, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Adam Harless, and Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Darren Williams have



AC1 Dennisha Jones
Sailor of the Quarter

been respectively recognized as the Sailor, Junior Sailor, and Blue Jacket of the Quarter. These Sailors are being recognized for outstanding performance while on duty and through their involvement within the community.

Jones is currently serving as Facility Watch Supervisor for NASWF. In addition, Jones is the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Point of Contact as well as a SAPR Victim Advocate, and the Divisional Enterprise Safety Applications Management System (ESAMS) Supervisor. These duties have allowed for 16,000 flight operations and 11,000 flight plans and flight information messages in support of Training

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Cover Photo: Training Air Wing Five's TH-57 helicopters are tied down on the flight line before flight operations begin as the morning fog on Naval Air Station Whiting Field's South Field begins to lift. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Brett Resue

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Bittle assumes duty as Officer-in-Charge

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Enlisted personnel, officers, and family members assembled to witness the Change of Charge ceremony in which the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Detachment (CNATT-DET) Whiting Field stepped down allowing for a new officer to assume the responsibilities of OIC.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin D. Bittle relieved Cmdr. Vencent W. Logan of duty as OIC of CNATT DET Whiting Field during a Change of Charge ceremony at 10 a.m. July 8, in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Atrium building. Capt. Katherine D. Erb, USN, Commanding Officer CNATT served as the presiding officer over the ceremony reflecting on Logan's accomplishments and contributions while OIC.

"Vence is a true aviation professional, pushing the status quo within CNATT and earning my complete trust in his leading of this detachment," she stated.

Logan led 23 senior Navy, Marine Corps, and civilian staff in the delivery of more than 10,000 hours of Naval Aviation Maintenance and Aviation Ordnance training. Under his command 1,240 maintenance and ordnance professionals graduated from seven technically comprehensive courses on time and within budget.

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Region Southeast holds change of command ceremony

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stacy D. Laseter, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Mary M. Jackson relieved Rear Adm. Rick Williamson as Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) during a change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, July 18.

The time-honored ceremony marked an end to Williamson's leadership of the command that supports and guides 17 installations throughout the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. Vice Adm. William D. French, the commander of Navy Installations



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (July 18, 2014) – Rear Adm. Mary Jackson walks through the side boys formation during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast Change of Command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. During the ceremony, Jackson accepted command from Rear Adm. Ricky Williamson. Williamson will be reporting to Norfolk, Va., as Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stacy D. Laseter/ Released)

Command, served as the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Williamson is a Jacksonville, Fla., native and a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he earned a bachelor's in computer science. He also holds a master's in business administration from the Naval Post Graduate School and is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College. Williamson reported to CNRSE from his previous assignment as

Commander, Navy Region Midwest, Great Lakes, Ill.

"I have had such an incredible experience leading an CNRSE outstanding team," said Williamson. "I will always cherish the relationships that I have built during this tour."

Williamson will be reporting to Commander,

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This Day in Naval History

July 25 1866 - Rank of Admiral created. David G. Farragut is appointed the first Admiral in the U.S. Navy

July 25 1943 - Launching of USS Harmon (DE-72), first ship named for African-American.

July 26 1948 - President Harry S. Truman orders desegregation of the Armed Services.

July 30 1941 - Japanese aircraft bomb USS Tutuila (PR-4) at Chungking, China; First Navy ship damaged by Axis during World War II.

July 31 1912 - First attempt to launch an airplane by catapult made at Annapolis.

August 3 1861 - First manned ascent in a balloon from a ship, gunboat USS Fanny, to observe Confederate artillery position at Hampton Roads, VA

August 4 1858 - First trans-Atlantic cable completed by USS Niagara and British ship Agamemnon

August 5 1864 - RADM David Farragut wins Battle of Mobile Bay, sealing off last Confederate port on Gulf Coast

August 6 1945 - Atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. Navy weaponeer, Captain W.S. Parsons, USN, armed the atomic bomb on the B-29 bomber, Enola Gay.



The Enola Gay dropping the first atomic bomb in Hiroshima Japan. This was one of two atomic weapons used against Japan during World War II

Around the Base

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Air Wing FIVE mission readiness. She has also provided mandatory training to 76 Sailors in support of the Navy's goal to raise awareness and prevent sexual assault.

