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Training Air Wing FIVE Receives Final T-6B



Three T-6B Texan IIs bank toward Naval Air Station Whiting Field to help celebrate the arrival of the 148th and final T-6B aircraft to serve as part of Training Air Wing FIVE's primary training fleet. The first T-6B to arrive to NAS Whiting Field, the centennial yellow T-6B, and the final Texan II flew three formation passes over the base before landing at the installation's North Field for a ceremony to mark the occasion. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Antonio More.

By: Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Soaring through Naval Air Station Whiting Field skies during three low altitude passes, the unprecedented three plane formation of the first, the final, and the yellow centennial T-6B Texan II aircraft of Training Air Wing (TRAWING) FIVE arrived to the installation Tuesday June 21. The landing of the three aircraft marked a significant milestone in naval aviation training for the Navy's largest training wing as it completed the complement of primary fixed-wing aircraft for Northwest Florida from Beechcraft Defense Company.

The 148th and final T-6B travelled from the Beechcraft factory in Wichita, Kan. and joined formation with the first and centennial aircraft in Monroeville, Ala. with the final T-6B as the lead aircraft. Over a hundred instructors, students, and civilian contractors gathered at North Field to watch the historical formation. When the crowd heard the loud engine roar in the sky, they rushed outside the hangar to see the formation fly above the airfield, watching as they performed a fan break, where the three planes simultaneously turned to enter the landing pattern.

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NAS Whiting Field Firefighters Present Custom-Made Flags to Security and Command Staff

By: Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

It can happen in an instant. With one alarm, with one phone call the men and women who keep Naval Air Station Whiting Field safe are prepared to combat fires, aircraft mishaps, severe injuries and many other emergencies. Just as patriots raise their right hand to protect America, the firefighters of NAS Whiting Field stand ready to safeguard our Nation's defenders every moment of every day.

It is a calling they take seriously both through the performance of their jobs and bond they share with the military members and security force personnel who also accept danger as part of their missions. The NAS Whiting Field firefighters expressed that bond in an impressive fashion recently with a unique take on the symbol under which they all serve – the American Flag.

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Cover Photo: The final T-6B leads the yellow centennial and the first T-6B's in a trailing taxi from the runway to North Field's southern hangar. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham.

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Navy Medicine Releases Video with Helpful Tips for Mosquito Season

By: Jazmine Wise, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Medicine released a mosquito awareness video for Sailors, Marines and their families, June 24.

Although the Zika virus has not been spread by mosquitoes in the United States, it could occur. The new video demonstrates how to take extra protective measures during mosquito season, including measures to safeguard your home such as avoiding the use of mosquito attraction devices.

"The Navy is actively conducting mosquito surveillance and testing on board installations along the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts," said Cmdr. Alan Lam, deputy associate director, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Public Health, Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Being educated and aware of preventive measures is vital in avoiding the transmission of the virus."

Female mosquitoes lay eggs in small pools of water. To reduce mosquito breeding, eliminate standing water in flower pots, clogged rain gutters, children's pools, tarps and abandoned tires. Install screens on windows and doors and ensure they are in good condition to keep mosquitoes outside.

Look for insect repellants that contain 20-35 percent DEET, the most common active ingredient in insect repellant, or 20 percent picaridin. Repellants containing perme-



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Official Photo File

thrin can be used to treat clothing and are safe for pregnant or nursing mothers and their children. These repellants can be purchased through online retailers and local sporting goods stores.

Additionally, long sleeve, light-colored shirts protect from mosquito bites and sun exposure. Mosquito netting should be placed over infant carriers to prevent contact.

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This Day in Naval History

June 29

1872 - During the Civil War, the steam sloop USS Susquehanna, commanded by Cmdr. R.B. Hitchcock, captures the blockade-running British steamer HMS Anna near Mobile, Ala.

June 30

1942 - USS Plunger (SS 179) sinks Japanese freighter No.5 Unkai Maru off the China coast near Shanghai.

July 01

1972- Rear Adm. Samuel L. Gravely Jr. becomes the first African-American to achieve flag rank in the U.S. Navy.

July 02

1926 - The Distinguished Flying Cross is authorized by Congress. The first Naval Aviator to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross is Richard E. Byrd for his flight to the North Pole on May 9, 1926.

July 03

1942 - A PB5A aircraft successfully fires the first airborne retro-rocket at Goldstone Lake, Calif.



Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd

This 1912 Naval Academy graduate was the first Naval Aviator to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross after it was first authorized by Congress on July 2, 1926.

Final T-6B

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The final T-6B was the first to land, followed by the centennial and then the first T-6B. The aircraft taxied in line from the runway towards the south side of the parking line, where two fire trucks were stationed for a ceremonial water arch to honor the aircraft as they taxied through it. Everyone applauded as the three aircraft approached the hangar and the pilots stepped out of the planes.

Lt. Chris Hill, instructor at Training Squadron TWO, and Lt. Cmdr. Nick Ahlen, Fixed Wing Instructor Training Unit Operations Officer piloted the original T-6B with Lt. Chris Swigart, TRAWING-5 Fixed Wing Assistant Operations Officer, and Lt. Col. Jeff Hubley, TRAWING-5 Operations Officer in the centennial plane. Lt. Scott Urbashich, TRAWING-5 Instructor of the Year, and Capt. Mark Murray, Commodore of TRAWING-5, brought home the command's last T-6B. The aircraft is the next-to-last T-6B for the Navy as Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will receive the final one later this month.

The pilots joined the spectators for the commemoration ceremony, where they celebrated the years of hard work from Beechcraft and TRAWING-5 to make it to this day. Murray awarded Urbashich with a certificate memento to honor the delivery of the final T-6B. Pam Nash, Director Program Management at Beechcraft, presented a model of the T-6B, along with a framed, T-6B photo autographed by the employees of Beechcraft to Murray.

"I am most honored to be here today to represent the men and women who built these planes for you," Nash said. "There was a lot of passion put into this program, and we're always focused on safety and quality."

Murray admired the dedication of the employees who crafted the T-6B, comparing it to the work put forth by TRAWING-5.

"I wish everyone here today could walk through their factory," Murray said. "It is about people – their sweat and hard work. Seeing it will change the way you think



Lt. Scott Urbashich is all smiles after bringing home the 148th and final T-6B. It is the first aircraft student aviators in the maritime services will fly and provides them with the basic foundations of aviation. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham.

when you strap into the aircraft. It is about people and passion and that doesn't change. It is the same way at Training Air Wing FIVE."

TRAWING-5 received their first T-6B from Beechcraft on Aug. 25, 2009 to replace its aging T-34 Turbomenter fleet. The T-6B had twice the performance power compared to T-34 and came equipped with a digital (glass) cockpit display, heads-up display, and ejection seat.

The process of transitioning one squadron to the T-6B took nine to twelve months, and Training Squadron THREE was the forefront of the switch with its first student flight in April 2010. TRAWING-5 officially phased out the T-34 in 2012.

"As of today, Training Air Wing FIVE now has 148 Texan II's," Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Patrick Beam said. "Each was \$5.5 million, so that's almost a billion dollars on North Field's flight line."

Since its arrival, TRAWING-5 had flown over 310,000 hours in the T-6B. Combined with the 74,000 flight hours from Training Air Wing FOUR in Corpus Christi, Texas, the T-6B has flown an overall total of 384,000 hours as of June 17, 2016.

It is the first aircraft student aviators in the maritime services will fly and provides them with the basic foundations of aviation. By the time a student completes the 28 week program, they will have flown 43 flight events, 75 flight hours, and 36 simulator events. The program prepares students for the Navy's more advanced training platforms and their fleet aircraft in the future.

"In the foreseeable future, I can see the T-6B in use for another two or three decades," Murray said. "The T-6B cockpit and avionics suite is designed to better facilitate the transition to increasingly sophisticated follow-on training and fleet aircraft, as well as keep pace with emerging air traffic control regulations."



The first T-6B and the yellow centennial T-6B accompany the final T-6B for Training Air Wing FIVE enroute to Naval Air Station Whiting Field. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Antonio More.

Feds Feed Families is now Underway

By: Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field launched its fourth consecutive year of the Feds Feed Families campaign earlier this month. In coordination with the Bay Area Food Bank, the ongoing program collects food for the less fortunate in the local area and will run through Aug. 31.

The Command Religious Program at NAS Whiting Field worked with with Commander Naval Installations Command to implement and coordinate the charity on base. In 2015, NAS Whiting Field collected 1,772 pounds and \$120 in donation, which fed 638 families and provided 1,894 meals. The goal this year is to surpass what was collected last year.

