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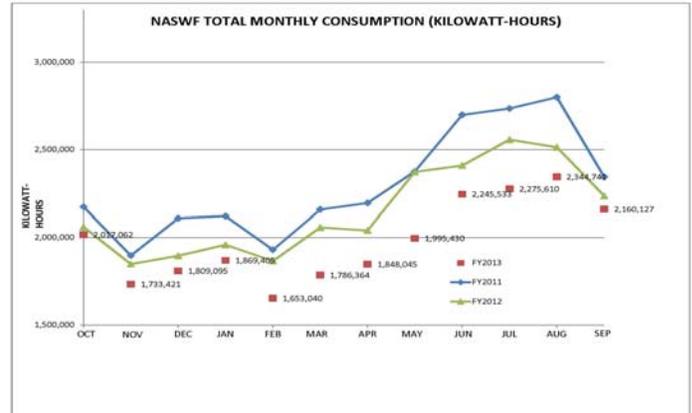
Cold January Ends Streak of Energy Savings for PW

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

January shepherded in a new year, but it also ushered out a streak nearly three years in the making for Naval Air Station Whiting Field. January 2014 broke the installation's run of 32 consecutive months of year-over-year reductions in electricity usage.

NAS Whiting Field's Public Works Department tracks energy usage on the base, and regularly compares the readings to historical monthly usage to most accurately measure conservation efforts. In April 2011, public works began reversing a trend of increasing utilities usage and maintained the downward trend until January.

The colder than normal temperatures were a key factor in January's increased energy usage. With daily temperatures averaging more than 13 degrees colder than



2013, heating costs ate up the savings generated through other means.

"It's a nice start, but we still have a long way to go
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Cover Photo: NAS Whiting Field Police Officer Richard Chambers approaches the crime scene during the Citadel Shield/Iron Curtain Drill, Thursday Feb. 20. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

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Base Firefighter Nominated by CNRSE for CNIC Award Courey selected to Represent Southeast for Top Military Firefighter

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A Naval Air Station Whiting Field Crash Division team member will represent the 15-base region, Commander Navy Region Southeast in the Navy Military Firefighter of the Year Competition. This is the third year in a row that the NAS Whiting Field nominee has represented the region in the selection process.

This nomination recognizes the exemplary performance of Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling Second Class Brian T. Courey in the areas of accomplishments, job performance, technical competence, leadership ability, initiative, and resourcefulness. He follows in the footsteps of ABH2 Dustin Johnson and ABH1 Preston Lyons, the 2011 and 2012 nominees.

Courey served as the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Chief at Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Choctaw, which serves as the premier airfield prominently used by the Blue Angels, Joint Strike Fighter Program (F-35C), and USAF Eglin Air Base Special Tactics Training Squadron Training Forces. This position is usually held by a seasoned First Class Petty Officer.

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Tools Detailers Use for Fleet Manning

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- An increase in enlisted critical at-sea billets has Navy community managers reminding Sailors of the various incentive programs available to them.

“The Navy has several incentive programs that the enlisted community managers and detailers use to fill vacancies at sea,” said Ron Dodge, deputy director of enlisted distribution at Navy Personnel Command. “We want to give Sailors good reasons to choose sea duty because that is where we need them.”

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced in March an upcoming increase in Career Sea Pay (CSP) and Career Sea Pay Premium incentives for eligible Sailors and Marines serving aboard ships whose primary mission is conducted at sea. This increase, the first since 2001, is intended to compensate Sailors for extended deployments, and is expected to take place early this summer. Additionally, Sailors may qualify for Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP), if they serve

in specific ratings, pay grades and/or NEC's and agree to remain on sea duty past their Prescribed Sea Tour (PST), volunteer for a back-to-back sea tour, or curtail their current shore duty and return early to sea duty.

Sailors who wish to extend at sea or return to sea duty early may be entitled to receive an incentive pay along with a choice of duty station via the Voluntary Sea Duty Program (VSDP). Updated instructions outlining the VSDP guidelines are forthcoming, but Sailors can continue to refer to NAVADMINs 043/12 and 205/12 until the updates are released.

The Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Early Return to Sea, announced in NAVADMIN 230/12, authorized detailers to fill opening high priority E7-E9 sea duty billets using their authorized transfer window in conjunction with the candidate's current length of time on shore, recent advancement, fleet experience, and Navy Enlisted Classifications.

