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## Water Quality Team at NAS Whiting Field Earns FDEP Award

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

For the fifth consecutive year, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's water management team has earned the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Plant Operations Excellence Award.

The competition involves more than just clean and safe water. Criteria to be eligible for the award included quality of water produced, facility operations and maintenance, recordkeeping and reporting, outstanding operation and maintenance practices and customer relations/acceptances of facility performance.



NAS Whiting Field Water Quality Manager Jon Croci and certified water treatment plant operators Ray Harper and Eddie Wright from EML stand in the water treatment facility for the installation. They form the core of the team that enabled NAS Whiting Field to earn the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Plant Operations Excellence Award for the fifth consecutive year. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Brittany Stephens.

NAS Whiting Field competed in the small community category (facilities that serve less than 3,300 people), and the installation has to maintain exceptional operations in all areas to earn the award.

"The award shows that the water on NASWF has a history of excellence" stated Jon Croci, Water Manager of NAS Whiting Field.

NAS Whiting Field was able to win the award for a fifth time through their implementation of new designs that aided in water conservation and outstanding operation and maintenance practices. Upgrading the infrastructure to further the efficiency of water delivery and wells was a big focus this year.

NAS Whiting Field's emphasis on designing energy and water efficient buildings in house will help decrease cost and further adds an emphasis on use of water reductive technologies and methodologies in the design phase.

"Winning this award is amazing and really reflects the hard work our water operators and entire staff across the board have put in to reduce water usage around the base," Croci said.

## NAS Whiting Field Sailors Wear New Ranks

By, Lt.j.g. Sarah O'Shea, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field recognized the accomplishments of soon-to-be-advanced Sailors during a frocking ceremony Friday, Dec. 2.

Eleven Sailors were all smiles as they were able to wear the new collar devices for the first time. The frocking ceremony is a Navy tradition that provides the selected Sailors an opportunity to wear the uniform and take on the responsibilities of their new rank before they are formally advanced. Second Class petty Officers were frocked to First Class, Third Class Petty Officers were frocked to Second Class and Airmen frocked to Third Class.

Each Sailor received a frocking letter from Capt. Todd Bahlau, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, which reads in part, "your appointment carries with it the obligation that you exercise increased authority and willingly accept greater responsibility. Occupying now a position of greater authority you must strive with a renewed dedication toward the valued ideal of service with honor."

Sailors from NAS Whiting Field selected for  
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Cover Photo: A family enjoys visiting Santa at the NAS Whiting Field Childrens Christmas Party. photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

### The Whiting Tower

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# From Libya to Syria, Iraq, US Navy Fights ISIL from the Mediterranean

By: U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa / U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

**NAPLES, Italy (NNS)** -- The Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (Ike CSG) resumed support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Dec. 6, launching sorties from the Eastern Mediterranean.

Simultaneously, elements of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) continued conducting precision air strikes against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) targets in Sirte, Libya, from amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) as part of Operation Odyssey Lightning to support Libyan Government of National Accord-aligned forces fighting there.

“U.S. 6th Fleet is fighting ‘Daesh’ on multiple fronts, simultaneously supporting three combatant commanders,” said Vice Adm. Christopher W. Grady, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet. “As a flexible, adaptive force, we are committed to defeating Daesh, we are committed to our NATO allies and partners, and we are ‘where it matters, when it matters.’”

U.S. 6th Fleet is concurrently supporting three geographic combatant commanders: U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. European Command.

The Ike CSG returned to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations Dec. 4. It had previously operated in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, conducting strikes from the Eastern Mediterranean Sea from June 28 to July 7, completing 116 sorties in support of OIR.

Ike CSG consists of aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, guided-missile cruisers USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and



An AV-8B Harrier, from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), takes off from the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1). The 22nd MEU, embarked on Wasp, is conducting precision air strikes in support of the Libyan Government aligned forces against Daesh targets in Sirte, Libya, as part of Operation Odyssey Lightning. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathan Wilkes/Released)

USS Monterey (CG 61), and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 26 with associated guided-missile destroyers USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), USS Mason (DDG 87), and USS Nitze (DDG 94).