Like previous years, the Command Religious Program at NAS Whiting Field partnered with the NAS Whiting Field Commissary by selling \$5 and \$10 pre-wrapped bags of groceries. To ensure patrons are aware of the drive, Commissary cashiers will ask each customer during check-out for a possible donation or purchase of the pre-made grocery bags

In addition to the Commissary's collection efforts, NAS Whiting Field's Command Religious Program placed donation bins in centralized locations for easy access and pick-up. They are located at the Command Building 1401, Training Air Wing FIVE, the Chapel, and the Commissary. The bins will be picked up once a week until the end of the campaign or whenever the bins are full.



Commissary employee, David Downing, places a pre-wrapped bag of groceries in the Feds Feed Families donation bin located at the NAS Whiting Field Commissary. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham.

During the summer months, food banks notice a decrease in donations and an increase in need. "The need to donate is often overlooked in the spring and summers because they're not cold and bitter seasons," Training Air Wing FIVE Chaplain, Lt. Roy Fondren said, "But the need still exists."

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News & Notes

Independence Day Weekend at Wild Adventures

Join us for fireworks and some all-American fun as we celebrate our country, Fourth of July weekend!

- Friday, July 1 - Splash Island Nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, July 2 - Emerson Drive and Waterloo Revival Concert at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 3 - Fireworks Spectacular at dusk
- Monday, July 4 - Fireworks Spectacular at dusk

Active Duty Military members get FREE admission for all 4 days. Family members and dependents get discounted pricing at your ITT/MWR office! Offer valid July 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2016.

Santa Rosa Independence Day Office Closures

The following Santa Rosa County offices will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Normal hours of operation will resume Tuesday, July 5.

- Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners, including the library system and animal shelter
- Santa Rosa County Clerk of the Court
- Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser
- Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections
- Santa Rosa County Tax Collector
- The Central Landfill will be open Monday, July 4 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Santa Rosa County 9-1-1 Dispatch, Lifeguard Ambulance Service and fire departments are open daily

Emerald Coast Mustang Association Meeting

The ECMA Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 July commencing at 1400, at the NAS Pensacola Mustin Beach Club. The LDO/CWO Board of Directors will be in attendance, along with RADM White, our Flag Sponsor. The latest news affecting our community will be discussed, you won't want to miss it! Immediately following the meeting, the ECMA will host a Social and Lasagna Dinner, with the meal served at 1600. Come out and join all for a late afternoon of camaraderie while catching up on the times! Cost of the dinner is \$16.80 per person, and is open to all Mustangs and selectees within the Gulf Coast area. Please RSVP by Thursday, 7 July to LCDR Tim Kelly, at timothy.j.kelly1@navy.mil, or call (850) 452-8518/8499.

Emerald Coast Mustang Association LDO/CWO Applicant Brief

The FY-18 Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer Applicant brief will be conducted at 1430 on Wednesday, 13 July. Location is Naval Air Technical Training Center, Bldg. 3460, Room 1226. The LDO/CWO Board of Directors will be presenting the brief, while providing mentoring and package review for all potential applicants. Take full advantage of this fantastic opportunity to discuss your future with Senior Mustangs, taking advice from those who

“have been there and done that!” Contact LCDR Tim Kelly, at timothy.j.kelly1@navy.mil, or call (850) 452-8518/8499, for any questions or additional information.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program for Taffy Ponvelle

Taffy Ponvelle is a Security Assistant at JRB New Orleans. She is under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program and is in urgent need of annual leave donations. If anyone would like additional information concerning the Leave Transfer Program, they may contact me at 305-293-2783 or by email at kathleen.mcguire1@navy.mil. Your concern for another federal employee is greatly appreciated.

Troy University Military and Family Scholarship

Troy University is currently accepting applications for Term I, 2016 (15 August – 16 October, 2016) Registration begins 25 July and ends 14 August, 2016. 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 on classes and scholarships, call 850-287-4102 or email Mr. Morrison at jrmorrison@troy.edu.

Child Development Home Orientation

Would you like to earn \$7,000-\$48,000 a year by working from your home? Come to our FREE Orientation Class and learn all the requirements about choosing a career as a Navy, Child Development Home Provider. The event will run from July 25 to July 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 4119 Children's lane in Child Development Center. For more information please call (850) 572-5026 or (850) 281-5368.



