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## Coleman Turns Command of HT-18 Over to Sanderson



Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore, Capt. Mark Murray presents Lt. Col. Rafford Coleman with the Meritorious Service Medal for his contributions to Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN as Commanding and Executive Officer during his time there. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

Cover Photo: Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau and NAS Whiting Field Chaplain, Lt. Roy Fondren hold the wreath in honor of Capt. Kenneth Whiting on the anniversary of his death Apr. 25. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

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By: Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN observed a change in leadership Apr. 14 as Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Rafford Coleman relinquished command of the unit to Cmdr. Brian Sanderson, the previous executive officer.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored Navy tradition that stems from the days of wooden ships when there may be months between communications with the mainland. The ceremony served as an opportunity for the assembled crew to meet the new officer as he read the orders that authorized him to take command of the vessel. Although modern technology allows for advance knowledge of the new commanding officer, the ceremonial reading of orders, the symbolic transfer of command, and the opportunity for service members to say farewell to a beloved commander, remain a steadfast part of Navy tradition.

Serving first as the Executive Officer for the command and then as Commanding Officer, Coleman displayed unmatched dedication to safe, quality training throughout his two and one-half year tour. Under his leadership, HT-18 exceeded its fiscal year 2015 pilot training goals, designat-

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## Roberts Assumes Command of Training Squadron SIX

By: Ensign Tyler Manuel

Cmdr. Wade Iverson, USN, will officially transfer command of Training Squadron SIX (VT-6) to Lt. Col. Richard Roberts, USMC, Friday, Apr. 29 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., and will mark the transition of authority from one officer to the other in front of the assembled staff, instructors, and students.



Cmdr. Wade Iverson  
Commanding Officer  
Training Squadron SIX

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# Two New GMT Mobile Apps Released

By: Lt. Alex Cornell du Houx, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** -- Two new mobile apps designed for Sailors to complete required Navy General Military Training (GMT) on Records Management (RM) and Privacy and Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Awareness became available April 19.

PII and RM are annual GMT Standardized Core Training (SCT) requirements.

PII must be completed by August 31 every year. The records management training app has been updated to include current topics and new focus areas. RM must be completed by December 31 every year.

The apps are designed to provide Sailors with anytime, anywhere access to the mandatory training as well as links to key resources.

“The mobile apps are an extension of our training to offer alternate methods to our workforce,” said Rear Adm. Mike White, commander, Naval Education and Training Command. “We want the resources readily available and at your fingertips.”

Targeted primarily for active duty, reserve service members and civil service employees requiring training, the apps can also be used as an information tool for Navy family members.

The apps are bring-your-own-device tools designed to work on personal devices outside of the Navy and Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) domain. Users can download the RM and PII apps from both Google Play and iTunes app stores at no cost.

Upon completion of the training personnel can provide the app their Department of Defense identification number from their CAC card and the app will then send a completion certificate to the Sailor’s Electronic Training Jacket and/or to Navy Training Management Systems. The user will then be able to e-mail the certificate to their supervisor as verification of completion. Completions should be visible in the ETJ after two working days.

The U.S. Navy Sea Warrior Program produced the app and Tracen Technologies Inc., a company that specializes in integrated mobile and web solutions, was the software developer.

To find the free Navy apps, search “Privacy and Personally Identifiable Information” “PII” and “Records Management” in app stores or in your web browser.

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit [www.netc.navy.mil](http://www.netc.navy.mil)

## *This Day in Naval History*

### **Apr. 25**

1914 - In the first use of U.S. Navy aircraft in a combat situation, Lt. j.g. P.N.L. Bellinger made a flight from USS Mississippi aviation unit at Vera Cruz, Mexico, to observe the city and make preliminary search for mines in the harbor.

### **Apr. 26**

2002 - The Watson-class vehicle cargo ship USNS Soderman (T AKR 317) is launched at National Steel and Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, Calif.

### **Apr. 27**

1944 - USS Bluegill (SS 242) torpedoes the Japanese light cruiser Yubari west of Sonsorol Island, while USS Halibut (SS 232) sinks Japanese minelayer off Okinawa.

