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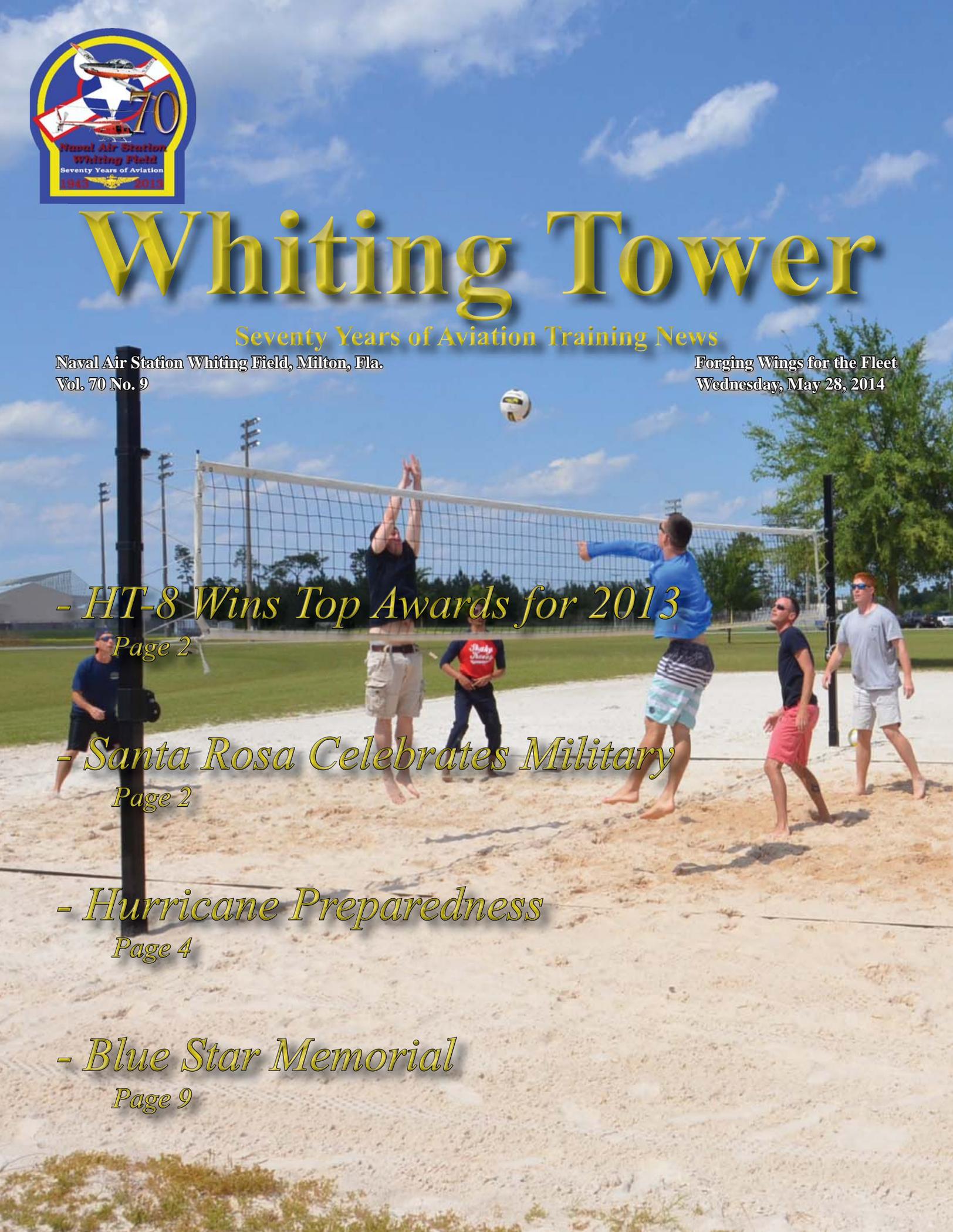
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HT-8 Earns Three Coveted Awards for 2013

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT (HT-8), "Eightballers," received the Vice Admiral Robert Goldthwaite Award for Training Excellence from Rear Adm. Roy J. Kelley, USN, Chief of Naval Air Training. Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen, the former Commanding Officer (CO) for HT-8, accepted the award at a formal ceremony in the National Naval Aviation Museum May 9. The squadron earned the three top awards in naval aviation training for the 2013 calendar year.

The Vice Adm. Goldthwaite Award is awarded to the outstanding squadron in the Naval Air Training Command (NATRA-



Rear Adm. Roy J. Kelley presents Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen with the Vice Admiral Robert Goldthwaite Award for Training Excellence, May 9. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Josh Lamb

COM) and acknowledges the outstanding achievements of units engaged in the flight training of Student Naval Aviators. HT-8 also obtained the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) Training Excellence Award for Advanced Squadron, identifying the best overall advanced training squadrons; and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Aviation Safety Award, recognizing commands that display vigilance and dedication to the safety and well-being of the military service members within the command.

"I never had a doubt that the Eightballer instructors and students were the best in CNATRA and some of the safest but to see the squadron receive these awards re-

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Cover Photo: Master Chief Petty Officer Kelly Smith, Air Traffic Controller First Class Austin Horst, Air Traffic Controller Third Class John Carmichael, Airman Daniel Adams, and a few others play volleyball at the Military Appreciation Day Picnic May 16. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

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Santa Rosa Shows Appreciation for Military

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Chamber of Commerce, local vendors and businesses, and residents of Santa Rosa County expressed their appreciation for the military with their annual Military Appreciation Day Picnic, May 16 at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. May is known as Military Appreciation Month and Santa Rosa County went all-out to express their gratitude for the military with food, entertainment, and fun for the local military and their families.

"The turnout so far is amazing. It is so wonderful to see everyone having fun and enjoying themselves," commented Donna Tucker, Executive Director of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce. "The military does so much for our community, [this picnic] is our way to give back and say thank you."

More than 2,500 service members, retirees, government civilian employees and their families enjoyed free giveaways, raffles for door prizes and live music from the Crosstown Band covering many classic rock, variety, and blues songs. Children in attendance were also entertained by face-painting, horse rides, a petting zoo, and four different bounce houses.

This event could not have been possible without the support from the local businesses and event sponsors including: Gulf Power, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, SRC Eco-

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Navy Helicopters Assist CAL FIRE in San Diego Firefighting Efforts



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (May 15, 2014) An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 3 lifts off from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to assist the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. HSC-3 is providing aircrews flying specially-equipped MH-60S helicopters to conduct aerial water drops against wildfires in San Diego County. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joan E. Jennings/Released)

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- Six flight crews from the “Merlins” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 3 provided firefighting support to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in response to wildfires throughout San Diego County May 15.

