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Fire department opens extension for new truck

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

With a quick twist and uncoupling of a fire hose, Capt. Matthew Coughlin and Fire Chief Frank Barrow dedicated the new extension for the Navy Fire and Emergency Services Gulf Coast fire house Friday, June 1. The short observance also included a "Push In" ceremony for the ladder truck purchased last year for the department.

"We were operating on a 17 year old truck and its life span was ending. We received the new truck last year in the hope of getting this extension," said Assistant Fire Chief Steve Volturo. "Now, we can finally push in and house our new truck and better serve Naval Air Station Whiting Field and the surrounding communities."

The previous truck had been in use since 1994 and responded to thousands of emergency calls. The ladder truck had served a valuable purpose for the unit, but couldn't compare with the capabilities of more modern equipment that was available. The new apparatus provides an additional

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Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin leads the push to back the ladder truck into the newly extended bay for the apparatus. The "Push In" ceremony relates back to the early history of fire engines when the machines were drawn by horses and after the horses were unhitched, the fire fighters had to push the cart back into the bay. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

NAS Whiting Field frocks 17 Sailors to new rate



Air Traffic Controller Airman Erin Muir receives her frocking letter from Capt. Matthew Coughlin during the frocking ceremony at Naval Air Station Whiting Field Thursday, May 31. The ceremony marks the selection of the Sailors for advancement and is the first time they are permitted to wear the insignia of their new rank. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field recognized the accomplishments of soon-to-be-advanced Sailors during a frocking ceremony Thursday, May 31. Seventeen 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 were frocked to Third Class.

Each Sailor received a frocking letter from Capt. Matthew Coughlin, 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

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CNIC Issues Guidance for Sailors Transitioning from Active Duty to Selected Reserves

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy announced guidance streamlining the transition from active duty to Selected Reserves (SELRES) through Perform to Serve (PTS) or Early Career Transition Program (ECTP) in a message released June 5.

NAVADMIN 179/12 outlines a new process for active duty and full-time-support Sailors transitioning to the SELRES via PTS or ECTP to receive Navy Personnel Command (NPC)-funded separation orders with an intermediate stop at their requested Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC).

"The benefit is a seamless transition from active duty to the Reserves," said Master Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Joe Mack, NPC Career Transition Office (CTO). "Before Navy established CTO, a Sailor would have to separate from the Navy and contact a Reserve recruiter in order to join the Reserves, which could take months. CTO continues to streamline the process."

According to the message, Sailors who receive a SELRES quota through PTS or ECTP must use Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) to select a



NOSC nearest to the area they intend to reside after release from active duty.

Working with their command career counselor, a completed Reserve affiliation screening checklist must be forwarded to CTO to ensure completion of all required enlistment and Reserve affiliation documents prior to the Sailor beginning terminal leave.

Transitioning Sailors who complete this process at least two months prior to separation will receive funded orders

from their command to their NOSC where they will complete their release from active duty (separation) processing and Reserve affiliation. Under this process Sailors affiliating with a NOSC greater than 50 miles from their residence are authorized up to three days per diem while completing their active duty to SELRES processing at the NOSC.

"This process will take an active duty Sailor affiliating with the SELRES from their current assignment to their NOSC without a break in service," said Mack.

Failure to comply with the process outlined in the
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This Week in Naval History

June 4

1934 - USS Ranger, first ship designed from the keel up as a carrier, is commissioned at Norfolk, VA

1942 - Battle of Midway (4-6 June) begins; during battle, the 4 Japanese carriers which attacked Pearl Harbor are sunk; this decisive U.S. victory is a turning point in the Pacific war

1944 - Hunter-killer group USS Guadalcanal captures German submarine, U-505

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1794 - First officers of the U.S. Navy under the Constitution are appointed. The first 6 captains appointed to superintend the construction of new ships were John Barry, Samuel Nicholson, Silas Talbot, Joshua Barney, Richard Dale, and Thomas Truxtun

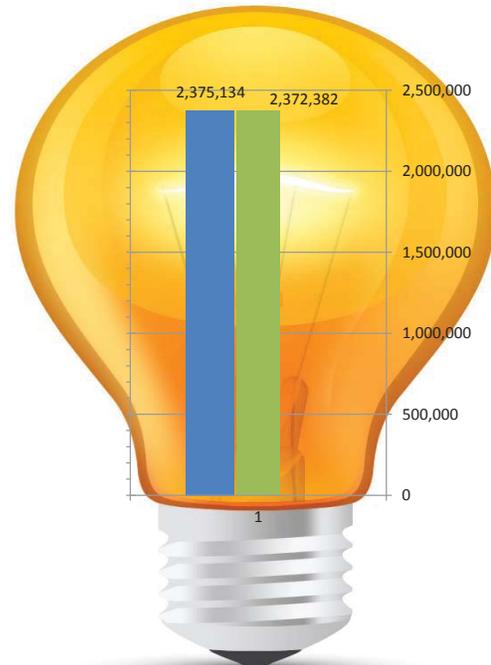
1917 - First military unit sent to France, First Naval Aeronautical Detachment, reaches France on board USS Jupiter