### **Apr. 28**

1944 - Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox dies. He expanded the Navy into a force capable of fighting in both the Atlantic and the Pacific during the early years of World War II.

### **Apr. 29**

1961 - USS Kitty Hawk (CVA 63), an oil-fired aircraft carrier, is commissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. She is homeported at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.



### **Last of a Dying Breed**

The supercarrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), formerly CVA-63, is the second naval ship named after Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the site of the Wright brothers’ first powered airplane flight. Kitty Hawk was both the first and last active ship of her class, and the last oil-fired aircraft carrier in service with the United States Navy.

# May is Military Appreciation Month at the commissary

By: Sallie Cauthers, DeCA marketing and mass media specialist



**FORT LEE, Va.** – Commissaries are offering special savings in May with case lot events and promotions celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, Military Appreciation Month, Memorial Day and more.

“We can’t thank our service members and military family members enough for all they do to preserve our rights to freedom and maintaining the security of our nation,” said Tracie Russ, director of sales for the Defense Commissary Agency. “We encourage them to take advantage of all the special sales events we’re offering this month. They have earned it!”

As shoppers prepare to hit their commissary for discounted items, they can also check out [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for Rewards Card coupons, the commissary’s sales flyer and a list of Value Brand items designed to offer savings lower than or equal to commercial stores’ private label products. Also, the Exclusive Savings link, <http://www.commissaries.com/partners.cfm>, has more coupons, specials, promotions, sales and healthy recipes.

DeCA’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries in May to offer discounts beyond everyday savings.

Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers are asked to check their local commissary for details on dates and times for the following promotions:

- Customer Appreciation Case Lot Sale. Stateside

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# NASWF Celebrates Month of the Military Child

By: Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Across the Department of Defense, April is celebrated as Month of the Military Child to show appreciation for the sacrifices military children make in support of their parents’ defense of the nation. Military children face unique challenges that many other youths do not experience including frequent moves or extended parents’ absences.

According to the Department of Defense Education Activity, the typical military child will move six to nine times during their school years. That’s about three times more often than their non-military counterparts. The Month of the Military Child (MOMC) recognizes the critical role children play in the Armed Forces community and honors their contributions.

With nearly two million military children, the Navy and Naval Air Station Whiting Field understand the importance of providing services to children as they transition with the families.

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Ec-nomics

**MYTH** - We don’t need to turn off equipment at night, since there is no energy used if no one comes into the office to use the equipment.

**REALITY** - Many people are unaware of the “phantom” loads that lurk in the office and the home. Equipment such as computers, printers and photocopiers consume energy when turned on and left in their “idle” mode (when they are not being used). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring an ENERGY STAR® program to encourage equipment manufacturers to produce equipment that goes into a “sleep” mode when left idle for a certain period of time. This “sleep” mode consumes far less energy than in the conventional “idle” mode, but powers up almost instantly when the user wants to use the equipment. So, unless your equipment is ENERGY STAR compliant, turning it off at night when not in use can save a considerable amount of energy.

# News and Notes

## Talladega Race Weekend

Talladega Spring & Fall Race Weekend tickets now available at MWR Community Recreation Ticket office. Pricing is the same for both races: Spring Race Saturday Apr. 30, May 1. Fall Race Weekend Saturday, Oct. 22, Sunday, Oct. 23. Call 850-665-6250 to purchase/reserve your seats.