At the request of CALFIRE, the six specially-equipped MH-60S Seahawks are supporting firefighting efforts in the vicinity of Camp Pendleton, Calif. by conducting aerial water drops.

“The critical part of our role is supporting CAL FIRE to help save lives, prevent human suffering and mitigate great property damage,” said Lt. Cmdr. Todd Stansfield, C3F Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Lead. “We have Navy personnel and their families that live and work in the areas of San Diego threatened by the fires. Our efforts support both our people and the communities we live in.”

In August 2011, U.S. Third Fleet, Naval Air Forces Pacific and Navy Region Southwest entered into a memorandum of understanding with CALFIRE. Under the agreement, naval units provide helicopters when notified by CALFIRE of weather conditions favorable to wild fires.

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Wing Pacific prepares ready, trained and certified resources to combat wildfires and crews conduct semi-annual training with CAL FIRE to ensure an immediate response capability in support of local authorities for emergency events. The assigned crews are capable of being airborne within four hours of receiving a request for assistance to combat fires.

Navy helicopters will continue to assist in efforts to combat the San Diego County wildfires until CAL FIRE deems assistance is no longer needed.

Joint, interagency and international relationships strengthen U.S. Third Fleet’s ability to respond to crises and protect the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners.

For more news from Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/c3f/.

This Day in Naval History

Jun. 1

1813 - HMS Shannon captures USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence. As the mortally wounded Lawrence was carried below, he ordered, “Tell the men to fire faster! Don’t give up the ship!”

1914 - General Order 99 prohibits alcohol aboard naval vessels, or at navy yards or stations.

Jun. 2

1941 - First escort carrier, USS Long Island (CVE 1), commissioned.

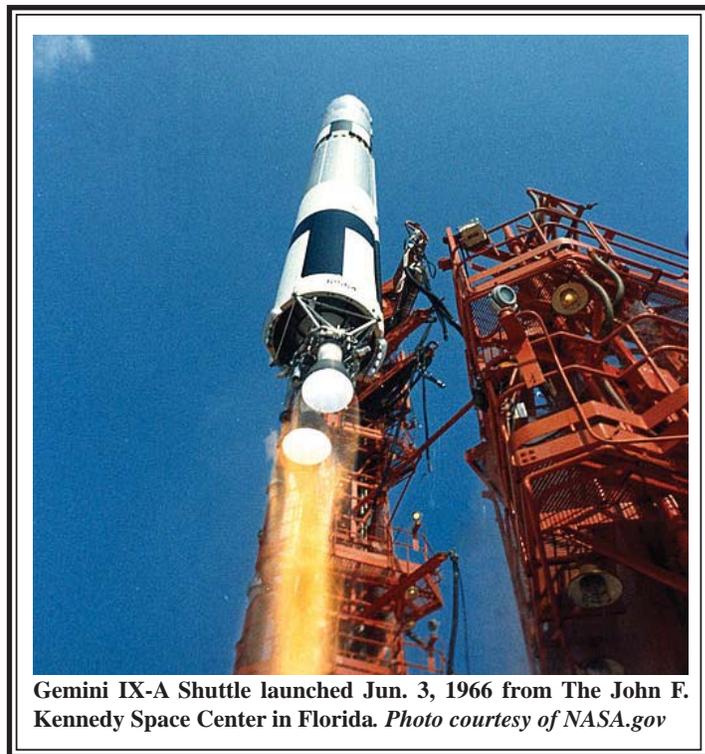
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1785 - Order received to sell last ship remaining in Continental Navy, frigate Alliance. No other Navy were ships authorized until 1794.

1898 - Collier Merrimac sunk in channel leading to Santiago, Cuba in unsuccessful attempt to trap Spanish fleet. The crew was captured and later received the Medal of Honor.

1949 - Wesley A. Brown becomes the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

1966 - Launch of Gemini 9, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Eugene A. Cernan. The mission included 45 orbits over three days. Recovery was by USS Wasp (CVS 18).



Gemini IX-A Shuttle launched Jun. 3, 1966 from The John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Photo courtesy of NASA.gov

Hurricane Season Preparation

NAS Whiting Field Prepares for Potential Natural Disasters

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Editor's Note: Please review the information on pages 5, 12, 15 and 16 to get an idea of the types of preparations that can be made in advance of a major storm, and the actions which should be taken if an evacuation is warranted.

While noted hurricane experts Philip J. Klotzbach and William M. Gray expect a relatively quiet hurricane season for the eastern seaboard and Gulf Coast regions, they caution that it is vital that typical preparations continue on as it only takes one storm to devastate a region.

"Despite the quiet forecast, coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active season for them," they stated in their annual summary released from Colorado State University. "They are reminded to prepare the same for every season, regardless of how much or how little activity is predicted."

Naval Air Station Whiting Field leadership and staff are taking this same stance as they prepare for the 2014 hur-

ricane season. The installation is already in Condition of Readiness 5, and has been ever since the HURREX/Citadel Gale exercise in mid-May. Although the annual, Navy-wide drill didn't have a hurricane entering the immediate area, the base still practiced running through setting the various conditions of readiness as if a hurricane was coming into

the area. Furthermore, NAS Whiting Field held a full muster to ensure everyone has the capability to be accounted for if a storm were to hit the area. The Emergency Operations Center was activated several times so that members of the EOC could work through and evaluate the instructions that govern the installation's responses to an imminent storm.

During the annual safety standown Friday, May 23 communication about how to react in the event of a storm was

emphasized during the hurricane brief. Plan of the Week notes have been implemented, Muster Cards handed out, and information will be forwarded through other publications. Having an informed populace is truly the key to an effective

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NAS Whiting Field Hurricane Expo
June 20, 12:00 - 4:00 pm
Atrium Building



Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared!

Navy and Marine Corps Recognize their Finest

Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Detachment Whiting Field recently recognized three of their top performers. Chief Warrant Officer Five Daryl Hagemann was recognized for being selected as Officer Instructor of the year, Master Sergeant Shawn Marshall was recognized as Senior Enlisted instructor of the year and Staff Sergeant Junious Morgan was selected as Marine of the Year for 2013. Commander of CNATT awarded CWO5 Hagemann with his 11th Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Master Sergeant Marshall with his fifth Navy and Marine Corps



Picture from Left to Right: Staff Sergeant Junious Morgan, USMC; Chief Warrant Officer Five Daryl Hagemann, USN; Master Sergeant Shawn Marshall, USMC. U.S. Navy Photo courtesy of CNATT DET Whiting Field.