“When the CPO Early Return to Sea initiative was implemented, we were focused very hard on improving the “Supervisor” (E7-E9) manning at sea. However, we know that ‘journeymen’ requirements are also important, particularly within the technical (NEC) skills. With this initiative we are trying to create a more holistic improvement in sea duty manning by expanding this initiative to E4-E9 Sailors,” said Dodge.

Navy detailers now will have increased flexibility in filling anticipated fleet vacancies on time with a fully trained and qualified relief, according to NAVADMIN 058/14. This is one more tool to ensure proper manning of the fleet for all Sailors.

For more information about the programs available, talk to a command career counselor or visit www.npc.navy.mil. For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/

This Day in Naval History

Mar 20

1833 - Honorable Edmund Roberts, while representing the United States, signs the “Treaty of Amity,” with King of Siam (now Thailand), which is the first treaty between the United States and an Asian power.

1922 - USS Jupiter (Fuel Ship #3) is recommissioned as USS Langley (CV 1), the Navy's first aircraft carrier.

1959 - USS Staten Island (AGB) delivers six tons of food and clothing to New Zealand territorial island south of Samoa after storm devastates the area.

2003 - The United States begins Operation Iraqi Freedom after USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) is among the first to launch tomahawk missiles on Iraq, along with other Navy ships in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2009 - USS Gettysburg (CG 64) apprehends six pirates in the Gulf of Aden after a distress call from two nearby merchant vessels.

Mar 21

1903 - The Honduras Expedition, made up with USS Marietta, USS Olympia, USS Panther, USS Raleigh, and USS San Francisco, embarks and operates in Honduran waters during a period of civil strife.

1917 - Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as chief yeoman.

1944 - USS Angler (SS 240) completes the evacuation of 58 U.S. citizens, including women and children, from the west coast of Panay, Philippine Islands.

1945 - USS Baya (SS 318) sinks the auxiliary netlayer Kainan Maru off Cam Ranh Bay.

1957 - An A3D-1 “Skywarrior” aircraft piloted by Cmdr. Dale W. Cox, Jr., breaks two transcontinental records:



USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) is among the first to launch tomahawk missiles at the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom March 20, 2003. Photo Courtesy of Navy.mil

News and Notes

Santa Rosa County Fair - The Santa Rosa County Fair will run from April 4 -12 (closed April 8 & 9) in East Milton Park. The Fair will feature rides, games, vendors, food on the Midway, entertainment nightly and a FMX Freestyle motocross. See www.srcfair.com for more information and full schedule. ITT has discounted tickets for \$5, \$3 off regular admission. Call ITT at (850) 623-7032.

14th Annual Seagrass Awareness Celebration - Learn about seagrasses, marine creatures that live in seagrasses, and our coastal resources at the 14th Annual Seagrass Awareness Celebration on March 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p. m. at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze. Bring your family and friends, water, sunscreen, hat, water shoes, lawn chairs and join us for a fun filled day! Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/seagrasscelebration. Contact Chris Verlinde, chrismv@ufl.edu or (850) 623-3868.

Navarre Beach Causeway to Gain Additional Turn Lane - Work to add an additional north bound left turn lane and turn signal onto U.S. Hwy. 98 from the Navarre Beach Causeway begins the week of March 17. The project approved by the board of county commissioners is expected to help ease traffic congestion. Construction is expected to take 60 days, paid for by road and bridge funds.

Energy Savers - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Works Department recognizes the following buildings for their efforts in energy conservation as compared to 2013 costs for the same time frame. Bldg. 1415 BCO at 5.4; Bldg. 1423 VT-3 at 5.3, and Bldg. 1417 MWR at 4.3.

Get Fit with CSADD - CSADD is also hosting a Spartan Challenge at the NASWF track Saturday, Mar. 22. The obstacle course competition will test the fittest warriors against the clock. Prizes will be awarded. Entry fees will be \$10 for individuals and \$15 for two person teams. Contact AC2 Vernon Dantzler at Vernon.dantzler@navy.mil for more information.