Jones' department head Robert Asmus said "Petty Officer Jones' superior performance and initiative distinguishes her from her peers. She is an enthusiastic leader



ABH2 Adam Harles
Junior Sailor of the Quarter

and exhibits the finest qualities of leadership, personal growth, and versatility."

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Adam Harless is a Departmental Supply Petty Officer, Minor Property Custodian, and HAZMAT Coordinator. He is responsible for the management, logistics, inventory and procurement of supplies in support of 9 active Naval Outlying Landing Fields totaling \$480,109.63. Additionally, he is an active member of the NAS Whiting Field's

Color Guard Team and has performed at two Change of Command ceremonies, one retirement ceremony and the City of Milton, Florida Memorial Day ceremony. As an ARFF Chief, he trained, supervised and managed three ARFF crewmembers in all aspects of aircraft firefighting and rescue procedures to support Training Air Wing FIVE and SIX, the Joint Strike Fighter and other aircraft operations.

LT Kenyatto Mayes, crash officer, praised Harless' superior performance in his nomination statement by saying "Petty Officer Harless is an exceptional deckplate leader and technical expert! He is without a doubt, my number one nominee for Junior Sailor of the Quarter."

Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Darren Williams is a very involved junior Sailor. Williams's present duties are Naval Outlying Landing Field Choctaw Facility Watch Supervisor, Local Controller, and Training Petty Officer. He is also the Mail Petty Officer. As Facility Watch Supervisor, a position normally held by First Class Petty Officer, he was responsible for the safe and expeditious handling of 8,370 T-6 and JSF aircraft operations at NOLF Choctaw. As the Training Petty Officer for six air traffic controllers and oversaw and coordinated the crew's weekly training

plan, consisting of professional and general military training lessons and on-the-job training of Air Controllers. Additionally he dedicated 36 hours serving as the Junior Enlisted Association's Master-at-Arms. In this position he fostered unit cohesion and helped maintain good order and discipline during three association events.

Robert Asmus, operations department head said, "AC3 Williams is a top-notch Sailor who exemplifies the highest standards in military bearing and personal appearance. His unwavering dedication to the Navy's core values has set the highest standards for juniors and peers to follow."

"It's time to honor and say thank you" said Command Master Chief Alton Smith. "[These Sailor's] that go above and beyond working to continually improve their workplace and community."



AC3 Darren Williams
Blue Jacket of the Quarter

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2.4
MILES

BIKE



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MILES

RUN



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MILES

Log your miles on your tracking sheet of all the distances you complete on base.

Everyone is eligible to participate. Just complete all the distances within the dates of the program and you will win a prize!

Call the Fitness Center at 623-7412

Change of command

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Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., in August to assume command.

Originally from Wimberley, Texas, Jackson entered the United States Naval Academy in July 1984, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physics with an emphasis in oceanography. She later went on to earn a graduate degree from George Washington University in engineering management and became qualified as a joint specialty officer.



JACKSONVILLE, Fla (July 18, 2014) – Rear Adm. Mary Jackson and Rear Adm. Ricky Williamson shake hands following the official turnover during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. During the ceremony, Jackson accepted command from Rear Adm. Ricky Williamson. Williamson will be reporting to Norfolk, Va., as Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Stacy D. Laseter/ Released)

She has served on board five U.S. Navy ships, in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets with deployed operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, and Western Pacific areas of operation. Her command tours including serving as commanding officer, USS McFaul (DDG 74) and commanding officer, Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval installation. Most recently, she served as chief of staff to Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

“It is an honor and privilege to become a part of such a dynamic team of Sailors and civilians,” Jackson said. “And I look forward to challenges we’ll tackle together.”

Jackson will be the region's 44th commander.

Eco-nomics

Recycling is an important aspect of energy and resource conservation. By recycling you can reduce the amount of raw materials used and energy used to create a product. This leads to fewer natural resources being used and less pollution. A few simple, common and important ways to recycle involve recycling used motor oil, dead batteries.

If you change your own motor oil, recycle the old oil. One gallon of used motor oil when recycled yields the same amount of refined lubricating oil—2.5 quarts—as 42 gallons of crude oil. It is also illegal in most places to dispose of motor oil by dumping it on the ground, in the trash or by pouring it down the drain. One quart of motor oil can pollute up to 250,000 gallons of water. Recycling used motor oil is simple, most auto parts stores and automotive repair shops will accept used motor oil, transmission fluid and other oil-based lubricants for recycling free of charge.