1945 - Typhoon off Okinawa damages many U.S. Navy ships

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1944 - In Operation Overlord, Allied invasion fleet (over 2700 ships and craft) land troops on Normandy beaches, the largest amphibious landing in history

Learn more at <http://www.history.navy.mil>



Power Outage

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's prime objectives, so each month we will display the energy usage comparisons for Naval Air Station Whiting Field between 2011 and 2012. As you can see, in May, the base consumed 2,752 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in May the previous year.

News and Notes

Leave Transfer Program - The following federal employees have been approved as leave recipients under the Volunteer Leave Transfer Program: ~ Ms. Theresa Houston with Command, Training Air Wing FIVE, HT-28. Ms. Houston recently underwent surgery and will require follow-up treatment and an extensive recovery period. ~ Mr. George Mendez with Naval Support Activity, Orlando (Code N3AT1). Mr. Mendez has been diagnosed with serious medical issues and will be out of work for an undetermined amount of time. It is unfortunate that Mr. Mendez has also experienced Leave Without Pay (LWOP). Anyone wishing to donate to either of these individuals must complete a Request to Donate Leave to Leave Recipient Form (OPM 630-A), which can be downloaded at: http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf.

ITT & Big Kahuna - Big Kahuna Water Park in Destin is now open. ITT has great prices on tickets: Daily passes for 48" and above are \$33.50, and under 48" are \$28.25. We also have the season platinum pass \$93.50. Platinum pass is good for anyday of the week, free parking and much more. For more info call ITT at 623-7032.

Tennis Clinics - The Pace Area Tennis Association offers adult and children's clinics throughout the week at the Santa Rosa Sports Complex. The organization will also be sponsoring several five-day youth tennis camp during June, July and August. Call 850-384-1156 or email rickcuny22@gmail.com for additional information on costs and times.



A New Star

Master Chief Master-at-Arms Pete Cady receives his new collar device from his wife, Christine, during his frocking ceremony Friday, June 1. Cady, currently serving as the command career counselor, was pinned at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field command conference room. His daughter, Courtney, pinned his other anchor. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Be sure to check out NAS Whiting Field's Facebook fan page for additional information, photos and more -- <https://www.facebook.com/#!/nas-whitingfield>



Cultural Celebration

Members of the Diversity Committee prepare to serve the guests for the Asian - Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon in the Auditorium, Wednesday, May 30. The group helps to celebrate many of the heritage commemorations held throughout the year at NAS Whiting Field. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

Preparing for the 2012 Hurricane Season - NAS Whiting Field set Hurricane Condition Of Readiness (COR) V Tuesday, May 29, for the 2012 hurricane season. Navy Region Southeast sets this COR each year prior to June 1. The installation will be in this COR setting effective May 29 through Nov. 30. This Cor setting indicates that the Installation and its Tenant Commands are prepared for the approach of a hurricane within 96 hours. There are five COR settings (COR IV 72 HRs, III 48 HRs, II 24 HRs, and I 12 HRs) and each is set by the number of hours to landfall or nearest point of approach. This system provides all personnel and Commands the opportunity to prepare for the onset of winds and rain associated with hurricane weather. It is important for all personnel to understand this system and the requirements that are associated with each COR. There is a large amount of information contained in the 2012 Disaster Preparedness Guide published by the Santa Rosa Emergency Management team. This handy guide is available from Fleet and Family Support, Whiting Pines Housing Office and other locations throughout Santa Rosa County. Our Emergency Management Team at NAS Whiting Field has a small number available for distribution as well. For more information concerning hurricane preparedness, please contact your Emergency Management Office at 850-623-7324 or 850-623-7038."

Feel the Heat - Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) announced the phased Navy-wide release of the Housing Early Application Tool (HEAT) beginning May 1. This web based tool will allow Sailors and their families to apply for housing online from any computer.

HEAT utilizes authoritative systems to reduce the amount of personal information and to steam line the online process. HEAT can be securely accessed from any computer with an internet connection. Service members or their spouses can use HEAT prior to receiving permanent change of station (PCS) orders to request information about community housing or check on their eligibility for military and privatized housing. They may also submit HEAT requests to multiple Installations if they are not sure where they may be stationed next.

