Tips and Lessons Learned to Become Financially Prepared for Disasters and Emergencies

The following is from the Family Emergency Response Financial Preparedness Training guide created by Michael LeClear, PFM at NAS Whiting Field FFSC and Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC).

The best way to plan for unexpected expenses that may result after a disaster is to start saving today!

Saving money can help you and your family avoid taking on more debt to respond to the costs of rebuilding your life following an emergency. Whether it’s a natural disaster, any other disaster, an unforeseen medical expense, or an unexpected home or car repair, you never know when you’ll face an emergency.

Ways to Save

Set your savings goal based on your monthly budget and savings plan. If you do not have a monthly budget and savings plan you need to create one, preferably one that automatically direct deposits. It does not need to be anything elaborate or super time consuming, but you need to know how much net monthly income you have coming in, a good idea of your living expenses and a list of your debts, including balances and monthly payments. If you need help creating a budget and savings plan, please contact me at michael.leclear.ctr@navy.mil or 850 623-7644. You
Declaration.

FACT: Disaster assistance includes: a U.S. Small Business Administration loan, which must be paid back with interest, or a FEMA disaster grant, which is about $5,000 on average per household. By comparison, the average flood insurance claim is nearly $43,000 and does not have to be repaid.

Source: FEMA National Flood Insurance Program.

You can only purchase flood insurance through an insurance agent or an insurer participating in the NFIP. You cannot buy it directly from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). If your insurance agent does not sell flood insurance, you can contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 800-427-4661 to request an agent referral.

Order the free Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) from FEMA.

The EFFAK is a useful tool which helps individuals and families organize critical financial, medical, and household information. It includes a checklist of important documents and forms to compile relevant information. The EFFAK can be ordered by calling 800-480-2520 and ask for publication 1075. You can also download a free copy at www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness.

Here are some important facts to keep in mind:

FACT: Homeowners and renters insurance does not typically cover flood damage.

FACT: Flood insurance can pay regardless of whether or not there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Do You Have A Government Travel Card?

As Hurricane Season kicks off there is an added importance to making sure you have a registered Government Travel Card in case weather conditions permit use of emergency funds. The Sailors who do not have a government travel card need to do the following:

1. Complete Travel Card 101 training: https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Passport
2. Fill out a GTCC SoU and have a supervisor sign.
3. Create or logon to DTS account and verify information.
4. Email Travel Card 101 certification and SoU to: dwight.hester@navy.mil and andrea.kent@navy.mil
5. You will receive an email to apply for the Citibank GTCC. It is absolutely necessary to finish your own application in order to receive your card. This step is frequently missed, causing service members to never receive their card.
Lt.j.g. Lucas J. Zalar, a graduate of Gulf Breeze High School, earned his Wings of Gold at Naval Air Station Whiting Field on May 21.

Zalar grew up in Gulf Breeze and graduated from Gulf Breeze High School in 2014, where he got his first look at naval aviation.

“Growing up in Pensacola definitely had an influence on me,” Zalar recalls.

“Between the Blue Angels shows, and the TH-57s that would fly low over Pensacola Beach, it would always make me think about how cool it would be to fly for a living.”

While the influence of his hometown was apparent, Zalar had even more influence at home. “My father who is still active duty was prior enlisted in the Air Force then became a Navy officer. Therefore, growing up I always had a strong affiliation and appreciation for the military.”

Being able to observe the opportunities and comradery that come from military service in his father all but assured his own desire to serve. While Zalar knew he wanted to serve, he went back and forth on whether naval aviation was right for him. In the end, he remarks that he was “lucky enough” to be selected as a student naval aviator (SNA) and given the chance to earn his wings of gold as a Navy Pilot.

After graduating from Gulf Breeze High School, Zalar enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned his bachelors in quantitative economics, graduating and commissioning in 2018. His days of being a student would be far from over, however, as after commissioning Zalar went to NAS Pensacola for Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API), an intensive ground-school portion of flight training that takes place prior to SNA’s getting inside the cockpit of military aircraft.

Following API, Zalar began Primary Flight Training in Training Squadron Six (VT-6), flying the T-6B Texan II onboard NAS Whiting Field. Zalar continued his training at NAS Whiting Field after being selected for Helicopter Advanced Training

Pensacola News Journal reporter, Annie Blanks, and photographer attended HT-18’s limited winging ceremony to report the ceremony’s COVID-19 precautions and interviewed LTJG Zalar.

Zalar was winged by his wife, Kristyn Zalar, in a modified winging ceremony designed to minimize COVID-19 related risks.