Training Air Wing FIVE Academic Scholars
Congratulations to the June 3 TRAWING-5 Scholars for outstanding academic achievement during flight school. The awards were presented at the TRAWING-5 Headquarters Building. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

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Flags

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“A lot of men and women died for the flag and we wanted to do it right, it was important to me and to all of us.” Firefighter Steven Hudson said.

Using materials inherent to their roles, the firefighters created a flag to present to the installation and to the security force team. The flags were made with retired hoses painted red, white and blue. The stars were specially ordered, and the entire piece was framed in beautifully stained wood. For the NAS Whiting Field display, the words “Naval Air Station Whiting Field” were burned in, and along the side on a steel background, Whiting Fields's unit patches are displayed.

Following an installation department head meeting, members of the Fire Department surprised Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau, and Whiting Field staff with the presentation of the custom-built flag June 7.

Firefighters responsible for crafting the piece were Steven Hudson, Eric Aning and Nick Carter. Patrick Hawkins also worked on the flag, contributing the flag's wood framing. The piece was completed in stages and work was accomplished in different areas near the fire department. A storage room was used and when the project outgrew the work area, the firefighters found other spaces to house materials and parts of the flag. The hoses were carefully cut and then painted with many layers of patriotic colors. Next came the framing, wood working, patch collecting and steel cutting. The stars were integrated into the piece and finally the hoses were mounted in the frame.

Ensuring the proper dimensions of the flag and the piece in its entirety was also an important detail that was not over-looked.

“The ratio of the flag and its dimensions were really important- I looked up everything. I wanted it to be accurate.” Aning said.

A particularly challenging part of the project was the flag's stars. The firefighters tried several solutions for making the stars, including painting them on, as well as fabricating them out of foam board. According to Hudson, the search for the perfect stars included some internet searching; in the end, the stars were ordered from an online source.

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From left to right, NAS Whiting Field firefighters Eric Aning, Steven Hudson, and Nick Carter stand with the first hand-crafted flag that now hangs at the NAS Whiting Field Fire House. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link.



NAS Whiting Field Firefighters surprise the NAS Whiting Field Security Department with their second custom-made flag. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link.



NAS Whiting Field Firefighters surprise Commanding Officer, Capt Bahlau and staff with a third custom flag, which now hangs on the second floor of building 1401. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham.

Armed Forces Voters Week
June 27 - July 5

Congratulations to TRAWING 5 Wingers



Top Row: Lt. Col. Cory DeKraai, USMC, CO HT-28; 1st Lt. Sean Brown, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Andrew George, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Ben Taylor, USN, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Roscoe Thomas, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Jeffrey Bari, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Daniel Kelly, USMC, HT-18; ENS Derrick Gammons, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Patrick Maguire, USMC, HT-18; Capt. Mark Murray, USN, Commodore TW-5; Middle Row: Cmdr. Brian Sanderson, USN, CO HT-18; Lt. j.g. Thomas Uyttbroek, USN, Ht-18; 1st Lt. Ryan Tudas, USMC, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Aaron Lous Pfeil II, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Kayla Curtis, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Sean McDonald, USN, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Annie Lee Cutchen, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Robert Dunlap, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Chase Hubert, USN, HT-28; Col. Dan Verda, USMC (Ret); Bottom Row: Cmdr. John McBryde, USN, CO HT-8; 1st Lt. Brenda Amor, USMC, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Abigail Khushf, USN, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Jeremy Vasquez, USN, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Mary Hamilton, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Aaron Webster, USMC, HT-28, Lt. j.g. Amhed Alkhalil, RSNF, HT-8; 1st Lt. Daphne Vargas, USMC, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Karissa Mattimoe, USN, HT-18. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.



Congratulations to our Training Air Wing FIVE Academic Scholars from May 16 and May 20. Their awards were presented at the TRAWING 5 Headquarters building. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

NEX Customers Donate to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

By: Kristine M. Sturkie, NEXCOM Public Affairs Specialist
NORFOLK (NNS) -- Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi (Ret), Chief Executive Officer, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) presented a ceremonial check for \$194,984 to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society from money donated by NEX customers.

“Our customers look forward to this time of year where they can purchase the benefit ticket to support Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society,” said Bianchi. “Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers a great benefit to our Sailors, Marines and their families. We are proud to be able to present this check to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society on behalf of our customers.”

NEXCOM has been offering customers the ability to purchase a \$5 card to benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society since 2010. The card entitled customers to specific discounts for a one-time purchase in April.