Panhandle Community Theatre Auditions - The Panhandle Community Theatre will hold auditions for their next performance, "Picnic," March 24 & 25 at 6:30 p.m. The play has parts for seven women and four men of varying ages. Auditions will be held at 4646 Woodbine Road, Pace. Production dates will be May



Kathy Buck, from the Branch Health Clinic, won the inaugural Oscar contest by the ITT office. She correctly named 20 of the 24 Oscar categories in advance of the ceremonies last week. MWR Director Joe Vukovcan and ITT manager, Marcy Allen present her with a selection of prizes donated by ABC and Disney for her victory over 33 other contestants. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope

15-18 at the historic Imogene Theatre. "Picnic" will be directed by Gail Ready. Email panhandle_community_theatre@yahoo.com for more information.

Submit Tuition Assistance (TA) Requests Now - To ensure timely approval, check your "My Education" account to ensure your record is up-to-date and all TA eligibility requirements are met. Contact a Navy College Office or the Virtual Education Center for more information. <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

Tax Assistance - Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be assisting with taxes at three local libraries continuing through April 15. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, providing service to low-income and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those over age 60. Gulf Breeze Library will host the program Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Milton will host from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Navarre Library will sponsor the program from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, except March 21.

Humana Self Service - Please note Humana's new "Self Service" website to encourage our beneficiaries to utilize the internet and Contact (Call) Center to conduct business as opposed to walk-in service at the TRICARE Service Center which will officially close on 1 Apr 2014. Site is <https://infocenter.humana-military.com/South/Bene/obs/infocenter.asp>.

FFSC Finance Packets - Please stop by the Fleet & Family Support Center and pick up your "free" Personal Finance Packet, the packet contains information regarding financial tips, security and safety on the internet and identity theft prevention as well as financial advice to teach children and young adults. Supplies are limited so swing by the FFSC to pick up your "free" copy. Contact Eugene Jackson, AFC Work & Family Life Consultant, NAS Whiting Field Fleet & Family Support Center, 850-623-7177 or Eugene.Jackson1@navy.mil.

Usage Information

Total Used

1,649,285 kWh

| | 1 Year Ago | Last Month | This Month |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total kWh Used | 1,653,040 | 1,912,710 | 1,649,285 |
| Average Daily kWh | 59,037 | 61,700 | 58,903 |
| Days In Billing Period | 28 | 31 | 28 |

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.

Family Assistance

NAS Whiting Field



MARCH 2014

TO REPORT A SEXUAL ASSAULT:

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|-----|
| Suicide Prevention ACT! Ask Care Treat | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Resume Writing 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | 4 Stress Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm | 5 Anger Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm | 6 Chall of FS & Marriage 9:00 - 11:00 am Communication Skills 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | 7 TSP Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) 9:00 - 10:00 am VA Representative 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Anger Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | 12 Conflict Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm | 13 Home Buying 1:00 - 3:00 pm | 14 | 15 |
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Keeping More of Your Money: Traditional and Roth TSP Explained

By LT Chao Pan, JAGC, USN

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a defined-contribution plan available to civilian and military employees of the United States government, akin to the 401(k) plans found in the private sector. TSP recently rolled out a new “Roth” option for civilian and military members. This article will explain the differences between the Roth TSP and traditional TSP options, and how the TSP interacts with other retirement plans, such as individual retirement arrangements (IRAs).

The fundamental difference between the Roth TSP and the traditional TSP is that contributions to a Roth TSP are taxed as income in the tax year in which the contributions were earned and are generally not taxed upon withdrawal at retirement, while contributions to a traditional TSP are not taxed in the tax year in which the contributions were earned (they are deductible), but are taxed upon withdrawal at retirement.

Traditional TSP

Let’s say Petty Officer Second Class Jones has no dependents and has a taxable of income of \$25,000 per year. If he contributes \$6,000 to a traditional TSP, he’ll only be taxed on \$19,000 of income that year (minus any other deductions and exemptions he’s eligible for). When he withdraws the funds in retirement after age 59½, however, the withdrawals will be considered ordinary income and a tax bill will become due. He may start making withdrawals before age 59½, but it may be subject to penalties.

Roth TSP

If PO2 Jones decided to make a Roth TSP contribution, however, he’d make contributions on an after-tax basis. The \$6,000 he originally set aside for his contribution would be reduced to \$5,100 (the tax man takes out 15% since he’s in the 15% marginal income tax bracket), but when he begins withdrawing at age 59½, he won’t get another tax bill.

Which one is right for me?