## Flicks on the Field Outdoor Movie Series

Back by popular demand, Santa Rosa County's "Flicks on the Field" is a free community event, sponsored by the Santa Rosa County Parks Department. The event shows newly released family movies on a 43-foot screen starting at 7 p.m. on the fields of the PARA Football Complex located at 3536 Limbaugh Lane in Pace. This year's lineup includes:

*\*Jurassic World (PG 13) - Apr. 30*

Contact [flicksonthefield@gmail.com](mailto:flicksonthefield@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/FlicksOnTheField](http://www.facebook.com/FlicksOnTheField). For more information on Santa Rosa County parks, visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov/parks](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/parks)

## Troy University Military Scholarship

Troy University is currently accepting applications for Term V, 2016 (23 May – 24 July) Registration begins May 2 and ends May 22. We offer a variety of Bachelors and Masters Programs online and our Master of Science of Counseling and Psychology in class at our Pensacola Support Center! For more information, call 850-287-4102 or email Mr. Morrison at [jrmorrison@troy.edu](mailto:jrmorrison@troy.edu).

## MILITARY STAR® Card Offers Special

From May 4 – Aug. 2, NEX customers will enjoy no interest and no payments for 12 months when using their MILITARY STAR® Card to purchase major appliances, Furniture, and Mattress Purchases priced at \$799 or more. The MILITARY STAR® Card offers many benefits including 10 percent off the first day's purchases (up to the customer's credit limit), no annual fee, low

interest rate, over 40 special promotions and discounts yearly as well as 24-hour customer service including on-line access.

## CO's Suggestion Box

[http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas\\_whiting\\_field/about/cosuggestion.html](http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/about/cosuggestion.html).

## Boots 2 Business

A "Boots 2 Business" workshop is scheduled for May 2-3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This workshop is for separating/retiring service-members who are interested in going in to business for themselves. This two day workshop will be held over in our TGPS Classroom, BLDG 2998 (West end of the Coffee Shop Building). Please call the Fleet & Family Support @ 850-623-7177 to sign up for this workshop.

## Arbor Day Celebration to be held at City Hall

The annual Arbor Day event will be held at City Hall Apr. 29 at 4 p.m. This year the event will also include placing a marker and planting a Drake Elm tree in memory of Patrick Wilcox, streets and sanitation worker who died Aug. 27, 2015. For the past 20 years, the City of Milton has participated in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program and continues to meet the program's standards.

## Blessing of the Wings Time Change for May

The Blessing of the Wings time has been changed to 8:45 a.m. on May 13. The Blessing of the Wings for May 27 will also be changed to 8:45 a.m. in light of the Memorial Day Weekend and Safety-Stand-down that afternoon.

## PCT Presents "Life, Love & Laughter"

PCT Presents "Life, Love, and Laughter" by Rick Ready & Andy Wilkinson May 12 to 15 and May 19 to 22. A series of comedy shorts written by the author of "Soulmate Central" Rick Ready, and author of "Needful Murder" on Kindle Andy Wilkinson. For more information visit [www.panhandlecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.panhandlecommunitytheatre.com).



## Big Coin for a Big Day

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau signs the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) coin for the NAVFAC Energy Mascot BRITE after the Earth Day Fun Run Apr. 22. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

## HT-18 COC

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Lt. Col. Rafford Coleman departing after having turned over command of Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN (HT-18) to Cmdr. Brian Sanderson. Coleman received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding contributions as Commanding Officer of HT-18. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

ing 189 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Allied helicopter aviators. Coleman, furthermore, led the “Vigilant Eagles” in the execution of more than 55,000 flight hours across 30,000 syllabus training evolutions. HT-18 set the standard for advanced rotary wing production in key metrics including: lowest time-to-train and total hours flown. Under his leadership, the squadron provided the core of future aviation warfighters to meet the nation’s demands.

Capt. Mark Murray, Commodore Training Air Wing FIVE, recognized his outstanding contributions to the “Vigilant Eagles” with the Meritorious Service Medal. The award honored what has been a challenging and impressive career.

Before being transferred to Training Air Wing FIVE in May 2013 and assuming duties with HT-18, Coleman started out his career as an enlisted Marine. Serving four years with the Marine Reserve and completing a deployment to Saudi Arabia, Coleman graduated from Rutgers University and accepted a commission in 1993. He attended flight training at NAS Whiting Field and earned his aviators wings at the installation from TRAWING-5 in 1996. Since then, he has been deployed aboard USS Guam (LPH-9) and USS Wasp (LHD-1) as a member of HMM-263); an instructor pilot with HT-8; assigned to HMM-261 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; served in Okinawa, Japan; and assumed duties as Assistant Officer In Charge for the III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Training Group.