“The generous support from the worldwide NEXCOM organization has resulted in more than \$1.4 million in contributions since 2011,” said BGen Peter B. Collins, USMC (Retired), Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. “This support has made it possible for Society volunteers to provide need-based financial assistance for many active duty and retired



Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi (Ret), NEXCOM CEO presents a check on behalf of NEX customers to BGen Peter B. Collins, USMC (Retired), Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. U.S. Navy File Photo.

Sailors, Marines and their families around the globe. The annual NEXCOM coupon sale to benefit Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is immensely important. Thank you to all NEXCOM employees and customers - you continue to make an important difference for those who serve.”

Mosquito Season

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Zika virus is transmitted to humans by Aedes mosquitos and blood transfusions. Infected males can also pass the virus on to partners through unprotected sex.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4 in 5 people infected do not develop symptoms of the virus. Symptoms include fever, rash, headaches, joint and muscle aches, and conjunctivitis.

“Avoiding mosquito bites is the best way to prevent infection,” Lam said. “Mosquitos carrying Zika bite mostly during the day. There is currently no specific antiviral treatment, vaccine or drug for the virus.”

The Zika mosquito awareness video can be found here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyR1uBepw60/>.

For the most current information about the Zika virus, please visit the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center’s website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphe/Pages/Home.aspx/>.

Navy Medicine is a global health care network of 63,000 personnel that provide health care support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world. 🇺🇸

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NAVFAC Southeast Awards Hangar Contract to Small Business



By: Sue Brink, NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$10.4 million contract June 20 to Drace Anderson Joint Venture, a small business based in Gulfport, Mississippi, for construction of the T-6B Texan II Joint Primary Aircraft Training System, training operations facility, at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida.

“This state-of-the-art facility will provide the necessary training space for the hundreds of flight instructors and student naval aviators to prepare for their daily flight syllabus events in the T-6B Texan II,” said Capt. Mark Murray, Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore. “This facility will not only enhance the training capability of Training Air Wing FIVE, but will significantly improve the efficiency which the Wing and the three primary training squadrons operate on a daily basis.”

The contract calls for the construction of a two-story training operations facility with a steel frame, reinforced concrete masonry, standing seam metal roofing system, and spread footing foundation. The hangar will be built on the flight line. The facility will include classrooms, administration space, ready-rooms, electronic briefing space, personnel support space, storage, reproduction areas, library, food storage and prep area, student activity space and additional space in support of the T6-B training curriculum.

This project will provide Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) features and comply with AT/FP regulations, and physical security mitigation in accordance with DoD Minimum Anti-Terrorism Standards for Buildings. The AT/FP line item includes standard force protection measures such as mass notifications systems, laminated windows, blast resistant window and door frames and emergency lighting and signage.

“The modern design features of this facility will provide an environment for all pilots to conduct flight briefs and debriefs, video playback capabilities, training meetings, grade sheet execution and flight schedule oversight,” said Murray. “Currently the three squadrons operate in very small, separate and inefficient buildings. Combining the three primary squadrons into one large facility will not only enhance the standardization and quality of flight instruction, but it will promote improved coordination between the squadrons, which is vital to the Wing’s continued success in providing the most qualified and capable warfighting aviators to the fleet.”

The existing hangar space, Building 2941 and Squadron Facility Building 2973, will be renovated to serve as temporary facilities for squadron personnel until the new

construction is complete. Demolition of existing buildings is also included in the task order.

The contract calls for the construction of parking areas, site prep, and storm water and utility construction. Funding for a pavilion; furniture, fixtures and equipment is also included in the award. An option, if exercised, provides for the installation of an access control system.

The work will be performed in Milton, Florida, and is expected to be completed by March 2018.

Small business (which includes 8(a) firms) play a vital role in the American economy - employing half of our country’s workforce, creating nearly two out of every three new American jobs, and often being the source of the next great American innovation. NAVFAC Southeast strives to meet its goals building on its success by providing contract opportunities to these businesses.

“Our technical leads and acquisition team members seek opportunities for optimal small business participation early in the planning process,” said Mark Brock, NAVFAC Southeast small business deputy. “Our sound business processes along with capabilities based strategies that consider program risks, cost, schedule and technical requirements help us meet the expectations of supported commanders while supporting public policy objectives.”