The experiences that we are able to participate in during flight school and the Navy in general are things that many people dream of doing but never will in their lifetime,” Zalar states.

“Whether it be flying aerobatics in primary, using night vision goggles to fly your own route in advanced, traveling, and the friendships that I have
Pensacola Local Earns His Wings (cont.)

made, these experiences are hard to find in any other occupation. Though these opportunities require a lot of training and are not just given to us, they make the hard work worth it,” he said.

Zalar is headed to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 2 (HSC-2), the “Fleet Angels,” to learn to fly the MH-60S.

“I am excited to be able to use the skills I have been developing as a pilot to actually complete the missions we train for in support of our nation’s goals,” Zalar remarked on his future in the Fleet.

Zalar plans on making a career for himself in the Navy, but one thing that he has become accustomed to in aviation training is the necessity to adapt when life throws curveballs. “Whether it be the flight schedule, a flight plan, or weekend plans, things are constantly changing on short notice and you need to be prepared and adapt.”

While some aspects of the future may be cloudy, there are some certainties for Zalar. “At the end of the day I just hope to be the best officer and Navy pilot I can be so whenever I walk away from the service I will leave it knowing I made a positive impact,” he commented.

Training Wing Five Onboard NASWF Recognizes First All-Female Formation Flight in VT-2 History

By Ensign Michaela White, NASWF Public Affairs Office

Naval Air Station Whiting Field, FL – Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) recently saw its first all-female formation flight in Training Squadron Two (VT-2) history. The squadron conducts primary flight training under Chief of Naval Air Training Command’s Training Air Wing Five (TRA WING 5) which is a tenant unit at Whiting.

TRA WING 5 is an aviation training wing with roughly 17% of all U.S. Navy flight hours flown each year. The wing also averages 11% of all Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard flight hours.

“I actually didn’t know it was the first all-female formation flight until our very first flight in the formation block. Nicole and I showed up to the brief, and once we had finished sweating our way through the briefing items, Lt. Whitens and Lt. Ross were saying that they were pretty sure it was the first all-female one, at least for our squadron,” said Lt.j.g. Suzelle Thomas, a native of Birmingham, Ala. and 2018 graduate from the United States Naval Academy.

“That flight will be an experience I will never forget!”

Training Squadron TWO (VT-2), the “Doerbirds,” is the Navy’s oldest primary training squadron commissioned on May 1, 1960 at Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF). Its mission is to provide primary flight training to selected student naval aviators (SNA). Students from the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and several allied nations make up the approximately 250 students that graduate each year. VT-2 has logged more than 2,513,165 flight hours and trained more than 24,382 students since its commissioning.

Thomas and Ensign Nicole Thompson are SNAs in the primary phase of flight training onboard NASWF. Primary flight instruction is intense and provides a combination of actual and simulated flight experience to students. All flights in the T-6B are conducted under the instruction
of instructor pilots (IPs) who are designated naval aviators.

Following their first solo flight in the T-6B, the officers advanced to the precision aerobatics and formation flying part of the syllabus. The goal of these flights is to build confidence and enhance their skills in the aircraft. Thomas and Thompson were joined by their IPs, Lt. Jessica Whitens and Lt. Rhiannon Ross as their chase planes during the solo.

“I’m grateful to the women who made it possible even for me to have this opportunity. I also look up to the women instructors in our squadron. They portray such confidence in themselves and their place in the naval aviation community. Very cool to be a part of something like this that exemplifies women’s roles progressing in the military,” commented Thompson, who hails from Mobile, Ala., and is a graduate of the University of South Alabama. She received her commission through Officer Candidate School and hopes to fly the P-8 Poseidon aircraft someday. The aircraft is a multi-mission maritime aircraft that conducts anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.

 Females make up less than a fourth of the military, and the population of female U.S. Navy aviators is an even smaller demographic.

“Honestly, I try not to specifically think about my time as a female aviator though, but simply as an aviator,” said Thompson, “I, as I’m sure among many other women here, don’t want to be recognized for being a female. We want to be recognized for the hard work, dedication, or skills we’ve acquired over our training and experiences, just like the guys. All that being said, I’m sure there will be inherit challenges to face as a female in the military, but I hope to help make those challenges simpler for those that come behind us. Joining the Navy has been one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

“My goal right now would be to just keep learning as much as I can to hopefully make a positive impact in the fleet and in a teaching role whenever that happens,” Thomas said.