Achievement Medal and Staff Sergeant Junious Morgan received his second Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their performance. More than 4112 hours of classroom/laboratory instruction were facilitated to 274 aviation maintenance and aviation ordnance, Navy, Marine, foreign national officers and Senior Enlisted aircraft maintenance managers. The Instructor of the Year award program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps instructors and facilitators who exemplify personal excellence and display outstanding instructional and leadership performance.

Balfour Beatty Communities to Kick-off 2014 Housing Survey

At Balfour Beatty Communities, our primary goal is to provide quality housing and customer service so that our residents have a positive and enjoyable experience living with us. In a few weeks, residents will be invited to give feedback on Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) operations through our CEL Resident Satisfaction Survey. The annual survey is an important part of our continuous improvement program that helps us analyze performance and make any necessary changes and enhancements to ensure we consistently deliver quality service across all aspects of our community operations.

Topics covered in the survey include resident experience with leasing, community management, maintenance and quality of the homes. All surveys are completely confidential and anonymous and residents are encouraged to provide open and honest insights.

“The Resident Satisfaction Survey allows us to see where we are excelling operationally and where there is room for improvement,” said Vickie Taylor, Community Manager for BBC. “We encourage all residents to complete the survey so that we may better meet their needs as well as those of our future residents.”

Surveys will be available at the Whiting Pines Kick-off Party scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th from 4-6 PM on the grounds behind the housing office. If you are unable to attend the event, please stop by the Community Management Office at 570 Merrill Drive, Milton, FL 32570 to pick up a survey or call us at (850) 626-6202 and we will deliver one to your residence.

Completed surveys should be sealed in the postage paid envelope provided and either mailed or returned to the authorized locked mailbox located at the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office. Residents who submit a completed survey by July 8th will be entered to win a prize. Residents that hand in a survey before June 20th will also qualify for a special Early Bird prize drawing.

The final day for residents to submit their completed Resident Satisfaction Survey is Tuesday, July 8th.

Thank you in advance to all residents for their participation in the survey process—we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Emergency Evacuation Kits

Basic Emergency Kit:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation; food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food; battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both; flashlight and extra batteries; first aid kit; whistle to signal for help; dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place; moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation; wrench or pliers to turn off utilities; can opener for food (if kit contains canned food); Local maps.

Additional Items to Consider:

Prescription medications and glasses; infant formula and diapers; pet food and extra water for your pet; important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container; cash or traveler’s checks and change; emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information; sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate; complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate; household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners; fire extinguisher; matches in a waterproof container; feminine supplies and personal hygiene items; mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels; paper and pencil; books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.



With the summer months coming up many of us are going to be driving more. For the trips you make regularly try to use public transportation instead. Just one person commuting to work on mass transit compared to their own car can save 200 gallons of gasoline in a year. If the 5 largest metropolitan had a 10 percent increase in mass transit usage America could save 135 million gallons of gas each year. If you are hesitant to use the public transportation systems, you can always carpool. If the occupancy of each car that was driving to work increase by just one individual instead of them taking their own car it could save 600,000 gallons of gas each day.

Other ways to help reduce gas usage come from reducing the drag on you vehicle. This can be done by keeping the windows rolled up, removing roof mounted racks and not mounting luggage, bicycles, or skis on the top of your car. The best way to reduce gas consumption is to ride a bike or walk to areas that are within a reasonable distance.

News and Notes

Logan Cannon 5K - 5K Run at Pace High School on May 31 at 9:00am to honor Pace High Senior and JROTC Colorguard Drill Commander, Logan Cannon, who was paralyzed from the neck down in a diving accident last April. Registration is \$20 per person. Please make checks payable to Pace High School.

MWR Golf Specials - NAS Whiting Field's Golf Course is sponsoring special prices for May and June. Military Mondays will cost active duty only \$14 for 18 holes and cart. The fee will be only \$18 for all others. Tuesday will feature Buy One/Get One pricing for 18 holes and cart. New twilight hours will also be in effect beginning at 2 p.m. every day. For additional information, please call 623-7348.

Volleyball - Volleyball is played in the NAS Whiting Field gymnasium every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

Thomas Cameron 5K - The Thomas Cameron Memorial Foundation annual 5K run will be held June 14 beginning at 8 a.m. Registration for the event is ongoing, and participants who register before May 15 will be guaranteed a dri-fit 5K t-shirt. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for youths. Prizes will be awarded for five different age groups (for both women and men) as well as a \$250 prize for the first overall finishing male and female. See www.runlivehonor.com for more information.

ASIST Workshop - The upcoming Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) workshop is on 18 and 19 June. The workshop will be from 0730 to 1600 in civilian clothes in room 169 of the Atrium Building. The ASIST Workshop teaches suicide first aid intervention skills and helps to give you the tools to act as a first responder. If you are interested in registering please contact ENS Adams or Chaplain Hart at 623-7212/7211 by close of business Wednesday, 11 June.

Aqua Fitness - Water Fitness and Aqua-kickboxing with the Blended classes! Raelyn and Hope host mini sessions to fit into your summer schedule! There is a minimum number for the classes, so don't delay, and enroll today! Please call 623-7412



Professional Achievement Commendations

Commodore of TRAWING-5, Capt. James Fisher, presented Certificates of Commendation to four L3 Vertex Aerospace employees for professional achievement in their areas of expertise, May 9. The four employees; Brian Holmes, Joeselito Timbang, James Neary and Sandra Gray received Special Merits of Mention by the Commander, Naval Air Forces Aviation Inspection Team during their inspection from 21 April to 24 April. This achievement is held to the top 10% of all naval commands inspected. Along with their Certificates of Commendation the four employees also received coveted models of the TH-57 for their jobs well done. *U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Brett Resue*

to reserve a seat or to get additional details. Sessions run Jun. 10-26, Jul. 8-24, and Aug. 5-21. Water Fitness is Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. and Water Blend is 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday. Each session is \$24. All fitness levels are welcome, and deep and shallow workouts will be offered! Get a \$10 discount when enrolling for all of the sessions!

Battle of Midway Commemoration - Naval Air Station Pensacola will host a Battle of Midway Commemoration Wednesday, June 4 at 8 a.m. at the Five Flags Pavilion. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the National Museum of Naval Aviation.