Each year NAVFAC establishes target goals for Small Business, Small Disadvantaged Business, Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Business, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, and Women-Owned Small Business categories. The maximum practicable utilization of small business concerns is a matter of national interest with both social and economic benefits. 🐦



NAS Whiting Field Doubles Up
Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau and Randy Roy hold the Association of Defense Communities Installation Excellence Award, which they received June 21. They are standing in front of the display at Chief of Naval Installations headquarters recognizing the base as the Navy’s recipient of the Installation Excellence Award in the small command category. U.S. Navy Photo by Ed Wright.

SECURITY CORNER

By: Stacy McFadden, NAS Whiting Field Security



For the next two weeks, Security Corner will review driving privileges onboard NAS Whiting Field as detailed in the NASWFINST 5560.5A. Last week covered section 5. Information - paragraph a. Operator’s Driving Privileges.

This week includes an overview of section 5. Information – paragraph b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles.

5. Information – b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles -

(1) The Security Officer, NAS Whiting Field, is hereby authorized to conduct random inspections of individuals and vehicles entering and leaving, or onboard. Persons found with illegal contraband, government property, or in violation of current laws or instructions will be apprehended. The vehicle operator and /or passenger (s) shall be culpable for violations of all laws and/or provisions of these regulations. A complete written report will be forwarded to appropriate commands for legal and/or administrative action. Refusing consent of search will be justification for the Security Department to immediately and administratively restrict the vehicle and the subject’s driving privileges onboard for a minimum of one year.

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“We originally tried painting them on, but that didn’t work”, said Aning. “We made lots of trips to craft stores to find materials and ideas” said Hudson.

This is the third flag the trio has produced. The second was recently presented to the men and women of Whiting Field’s security department as a sign of solidarity and to honor them during police week. Hudson stated that with cops at times receiving negative headlines in the news, the firefighters wanted to express their appreciation for the law enforcement mission. The first flag was made and hung in the fire fighters’ home station, NAS Whiting Field Fire Department.

The police flag was “a good way to show our support for them”, Hudson explained, “And we wanted it to be a surprise—I think we were able to catch them off guard and it happened when they weren’t expecting anything.”

For Carter, a flag dedicated to Law Enforcement professionals was both important and personal. Carter’s father is a retired Florida State Trooper.

Aning said there were nights they stayed up late trying to figure out the best way to put it all together or finding ways that might make it look better. The three couldn’t estimate a particular number of hours that it took for the project to be completed, just that it was an on-going project they worked on whenever they had or could make the time. They estimated that it took several long weeks to make each flag.

(2) Owners and operators of privately owned vehicles which are found to contain illegal drugs or contraband onboard shall be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle onboard for one year. Contraband, for the purpose of this instruction, refers to any illegal drug and/or drug paraphernalia, stolen government property, firearms not registered or held per reference ((i) OPNAVINST 5530.14E), or any other item the possession of which is in and of itself illegal. Drugs and explosive detection dogs may be used for random inspections of vehicles on entry to and /or exit from NAS Whiting Field. Appropriate disciplinary action may be taken against offenders in addition to whatever civil or criminal charges are made. Upon notification by the Commanding Officer of the revocation or suspension of a person’s driving privileges, the NAS Whiting Field Security Officer shall not allow said person to operate a motor vehicle onboard. Individual violators who are civilian or contract personnel suspected of trafficking drugs may be permanently barred from the base. Driving privileges can be restored only by the Commanding Officer, after the period of suspension and the operator is otherwise qualified or a successful appeal is made. Nothing in this instruction will prevent the Commanding Officer from taking more severe administrative action in any case where circumstances of the offense are deemed appropriate.

The camaraderie between fire fighters is obvious. Many of these men are second or third generation public servants. Although their jobs can be routine much of the time, they are always ready when the alarm sounds. The three flags, now displayed in key areas across the installation, showcase the pride and professionalism in service shared by all three organizations. 🐦

The annual 2015 NAS Whiting Field water quality report can be found at:

http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/om/public_works/2015waterqualityreport.html

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. In 2015, NAS Whiting Field detected fifteen (15) contaminants - and two (2) of the contaminants were above the EPA acceptable level. This report will be mailed to customers only upon request from the NAS Whiting Field’s Public Works Department, located in Building 1416, by calling (850) 623-7026. A paper copy of this report will also be available at the Public Works Department, Building 1416, the Pass/Tag Office, Building 48, the Medical Clinic, Building 2985, the Fire Station, Building 2983, and the Bachelors Quarters (Sikes Hall), Building 2942.