Thomas and Thompson both have roughly another year of flight training ahead of them before receiving their wings of gold.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy

Photo from left to right: Lt. Rhiannon Ross, Ensign Nicole Thompson, Ensign Suzelle Thomas, and Lt. Jessica Whitens stand for a photo following Training Squadron 2’s first all-female formation flight. Thomas and Thompson are student naval aviators, and Ross and Whitens are instructor pilots with Training Air Wing Five at NAS Whiting Field. They flew together during a formation training flight recently, the first recorded for VT-2. U.S. Navy photo.
LEAVE & LIBERTY UPDATE

LEAVE AND LIBERTY CAN BE AUTHORIZED FOR ALL PERSONNEL THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND WITHIN 150 STATUTE MILES STRAIGHT LINE DISTANCE FROM NASWF

Sailor’s hometown: Rock Island, IL
Time in service: 6 ½ years
Time onboard: One year
Favorite inspirational quote: “Whether you think you can or you think you can’t…you’re right” – Henry Ford
Rate or Career Occupation: Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling)
Contribution to the mission: Petty Officer Pulliam is an Administrative Petty Officer who handles daily correspondence and muster reports for the Fire and Emergency Services Department. Additionally, she is the Departmental Sponsorship Coordinator, assisting Sailors with their transition to NAS Whiting Field.
What motivates you? Being dependable and helping/bringing people up along the way.
Mentor: Senior Chief Barthelemy

NAS Whiting Field Water Quality Report

As part of the Safe Drinking Water act, each year the Environmental Protection Agency requires community water systems to deliver a consumer confidence report. In 2019, NAS Whiting Field detected nine (9) drinking water contaminants and none of them were above the EPA acceptable level. Please go to:


then click on NAS Whiting Field Consumer Confidence Report for 2019, or use the attached document, to view the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Report and learn more about your water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water onboard NAS Whiting Field. If you would like a paper copy of the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, please contact Brooke Boyd at (850) 623-7026 or via email at jacquelin.boyd@navy.mil at NASWF Public Works Department, Environmental Division.

Tower Spotlight: ABH2 Keyunna Pulliam

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**This Day in Naval History**

**June 04, 1942**
The Battle of Midway begins. During that morning, after sending planes to attack the U.S. base at Midway, the Japanese carriers Akagi, Kaga and Soryu are fatally damaged by dive bombers from USS Enterprise (CV 6) and USS Yorktown (CV 5). Later in the day, USS Yorktown is abandoned after bomb and torpedo hits by planes from Hiryu. The latter is, in turn, knocked out by U.S. carrier planes. Compelled by their losses to abandon their plans to capture Midway, the Japanese retire westward. The battle is a decisive win for the U.S., bringing an end to Japanese naval superiority in the Pacific.

**June 06, 1944**
Allied forces land troops on Normandy beaches for the largest amphibious landing in history, Operation Overlord (D-Day), beginning the march eastward to defeat Germany.

**June 07, 1942**
Just after dawn, USS Yorktown (CV 5) sinks after being torpedoed the previous day by Japanese submarine (I-168).

**June 15, 1944**
Following intensive naval gunfire and carrier-based aircraft bombing, Task Force 52 lands the Marines on Saipan, which is the first relatively large and heavily defended land mass in the Central Pacific to be assaulted by US amphibious forces.

**June 17, 1815**
Commodore Stephen Decatur’s squadron engages the Algerian flagship Mashouda near Cape de Gatt, Spain. Though the Algerian frigate maneuvers actively to escape, she surrenders after 20 men, including her commander, are killed.

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For an EMERGENCY on base, at Whiting Pines Housing, at Whiting Park, or at any of our outlying airfields, 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
- Chief of Police: 850-623-7270
- Antiterrorism Officer: 850-623-7387
- Physical Security: 850-623-7649
- Visitor Control Center (Pass & Tag): 850-623-7205
Whiting Field Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to Training Air Wing Five Wingers

HT-8 Winging Class May 8, 2020

HT-18 Winging Class May 8, 2020

HT-28 Winging Class May 8, 2020
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Congratulations to Training Air Wing Five Wingers

HT-8 Winging Class May 21, 2020

HT-18 Winging Class May 21, 2020

HT-28 Winging Class May 21, 2020
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Congratulations to Training Air Wing Five Wingers

HT-8 Winging Class June 12, 2020

HT-18 Winging Class June 12, 2020

HT-28 Winging Class June 12, 2020
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Congratulations to Training Air Wing Five Awardees

TW-5 Commodore’s List Recipient receives recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on May 8, 2020

TW-5 Commodore’s List Recipient receives recognition at TRAWING-5 Headquarters on May 21, 2020

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