NAS Whiting Field receives Secretary of the Navy Environmental award

NAS Whiting Field recently received the Secretary of the Navy’s Environmental Quality, Non-industrial Installation award. In an April message, Acting Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable James E. McPherson, announced the winners and congratulated the awardees for their efforts.

The environmental awards program recognizes installations, teams and individuals for their accomplishments in innovative and cost-effective environmental management strategies supporting mission readiness and performance in promoting environmental stewardship. The award highlights efforts in natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality, sustainability, restoration and planning.

“The Department of the Navy environmental programs play an important role in the achievement of our national defense strategy. The Navy and Marine Corps take a proactive role in enhancing mission effectiveness through the thoughtful and deliberate implementation of environmental programs to meet our expanding mission requirements,” McPherson said in the Navy message.

NAS Whiting Field Public Works Department has won several awards and recognitions over the span of many years for their continued dedication to water quality, environmental sustainability, compliance, and conservation to ensure mission readiness and total support of the Whiting Field mission.

“This award illustrates an outstanding partnership including the Navy civilians and contractors who serve our Nation here in Milton. Our Whiting environmental team works hard every day to protect the environment surrounding the base and sustain our mission capabilities. We feel very fortunate to be able to highlight the achievements of the men and women who operate the base and serve our nation while maintaining an outstanding level of environmental preparedness. It’s gratifying to be recognized at the SECNAV level for these accomplishments,” said Jeff Kissler, Environmental Director, NAS Whiting Field.

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NAS Whiting Field is the busiest aviation complex in the world and is responsible for training the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard’s future aviation warfighters. The installation mission spans across Northwest Florida and Southeast Alabama, including four counties.

“I want to congratulate everyone here at NAS Whiting Field on being selected as Secretary of the Navy Award winners for Environmental Quality Non-Industrial Installation. This award signifies an all hands effort. Special “Bravo Zulu” to all our NAVFAC (Naval Facilities Engineering Command) environmental folks for all they do to encourage and improve the environmental practices on a daily basis. Once again it shows that all the people at NASWF are the best,” NAS Whiting Field’s commanding officer, Capt. Paul Bowdich, commented.

Commander Navy Region Southeast announces 2019 Firefighter and Fire Officer of the Year

NAS Whiting Field – Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Rear Adm. Gary Mayes, and Naval Air Station Whiting Field recently congratulated the winners of the 2019 Fire and Emergency Services award competition.

Navy Region Southeast Military Fire Officer of the Year is Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (ABH) 1st Class, Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare (AW/SW) Brian Clark and Navy Region Southeast Military Firefighter of the Year is Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class (ABH2) (SW) Alex B. Torres, both stationed at NAS Whiting Field.

“This year’s recipients exceeded the requirements and have set the bar for excellence and the highest standard of first-responder performance. These superstars epitomize our core values and demonstrate a sincere commitment in protecting those who defend America. Congratulations,” Mayes said in an email announcement last month.

Clark, NRSE Military Fire Officer of the year hails from Hoover, Ala. and has been stationed at NAS Whiting Field for several years.

“Being selected for fire officer of the year has been a significant achievement. Fire officer has been one of the toughest qualifications I have gotten, and it took me out of my comfort level. It has been a team effort with a lot of moving parts. Without having Sailors to lead, I would not be able to promote the concept of team work and all the initiative that goes behind it,” Clark said.

As a fire officer, Clark provides advice, training and mentorship to the firefighting teams that operate at NAS Whiting Field’s twelve outlying landing fields in Alabama and Florida. He helps the fire and crash teams understand how to develop incident action plans in the event of emergencies at the fields, and helps get Sailors ready to respond.

“There is so much that goes on beyond the scope of what is accomplished at Fire and Emergency. Without our firefighters that make up such a cohesive and dynamic team, day in and day out at the OLFs, I am absolutely nothing without them!” Clark said.

Torres, NRSE Military Firefighter of (CONT Pg 4)
the Year is from Las Vegas, Nev., and is Fire Captain at Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Barin in Foley, Ala., one of the fields where Training Air Wing Five (TW5) student aviators train to become future aviators. As fire captain, Torres oversees crash, fire and emergency response actions, and the execution of life saving actions, if necessary, in support of TW5’s aviation training mission at the field.