HEAT will be implemented by region and will be Navy-wide by June 30. To access HEAT and for more information about when your base will have HEAT, please visit <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/HEAT>.

Upcoming Events

June 8, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

June 22, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

June 29, 1000 - HT-28 Change of Command - Atrium

July 4 - Independence Day

July 13, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

July 20, TBD - VT-6 Change of Command - Atrium

Fleet and Family Support Classes

Self Employment - Monday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

“In business, there are no guarantees. There is simply no way to eliminate all the risks associated with starting a small business-but you can improve your chances of success with good planning, preparation, and insight. Start by evaluating your strengths and weaknesses as a potential owner and manager of a small business.” This great, advice from the Small Business Administration. NAS Whiting Field’s Fleet and Family Support Center offers you this opportunity to evaluate/develop your business plan in the above class. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

IA Discussion Group - Tuesday, June 12 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Thrift Savings Plan - Thursday, June 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Start investing in your future now. The money you save and earn through your TSP account will provide an important source of retirement income. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, June 15 & 29 from 8 a.m. to Noon. (Call for an Appointment)

Career Exploration - Monday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

The fundamental obstacle for most job seekers (whether highly skilled or otherwise) is that the lack the information necessary to be effective applicants. Attending the Career Exploration workshop will provide you with information to assist you develop a more competitive edge when job hunting. In this workshop information will be provided regarding, transferrable skills, local labor market information, strategies for locating the hidden job market, resume writing tips, and interviewing tips. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

DEFY program seeks participants for upcoming season

The Drug Education for Youth Program (DEFY) is looking for children ages 8-13, for a 5 day free leadership camp that focuses on drug resistance and everything else that comes with typical summer camps, including: swimming, kayaking, archery, teambuilding, and much, much more. Any child who’s parent or guardian has a CAC or military ID card are eligible for this program.

The season will be ramping up soon and the drive for it is already underway. Camp dates are scheduled for 23-27 July at Camp Timpoochee in Niceville (this is a 5 day overnight camp). Interested parents must have their child(ren) registered in the DEFY program for the upcoming year and children need to be between the ages of 8-13. Required forms may be obtained by emailing the DEFY coordinator at trevor.rowe@navy.mil or nina.buruca@navy.mil. Completed forms may be dropped off in BLDG 1471 RM#127.

The greatest part is that DEFY doesn’t end after camp. The program includes monthly activities throughout the school year and field trips where program mentors strive to create a fun-filled environment while working to grow well-adjusted, drug-free citizens.

There are 35 spots available. Applications are taken on a first come, first served basis and the annual youth drive will end June 30. Please don’t hesitate to call 665-6151 with any questions.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

Question: I’m retired military; do I need a decal to access NAS Whiting Field?



Answer: General and Flag Officers (O-7 and above) (active duty and retired), Navy Commercial Access Control (NCAC) cardholders (formerly known as RAPID-GATE), retirees of any DoD branch, and any exception designated by the ISO (SECO) are waived from the requirement to affix the Registered Vehicle Decal to their vehicle(s).

Extension

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25 feet of vertical length to reach the uppermost floors of any building at NAS Whiting Field. It also has an increased load rating for emergency rescues and can pump 770 gallons per minute more than the old Pierce Arrow vehicle. The enhanced capacities of the truck will enable a greater range of emergency response and improved fire fighting capabilities.

However, with the greater length, the truck didn't fit in any of the existing truck bays within the firehouse. The contract to build the extension was awarded shortly before the fire department was able to take delivery of the apparatus. The contract called for a portion of an existing truck bay to be extended by roughly 27 feet. Cost of the construction was approximately \$160,000.

Before opening the bay for the first time, Coughlin addressed the audience and thanked the participants for their hard work and dedication to the project.

"There is obviously a lot of teamwork involved whenever an event like this comes together," Coughlin stated. "It is awesome to see it in action. I appreciate everyone's efforts in making today happen."

The event served as both a grand opening for the new bay, and as a chance to finally execute an old tradition with the receipt of a new truck. The "Push In" tradition dates back to the days of horse drawn fire fighting vehicles. Representing the seamless transition of readiness from one vehicle to the next, the tradition calls for the transfer of water from the old vehicle to the newer one, a wash-down of the wheels which would have prevented the old wooden wheels from cracking, and pushing the vehicle into its bay. Much of the tradition had previously been executed, but the "Push In" couldn't be completed until the bay was ready. So just like the old horse drawn fire fighting vehicles would have been pushed into the station once the horses were unhitched; all the attending guests joined the fire fighters in pushing the vehicle into its new home.