Disaster Volunteer Training - The Florida Baptist Disaster Relief organization is holding disaster volunteer training in Milton on May 31 at the 1st Baptist Church in Milton. Please visit the link below for details. The training is open to all. <http://www.flbaptistdisaster.org/training/>.

NASWF MWR Teen Summer Hire - MWR will be hiring 7 teens this year to work in the teen summer hire program. To be considered you must attend a training seminar on Jun. 2 at 9 a.m. in the Atrium. Managers from all participating departments will be there to brief each of their summer job opportunities and FFSS will present helpful information on applying and interviewing for a job. All attendees will receive an application for the program. The applications are to be returned on Jun. 3 at 9 a.m. also in the atrium. Each teen will be able to interview for as many of the 7 jobs as they will like, and the managers will choose them that afternoon. The teens will begin on Jun. 4 at 9 a.m. Teens must be between the ages of 14 and 18. Please contact Chris Hendrix at 850-665-6105 if you need more information.

Usage Information

Total Used

1,778,394 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	1,848,045	1,771,333	1,778,394
Average Daily kWh	61,602	57,140	59,280
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.

Unique Learning Occurring in Santa Rosa

By Ensign Josh Lamb, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's School Liaison Officer Chris Hendrix served as the driving force to bring some unique education opportunities to hundreds of Santa Rosa County school children. As the School Liaison Officer, Hendrix works with school officials, base commanders, and military parents with kids in grades k-12 to maximize education opportunities for these children. During the past five weeks, Hendrix has coordinated with Navy agencies to bring FMA Live and nationally known author and speaker Trevor Romain to 5 local schools.

FMA Live represents Sir Isaac Newton's second law (Force=Mass x Acceleration) and is a show sponsored by NASA and Honeywell. The show is a one day event that uses live perform-

ers, modern music, and interactive demonstrations to help students enjoy learning about the sciences, technology, engineering, and math. This show has successfully run for 10 years teaching students about Newton's three laws of physics.

Newton's three laws are: an object at rest stays at rest, and an object in motion stays in motion; force equals mass times acceleration; and for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. These three laws were reinforced through the use of students being launched from a spring board onto a Velcro-covered wall, wrestling in oversized sumo-wrestling suits, and kicking an 8 foot tall soccer ball. In April, Principal David Sigurnjak praised the program and believed it benefited the kids.

"This program benefited the students
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These two students at Avalon Middle School are helping demonstrate Newton's third law of motion (For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction) to fellow classmates at the Force=M x A Live show hosted back in April. U.S. Navy Photo By Ensign Josh Lamb

Transitioning from Active Duty Military Life *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career after the Military*

By Ensign Lindsay Grover, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will host a free professional development lecture Wednesday, June 4 from 9:00-11:00 am in building 2998 of Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

Officers and senior enlisted who plan to leave the service in the near future as well as civilians, spouses, and retirees are invited to attend this informative lecture to help transition to a new career. Speaker, Col. Terri Coles, U.S. Army (Ret.), offers her knowledge about programs affecting military personnel transitioning to the civilian workforce. Coles extensively researched, wrote, and lectured on many such programs to help improve the transition process of many veterans.

This discussion covers an array of topics including: an individual's competition for finding a new job; civilian employer's perceptions of military personnel; planning for one's job search; resumes and cover letters; how employers read resumes; networking; preparing for and conducting successful interviews; and salary negotiations and benefit packages.

These lectures help to alleviate the stress often faced

by service members during difficult times. The uncertainty of change can seem daunting but the intention of these programs is to bring about awareness and educate individuals facing different life challenges.

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Awards

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enforces what we have been doing over the past year: training the world's best rotary wing pilots; safely and with the highest quality," declared Bowen.

The Eightballers distinguished themselves within the training community with multiple "CNATRA Best Practice" citations for the Eightball University, an online portal for student flight training resources; and their implementation of the Commander, Naval Air Forces - Aviation Safety Awareness Program (CNAF ASAP Program) which highlights the common errors or potential weaknesses and allows for a more directed focus on the squadron's weaknesses to improve training methods.

According to the award nomination package, HT-8 maintained a standard of excellence in the professional and personal development of its Student Naval Aviators and aggressively addressed students' needs within flight training and personal matters. The command also proactively contributed to the local community volunteering 85 man-hours; establishing a standard for selfless service to the local area while enhancing support and camaraderie with the civilian population.

Cmdr. Bowen expressed his sentiments and pride in HT-8's hardwork and dedication: "Often individuals look to the CO to give him or her all the credit for earning three awards in one year, but this is far from the truth. My command philosophy is ELITE: Excel, Learn, Inspire, Teach, and Enjoy. I have empowered my Instructor Pilots, Aircrewmen, and Students with integrity and accomplishing the goal of the mission when it could be accomplished safely. I was never one to push a mission just to get an 'X' in the box and because of that I feel the squadron was able to have fun while getting the job done. I never doubted anyone's ability to accomplish the mission."

This attitude was evident in 2013, as HT-8 flew 21,137.4 safe, mishap-free flight hours producing 156 winged Naval Aviators for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Allied partners and trained 22 MV-22 "Osprey" Pilots for the Marine Corps. The squadron also maintained a significantly lower attrition rate at 3.4 percent than the historical average.

"I am honored that HT-8 has received so many accolades in just one year but we are only a component of an incredible CNATRA, Training Air Wing FIVE and Naval Air Station Whiting Field team. We certainly could not do our job without the support of our Wing, NAS Whiting Field or our sister squadrons."

Both the CNATRA Training Excellence Award for Advanced Squadron and the CNO Aviation Safety Award will be presented to the squadron at a later date.

TRICARE Notes

TRICARE EXPECTATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES

According to the Department of Defense (DoD), as a TRICARE beneficiary, you should expect to have the following abilities and support:

Get information: You should expect to receive accurate, easy-to-understand information from written materials, presentations and TRICARE representatives to help you make informed decisions about TRICARE programs, medical professionals and facilities.

Choose providers and plans: You should expect a choice of health care providers that is sufficient to ensure access to appropriate high-quality health care.

Emergency care: You should expect to access medically necessary and appropriate emergency health care services as is reasonably available when and where the need arises.

Participate in treatment: You should expect to receive and review information about the diagnosis, treatment and progress of your conditions, and to fully participate in all decisions related to your health care, or to be represented by family members or other duty appointed representatives.

Respect and nondiscrimination: You should expect to receive considerate, respectful care from all members of the health care system without discrimination based on race, color, national origin or any other basis recognized in applicable law or regulations.