Congratulations to the VT Solos

VT-3

2nd Lt. Sultan Alkathami, INTL
Ensign Matthew Beleher, USN
Ensign Thomas Blair, USN
Ensign Lewis Correale, USN
Lt. j.g. Brandon Decardenas, USCG
2nd Lt. Jesse Dolan, USMC
Ensign Nathaniel Giorgio, USCG
2nd Lt. Taylor Griffin, USMC
Ensign Christopher Guernsey, USCG
Ensign Jesse Holtan, USN

Ensign Alexander Jabaley, USN
2nd Lt. Casey Johnson, USMC
Ensign Dylan Kelly, USN
Ensign Andrew Lucak, USCG
Ensign Rosalyn Lopez, USN
Ensign Jonathan McLaughlin, USN
2nd Lt. Whitley Noel, USMC
Lt. j.g. Erin Nolan, USCG
Ensign Stuart Shrum, USN
Lt. j.g. Ronald Stephens, USCG
Ensign Katelyn Stoltenburg, USN

ProCamps Bring Football Stars to Military Youth

By: DeCA Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. – Thousands of boys and girls in military communities are seeing their pro football heroes up close and personal through youth football ProCamps sponsored by Procter and Gamble in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency.

“Beyond the everyday savings our patrons receive by shopping their commissary, our industry partners provide millions of dollars annually in additional or ancillary benefits to our patrons because a commissary is operating on their base,” said Sallie Cauthers, DeCA’s marketing and mass media specialist. “Thanks to this partnership event, our patrons receive quality products at savings significantly lower than commercial stores and our military youth learn some football from some of the pro players they see on television.”

From March through April, nearly 100 installations competed for the opportunity to host a free, two-day Pro-Camp for first through eighth grade youth of active duty military, reservists, retirees, and DOD civilian employees. The 11 winning military installations qualify for a camp based on their patrons’ purchases of select items in their local commissaries.

Camp participants learn from and play with NFL players such as Andre Roberts (Detroit Lions), Alejandro Villanueva (Pittsburgh Steelers), Patrick Peterson (Arizona Cardinals), Steve Smith Sr. (Baltimore Ravens) and Darren McFadden (Dallas Cowboys).

The first stateside camp of the year kicked off June 13-14 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, led by Arizona Cardinals cornerback Patrick Peterson. Several camps have already been held at bases overseas, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany and Okinawa, Japan.

This marks the fourth year P&G has partnered with the commissary to run the NFL Military ProCamps program at installations worldwide, said Molly Fanning of Blue Chip Marketing, the firm handling publicity for this Procter &



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Gamble event.

“We have been throughout the United States, to Germany and also Japan,” she said. “We hope to continue to grow the program next year as well.”

ProCamps manages and operates sports camps around the world led by professional athletes. These camps take place on military bases and are designed to teach the fundamentals of football, teamwork and how to make new friends, Fanning added.

“ProCamps also uses sports to impart important life lessons in a safe place,” Fanning said. “This program is in line with the Department of Defense’s Healthy Lifestyles Initiative. The athletes infuse a message of healthy eating and staying active into every part of a ProCamp day.

“Our program started in 2013 with three camps and has grown significantly over the past few years,” Fanning said. “Our first camps were with Steve Smith Sr. and Andre Roberts. They are really the face of the program and both of them have done more camps than any other athlete.”

ProCamps Schedule from July 19-20: Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, Graham Gano, kicker, Carolina Panthers; Day 1: 1-4 p.m., Day 2: 9 a.m. - noon (Baranacas Ballfield); autograph signing at commissary: July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Feds Feed Families

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Feds Feed Families launched in 2009 as part of President Obama’s United We Serve campaign, and according to usda.gov, since its beginning, federal workers have donated and collected nearly 57.2 million pounds of food and other non-perishable items to support families across America. Agencies in every state were asked to set their own goals and beat their previous best. In 2015, federal employees donated 17.9 million pounds, which beat the previous 2014 record of 14,849,380 pounds.

“We are passionate about the practical blessing of a good meal,” Fondren said, “Nearly 17 percent of our local community struggle with hunger – and that’s 17 percent too many. By God’s grace, we will participate in changing the reality of our community members.”

If there are any questions or concerns surrounding the drive, members of NAS Whiting Field’s religious services would be more than happy to assist. Religious Program Specialist Aaron Spangler is the point of contact and can be reached at the NAS Whiting Field Chapel, (850) 623-7212 or aaron.spangler@navy.mil.