“It’s an absolute honor to win Military Fire Fighter of the Year for Commander, Navy Region Southeast. I am proud to represent the Fire and Emergency Services Division at NAS Whiting Field. I have an extreme passion for firefighting, so much so that I also do it in my free time as a volunteer fire fighter for Escambia County Fire Rescue. This award means a lot to me and I hope to use it as a stepping stone to continue my career as a firefighter after my Navy career,” Torres said.

Clark and Torres are both critical assets to the NAS Whiting Field team and the aviation training mission here. The award and recognition highlights their hard work and dedication in their careers and to the Navy.

Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Alex B. Torres prepares a firetruck to be able to respond to any contingencies at Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s outlying landing fields. He was recently named Firefighter of the Year by Commander, Navy Region Southeast. (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class Brian J. Clark, was named 2019 Fire Officer of the Year for Navy Region Southeast recently. As a fire officer, Clark provides advice, training and mentorship to firefighting teams that operate at NAS Whiting Field’s 12 outlying landing fields in two counties. (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation month in 1999 to provide an opportunity to show the Nation’s appreciation for the men and women who serve selflessly in our Armed Forces. “We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.” (Ronald Reagan)
NAS Whiting Field receives Navy Security Force of the Year Award

By Ensign Michaela White, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office

MILTON, Fla. – Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) recently named Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field the recipient of the 2019 Navy Security Force (NSF) of the Year Award for the small installation category. Naval Activity Support Naples was the recipient for the large installation category.

The award recognizes installations that successfully completed the NSF shore training and certification cycle, demonstrated safety and proficiency in all assessed areas and achieved the highest scores during a Final Evaluation Problem, an installation security exercise that tests the security force response and readiness. “This award is the culmination of a tremendous amount of effort by this team. December December 2017.

It solidifies and validates the efforts of all of these people in this department and how hard they have worked and the pride and professionalism that they showed throughout this entire process.”

The evaluation for this award consisted of three phases: The Command Assessment of Review and Training (CART), the Regional Assessment visit (RASS) and a Final Evaluation Problem (FEP).

For the CART portion, CNIC and Fleet Forces Command (FFC) send out a team to the installations and observe the NSF’s standard operating procedures (SOP), pre-planned responses (PPR) and post orders, as well as antiterrorism and physical security plans. The teams observe and evaluate the security and safety drills at an installation to establish a baseline where a numerical score is given.

For the RASS, Navy Region Southeast, based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla., sent another evaluation team midway through the evaluation cycle to assess the progress from the CART feedback. The RASS results identify how prepared an installation is ahead of the FEP.

“The base did very well at CART,” said Lombardozzi, “The installation had the highest RASS score in the entire region at that point. At FEP, we really crushed it.”

NAS Whiting Field participated in the assessment phase as follows: CART in April 2018, followed by the RASS in May 2019, and the FEP in October 2019.

Capt. Paul Bowdich, commanding officer, NAS Whiting Field said, “I am extremely proud of our NSF team. They do an outstanding job every day, securing our base and protecting the people who serve here. This CNIC recognition is a testament to their hard work and dedication over the past two years and shows that they are prepared and ready for any situation.”

CNIC is the naval command tasked with overseeing 71 of the Navy’s shore installations worldwide. NAS Whiting Field was selected as the winner in the small base category (less than 500 personnel) from a field of 32 installations.

“Cohesiveness of the unit was unmatched, and the professionalism of our people is unlike that witnessed at other installations,” expressed Lombardozzi when asked how his blended team of both military and civilian employees worked together. “We scored a 92 which was the highest score in the region as well as the highest score in the continental United States. That was pretty awesome.”

The award is a pinnacle recognition for a security department. Lombardozzi thanked the naval security force at NAS Whiting Field for their outstanding dedication and devotion to duty in achieving the recognition, and called his team “the greatest security department in the Navy.”