Batteries of all types contain heavy metal compounds that pose a significant hazard to the environment both in their production and disposal. Recycling batteries reduces this hazard by disposing of these materials in a safe manner and allowing the materials to be reused to make new batteries and products with less refining of the raw materials that contribute to environmental pollution. The typical car battery contains 18 to 20 pounds of lead-acid, a toxic substance that can cause serious adverse health effects if not disposed of properly. Contact your local government for recycling sites. Another solution is to use rechargeable batteries when possible rather than single-use.

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News and Notes

Beach Fun with CSADD

Join the Coalition of Sailor's Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) at Pensacola Beach Saturday, July 26 beginning at noon for some outdoor fun. The event will be held on the beach in front of The Oar House, and will include volleyball, cornhole, horse-shoes and more. Drinks and sunscreen will be provided. For more information, contact AC2 Martin at talyssa@gmail.com. The date was changed to adjust for poor weather forecasts.

Financial Decisions for Women

At some point in their lives, women are likely to be solely responsible for financial decision making. The "Women and Money: Unique Issues" workshop is designed to provide women with the information and encouragement to be financially successful. No matter where you are in your path toward understanding financial management, this workshop can help you increase your confidence in your ability to manage your finances well.

Date: Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Santa Rosa County, 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Money Basics: Getting organized, financial goal setting and a spending plan will help you keep your finger on your financial pulse.
- Protecting Assets: Learning about insurance, identity theft, scams, fraud, and credit management will help you identify, evaluate, and develop a plan for protects your assets.
- Investing Basics: Learning how to manage your money and how to invest will likely help your money grow.
- Estate Planning: Developing an estate plan helps ensure your wishes are carried out.

This interactive workshop costs \$5 per person; which covers the cost of hand-outs and light refreshments (Scholarships may be available based on need. Contact the Extension Office directly to make this request.) Educational resources for the program are provided through University of Florida/IFAS Extension. For more information, contact Ginny Hinton at ginnyh@santarosa.fl.gov or (850)623-3868.

Facebook Page -Training Air Wing FIVE now has a Facebook



Navy retains its best Sailors

Air Traffic Controller First Class Austin S. Horst is seen shaking hands and holding his honorable discharge certificate before reenlisting for an additional six years with Air Traffic Controller Chief David Garcia from Naval Air Technical Training Center. The reenlistment was held on the 11th of July in the Operations Auditorium. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope.

page. Like them at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/TrainingAir-WingFIVE/>.

Back-To-School Brigade - Operation Homefront is asking military families to join them for a school supply distribution event Thursday, August 7 at the community center on NAS Pensacola. The event is open to Deployed, wounded and active duty service members from E-1 to E-6 as well as National Guardsmen/Reservists on Title 32. Families must pre-register online prior to the event to receive a backpack with school supplies. Supplies are limited, therefore availability is on a first registered, first served basis. For more information visit Operation Homefront at www.operation-homefront.net/southeast or call 888-433-7713.

Feds Feed Families -In support of our Feds Feeds Families Food Drive, a special, designated offering will be received into the chapel Religious Offering Fund (ROF) on Thursday, July 24 from 1100-1230. Those who want to make a donation can give either at the chaplain's office or during our chapel service (1130-1215). Checks can be made payable to NASWF ROF.

Mad Dash 5K - The Mad Dash 5K will be run Saturday, July 26 at 7 a.m. beginning at Woodbine United Methodist Church in Pace. Cost to register is \$25 and the event is open to all runners and walkers. There will be door prizes, raffle items and post-race refreshments. Call 850-995-0007 or email brentreeder@mywoodbine.org for more information.

ITT Special - Wild Adventures in Valdosta Georgia is offering free nights for Military. Splash Island Nights are now every Friday from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in Splash Island until August 1, 2014.

Nurse Advice Line - Have Medical Questions? Call the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line...Sometimes it is difficult to know if and when to seek medical help for acute health problems, so having professional help at a moment's notice is invaluable. The Nurse Advice Line (NAL) for TRICARE beneficiaries does just that. This service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just dial 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273); Option 1

Usage Information

Total Used

2,195,368 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	2,245,533	1,974,525	2,195,368
Average Daily kWh	74,851	63,694	73,179
Days In Billing Period	30	31	30

Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remains an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the past year by Public Works continue to pay dividends in our energy conservation programs. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

Can my spouse claim another state for tax purposes?