Operation Inherent Resolve demonstrates the deep commitment of the U.S. and regional partner nations to eliminating the terrorist group ISIL and the threat it poses to the international community.

Wasp is deployed as part of the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations to support maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts. Commander, Amphibious Squadron 6 commands the Wasp ARG, which consists of amphibious dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41), amphibious transport dock USS San Antonio (LPD 17), and Wasp. The 22nd MEU is currently embarked on the Wasp ARG.

Since Aug. 1, the 22nd MEU had been conducting precision air strikes against ISIL targets in Sirte, Libya, from the Wasp ARG as part of Operation Odyssey Lightning to support Libyan Government of National Accord-aligned forces fighting there.

Both Wasp and San Antonio conducted sorties in support of OOL during their time in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations.

U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, joint, and interagency partners in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa. 🇺🇸

## *This Day in Naval History*

### **December 16**

In Operation Desert Fox, Navy cruise missiles attack Iraq to degrade Saddam Hussein's ability to make and use weapons of mass destruction

### **December 17**

1917 - While underway off Point Loma, Calif., USS F 1 collides with her sister sub, USS F 3. With her hull torn open amidships, she rapidly sinks and loses 19 crewmen.

### **December 18**

1902- Adm. George Dewey receives orders from President Theodore Roosevelt to sail with the North and South Atlantic Squadron to Trinidad then Venezuela to ensure Great Britain and Germany's dispute with Venezuela is settled by peaceful arbitration, not force. A settlement is reached February 1903.

### **December 19**

**1941 - The U.S. Naval Academy class of 1942 graduates six months early due to the nation's entry into World War II.**

### **December 20**

Congress authorizes the West Indies Squadron to suppress piracy in the Caribbean. Under the leadership of Commodores James Biddle, David Porter, and Lewis Warrington, the newly created squadron crushes the pirates.

## Frocking

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Petty Officer First Class Wever pins one of several Sailors being frocked at the Midfield Hanger onboard NAS Whiting Field this past December. US Navy photo By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

advancement with their new ranks were: Petty Officer 1st Class Kenneth Hutton, Petty Officer 1st Class Bryan Nutter, Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas Ballard, Petty Officer 2nd Class Lewis Mashburn Jr. Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Sapp, II, Petty Officer 2nd Class Tinea Lewis, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jasmine Gray, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob Boomer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Javier Herrera, Petty Officer 3rd Class Pablo Maciashernandez and Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda Steele.

Bahlau praised the Sailors on their accomplishment and urged them to appreciate the moment.

“This is an important milestone in your careers,” he said “I know you have worked hard to make this day happen. Congratulations on this terrific achievement.”

## Pearl Harbor Commemoration



A Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony was held on Dec. 7 onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Photo displays and a historical video were presented. The names of the lives lost on December 7, 1941 were read by Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau. A cake cutting followed the end of the ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

## New Director Takes Over NAS Whiting Field Commissary

By Lt.j.g. Sarah O’Shea, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field commissary received a new director Nov. 15. Retired Army Sergeant Jonathan Kennedy took charge as director while in his tenth year working for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA).

“This is what I was looking for, a place with a great family atmosphere. The customers and co-workers are very family oriented and welcoming here,” said Kennedy.

He is eager to support the commissary’s customers; “service members and base personnel frequent the commissary which makes us a part of the community”.

Kennedy hopes to provide increased manager-specials on meat and continue the wide selection of produce, as customers purchase those items most frequently.

The new director said he “hopes to integrate new things into the commissary such as ready-made-meals and sushi. The ready-made-meals would give busy shoppers an option for a quick meal to-go.