Confidentiality of health information: You should expect to communicate with health care providers in confidence and to have the confidentiality of your health care information protected to the extent permitted by law. You also should expect to have the ability to review, copy and request amendments to your medical records.

Complaints and appeals: You should expect a fair and efficient process for resolving differences with health plans, health care providers and institutions that serve you.

Additionally, DoD has the following expectations of you as a TRICARE beneficiary:

Maximize your health: You should maximize healthy habits, such as exercising, not smoking and maintaining a healthy diet.

Make smart health care decisions: You should be involved in health care decisions, which means working with providers to provide relevant information, clearly communicate wants and needs and develop and carry out agreed-upon treatment plans.

Be knowledgeable about TRICARE: You should be knowledgeable about TRICARE coverage and program options.

You also should: Show respect for other patients and health care workers; Make a good-faith effort to meet financial obligations; Use the disputed claims process when there is a disagreement.

For more information about your expectation as a TRICARE beneficiary, visit www.tricare.mil/patientrights.

Highways Dedicated to Honor Military

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Armed Forces Day was a particularly fitting day to remember and honor the country's military fighting forces, and the Morning Glory Circle of the Milton Garden Club chose to do just that by rededicating themselves to restore and maintain a stretch of Highway 90 in Milton. The roadway has been dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway since the 1960's

The Morning Glory Circle hosted a rededication ceremony Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. About 30 guests enjoyed the bright sunny day in the medium as Anita Breeding provided a brief history of the marker, the concept of the Blue Star Memorials and their solemn purpose.

"We are here to pay tribute to our Armed Forces. While we go about our daily lives or while we sleep, the men and women in our Armed Forces fly our skies, sail our seas and guard our shores, ensuring our safety," she read. "...And remembering today, we rededicate this Blue Star Marker to the honor and glory of all those men and women who have served, are now serving, and will serve in the Armed Forces of this great nation."

The short ceremony harkened back nearly 70 years to the end of World War II and the beginning of memorial highways to honor service men and women. The idea was first forwarded by the Garden Club of New Jersey which planted 1,000 Dogwood trees along a five mile stretch of highway which had been designated the Blue Star Drive by the state legislature. The project was named for the blue star in the service flag which often hung in windows of homes and businesses to recognize those serving during the war.

Other states followed and now hundreds of highways across the nation are dedicated as Blue Star Memorial Highways to help remember those who protect the nation's freedoms. Garden clubs are the ones who beatify the areas around the markers and ensure the maintenance of the signpost itself.



Members of the Morning Glory Circle of the Milton Garden Club, Milton Mayor Guy Thompson, Santa Rosa County Commissioner Bob Cole, and Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Officer Gregory Gray stand next to the newly erected sign honoring the country's military fighting forces on Highway 90, May 17. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope

In fact, just one day earlier, Navarre Garden Club dedicated Highway 98 from the Okaloosa County line to Escambia County as a Blue Star Highway.

City councilmen, Mayors, county commissioners, numerous veterans and congressional representatives were among the many guests at the two ceremonies to pay tribute to the military and honor the hard work the garden clubs invested in the two projects. The desire for the clubs to recognize the military and the strong presence by local leaders provides a vibrant sense of the bond between the Santa Rosa community and their military installations.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Officer Gregory Gray alluded to the strength of that relationship during his remarks at the Highway 90 rededication.

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SECURITY CHECKPOINT

Implementation of the Department of The Navy Policy eliminating the DOD Vehicle Decal Program: Effective as of 1 JULY 2013, decals (DD FORM 2220) is no longer a requirement for base access aboard Navy installations. Vehicles on a Navy installation must continue to be licensed, registered, inspected, and insured in accordance with state and local laws. Rental vehicles are considered privately owned vehicles for purposes of base entry and access control. The vehicle rental contract will suffice as proper licensing, registration, and proof of insurance for base access. Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (CLEOC) will be used for all vehicle registration aboard Navy installations. Personnel with current decals will regis-



ter vehicles in CLEOC upon expiration of their current decal and upon PCS transfer. All personnel permanently assigned (for 60 or more calendar days per calendar year) on a Navy installation will in-process and out-process at the Pass & ID office and present a valid ID card, valid vehicle registration, valid proof of insurance, driver license, and where required, emissions test results. Military personnel need their MSF card when registering motorcycles. Civilians only need the motorcycle endorsement on their license to register motorcycles (plus registration and insurance).

Any questions about vehicle registration, please give Pass & ID a call at (850) 623-7205.

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



Back Row: Cmdr. Robert G. Sinram, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; 1st Lt. John E. McArthur, USMC; Ensign Andrew J. Schnur, USN; 1st Lt. James W. Derr, USMC; Ensign Douglas S. Furman, USN; 1st Lt. William J. Knies, USMC; Lt. j.g. Brian M. Schuessler, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Ress, USMC.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Rafford M. Coleman, USMC, Executive Officer HT-18; Ensign Michael Y. Baluyut, USN; 1st Lt. Michal L. Hourigan, USMC; Lt. Daniel J. Reilly, USCG; Ensign Sarah R. Pritchard, USN; Ensign Shawn P. Walsh, USN; Ensign Andrew P. Soberman, USN; Lt. j.g. Daniel C. Burke, USN; Lt. Col. James M. Isaacs, USMC, Commanding Officer of HMLA-169.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; Lt. j.g. Vittorio Assuntore, ITNavy; Ensign Matthew A. Fisco, USN; Lt. j.g. Caleb M. Demarco, USN; Lt. j.g. Thomas K. Needles, USN; 1st Lt. Stephen C. Usery, USMC; Lt. j.g. Kaila R. Millis, USN; Capt. James J. Fisher, USN, Commodore TRAWING-5.

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



Back Row Left to Right: 2nd Lt. Julian J. Tucker, USMC; 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Abitante, USMC; 1st Lt. Tyler J. Shumaker, USMC; Ensign Michael W. Anderson, USN; Ensign Jaclyn A. Hepfinger, USN; Ensign Emily J. Davidson, USN; Ensign Hartley S. Tempest, USN; Ensign Andrew D. Hardman, USN. **Front Row Left to Right:** 2nd Lt. Justin S. Bennett, USMC; Ensign Logan K. Baker, USN received their Academic Achievement Award on May 9 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.

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Military Appreciation

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conomic Development Office, Wal-Mart, AT&T, GEO Group Foundation Inc., L-3, Milton Chevrolet, Okaloosa Gas District, First United Methodist Church of Milton, Premier Wealth Management, Lifeguard Ambulance, The Retirement Planners, Gooden Homes, and United Bank.