By LT Charles M. Roman, JAGC, USN

Although tax season is behind us, it is never too late to think about next year, and how you and your spouse can make decisions that will best allow your family to avoid the taxman. One thing to always remember, tax residency (described here) is a separate concept from your home-of-record (an exclusively military designation).

Under the Sailors Civil Relief Act (SCRA), a service member does not pay state income tax in the state where the service member is stationed if that state is not his domicile (legal state of residence for tax purposes). Instead, the service member is taxed on his military income in his state of legal residence. For example, Seaman Paul, whose state of residence is Florida, does not pay income tax to the state of Virginia from his military income earnings while stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. Rather Seaman Paul will be taxed based on Florida state tax law – which has no state income tax. Furthermore, no matter where Seaman Paul is stationed, Florida will always remain his state of le-

gal residence, unless he changes it.

Until a few years ago, this benefit under the SCRA did not extend to service members' spouses. Every time a service member moved, the spouse's state of legal residence would change and the spouse would be taxed by the state on all income earned in that state. So before, when Seaman Paul moved to Norfolk, Virginia with his wife Kristen; she became a Virginia resident and the state of Virginia would tax her on income earned while she lived there.

The Military Spouses Residency relief act (MSRRA) changed some of the basic rules of taxation in regards to military spouses. Today, the spouse of the military member is entitled to SCRA tax protection for the same domicile (state of legal residence) of the service member - IF the dependent spouse had also previously acquired the same legal domicile. Translation: if Kristen resided with Seaman Paul in Florida long enough to establish it as her residence when they were ordered to move to Norfolk, Kristen's state of legal

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CNATT Det.

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As the Navy's Model Manager for the Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer Personnel Qualification, Logan directed the review and research of more than 350 change recommendations, ensuring a current and accurate document for more than 1,600 Aviation Maintenance Officers pursuing their professional designation. Logan also personally mentored and guided the Navy's future aviation maintenance and aviation ordnance leaders, sharing his in-depth knowledge and leadership experience.

Logan expressed his respect and appreciation for the hard working professionals of CNATT DET.

"[CNATT DET Whiting Field] is not large but the importance of our mission is not diminished because of our size. I am most proud

of the leadership of this detachment and the mentorship which contributed to the professional conduct of our classes. We have not had any grievances or alcohol related incidents during my time as OIC and I am so proud of this accomplishment, emphasizing the fact that we take care of our own," Logan articulated.

Erb concluded her remarks by welcoming Bittle, expressing her confidence and thanking Logan for his service stating, "[Your] personal actions have positively impacted the Sailors and Marines, under your guidance. Thank you for all of your contributions; you have done a superb job."

Bittle takes charge with 14 years of experience as an Aviation Maintenance Officer with tours in Japan, Virginia, and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Lt. Cmdr. Kevin D. Bittle and Cmdr. Vencent W. Logan are seen shaking hands during the change of charge ceremony. Standing behind them is Capt. Katherine D. Erb, who presided over the ceremony.
U.S. Navy Photo by ENS Lindsay Grover

USNA 2014 summer STEM program on rotary wing engineering

Story and photo by Lieutenant Teng K. Ooi, PhD, U.S. Naval Academy and Captain Linda J. Beltra, MD, USN (Ret)

Each year in June, the United States Naval Academy Summer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Program launches a variety of programs to expose young people to STEM concepts and technologies. This program is designed to encourage 8th to 11th graders to pursue a course of study in STEM subjects throughout high school, college, and beyond. This year's Summer STEM theme is "Exploring Navy Technology on All Fronts."

Project-based modules are a major component of the STEM curriculum. Students participate in these modules using a hands-on, real-world approach to solving design and analysis problems in the Naval Academy's world-class laboratory facilities. This unique learning environment promotes engineering "habits of mind" such as critical thinking, optimization, innovation, creativity, and team work. It exposes students to a problem-based environment, outside the traditional classroom.

One of the 2014 modules is titled "Spinning Wings-Exploring Helicopter Technology." The technical objective is to teach students about rotor aeromechanics of vertical lift aircraft. The students learn how to assemble and build a model rotor and test the operations of the rotor in vertical and forward autorotation. Then they optimize the rotor performance by experimenting with different rotor blade pitch settings.