His experience with multiple commissaries gives Kennedy credibility. He began his DeCA career as a store worker at the U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels’ commissary in Germany in 2006. In 2010 he promoted to grocery manager and transitioned to the U.S. Army Garrison Vilseck commissary.

Kennedy moved between the U.S. and Germany to accept new positions in different commissaries, specifically: Fort Hood (Texas), U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart (Germany), and Naval Station Everett (Wash.), before settling in Florida.

His multiple stops gave him the mission of “customer service first and doing anything the commissary can to support the community.”

# News & Notes

## DoD instruction does not affect base weapons policy

Despite a recent Department of Defense (DoD) directive, base weapons policies aboard NAS Whiting Field are unchanged.

DoD Directive 5210.56 Arming and the Use of Force, effective Nov. 18, does not affect the U.S. Navy's or NAS Whiting Field's weapons policies, which remain in place. Force protection and safety remain top concerns. According to Navy General Regulation 1159 Possession of Weapons, "Except as may be necessary to the proper performance of his or her duty or as may be authorized by proper authority, no person in the naval service shall:

a. have concealed about his or her person any dangerous weapon, instrument or device, or any highly explosive article or compound, or

b. have in his or her possession any highly dangerous weapon, instrument or device or any highly explosive article or compound on board any ship, craft, aircraft, or in any vehicle of the naval service or within any base or other place under naval jurisdiction."

Further, OPNAVINST 5530.14E, 0306 Personal Firearms Safety, Control and Accountability, states: "Personal firearms shall not be possessed, used, introduced, transported, or stored on board a Navy installation."

## West and East Gate Under Construction (December 9 to January 6)

Public Works has awarded a project that will repair the outbound lane of the West Gate and implement new traffic controls for the East and West Gates at NAS Whiting Field. This project will begin December 9, 2016 and is planned to conclude January 6, 2017. For the duration of this work west gate outbound traffic will be detoured around the CDC and through the RV lot. For one day during this work period, inbound traffic will be routed through the same path in order to install speed bumps at both the East and West gates. For the remainder of the project, the inbound traffic pattern will remain the same. Please be aware that the adjusted traffic pattern has the potential to cause delays and extend travel times for the duration of the project. Please plan accordingly.

## Penguin Plunge

Santa Rosa Kids' House will hold the Penguin Plunge 'n Paddle unday, Jan. 1 at Juana's Pagoda Sailors' Grill on Navarre Beach. The event will host a paddle board adventure course, the Penguin Plunge, a raffle, awards presentation and live music. Hot drinks, beverages, and food will also be available. See [www.juanaspagodas.com/penguinplunge.htm](http://www.juanaspagodas.com/penguinplunge.htm) for more information or to register.

## NGIS Employment

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites has employment opportunities for motivated individuals and are currently seeking applicants for Front Desk Associates and Housekeeping Associates. Please stop by NGIS in Building 2942 to pick up an application package or call 623-7605, Monday - Friday from 0700-1500 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Florida 511 App

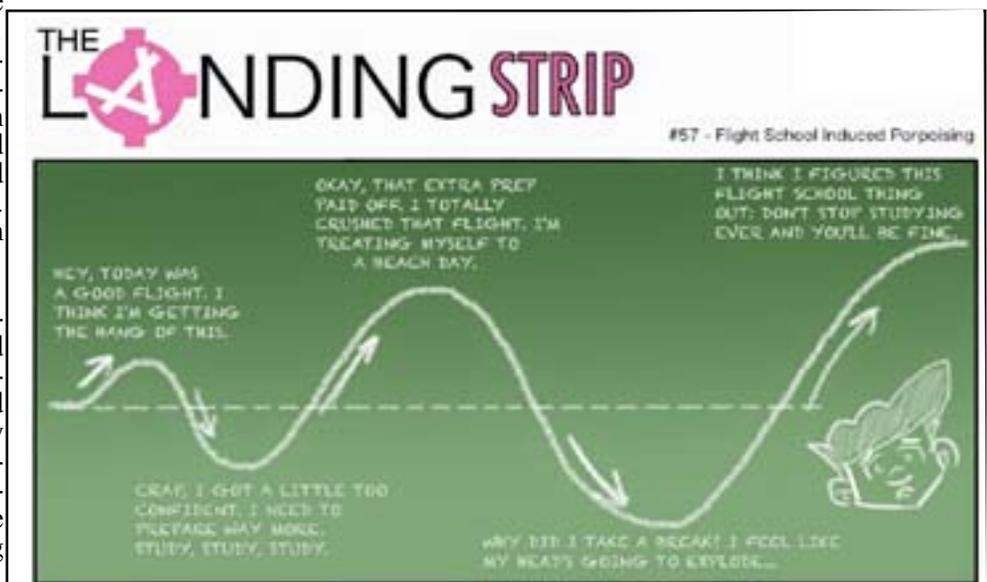
The last thing warriors should worry about is commuting to and from work safely and being on time. Traffic