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## Military Child

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“The challenges that military children face are often not apparent and we may not be aware of an upcoming or recent transitions. Assisting military children in feeling accepted in a new environment can ease the transition. Supportive programs allow providers and community members to support military youth in a variety of ways.” said Julie LaRow, a clinical counselor with Fleet and Family Support Center, NAS Whiting Field.

NAS Whiting Field held a Family Day Saturday, April 2 to help showcase some of their services to the family while hosting the kids to a fun morning of activities. The event included bounce houses for the kids, various yard games, indoor crafts, a cookout and refreshments.

More than 20 families attended the event and FFSC is planning to make it a semi-annual event with Family Days in the spring and fall.

“We want to include more families and help them understand the services we have to offer,” FFSC Director Sharon Boggs said.

In addition to local support through the FFSC, there are several military resources available to help families with children lessen the stress of deployments and transitions.

Military children can get some of the support

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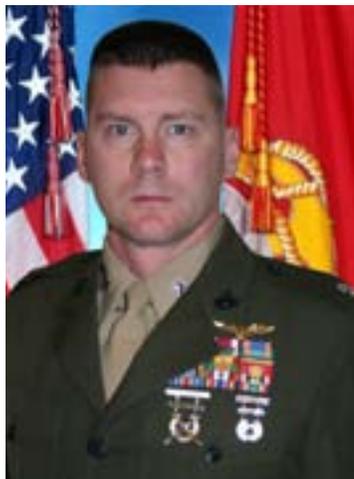
	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	1,824,392	1,632,188	1,779,845
Average Daily kWh	58,851	56,282	57,414
Days In Billing Period	31	29	31

### Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remains an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during Mar. 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.

# VT-6 COC

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Lt. Col. Richard Roberts  
Executive Officer  
Training Squadron SIX

This ceremony will also mark the end of Iverson's Navy career as he will retire following 22 years of faithful service to The Nation.

Iverson distinguished himself through two and one half years of dedication to the squadron's mission of safe, quality flight instruction, first as the executive officer, and then as commanding officer. Under his leadership, the

"Shooters" flew more than 49,000 flight hours including over 44,000 instructional hours. Leading from the front, he personally completed over 483 instructional hours, and led 6 on-wings through initial solo and completion of primary training. Furthermore, VT-6 produced 545 U.S. Navy and Marine Corps total primary completers during his tenure. This figure includes the 258 total primary completers in fiscal year 2015, resulting in the highest primary production for Training Air Wing FIVE (TW-5) in the last 12 years.

Roberts will assume command of the "Shooters" after having served as executive officer for the squadron. A native of Toronto, Ohio, Roberts graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1994 and was commissioned in the U.S. Marine

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# Commissary

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commissary patrons can save up to 50 percent on products sold in case formats similar to commercial club stores. Dates and locations are now available online at [https://www.commissaries.com/case\\_lot\\_sale.cfm](https://www.commissaries.com/case_lot_sale.cfm). This year the case lot sale is expanded into June. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating. Commissaries in Europe and the Pacific, while not officially participating, may have substitute events such as sidewalk sales.

- So many tacos, so little time. Old El Paso offers savings worldwide from April 25 to May 8 on products from tortilla cups to grilled steak fajitas.

- Summer grilling savings. Beginning May 1, state-side commissaries (to include Alaska and Hawaii) will offer a Memorial Day weekend grilling coupon booklet worth over \$17. The coupons, effective May 1 - June 30, offer commissary patrons extra savings on their weekend holiday essentials when purchasing fresh, store-processed beef and fresh pork. The booklet is sponsored by Kraft, Heinz, Kellogg's, Frito Lay, Johnsonville and Rice-A-Roni/Pasta Roni. Limited quantities will be available.