The helicopter module also features a flight demonstration of a Syma Chinook Model Helicopter. This remote-controlled twin coaxial rotor Chinook can takeoff vertically, hovers, fly in all directions, and land vertically on its own. The students use an infrared controller to pilot the Chinook. The demonstration helps to enhance the understanding of the rotor aeromechanics concepts, as well as the engineering technology and flight operations of the Chinook.

Midshipman First Class Jason McGinty, a Midshipman working with the STEM program said, "We want to give the students a basic understanding of how helicopters fly and how they are different from airplanes. We try to give them a hand-on experience so that they can see firsthand what affects the amount of lift on the helicopter rotors."

"My experience at the USNA Summer STEM program challenged me in different areas of science, technology and math. I enjoyed meeting people and

TRICARE Notes

TRICARE SERVICE CENTER WALK-IN SERVICE NO LONGER PROVIDED AS OF APRIL 1

As TRICARE beneficiaries increasingly access electronic, internet and toll-free customer service features, the need for walk-in locations has lessened. As a result, walk-in customer service at TRICARE Service Centers (TSCs) located within the United States is no longer provided as of April 1, 2014.

Most walk-in visits to TSCs were for enrollment, billing, primary care manager, changes, and general information on benefits and plans—all which can be handled through websites, mobile applications or toll-free call centers operated by the regional contractors.

You can manage your benefits at home or on the go via secure websites. On www.tricare.mil, the "I want to..." section allows you to:

Enroll in or purchase a plan, file or check a claim, view referrals, and prior authorizations, find a doctor, change your primary care manager, see what's covered, compare plans, and manage prescriptions

You can also get enrollment assistance, ask about health care benefits and get answers to other questions by contacting Humana Military at 1-800-444-5445 or visiting www.humana-military.com.

For more information, visit www.tricare.mil

TIME TO PLAN FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL PHYSICALS

If you are a parent with young children, "back-to-school" can mean "back to the doctor's office" for annual school physicals. School physicals are often required to help ensure that children enter the classroom in good health, with up-to-date immunizations and free of any diseases that could pose a risk to classmates. For children ages 5-11, TRICARE covers annual physicals and immunizations required for school enrollment. Parents should note that TRICARE does not cover sports or camp physicals. However, you should contact your nearest MTF to ask about its availability to conduct sports and camp physicals.

TRICARE also covers well-child care for eligible children from birth to age 6. The well-child benefit includes routine newborn care, comprehensive health-promotion and disease-prevention exams, vision and hearing screenings and routine immunizations and developmental assessments according to the American Academy of Pediatrics®.

Around the Base

STEM

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Photo caption: Naval Academy 2014 Summer STEM students (Emma Frye, second from left) participate in piloting the Chinook Model Helicopter. U.S. Navy Photo by LT Teng Ooi.

I will cherish my new friendships. Summer STEM is great for students that enjoy completing tasks that require hard thought and skill,” said Emma Frye.

“Hopefully, this flight demonstration will get students excited about the dynamics of vertical flight and allow them to experience an interesting real-life application through hands-on practical learning. We hope this will provide them with the critical chain to latch onto as they begin to consider their majors at colleges and beyond,” said Visiting Professor Scott Davids, the creator of the Helicopter Technology module.

For more information on USNA STEM Program, visit: www.usna.edu/Admissions/STEM.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

CRIME PREVENTION



It's that time of year that is hot and muggy so we are off to the beach, park, fishing and other recreational activities. We dress for the weather by wearing shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, and clothing that doesn't have any pockets. We don't want to carry our wallets or purses while we are out and about because we are out having fun and don't want to lose them or other things we carry with us. Many of us leave these items in our vehicles, sometimes in plain sight. While you're out having fun, so are the criminals. If you choose to leave these items in your vehicle, don't leave them in plain sight. Lock them in the glove box, center console or trunk. Be aware who's around you when you leave items in your vehicle. When going shopping, we tend to leave our bags in our back seats and continue shopping at other stores; thinking that no one will bother our vehicle. Unfortunately, to our surprise, we come out to our vehicle which used to have a window and our bags are gone. When you're leaving one store and know you're going to another, take time to put your items in the trunk and again, be aware who's around you while doing this. So don't help criminals help themselves; plan ahead and be aware. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

NAS Whiting Field Golf Course

GOLF SPECIALS

Information 623-7348

July & August

Twilight Hours
 ♦ Begin at 2pm - everyday!