Pre-wrapped grocery bags are available for purchase for \$5 and \$10 at the NAS Whiting Field Commissary. They come with various dry goods that will help feed the less fortunate during the harsh summer months. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Marissa Tungjunyatham.

NAS Whiting Field Mourns Loss of Commissary Director



Naval Air Station Whiting Field lost a member of its extended family Thursday, June 23 when Defense Commissary Agency Store Director Kristen Linn passed away unexpectedly.

Linn, a Navy veteran and 24-year employee within the DECA system, had worked previously at commissaries at Richards-Gebaur AFB in Kansas City, Mo. and at Hurlburt Field before coming to Milton, Fla. in February 2015. She is remembered as a conscientious supervisor who cared deeply about her staff, the commissary and the community they served.

“She was willing to go out of her way to help anyone,” Store Manager Noah Moos stated. “She loved Whiting Field and the family atmosphere here. It was a great shock and she will be missed by a lot of people.” The commissary staff plans to dedicate a memorial wall behind Register One with photographs of her and will wear purple Thursday in honor of her favorite color.

The store is also planning a pot luck memorial for Linn tomorrow, June 30 at noon. Her four sons, Benton, Bradley, Christopher and Baron are expected to attend.

Professionally, Linn was an outstanding leader who guided the store toward a recent nomination for the best store in the region for its size category, and according to the Central Area Manager, Ron McMasters, he received far more compliments from patrons about her and the store than for any other store in his area.

“I can tell you that her enthusiasm and dedication were infectious. That her employees, the command, and her patrons all loved her is a testament to Kristi’s commitment and passion to her chosen profession,” he said. “She was truly one of our best and embodied the very best of all of us.”

2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source is ground water from three (3) wells. The wells draw from the Sand and Gravel Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatments required are chlorine for disinfection purposes and fluoride for dental health purposes. Caustic Soda is added as a buffering agent and Aqua-Mag is also added as a means to reduce pipe degradation.

In 2015 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are two (2) potential sources of contamination identified for this system with moderate susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp or they can be obtained from Mr. Jon Croci, Physical Scientist, Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF), Public Works Department (850) 623-7026.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **Mr. Jon Croci, Physical Scientist, and NASWF Public Works Department (850) 623-7026.**

NAS Whiting Field routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015. Data obtained before January 1, 2015, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar term and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Not Detected (ND): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): One part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Million fibers per liter (MFL): Measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

2015 CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Microbiological Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Highest Monthly Number	MCLG	MCL		Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	Jan-Dec 2015	Y	3	0	For systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month: presence of coliform bacteria in 1 sample collected during a month.		Naturally present in the environment
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Total Number of Positive Samples for the Year	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	
Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i> in the distribution system (positive samples)	Jan-Dec 2015	Y	3	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste	
Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic (ppb)	Jul-15	N	0.4	ND-0.4	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Asbestos (MFL)	Jul-12	N	1	NA	7	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	Jul-15	N	0.015	0.0065-0.015	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Jul-15	N	0.81	0.47-0.81	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	Jul-15	N	1.10	0.42-1.10	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	Jul-15	N	0.7	ND-0.7	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	Jul-15	N	41	28-41	NA	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Dichloromethane (ppb)	Jan-Dec 15	N	0.04	ND-0.52	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories

Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm) -Stage 1	Jan-Dec 15	N	0.63	0.45-0.77	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Halacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	Jul and Sept 15	N	1.58	0.87-1.58	NA	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	Jul and Sept 15	N	7.9	3.74-7.9	NA	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jun-Sep 13	N	0.33	0 of 20	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Jun-Sep 13	N	2.3	0 of 20	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Contaminants:

- (1) Total Coliform. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.
- (2) Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- (3) The NASWF Water System had an MCL violation for Total coliform and E. coli bacteria in the month of April. For Total Coliform three samples tested positive; two more than is allowed by rule. In addition these same three samples tested positive for E. coli. These sample sites were immediately retested with all repeats testing negative (no bacteria present). The bacteriological sampling procedures for this system were reviewed and modified in hopes of ensuring compliance in the future.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NAS Whiting Field is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also, come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

"We at NAS Whiting Field work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap," said Mr. Jon Croci. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. We at NAS Whiting Field would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.