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Firefighter

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Despite his extraordinary credentials, Courey was pleasantly surprised by the honor.

“I didn’t even know I was being nominated, I



Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling Second Class Brian T. Courey, was selected as the CNRSE Nominee for the Military Firefighter of the Year. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope.

was just coming in and doing my job when I was told,” Courey stated. “Everyone I work with are great firefighters and to be chosen from among them is really an honor.”

A selfless professional who exceeds the standards, he played a key role in the successful completion of over 1.2 million flight operations and the safe response to 26 actual aircraft emergencies at the Navy's busiest Air Station.

His package cited that he initiated vital drills totaling over 700 training hours, and led 36 live-fire training exercises. A recognized expert, his training efforts produced ten individual advanced DOD Firefighting certifications, four critical supervisory designations, and ensured 100 percent mission readiness at NAS Whiting Field.

Often sought out for his technical knowledge, he earned many advanced certifications and is highly

knowledgeable in emergency aircraft firefighting and aircrew rescue procedures on a diverse array of aircraft. His ability to maintain professionalism and instill confidence in his subordinates in high stress environments has earned him the trust of his entire chain of command.

“All the petty officers here are professional firefighters,” said Lt. Kenyatto Mayes, Crash Division Officer, “but the way Courey makes sure that his whole team is proficient and ensures they keep themselves safe on the job pushed him over the top.”

As a recognized expert, he also serves the community of Ferry Pass as a Volunteer Firefighter dedicating over 780 off-duty hours and responding to more than 200 fire, rescue, and emergency calls minimizing loss of life and damage to property. His community service also includes over 102 hours of speaking at various elementary schools and volunteering at local retirement homes throughout Escambia County.

Vice Adm. William D. French, Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) emphasized the importance of the Navy Fire and Emergency Services personnel and recognized that all members of this community are vital in another article honoring last year's winners.

“We can sleep well at night knowing our people are protected by true professionals, and I commend them for their commitment and sacrifice.”

TRICARE Notes

MAKE THE SWITCH TO TRICARE PHARMACY HOME DELIVERY

Mail order is your least expensive option for filling prescriptions when not using a military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacy. TRICARE pharmacy home delivery allows you to receive up to a 90-day supply of your maintenance medications for the same price as a 30-day supply filled at your local retail network pharmacy. You can order by phone, mail, fax or online, and prescriptions are delivered with free standard shipping.

Costs: Beneficiaries are responsible for the following copayments for up to a 90-day supply of medications: \$0 (formulary generic), \$13 (formulary brand name) and \$43 (non-formulary).

Converting Maintenance Prescriptions: If you would like to convert a current maintenance prescription to mail order, call the Member Choice Center at 1-877-363-1296, or use the online tool at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE by clicking “all about Home Delivery.”

NASWF Participates in Citadel Shield Drill

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field conducted a simulated emergency to determine the effectiveness of their Security Force and response with a drill which addressed acts of terrorism.

The mock incident began when an unidentified sailor of NAS Whiting Field who was said to be wearing an explosive vest and armed with an assault rifle and semi-automatic handgun breached the front gate, “killing” two innocent bystanders as he barricaded himself in the base auditorium holding 15 sailors hostage. After an intense standoff and an unsuccessful attempt by negotiators it is speculated that the assailant detonated his vest adding four more individuals to the “death toll.” A hostage situation is one event that security force personnel dread, which makes it all the more important to train for just such a situation.

NAS Whiting Field’s training team executed this active shooter drill Thursday, Feb. 20 to determine the response capability of the security force team and outside agencies to an active shooter hostage situation. The drill was part of the base’s annual assessment for the navy-wide Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain exercise.

The drill focused on the procedures to shut down base activity and secure the location of the incident, as well as communications necessary to activate the emergency system.

“The job of the Security force is to secure the ‘active’ crime scene while the Santa Rosa County Sheriff’s SWAT Team and NCIS handle negotiations and hostage rescue,” explained Navy Installation Security Officer Lt. j.g. Stephen Pakola. “These drills are necessary to gauge our readiness and ability to minimize damage of the security forces and re-



Recently retired Master-at-Arms Second Class Andrew Creech and Officer Richard Chambers of the NAS Whiting Field Security Force attempt to secure the crime scene during the Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain training exercise, Thursday, Feb. 20.

sponders while also preparing us for unforeseen challenges. Because these scenarios are adapted from real world events, the drills allow us to respond to various emergencies.”