“This is really unbelievable. I have never been to an event like this before at any of the other commands. You can really feel this community’s appreciation,” stated Navy Spouse, Jennifer Deppeler.

Volunteers throughout the community helped to ensure the picnic went off without a hitch. The Santa Rosa Medical Center, First Baptist Church men’s ministry, and Whataburger donated food for the picnic while volunteers from the Santa Rosa County Sherriff’s Department cooked and Covenant Hospice volunteers served the entrees to those who attended.

“This event has gradually increased in size over the past few years and with over 200 volunteers we hope to continue showing our support for the military and strengthening the relationship between the military and Santa Rosa County,” Tucker explained.



Clockwise from bottom left: Deputy Chris Wallace and Cpl. Adam Olsen manning the grill at the Military Appreciation Day Picnic, May 16. Ensign Mike Hagensich, a flight student with HT-28, builds a racecar with son, Carter (4). The Crosstown Band play a variety of songs throughout the afternoon, energizing the crowd. Yeoman First Class Babatina Ramsey, grand prize winner, wins a 7 day stay in the Dominican Republic. More than 2,500 Active Duty Service Members, Retirees, civilian governmen enjoyed many fun activities that were provided by local vendors and businesses of Santa Rosa County. U.S. Navy Photos by Jay Cope, Ensign Lindsay Grover, Ensign Josh Lamb, and Ensign Brett Resue

Vital Preparations as Hurricane Season Approaches

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Urges Residents to Prepare

By Ensign Brett Resue, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Recent Severe Weather reminds us of the weather hazards associated with living on the Gulf Coast of Florida. With Hurricane season just around the corner, we are going to look at the steps we can all take to be prepared this season.

According to the National Hurricane Center, all Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico areas are subject to hurricanes. The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June 1st to November 30th, with the peak season from mid-August to late October. Hurricanes have the potential to cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and areas up to several hundred miles inland. Hurricanes get their destructive nature from their ability to produce winds in excess of 155 miles per hour and heavy rainfall, spawn tornadoes and microbursts, and create storm surges along coastlines. Floods and flying debris from the excessive winds are often deadly and destructive consequences of hurricanes and their accompa-



Hurricane Ivan sank and stacked many boats at Bayou Grande Marina at Naval Air Station Pensacola when it made landfall in Gulf Shores, AL on September 16, 2004. Photo Courtesy: US Navy

nying weather events. Flash flooding of low lying areas is common and especially dangerous.

Right now is the perfect time to create a Hurricane Plan.

Having a plan in place and preparing well before a storm can mitigate many of the risks associated with hurricanes. Here are some things your plan should include:

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for the hurricane. Explain the dangers of fire and severe weather to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.

- Discuss what challenges the family may face.

- Pick two places to meet: Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire OR outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.

- Ask an out-of-state friend to be

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Battle of Midway



Midway Atoll -Aerial photograph, looking just south of west across the southern side of the atoll, 24 November 1941. Eastern Island, then the site of Midway's airfield, is in the foreground. Sand Island, location of most other base facilities, is across the entrance channel. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, U.S. National Archives Collection.

Editor's Note: Next Tuesday through Thursday, the Navy will recognize the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The battle served as the turning point of the war in the Pacific, and was one of the most decisive Naval battles ever fought by American Forces. Commemorating the events

and heroism surrounding the battle is vital, and NAS Whiting Field will hold a short ceremony at the flagpole Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 a.m. to lay a wreath in memory of the lives lost during those three historic days.

By March 1942, Japanese Navy strategists had achieved their initial war goals much more easily than expected. They had therefore abandoned the prewar plan to then transition to a strategic defensive posture, but there was still dispute on how to maintain the offensive. Moving further south in the Pacific would isolate Australia, and possibly remove that nation as a threat to the freshly-expanded Japanese Empire.

However, the American island base at Midway was also an attractive target, and the Doolittle Raid on Japan prompted a decision to attack there as the next major offensive goal. Midway was a vital "sentry for Hawaii", and a serious assault on it would almost certainly produce a major naval battle, a battle that the Japanese confidently expected to win. That victory would eliminate the U.S. Pacific fleet as

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Learning

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by showing them that learning can be fun. It also gave them the knowledge of Physics in such a fun way that they should always be able to remember who Sir Isaac Newton was and what each of his three laws are.”

Due to the popularity among students at Avalon Middle School, Hendrix has already begun work on getting FMA to three more schools next year. In addition to returning FMA Live to schools next year, Hendrix was working with the Trevor Romain Company and the USO to have Romain speak at with many of the local schools in early May.

Romain started the company over two decades ago and has worked to increase students’ academic achievement while simultaneously developing their social, emotional, and physical fitness. During these two decades, Romain’s books have been published in 16 different languages. These books are also outlines for the Trevor Romain television show on PBS. This show discusses many issues kids will face such as bullying, parental divorces, physical well-being, parents deploying, social cliques, and more. The Trevor Romain show in collaboration with the USO has successfully reached out to over 120,000 military children in 16 countries with their most recent stop here in Santa Rosa County.

Romain recently spoke to over 500 third and fourth graders at S.S. Dixon Intermediate School. While speaking at this school, Romain used two animated characters named Jack and Skye to help enlighten the children about many of the issues he discusses in his books, and on his television show.

Following the event, April Martin, the principal of S.S. Dixon stated “Trevor’s presentation is just what our military and all other students need to hear right now. I firmly believe he has had a positive and long-lasting impact that will help students deal with a wide-range of issues including deployment, bullying, and making good choices. I just wish all students across our country would have the opportunity to hear him!”

Student liaison officers work closely with schools to support education for military families and bringing Romain and FMA Live is part of the cooperative effort that helps sustain a positive military and school relationship in Santa Rosa County.

“I am thankful for the Trevor Romain Company and the USO for remembering our Military Students and understanding the challenges they face, and I am thankful to work with a school district that understands their needs and is willing to host this program.” Hendrix stated.



An advertisement for NAS Whiting Field Swimming Pool Water Fitness & Water Blend. It features a sun icon with "4 Sessions this season" inside. The text includes "NAS Whiting Field SWIMMING POOL Water Fitness & Water Blend", "Fitness Center : 623-7412", "WORKOUT IN THE WATER", and a diagram of a person's body with arrows indicating movement. The advertisement lists four sessions: Session 1: May 13-29, Session 2: Jun 10-26, Session 3: Jul 8-24, and Session 4: Aug 5-21. It also lists fees for Water Fitness (0900-1000 Tues/Thurs 24.00 per session), Water Blend (1645-1745 Tues/Thurs 24.00 per session), and drop-in fees for DOD/Contract (\$5.00), Active Duty (\$4.00), and Guest (\$5.00 plus an additional \$5.00 guest fee). For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 623-7412 or RaelynLatchaw@yahoo.com.