congestion and incidents on Florida roadways can be monitored and avoided using Florida's 511 Traveler Information System, a service provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The service even provides weather alerts, advisories, watches and warnings from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), as well as hurricane evacuation route information should a storm hit your geographic area. Download the Florida 511 app from your device's app store or visit [FL511.com](http://FL511.com) to set up a personalized services account and receive alerts when a crash or congestion might cause a delay during your commute.

## Commissary Scholarship Program to Begin Receiving Applications

This holiday season is full of the usual landmark dates, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. However, there's one other date in December which could prove to be almost as important as the traditional celebrations for some military families: Dec. 13 marks the opening of the Scholarships for Military Children Program for the 2017-2018 school year. At least one scholarship worth \$2,000 will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those stores with larger numbers of applicants. A total of 700 scholarship grants will be awarded this year.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree. Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods to the commissary where the applicant's family normally shops by close of business Friday, Feb. 12, 2017. Applications cannot be emailed or faxed. In the past 16 years of its existence, the program has awarded more than \$15 million in scholarships to over 9,000 students. For more information, students or sponsors should visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). You can also call Scholarship Managers at



*Editor's Note: Special thanks to Lt. j.g. Zach Morris who has granted permission to use the comics in The Whiting Tower. The paper will run two of his comic strips each week for as long as he has material for us to run. If you have an idea for a strip, please email [zmorris1011@gmail.com](mailto:zmorris1011@gmail.com) for a chance to see your idea put into print.*

# NAS Whiting Field to Open Library On Base

By: ENS Brittany Stenhens, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



For those who enjoy a steaming cup of coffee over a good book, the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Center (MWR) will open a library with a café at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in the next coming months.

While the project is in the development stage, MWR already possesses extensive plans for the library to include books, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library will also contain laptops with GoNavy Wi-fi capabilities and televisions.

Building 2998, more commonly known as the Tower Café, will house the library. The coffee shop itself will remain in the building, and the remaining space will hold open seating and materials available for check out.

The library will be open for use to all base personnel and their families.

MWR already hired a librarian to contribute to planning the layout, selecting the books, and (eventually) managing the library. Francine North hails from Corpus Christi, Texas with a Master's Degree in Library Science, and she has big plans for the developing library.

"It is my goal for the library to be at the intersection of information and recreation," North revealed. "We will continue to serve as a space for the flight students to study, and we have plans to add a children's room for families. We also hope to add more functional elements, such as additional outlets."

Libraries might conjure images of stuffy rooms with tall shelves, but MWR director Tom Kubalewski hopes to avoid this with the proposed plan for a "bookstore model" of the library.

"I hope to make the library inviting and accessible with the Tower Café coffee shop, lots of comfortable seats, and an open environment where people can talk and study," Kubalewski explained. "The design of the space more closely resembles a Barnes and Noble than a traditional library."

This layout extends not only to the physical layout of the library, but to the organization of the books. The books will be systematically ordered by genre and author, in a manner similar to a bookstore, as opposed to the traditional Dewey Decimal system. The system should be easier to navigate and encourage more general browsing of the reading materials.