- "Celebrating Our Heroes." Acosta Military will donate to the Fisher House a portion of the proceeds from the sale of participating brands from May 9 to June 5. Coupon flyers in commissaries worldwide will describe the program. A Fisher House offers temporary, free lodging for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available.

- "Honoring Our Heroes." Gatorade is honoring military members during this worldwide contest from May 1 to Aug. 28. Here's how: Commissary patrons can go to [www.gatorademilitary.com](http://www.gatorademilitary.com) and explain in 200 words who they feel deserves to win this contest. Potential honorees can include active and veteran military patrons, spouses, their families, friends, neighbors or organizations that benefit the military community. There are eight grand prize levels featuring cash and Commissary Gift Cards. Each participant who submits an essay online will get a free Gatorade product commissary coupon as a special thank you. In addition, all winners will be recognized at their commissary and on [www.gatorademilitary.com](http://www.gatorademilitary.com). Check out displays in commissaries for more details.

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# Military Child

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they need through the Military Kids Connect web site (<http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/>) where they will have an opportunity to build a network of friends they can access wherever they go. Children can also receive non-medical counseling support through their nearest installation. Another resource is Military One Source (<http://militaryonesource.mil/>) which includes information on services and scholarships for military children as well as general scholarships based on the students' attributes, the parent's military service or other qualifiers.

"Military children make real sacrifices, show great resilience, and provide an example for us all in finding ways to overcome life's challenges. These children are strong and their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves respect and admiration," NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau stated.



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau, signed the proclamation declaring April the Month of the Military Child. April is celebrated as the Month of the Military Child to show appreciation for their sacrifices. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.



### Saint Paul Student Leads NMCRS Fundraiser

After the tornadoes that hit the Pensacola area in March, Saint Paul Catholic School Eighth (8th) grader Meghan McGilley wanted to help out families and Sailors affected by the storms by raising money for the Navy, Marine Corp Relief Society (NMCRS). McGilley raised money by working with her school and the diocese to allow students to have a "dress down" day if they donated one dollar to the NMCRS. She was able to raise over \$460 and presented the check to Lt. Mark Pennington, VT-2 IP/PAO as well as her father, Training Squadron TWO Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Joseph McGilley. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

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## Commissary

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•The Summer S'mores event is hosted from May through September by Hershey's Milk Chocolate, Honey Maid Grahams and Kraft Jet-Puffed Marshmallows. Military-specific instant redeemable coupons and in-store displays will be available.

•Dr Pepper and Mott's participating brands are sponsoring a special "Summer Grilling Giveaway" promotion worldwide from May 9 to 22. Commissary patrons can enter to win a Weber Kettle charcoal grill. Dr Pepper and Mott's displays will have contest entry forms and product discounts.

•"Outnumber Hunger" is a partnership event between Feeding America®, Big Machine Label Group and General Mills dedicated to the fight against hunger. From May 9 to 22, commissary patrons can participate by entering a code listed on specially marked packages of General Mills items. For each code entered General Mills will direct five meals to a local food bank. See General Mills displays in your store for more information.

•Race with Royalty Sweepstakes! From April 24 to June 18, Smithfield is promoting a sweepstakes awarding a grand prize of two tickets to the NASCAR race of the winner's choice, transportation costs, VIP experience at track (driver meet and greet; garage tours) and 15 secondary prize winners (\$50 Commissary Gift Cards). Look for displays in select stateside stores featuring Smithfield franks, bologna, bacon and smoked sausage. Commissary patrons are automatically entered to win after purchasing three qualifying items and using their Commissary Rewards Card 🗳️

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## HT-18 COC

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Also serving as the guest speaker Murray described Coleman as "brilliant and an incredible officer" whose integrity impacted everyone around him.

"This Marine did it right. He lead from the front."

Following the presentation of the medal, Coleman stepped to the lectern to address the HT-18 staff and crew for the final time as the commanding officer. He spoke about the hard work and sacrifice it takes for a unit to function properly.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that's a team. A family, that while not all related by blood, is a group of persons under one roof in an organization steeped in tradition and success.