Highways

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"I am regularly impressed by NAS Whiting Field Sailors and their willingness to be part of the local community in every way possible. But I am even more thankful for and amazed by what the local community does for us," he stated during his speech. "Despite the noise, you tolerate all the orange and white airplanes and helicopters flying over your neighborhoods, day and night, and sometimes on the weekends too. The pilots who complete training each month are absolutely critical to the sustained capabilities of our fleet units near and far. Thank you."



Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Capt. Matthew Coughlin, serves as the guest speaker at the dedication of Highway 98 as a Blue Star Memorial Highway, hosted by the Navarre Garden Club, May 16. Highway 98, running through Santa Rosa County to the border of Escambia and Okaloosa counties, is nationally recognized as a "Memorial Highway," honoring the nation's military. Photo courtesy of the Navarre Garden Club

NASWF Prepares

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response to a hurricane.

"The most important thing to the commanding officer is the safety of life," NAS Whiting Field's Emergency Manager, Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Jeffrey Richardson said. "Knowing where to go when an evacuation is ordered and how to get in touch with your chain of command are essential aspects to a personal plan in case of an emergency. We want to make sure they have the resources to get help and to be ready when a storm hits."

It has been about ten years since Hurricane Dennis, the last major hurricane to strike the area, rolled through, and ten years is roughly the average between hurricanes coming through the Pensacola area. Although the season peaks in September, hurricane season typically runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, so the earlier people prepare the better.

To help with that preparation, NAS Whiting Field will hold a Hurricane Awareness Fair June 20 in the Atrium from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme for the event is "Don't Be Scared – Be Prepared," and several organizations in-

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an important threat, perhaps leading to the negotiated peace that was Japan's Pacific War "exit strategy".

The Japanese planned a three-pronged attack to capture Midway in early June, plus a simultaneous operation in the North Pacific's Aleutian Islands that might provide a useful strategic diversion. In the van of the assault would be Vice Admiral Chuichi Nagumo's aircraft carrier force, which would approach from the northwest, suppress Midway's defenses and provide long-range striking power for dealing with American warships. A few hundred miles behind Nagumo would come a battleship force under Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto that would contain most of the operation's heavy gun power. Coming in from the West and Southwest, forces under Vice Admiral Nobutake Kondo would actually capture Midway. Kondo's battleships and cruisers represented additional capabilities for fighting a surface action.

Unfortunately for the Japanese, two things went wrong even before the Midway operation began. Two of Nagumo's six carriers were sent on a mission that resulted in the Battle of Coral Sea. One was badly damaged, and the other suffered heavy casualties to her air group. Neither would be available for Midway.

Even more importantly, thanks to an historic feat of radio communications interception and codebreaking, the United States knew its enemy's plans in detail: his target, his order of battle and his schedule. When the battle opened, the

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cluding Gulf Power, Lifeguard Ambulance, the Red Cross, Santa Rosa County Health Authority, Santa Rosa Medical, the Navy Exchange, the Defense Commissary Agency, and more will be on hand to provide tips on how you can be ready in case a storm does strike the area.

"The goal of the fair is to provide the Whiting team with an idea of the resources available both on base and in the local community to help in the event of a storm," Pat Dillenback, the coordinator of the fair, said. "It is so important that our people know who to call and where to get help if they are placed in an emergency situation."



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your “family contact.” After a hurricane, it is often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact’s phone number.

-Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

When a Storm Strikes

There are many dangers associated with tropical storms and hurricanes. Storm surges, heavy rainfall and high winds present the greatest dangers. Tropical storms can create storm surges that can affect areas several miles inland especially along estuaries and bayous. Torrential rains in excess of 6 inches can cause deadly and destructive floods. Flooding as a result of this extreme rainfall is the major threat from tropical storms and hurricanes to those living inland. Some steps to take during a storm include:

-Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.

Check for injuries.

-Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people. Listen to your battery-powered radio for news and instructions. Evacuate, if advised to do so. Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes.

-Use flashlights. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.

-Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.

-Shut off any other damaged utilities. (You will need a professional to turn gas back on.)

-Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately

-Confine or secure your pets.

-Call your family contact--do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

-Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.

-Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off.

-Stay away from downed power lines.

After the Storm

While anticipating the end of the storm keep in mind the calm “eye” of the storm – it may seem like the storm is over, but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force. The urge to start cleaning up after the storm and begin rebuilding will be strong but it is important to keep in mind the many dangers associated with storm damage and to take proper precautions to remain safe while doing so. Steps to ensure that it is safe to go outside after a storm and to stay safe while recovering

from a storm include:

-Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.

-Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.

-If you have become separated from your family, use your family communications plan or contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS/1-800-733-2767 or visit the American Red Cross Safe and Well site: www.safeandwell.org

-The American Red Cross also maintains a database to help you find family. Contact the local American Red Cross chapter where you are staying for information. Do not contact the chapter in the disaster area.



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 15, 2014) - Ellis Bowler, Navy Region Southeast current operations officer, speaks to the region’s Crisis Action Team during a daily operations brief as part of HURREX/Citadel Gale 2014 on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. HURREX/Citadel Gale is an annual U.S. Fleet Forces Command/Commander, Navy Installations Command exercise designed to test the region’s ability to track, prepare for and respond to hurricanes should they threaten installations in the Southeast. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released)

-If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.

-If you cannot return home and have immediate housing needs. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).

-For those who have longer-term housing needs, FEMA offers several types of assistance, including services and grants to help people repair their homes and find replacement housing. Apply for assistance or search for information about housing rental resources

-Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads

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Around the Base

Midway

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U.S. Pacific fleet would have three carriers waiting, plus a strong air force and reinforced ground defenses at the Midway Base.

The Battle of Midway, fought over and near the tiny U.S. mid-Pacific base at Midway atoll, represents the strategic high water mark of Japan's Pacific Ocean war. Prior to this action, Japan possessed general naval superiority over the United States and could usually choose where and when to attack. After Midway, the two opposing fleets were essentially equals, and the United States soon took the offensive.