Adding the library also gives coffee drinkers more flexibility to acquire their caffeine fix. The Tower Café hours currently run from 6 A.M. through 1 P.M. on weekdays, a total 35 hours a week. The library will operate a minimum of 50 hours a week, extending Tower Café operating hours more than 15 hours per week upon opening.

The library is projected to open March 2017.

## December 2016



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## Social Media Safety Key During Holidays

By Twilla Smith, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Most of us look forward to the holidays to relax and enjoy family, friends and holiday fun. We're taught to use operational risk management (ORM) for our holiday recreational activities, but what about for our use of social media? Facebook, Instagram, Tumbler, Marco Polo, and Snapchat are a few of some of the trendier social media applications. It all seems like harmless fun, but did you know that social media can cause you to become a victim if you are not careful?

Information on your social media account can be used to steal your identity, determine your actual location and, depending on the information loaded into the application, even steal your financial information, including debit or credit card information.

How can you avoid this? Tom Ewert, an information systems security officer and senior cybersecurity analyst at Navy Region Southeast has a suggestion. "My best recommendation for social media safety is to lock down permissions to friends only, if you can," he said. "If you can't lock down permissions to friends only, be careful what you share with everyone."

Consider that when you post on social media that you are on vacation that it can let a criminal know you are away? "Even posting a simple photo can provide criminal information about you," Ewert said. "Learn the features of your camera and disable any settings that tag the photo with a location. Geographic coordinates are included in

the background data of most pictures today."

Ewert also suggests that when accepting friend requests, e-mail or call to confirm that friend has sent the request. Hackers can make a fake persona that looks like one of your friends to get access to your information. As with all user accounts, "... make sure you use a strong password to make it more difficult for a hacker to crack," he said.

Social media networks are fun and important to the Navy's mission as a helpful mass communication tool, but we have to be aware and keep these tips in mind! Have a safe holiday season! 📱

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## SECURITY CORNER

By: Stacy McFadden, NAS Whiting Field Security



Last week security corner covered Christmas trees types and setting them up. This week, we'll cover light safety.

When putting up lights, think ahead about where you want to place them and how you're going to hang them. If using nails, make sure you don't nail through your lights.

Extension cord safety is also a very important factor. Never use a brown extension cord outdoors; it's for indoor use only! Don't overload your outlets with cords, and use surge protectors. Don't run cords under doors or in places where they are a trip hazard.

Christmas lights come in several varieties, but the most popular types of Christmas lights are C7, C9, mini lights and LEDs.

C7 and C9 lights are the traditional Christmas lights. They can be used either indoors or outdoors. These lights are constructed of glass and filament, so they can break if you drop them. C7 and C9 bulbs also

put out a good amount of heat, so be careful of putting them on live trees or near flammable items.

C9 bulbs are 3 inch long with the same advantages as the C7, but with a larger bulb. However, both C7 and C9 can lead to expensive electric bills because of their high power consumption.

Mini lights are smaller and spaced more closely than the C7 and C9 varieties. The sets come in wide variety of bulb colors and wire colors. These small, capsule-shaped light bulbs are flameproof and fireproof, and are thus safe to place on your tree. There is a downside with mini lights: if one bulb is physically damaged or unplugged, its entire series or section of the set will not light.

The next type is LEDs. They are generally housed in plastic casing, which makes them durable for outdoor use. LED Christmas lights require low energy, which saves customers money when the December electricity bill arrives. They also have low operating temperature, making them last longer than traditional Christmas lights.

Enjoy putting up your Christmas decorations, and think safety first. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

# NEX Gives Back to Students with Its A-OK Student Reward Program

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be at the end of December 2016.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a “B” average or equivalent record of accomplishment. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees enrolled in 1st through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID which entitles the student to 19 discount coupons for NEX products and services. Along with the award, each winner will receive a lapel pin, certificate and medallion ribbon “In Honor of Academic Excellence.”