A clan galvanized with one common aim, a relentless philosophy of winning, teaching and loyalty to each other twenty four hours a day seven days a week. This willingness to unselfishly give your all so that others may succeed...this is the HT-18 way."

Coleman extended many thank you messages to many individuals, squadrons, support elements, local lacrosse folks, service members, instructor pilots, other family members to include his mother in attendance, friends and lastly his wife Shannon and the other command spouses.

"I would also say the spouses of HT-18 are warriors too. They are teammates that ensure those who wear the Nations' cloth go to work every day focused on protecting, mentoring and training officers for the future," he said as he expressed his appreciation for his wife convincing him to stay in the Marines. "You are wonder woman Shannon. The S that begins your name stands for super. You have always been my biggest fan, best advisor and greatest friend."

Coleman and Sanderson strode to the front of the stage and stood at attention as the senior-most enlisted person in the squadron brought the command pennant forward. Coleman received the HT-18 command pennant, then turned and presented the flag to Sanderson, symbolically passing command of HT-18 to Sanderson. Sanderson returned the flag to the HT-18 command chief, Chief Naval Aircrewman Jason Pulk. Sanderson's wife April then moved forward to pin the command insignia to left breast of his uniform.

After officially accepting leadership from Murray with an exchange of salutes and a reading of his orders, Sanderson thanked Coleman for his guidance.

"To another high-caliber Marine, 'Juice' your devotion to HT-18 is immeasurable. No words can fully capture your incredible leadership, your passion for teaching, and infectious positive attitude. You have given me the keys to a well-oiled machine and it has been an honor to serve as your Executive Officer." Sanderson said 🇺🇸

## VT-6 COC

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Corps in Dec. 1996. After receiving his wings, Roberts went on to complete two combat tours in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Later in 2004 Roberts was sent to Al Qaim, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Roberts continued on to MCAS Miramar to help complete the KC-130J series conversion before returning to Iraq as the joint VGMR 252/352 detachment executive officer, where he flew 110 combat sorties in support of Iraqi Freedom. Before arriving at NAS Whiting Field Roberts completed a Master of Military Studies degree in Quantico, Virginia and served as the KC-130 Operational Support Airlift Requirements Officer.

CDR Kevin Murphy, USN, will assume Roberts' previous role as Executive Officer for the squadron.

## SECURITY CORNER



**By: Stacy McFadden, NAS Whiting Field Security**

I have a concealed carry permit, can I bring my weapon onboard NASWF?

The answer is NO; as per COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST INSTRUCTION 3593.1A – subj: Control and accounting of personal weapons: paragraph 6.f

f. Concealed or loaded handguns: Individuals state licenses or permits that authorize individuals to carry concealed handguns are not recognized or valid on Navy installations. Under no circumstances will the transportation of loaded or concealed handguns, shotguns, or rifles be permitted on Navy installations except by duly authorized law enforcement personnel or by military personnel in the performance of their official duties.

## *Congratulations to the VT Solos*

### *VT-6*

*Ensign Jakub Rusek, USN*

*2nd Lt. Alex Johnson USMC*

*Ensign Collin Demski, USN*

*Ensign Peter Wojcik, USN*

*Ensign Russell Newton, USN*

*Ensign Joshua Pauls, USN*

*2nd Lt. Alexander Hipschman, USMC*

*Ensign Ethan Birt, USN*

*Lt. j.g. Abdeldjalil Belmiloud, Algerian National Navy*

*Ensign Casey Callahan, USN*

*2nd Lt. Mason Howard, USMC*

*2nd Lt Jared Willard, USMC*

*2nd Lt. Jared Griffin, USMC*

*2nd Lt. Brian Nagy, USMC*

*2nd Lt. Joshua Vaughn, USMC*

*Ensign Musaab Alshehri, RSNF*

## Around the Base

# Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



Congratulations to TRAWING-5's Academic Achievement Award presented at the TRAWING-5 Headquarters building in Apr. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

# Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



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