This exercise also allowed the Fire and Emergency Services Gulf Coast’s response teams to practice their own procedures when dealing with a mass casualty incident. Firefighters and emergency responders addressed issues of scene safety and medical triage of the victims.

“Acts of terrorism and the utilization of explosive devices create other challenges in which the Fire Department must be aware,” explained Fire Inspector Greg Snyder. “In order to treat victims of these events, firefighters must ensure scene safety and structural stability of the buildings affected. We must ensure the safety of our personnel and ensure we do not become victims ourselves when trying to save the lives of others.”

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SECURITY CHECKPOINT



ROAD RAGE!!! Identifying the signs of road rage and avoiding it. Road rage is defined as violent or visibly angry behavior by a driver of a motor vehicle which can result in crashes or other incidents on roadways. Some signs of road rage include tailgating, cutting off other drivers, hitting the horn and flashing headlights. Driving slowly in the left lane, knowing others are trying to pass, hand gestures and shouting out obscenities or threats. Worst case is throwing objects from moving vehicles, following someone or getting out a vehicle in attempt to start a confrontation. Ways to avoid road rage is to be courtesy of other drivers; get out the left lane for fast moving vehicles, don’t tailgate or get behind the wheel tried or irritable. If someone uses obscene hand gestures towards you; don’t entertain them by returning it. Keep a cool head; avoid confrontation and if you witness something you think is road rage, call the police.

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



Back Row: Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Ensign Brian A. Sprague, USN; Ensign Ryan C. Gawne, USN; Lt. j.g. Daniele Trozzi, IT Navy; Lt. Jack C. Shadwick, USCG; Ensign David A. Tassin, USN; Lt. Brian J. Michka, USCG; Ensign Matthew A. Burgess, USN; Ensign Ben H. Dodge, USN; Lt. j.g. Jacob M. Marks, USCG; Ensign Brett W. Hicks, USN; 1st Lt. Stuart M. Bryson, USMC; Ensign Jonathan D. Scarfo, USN; Col. Gary A. Kling, USMC, Deputy Commodore TRAWING-5.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Kevin Pickard, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; Ensign Benjamin P. Aspholm, USN; Lt. j.g. Jarrod S. Martyn, USN; Ensign David F. Boring, USN; Lt. j.g. Abdulaziz M. Al-Mulhim, RSNF; Lt. j.g. Enrico Carpanese, IT Navy; Ensign Devin Y. Splatt, USN; Ensign Kevin A. Petty, USN; Lt. j.g. Paolo Clericuzio, IT Navy; Ensign Jacob M. Bean, USN; 1st Lt. Traci A. Willemse, USMC; Ensign Joseph R. Luna, USN.

Front Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Ketcham, USN, Executive Officer HT-28; Ensign Michelle R. Sybouts, USN; Ensign Jonathan G. Smoak, USN; Ensign Randall A. Perkins IV, USN; Ensign Scott J. Luke, USN; 1st Lt. Anthony L. Robertson, USMC; Ensign Matthew S. Pollock, USN; Ensign Morgan C. McCleve, USN; Ensign Alexander B. Mckenna, USN; Ensign Hannah M. Buck, USN; Ensign Jack E. Haller, USN; Ensign Brian L. Isbell, USN; Capt. Richard A. Catone, USN (Ret.). **U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover**



Back Row: Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Ensign Caleb L. Korver, USN; 1st Lt. Michael R. Seabolt, USMC; Ensign Alexander W. Morgan, USN; Ensign Colin R. Price, USN; Col. Gary A. Kling, USMC, Deputy Commodore TRAWING-5.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Kevin Pickard, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; Ensign Blane H. Butcher, USN; 1st Lt. Brandon T. Dell, USMC; Ensign George B. Evans, USN; 1st Lt. Jason E. Grimes, USMC.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; 1st Lt. Jessica J. Del Castillo, USMC; Ensign Kaila M. Summers, USN; Ensign Caitlyn M. Brogdon, USN; Ensign Shelby P. De La Mora, USN; Col. James T. Jenkins, USMC, Commanding Officer MAG-29.