“It is a true testament to their character. This award is the culmination of a tremendous amount of effort of this team, the greatest honor. Not only did we end up with this accolade, but throughout the process this team from Whiting Field was deployed to several other installations to assist them in their processes, which resulted in those installations also doing well in their assessments. We were able to really help and do a lot of good for the naval security force community, not only here at Whiting Field but across the entire region,” explained Lombardozzi.
NAS Whiting Field welcomes new Fleet and Family Support Center Director

By Ensign Michaela White, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office

NAS Whiting Field, Fla. – Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) welcomed Valera Young as the new Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) director recently. FFSCs across the world provide services to military members and their families such as counseling, career advice, crisis response and deployment readiness.

“Milton, Florida has been home for my family and me since 2006,” said Valera Young, a native of Alabama who started at NASWF as an interim director in July 2019. She was later named the director at the installation. She has been working with FFSCs across the globe for the past 30 years.

“I accepted a position as the FFSC director in Bahrain and then Guantanamo Bay Cuba for the past six years. I was over the top happy to be given the opportunity to serve as the FFSC director aboard NASWF. It’s felt like home since the day I arrived.”

The NASWF FFSC is thrilled with the opportunity to have a new director with so much experience. In addition to Young, the FFSC onboard NASWF consists of a team of 11 who are adequately trained and versed in all things pertaining to the successful operation of Fleet and Family.

FFSC provides resources at no-cost to military members of all branches and their family members, in addition to eligible retirees. Programs include: Life Skills Education, Clinical Counseling, Family Advocacy, Personal Financial Management, Transition Assistance, Relocation Assistance, Family Employment Readiness, Disaster Preparedness, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, New Parent Support, and Exceptional Family Member.

“We will continue to do what we do best, and that’s take care of families,” said Young. “I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else, doing anything else, with anyone else. We have a strong, support group of professionals NASWF wide. We rock!”

The NASWF FFSC is located at 7511 USS Enterprise Street, Building 3025 Milton, FL 32570, and can be reached by phone at (850) 623-7177.

For more information about NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center, visit https://www.facebook.com/NASWF.FleetandFamily/

USS ANZIO (CVE-57) Arrives at Shanghai, China, on 1 December 1945.

For an EMERGENCY on base, at Whiting Pines Housing, at Whiting Park, or at any of our outlying airfields, please dial 9-1-1 and identify that you are on base to the operator.

For a NON-EMERGENCY, please dial 904-542-8681.

To reach the NAS Whiting Field Security Department Administrative Staff during normal working hours:
- Installation Security Officer/Police Director: 850-324-4799 or 623-7725
- Deputy Police Director: 850-623-7835
- Chief of Police: 850-623-7270
- Antiterrorism Officer: 850-623-7387
- Physical Security: 850-623-7649
- Security Administration: 850-623-7694
- Visitor Control Center (Pass & Tag): 850-623-7205

May 5, 1961
Cmdr. Alan Shepard Jr. makes the first U.S. manned space flight. USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39) recovers the capsule after the 15 minute flight.

May 2, 1992
USS Anzio (CG 68) is commissioned at her homeport of Norfolk, Va.

May 24, 1939
Vice Adm. Allan McCann’s Rescue Chamber is first used to rescue 33 men from the sunken USS Squalus (SS 192). Four Navy divers receive the Medal of Honor, Japan.

Honoring our military medical professionals who take care of teammates—Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Banks screens a patient taking his vitals while using face coverings to maintain healthy practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by Julie Ziegenhorn, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office)

NASWF COMMISSARY DAYS & HOUR CHANGES:
Effective May 18, 2020--New DeCA hours of operation:
- Monday-Tuesday 9:00am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday 9:00am to 4:30pm
- Thursday-Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm
- CLOSED: Saturday-Sunday
Whiting Field Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to Training Air Wing Five Academic Award and Commodore’s List Recipients

TW-5 Academic Award and Commodore’s List Recipients receive recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on March 27, 2020.

TW-5 Academic Award and Commodore’s List Recipients receive recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on April 17, 2020.

TW-5 Academic Award and Commodore’s List Recipients receive recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on May 1, 2020.
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Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers

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