Since the program’s inception, NEXCOM has awarded \$611,000 in savings bonds and \$110,000 in monetary awards to students with the help of its generous vendor partners.



## Armed Services Commemoration

Naval Air Station Whiting Field personnel to include Executive Officer Cmdr. Donald Gaines attended an event at Pace High School held on Dec 8 for a multi-commemorative event honoring Active-duty, Reservists, First Responders, Blue Angel 6, the 15th Anniversary of 9-11 and the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The event included lunch, guest speakers, the school’s JROTC Armed Exhibition team demonstration, video presentations and award presentations. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office.



## Congratulations to the VT Solos

- ENS Brian Bauer, USN
- ENS Chase Hammack, USN
- ENS Joe Gardetto, USN
- 2ndLt Zachary Harth, USMC
- ENS John Stuy, USN

## An NAS Whiting Field Christmas



The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Command Christmas party held Dec 2 at Sikes Hall as base personnel enjoyed food, music, dancing and prize give-aways. This years' theme for the festivities was "Hawaiian Christmas". U.S. Navy Photos by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



The Children's Christmas party was held Dec 3 at the Atrium onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field where Santa flew in on a TH-57 and visited with the kids. NAS Whiting Field Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the event and included kids' activities, crafts, a chance to talk with Santa, toy give-aways, train rides and bounce houses. U.S. Navy Photos by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Attendees of the Naval Air Stations Whiting Field Command Christmas Party enjoyed food, music, and prize give-aways. The event was held in Sikes Hall on December 2. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field, Public Affairs.



(Above) A family enjoys having their picture taken at the NAS Whiting field Childrens Christmas Party. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Primary Training Squadron Six, with the assistance of the Officer Spouses Club, wrapped presents for disadvantaged children from Rhodes Elementary School. The Officer Spouses Club purchased the gifts and brought them to the squadron for wrapping December 9. The gifts were presented at the school for the kids December 12. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j. g. Sarah O' Shea, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

## Congratulations Wingers



Top Row: Lt. Col. Cory DeKraai, USMC, CO HT-28; 1st Lt. William Degraff, USMC, HT-18; Ensign Spencer Stark, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Daniel Cleavenger, USMC, HT-28; Ensign William Irwin, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Aidan Steele, USMC, HT-28, Lt. j.g. Alexandre Roth, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Kirby Mansberger, USMC, HT-28; Ensign Kyle Brogdon, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. John Nevins, USMC, HT-8; Rear Adm. Daniel H. Fillion, USN, Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Three  
Middle Row: Cmdr. Brian Sanderson, USN, CO HT-18; Ensign Patrick Swain, HT-18; 1st Lt. Christopher Bock, USMC, HT-28; Ensign Patrick Scott, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Andrew Collison, USMC, HT-28; Ensign Brian Cunningham, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Jose Ruiz Jr., USMC, HT-18; Ensign Braxton Godfrey, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Philip Coale, USMC, HT-28; Ensign Mackenzie Tunick, USN, HT-18; Capt. Mark Murray, USN, Commodore TW-5  
Bottom Row: Cmdr. Steve Audelo, USN, CO HT-8; 1st Lt. Nicole Castro, USMC, HT-28; Ensign Dana Milam, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Tyler Jacobsma, USMC, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Edwin Forteza, USCG, HT-18; 1st Lt. Samantha Patton, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Marvin Salonga, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Megan Love, USMC, HT-8; Ensign Sarah Woolley, USN, HT-8; Ensign Helen Becker Smotzer, USN, HT-28

## Congratulations TW-5 Academic Scholars



Congratulations to Training Air Wing FIVE's Student Naval and Marine Aviators who made the Commodore's List and received academic awards. Photo Courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.



Congratulation to Training Air Wing FIVE's Student Naval Aviators who made the Commodore's List on December 9. Photos courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.