U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



CAPT Kurtis R. Larson, USMC (Commodore's List) received his Academic Achievement Award Feb. 21 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



ENS Lewis J. Chaloner, USN; ENS Ryan D. Brown, USN; ENS Marco G. Raciti, ITN (Commodore's List); 1st LT Joshua E. Hazeldean, USMC; 2nd LT Patrick Silberberg, USMC; 1st LT Alexandra Benda, USMC; 2nd LT Robert W. Craun, USMC (Commodore's List) received their Academic Achievement Award Feb. 28 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



LT JG Andrew R. Degarmo, USN; ENS Davide Caporale, ITN (Commodore's List with Distinction); 2nd LT Richard J. Hynden, USMC (Commodore's List with Distinction); LT JG Adam P. Morehouse, USCG; ENS Justin C. Geerdes, USN received their Academic Achievement Award Mar. 7 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



CAPT James J. Fisher, USN, Commodore TRAWING FIVE presented Commodore's List with Distinction to 2ndLt Connor R. Landry USMC on Mar. 10

Around the Base

Woman sentenced over crash that killed NASWF Chief Petty Officer

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Early Sunday morning, April 28, 2013, Chief Petty Officer Robert Michael Hall Roy, 33, was killed in a car accident involving a drunk driver. Last month, a closure of sorts occurred when the woman who caused the accident was sentenced over her role in the crash.

More than 20 members of the Naval Air Station Whiting Field family attended the hearing at the Escambia County Courthouse to provide testimony about Roy, and to provide emotional support to the family.

Brianna Lynn Strum, 26, received an 11-year prison term Feb. 20 from Judge Gary Bergosh after plead-



A picture of Chief Robert Roy and his wife Jessica is set in front of a memorial wreath at his remembrance ceremony. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope

ing no contest to DUI manslaughter last December. Her driver's license has been permanently revoked.

According to various news reports, Strum was driving 92 miles per hour on eastbound on I-10 when her minivan collided with the rear of a Dodge Charger driven by another NAS Whiting Field Sailor. The impact sent the car across the eastbound lanes of the interstate and into the grass median. The vehicle flipped several times and Roy was thrown from the car and landed in the westbound lane. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and two other Sailors in the vehicle received minor injuries from the crash.

Strum stopped her vehicle in the
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Flight Instructors and Sailors Honored by the Navy League



The Santa Rosa County Council of the Navy League honored 2013's best and brightest from Training Air Wing FIVE, the Naval Branch Health Clinic, and Naval Air Station Whiting Field Friday Feb. 21, during the organization's annual banquet; recognizing the top enlisted sailors and flight instructors of the past year for the area commands.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by the community in which we live and serve," commented Lt. Jacquelyn M. Feiber in response to her Flight Instructor of the Year Award.

"Events like these reminds us of the importance of the partnership between the military and the surrounding community," explained Lt. Col. Pavelko, Commanding Officer of HT-28.

Navy League Santa Rosa Council Representative Walt Reese and the 2013 Flight Instructors of the Year: Lt. Christopher M. Kruger, USN (HT-28); Lt. Jacquelyn M. Feiber, USN (HT-8); Capt. Nathan Chai, USAF (VT-3); Lt. Jason D. Locke, USN (VT-2); Lt. Christopher L. Glenn, USN (VT-6). Not Pictured Lt. Terry Triplett, USN (HT-18) and Lt. Cmdr. Patrick McMonigle, USNR (TRAWING FIVE Reserve Component).

Navy League Santa Rosa Council Representative Walt Reese and the 2013 Sailors of the Year: Naval Aircrewman Second Class Thomas J. Dougherty; Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling Second Class Michael A. Condin; Air Traffic Controller Third Class Naysha Sotogonzales; Master-at-Arms First Class Colt S. Ward; Naval Aircrewman Second Class Chastain Johnson; Naval Aircrewman Second Class Nathan C. Furry; Hospital Corpsman Roland S. Barnes; Hospital Corpsman First Class Stephen M. Fearnside; Hospital Corpsman First Class Jessie M. Hernandez.

U.S. Navy Photos by Ensign Lindsay Grover

Changes Coming to Facility Maintenance

Beginning in April, there will be several changes to how facility services are delivered at NAS Whiting Field. The installation's current Base Operating Services Contract (BOSC) with PRI/DJI ends on March 31. Additionally, Public Works will transition its work induction process from a local trouble desk to the Regional Call Center at NAS Jacksonville, FL.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) awarded our new BOSC contract to EML, LLC with options to extend through 2019. Services provided in the new contract include routine maintenance and repairs, grounds maintenance, pavement clearance, pest control, utilities operation and transportation services.