Military Mondays (18 holes with cart)
 ♦ Active Duty only \$14 - All Others only \$18

Wednesday (18 holes with cart + a meal for \$21)
 ♦ 2 hot dogs, a bag of chips & a soft drink

Thursday (BOGO Range Balls \$3)
 ♦ Purchase 1 bucket of range balls & get another bucket of balls free (for use on our driving range - until 2pm)

July Summer Scramble

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 26 2014
Start Time: 9am

For more information and to register, please call the Golf Course Clubhouse
623-7348

"2 Man Scramble"
Cost: \$40.00 per person

Handicaps declared, players must be within 5 strokes of each other, 50% of team handicap will be used for payouts (... so be honest).
 65 + will use silver tees ... 64 - will use white tees

tournament fee includes:
 golf cart+lunch and a t-shirt
(T-SHIRTS FOR THE FIRST 25 TEAMS - MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE EVENT)

PRIZES

CHAMPIONS - "low GROSS score" Team name on a trophy
(please use discretion with the team names)

PAYOUTS - "low NET score"

1st PLACE \$250.00 gift card for team	- PLUS -
2nd PLACE \$150.00 gift card for team	"2 Long Drives - \$25 each"
3rd PLACE \$100.00 gift card for team	AND
4th PLACE \$80.00 gift card for team	"2 Closest to PINS - \$25 each"
5th PLACE \$50.00 gift card for team	
6th - 8th PLACE 2 rounds of golf for team	

Registration is limited to the first 40 teams and can be made in advance or, if you're a procrastinator, up to 30 minutes before start of the tournament.

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



Back Row: Cmdr. Robert G. Sinram, USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; Lt. j.g. Cameron W. Thompson, USN; Lt. j.g. Grant B. Thorne, USN; 1st Lt. Adam C. Satterfield, USMC; Lt. j.g. Brent J. Krawiecki, USN.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Kevin Pickard, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; Lt. j.g. Matthew E. Kolb, USCG; Lt. j.g. William J. Wofford, USN; 1st Lt. Brendan H. O'Donnell, USMC; Lt. j.g. Michael L. Didonato, USN.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; Lt. j.g. Nicholas M. Tessmer, USN; 1st Lt. Jacob Connell, USMC; Lt. j.g. Jennifer M. Groger, USN; Col. Eric F. Buer, USMC, Commanding Officer MATSG-21; Capt. James J. Fisher, USN, Commodore TRAWING- 5.

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



Left photo: From left to right 1st Lt Zoar Z. Morales, USMC; Ensign Adam J. Taylor, USN; 1st Lt David J. Tafone, USMC; 1st Lt Richard E. Webb, USMC (Commodore's List,); 1st Lt Thomas J. Abitante, USMC (Commodore's List); Ensign Scott E. Goossens, USN; Ensign Victoria E. Gonzalez, USN; Lt j.g. Yohan Guillemot, French Navy and 1st Lt Joseph P. Roberts USMC hold their academic achievement awards presented Jul. 2 at the Training Air Wing Five headquarters building.

Right Photo: From left to right Ensign Alexandra R. Mensing, USN; 1st Lt Adam J. Steele, USMC; Ensign Tolga E. Kuluslu, USN (Commodore's List); 1st Lt Shawn E. Leighton, USMC and Ensign Anthony Jenkins, USN (Commodore's List) received their academic awards on Jul.

State taxes

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residence can be Florida. Moreover, if Kristen works while in Norfolk, she will not be taxed by Virginia – she will be subject to Florida state income tax rate (zero). Also, Kristen will not be taxed by Virginia on automobiles when they are titled solely in Kristen’s name or jointly with Seaman Paul.

Keep in mind two things: 1) The spouse must be present with the service member in the non-domicile state pursuant to military orders and 2) spouses can keep prior residences IF AND ONLY IF they are the same as that of the service member. Eligible spouses need to designate their appropriate domicile state by filing new withholding forms with their employer. Think about changing withholding forms for next year now!