Japanese Combined Fleet commander Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto moved on Midway in an effort to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces, which had embarrassed the Japanese Navy in the mid-April Doolittle Raid on Japan's home islands and at the Battle of Coral Sea in early May. He planned to quickly knock down Midway's defenses, follow up with an invasion of the atoll's two small islands and establish a Japanese air base there. He expected the U.S. carriers to come out and fight, but to arrive too late to save Midway and in insufficient strength to avoid defeat by his own well-tested carrier air power.

Yamamoto's intended surprise was thwarted by superior American communications intelligence, which deduced his scheme well before battle was joined. This allowed Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, to establish an ambush by having his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese. On 4 June 1942, in the second of the Pacific War's great carrier battles, the trap was sprung. The perseverance, sacrifice and skill of U.S. Navy aviators, plus a great deal of good luck on the American side, cost Japan four irreplaceable fleet carriers, while only one of the three U.S. carriers present was lost. The base at Midway, though damaged by Japanese air attack, remained operational and later became a vital component in the American trans-Pacific offensive.



USS Yorktown (CV-5) - Arrives at Pearl Harbor after the Battle of Coral Sea, 27 May 1942, with her crew paraded in whites on the flight deck. After repairs, she departed on 30 May to take part in the Battle of Midway. The tug Hoga (YT-146) is in the center foreground. The mainmast of the sunken USS Arizona (BB-39) is visible in the distance, just right of Yorktown's stern. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, U.S. National Archives.

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and washed out bridges. Remember "Turn Around Don't Drown." Stay off the streets.

- If you must go out watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.

-Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.

-Walk carefully around the outside your home and check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage before entering.

-Stay out of any building if you smell gas, floodwaters remain around the building or your home was damaged by fire and the authorities have not declared it safe.

-Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes. If you have any doubts about safety, have your residence inspected by a qualified building inspector or structural engineer before entering.

-Use battery-powered flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles. Note: The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering - the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present.

-Watch your pets closely and keep them under your direct control. Watch out for wild animals, especially poisonous snakes. Use a stick to poke through debris.

-Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.

-Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

-Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.

-Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

-NEVER use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these areas and can linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off.

Preparing well before a storm can have a profound impact on how well you and your family deal with a storm when one strikes. For more information on how to plan for a storm and steps to take before, during and after a storm visit the following websites:

www.ready.gov

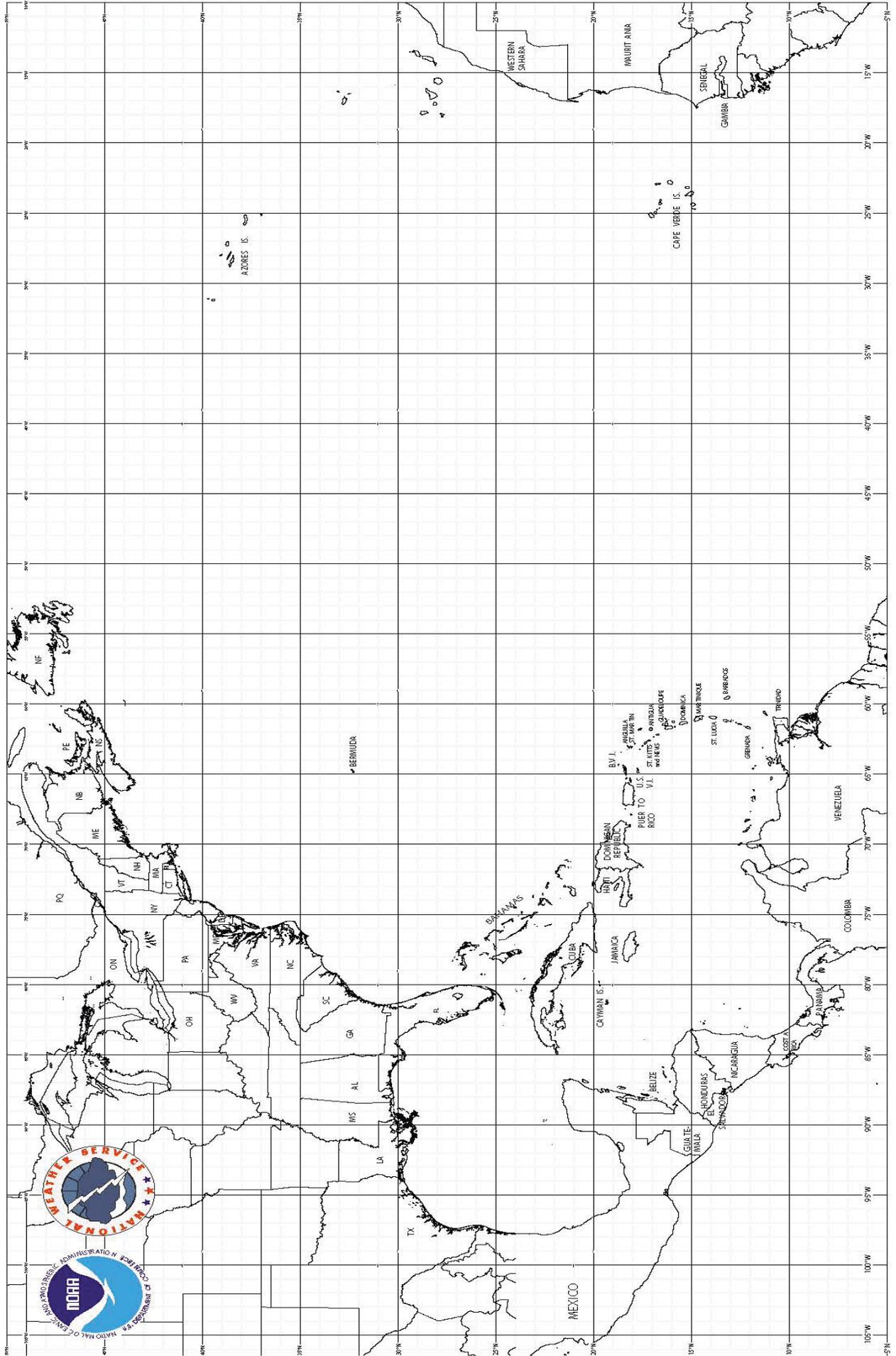
www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/

For Santa Rosa County Residents: www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/Download: www.santarosa.fl.gov/disasterguide/

For Escambia County Residents: www.myescambia.com/beready

Atlantic Basin Hurricane Tracking Chart

National Hurricane Center, Miami, Florida



This is a reduced version of the chart used to track hurricanes at the National Hurricane Center