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin and Station One Fire Chief Frank Barrow uncouple the fire hose across the entrance to the new ladder truck bay extension of the fire house. This is only the second renovation to the building since it was constructed in 1974 and enables the fire department to house the new ladder truck the station received late in 2011. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Reserves

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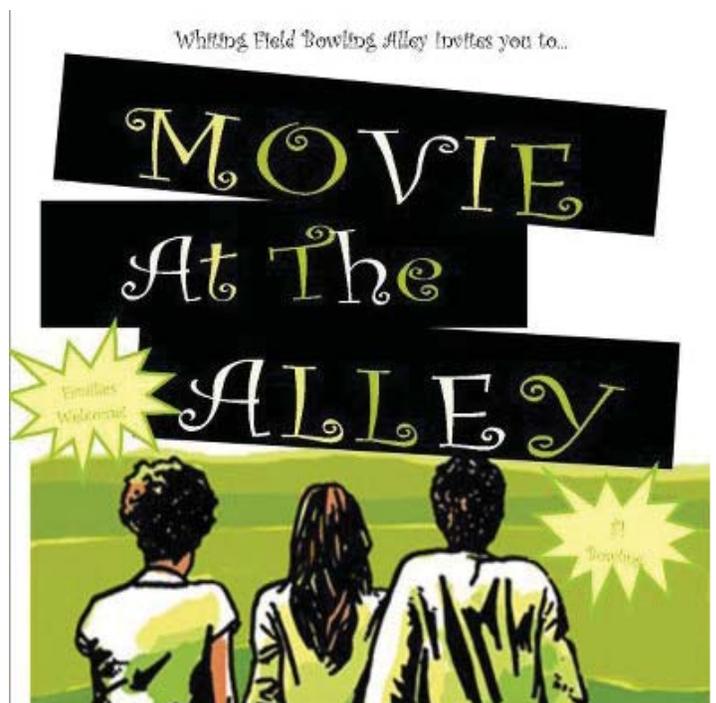
message may cause delays in transitioning and require the Sailor to complete separation processing from their active component command. The Sailor will incur the expense in reporting to their selected NOSC.

The CTO was established under the Navy's continuum of service initiative to ease the transition of personnel from active duty to Reserve billets, decrease transition processing times and error rates, and increase Reserve affiliation among qualified Sailors leaving active duty. Since its inception CTO has assisted 1,021 enlisted Sailors with their transition from the active duty to the Reserve component.

The Navy Reserve offers a two-year deployment deferment for Sailors who join the Reserve within six months of leaving active duty.

SELRES service requires a minimum commitment of one weekend a month and two weeks every year. However, flexible drilling options may be made available depending upon Reserve unit requirements and procedures.

For more information, read NAVADMIN 179/12 available in the message section at www.npc.navy.mil.



The Liberty program is sponsoring "Movie at the Alley" Friday June 8 at 7:30 p.m. Liberty will present a free showing of "MUPPETS" and the evening includes \$1 bowling! Call 850-623-7274 for details.

Frocking

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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 advancement including: Air Traffic Controller Airman James Scott, Air Traffic Controller Airman Austin Suppes, Air Traffic Controller Airman Erin Muir, Air Traffic Controller Airman Keesha Hunt, Air Traffic Controller Airman Vernon Dantzler, Master-at-Arms Seaman Ian Wieserman, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class James Blake, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Kyle Richardson, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Adam Oliver, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Christopher Lipscomb, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class John Greenwood, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Robert Parker, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Jeffery Pierson, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Christopher Bullock, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Steve Gonzalez, Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Yolanda Jordan and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Oscar Ruelas.

"This day marks a lot of hard work and dedication, and I want to congratulate you all," Coughlin stated. "This is always one of my favorite days, and the recognition is well deserved. Great job!"



Battle of Midway 70th Anniversary

Repairing bomb damage on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after the carrier was hit by Japanese bombs on 4 June 1942. This hole, about twelve feet in diameter, was caused by a 250 Kilogram bomb that exploded on contact with the flight deck. Its explosion killed and injured many men on nearby guns and set fires on the hangar deck. The hole was quickly repaired with a timber and steel plate cover, allowing resumption of flight deck activities. Photo and cutline from www.history.navy.mil

Christmas in June Golf Scramble

FRIDAY JUNE 29th

GREAT PRIZES!



Registration at 7 a.m. - Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

Four Person Scramble Format

\$30 per person

\$5 for Three Mulligans and a Tee Buster

A NAS Whiting Field's Christmas Party Fundraiser event!

Prizes for First and Second Place teams as well as Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Grand Prize Drawing for a 1 night stay at the IP Casino in Biloxi, MS including 2 free buffets and 4 free rounds of golf including cart at Dogwood Hills Golf Course in Biloxi. For additional information or to register for the event, contact Jay Cope at 665-6121 or Jay.Cope@navy.mil.