There are some common misunderstandings that need to be addressed:

1. The MSRA does not allow a spouse to pick or choose a state of legal residence.
2. The MSRA does not allow a spouse to “inherit” or assume a service member’s domicile upon marriage. There is not a standard form to be filled out that allows a spouse to change their residency. Actually, the spouse must have lived in the state, intends to return to there, and have a tangible connection to the state. Connections that need to be established are: vot-



er registration, driver’s license, professional licenses, homestead declaration, purchase of residential property, registration or titling of vehicles, and even executing a will under the laws of that state. Basically, you need to show a bono-fide intent to return to the state from which the military has ordered you to move away from. Please, note: it is not necessary to establish all of these contacts, but the more the better.

3. The MSRA does not allow a spouse to recapture an old abandoned domicile unless the spouse physically returns to the state with the requisite connections and intent to remain there permanently.

4. The tax exemption for working spouses only applies to wage income and income from services performed in the non-domiciliary states. Thus, if Kristen sells their Norfolk house or rents out their extra home in Virginia, she will be taxed by Virginia on this income. Also, Kristen will pay Virginia state income tax on businesses she has opened while in Norfolk.

Legal residency and how it applies to your taxes is a confusing topic and is detail specific. Hopefully, this article makes the MSRA a little easier, but if you have more questions contact your local legal assistance JAG.

This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.

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Asian MONDAY	MEXICAN TUESDAY	Chicken WEDNESDAY
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Around the Base

Naval Air Station Whiting Field provides training opportunity to Summerdales volunteer fire department

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field firefighters participated in a mutual training event with several other fire departments from Baldwin County, Ala. recently that epitomized the concept of a win-win situation.

During the past couple of months, the installation turned over structures on two residential plots to the Summerdale Fire Department which they were able to utilize for several different exercises to enhance skills in a variety of firefighting regimens. The former residences provided a level of training that is difficult to mimic, as well as offering an opportunity for firefighters from a variety of departments to work together.

“Training like this is a good opportunity to do mutual aid training in a safe environment with many different area fire departments,” Summerdale Assistant Fire Chief Brad Hartsock stated. “It is a rare opportunity to have a house to burn down, and this is the second one in two months.”

The plots were available after the Navy purchased the property to accommodate the runway expansions at Navy Outlying Landing Field Summerdale. The residences were located in areas that were part of critical safety zones that cannot have residential development to ensure the protection of people underneath aviation take-off and landing patterns. This necessitated the removal of the structures to ensure no one could use the houses. Initially, the intention was to contract for removal of the residences, but Chief Frank Barrow, from Fire and Emergen-

cy Services Gulf Coast, approached the Summerdale Volunteer Fire Department in February to see if there was any interest in using it for a training tool.

There was a lot of interest.

Firefighters from Summerdale FD, Barnwell FD, Perdido Beach FD, Daphne FD, Fairhope FD, Bon Secour FD, Robertsdale FD and a team from NAS Whiting Field participated in the

June 28 training evolutions. Most of the same departments also participated in the first event April 10.

While truly live firefighting was the pinnacle training evolution for the firefighters, in the weeks before the structures were set for to be burned, the departments worked on ladder raising, ventilation, forcible entry, and rescue operations on the sites.

Providing an enhanced training opportunity and saving thousands of dollars in demolition costs would be reason enough to turn the buildings over to Summerdale FD, however, the greatest benefit might be the ability for so many departments to work together. Mutual aid agreements are essential for fire departments, especially volunteer departments, to successfully combat large scale emergencies. The live fire event gave the various departments an opportunity to cross train together, allowed the firefighters to interact with one another, and gave the units a chance to share equipment, resources, and ideas with one another.

“It is good to build relationships with the other departments,” Barrow said. “Working with them in a training situation like this is very beneficial. You don’t want your first meeting to be an emergency in the middle of the night.”



Firefighters from Fire and Emergency Services Gulf Coast Station 1, located onboard NAS Whiting Field, along with firefighters from the Summerdale Volunteer Fire Department prepare to fight a house fire during a training exercise near Summerdale, AL. U.S. Naval Photo by Lt. j.g. Brett Resue



Lt. William Martin of the Summerdale Volunteer Fire Department talks with Capt. Brandon Beecher of Fire and Emergency Services Gulf Coast Station 1 located onboard NAS Whiting Field, during a training exercise in Summerdale, AL. U.S. Photo by Lt. j.g. Brett Resue.