The new BOSC has a couple of key differences in relation to the old contract. The new BOSC products and services now align more closely with the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Facility Management accounting classifications and levels of service.

Services not covered under the new contract include: general labor for cleaning spaces, moving or transporting materials, installation of new equipment not specifically required to meet facility code compliance, off-cycle grounds maintenance, environmental services, and engineering services.

Service tickets are only authorized to keep facili-

ties in proper working order and in compliance with facility codes and regulations.

Public Works will be self-performing all hazardous waste and material handling, environmental inspections and engineering services beginning April 1. This shift of responsibilities should be transparent to our supported commands and customers.

Beginning on April 1, all service calls will have to be submitted to the Regional Call Center. All callers will have to be on the Authorized Callers List. The list will typically be composed of the Building Managers assigned to each facility and designated Public Works Facility Management Specialists.

Service call definitions are also changing. The material cost allowed for each service ticket has been increased but the time allowed for completion of a routine calls has been extended to 14 days. Emergency service calls are still required to be responded to immediately until the emergency is resolved.

Public Works will be holding informational and training sessions with the Building Managers on Thursday, 27 March 2014 at 0900 in preparation for the transition. For more information, contact Doug Kelley (623-7166) or LT Brent Pittman (623-7181).

Citadel Shield

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The installation's Fleet and Family Services Center made the most out of this drill as well by preparing for the repercussions of the event. They provided on hand grief counselors and other forms of support to the victims and families affected.

These drills often do not unfold perfectly, however they are used as vital training tools to identify weaknesses in procedures and communication breakdown. Identifying these issues during a training exercise helps to ensure that these problems can be eliminated in an actual emergency.

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Around the Base

Energy Savings

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to meet our goal required by the Navy's energy conservation mandate." Wes Hamill, Deputy Public Works Officer, stated.

Hamill's statement reflects the concept that conservation is a long-term proposition and Public Works is continually working to achieve savings through use of new technology and raising awareness throughout the base.

"One of CAPT Coughlin's energy strategies has been to raise awareness and promote a culture of conservation by sharing our actual usage and costs with everyone. The little things - turn off the lights, turn off your computers at night, don't change your thermostat setting - all add up if everyone is working together."

These are common mantras repeated constantly by public works to the NAS Whiting Field team to help keep usage levels low. But good energy practices can only take the savings so low, therefore, they have gradually replaced inefficient equipment with more energy conscious devices. Such initiatives include: more efficient HVAC controls, high efficiency lighting, occupancy sensors and more efficient boilers.

Tight budgets and high energy bills create an environment ripe for plucking savings through conservation. While reducing a monthly \$150,000 energy bill is a strong incentive, it is also a CNIC directive to search for energy savings across the enterprise, not only because of the cost savings, but also due to the enhanced quality of the work environment. It may take time to recoup the cost of some of the initiatives, however, in the interim, the base infrastructure, quality and durability of lighting, the capability to better regulate the environment and more are all improved.

"Decreasing energy usage has tangible benefits to the base," Hamill said. "We've been able to reduce our annual electricity costs more than \$600,000 since 2011."



DUI Sentencing

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median following the crash, but then continued eastbound, fleeing the scene. Santa Rosa Sheriff's deputies located her later and took her into custody. The Miami Herald reported that her blood alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit to drive.

Roy, a 15-year Navy veteran, is survived by his wife Jessica, and their two sons, Christian and Brady, as well as many other family, friends and shipmates.

Thrift Savings Plan

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Ultimately, the main reason to prefer one account over another is an investor's marginal tax rate at the time of contribution and at the time of withdrawal (retirement).

If an investor is in a high tax bracket today, he may want to reduce his taxable income through contributions to his traditional TSP. This is especially true if he expects to be in a lower tax bracket in retirement. Remember, the higher a taxpayer's income, the higher the marginal tax bracket he'll generally find himself in.

If an investor is young and just starting out his career, however, a Roth TSP may be more tempting. All else being equal, SN Jones is probably paying less in taxes than

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