



NASWF completes Citadel Shield drills

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

A disgruntled employee walks into work one morning with a handgun and proceeds to injure and kill his co-workers during an insane shooting spree that lasts only a few minutes before six people, including the shooter himself, are “dead.” Whether calling it “going postal” or a serial shooting, it is the kind of scenario that security force personnel dread, which is the reason it is so important to train for exactly such a potential hazard.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s training team executed such a mock development last Thursday, Feb. 21 to test the response capability of the security force teams to an active shooter. The drill was part of the base’s annual work-up for the navy-wide Citadel Shield exercise.

During the two-week drill time frame, NAS Whiting Field performed two separate drill packages to activate and train the various elements of its active duty, contract personnel, and auxiliary security force teams. The first, Feb. 20, was a non-violent protest at the east gate. The drills

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Todd Martin, a member of the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Security Force, enters a room in the operations building while searching for a suspect during the active shooter drill the base completed as part of the Navy-wide Citadel Shield exercise. Several members of the security team responded to the drill seeking the “shooter” and any “survivors.” U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Base Firefighter to compete for CNIC Award - Johnson named CNRSE nominee for top military firefighter

By Ensign Robert Luers, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A Naval Air Station Whiting Field Crash Division team member was selected by Commander Navy Region Southeast to represent the 15-base region in the Navy’s Military Firefighter of the Year competition.

The nomination recognized Aviation Boatswain Mate Handling Second Class Shawn Johnson’s superior technical ability as well as his devotion to enhance the capabilities of the other military members with whom he works as well as the local community. Johnson received the news on Feb. 6 via a phone conversa-



Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Shawn Johnson CNRSE Nominee for Military Firefighter of the Year

tion from Capt. Matthew Coughlin, the base Commanding Officer, and was a little stunned by the call.

“I was in the middle of my emergency medical technician class when my phone started to vibrate. I looked down and noticed that it was from a base number and then excused myself to call the number back. I was surprised and shocked to hear [the Skipper] answer my phone call, and tell me that I was chosen to represent the fire fighters of Navy’s southeast region,” said Johnson.

Johnson’s nomination was the capstone of an amazing year of benevolence, community support,

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ITT: A chance to travel is right on your doorstep

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

It would be hard to imagine signing up for the Navy lifestyle without a desire to see and experience new things. Travelling to exotic locations is part and parcel of serving in the maritime military and was embodied for years in the slogan, “The Navy, it’s not just a job. It’s an adventure.”

So even while stationed at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, the footloose urge to see what lies beyond the horizon still needs to be satisfied – and the Information, Tickets and Travel office can help you do just that.

As part of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office at the base, ITT offers a host of options to help patrons experience that weekend getaway, romantic excursion, or even the annual family trip. From cruises, to island resorts, to fantastical amusement parks, or even the ideal local retreat, ITT has the means to help.

While that doesn’t mean ITT is a travel agency,



Marcy Allen and Cyndi Myers form the Information Tickets and Travel office team at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. While offering many of the same amenities as a travel agency, the team still tries to take care of the base and tenant command teams with a personal touch. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

there are a lot of similarities in the products they offer. The biggest difference is simply the fact that ITT is not a money making venture. Travel agencies, while helpful, are in business to make a profit. ITT Manager Marcy Allen stresses that after expenses, any profit is placed back into the unit allocation funds for commands to use for entertainment functions.

“Cyndi and I both love what we do for our military. We provide a service for our customers and we work to support the base and the tenant commands,” she said. “We want them to know we have the information they need and we want to help them with every aspect of their travel opportunities.”

Allen and Cynthia (Cyndi) Myers have been a team for nearly a year and one-half now, and Allen says it is a huge difference from when she started the office solo about four years ago. When she first started, the office was pretty much limited to selling discounted tickets to local and state

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TRICARE Notes

HEALTHY SMILES FOR YOUR KIDS

A healthy oral care routine should become a familiar habit for your children. Beginning a healthy routine early can teach children good behaviors that will continue throughout their adolescence and into childhood.

Daily brushing and flossing are important parts of good oral health care routines. Brushing and flossing prevent cavities and gum disease, which are caused when excess food debris or drink residues from tartar and plaque that can damage teeth and gums.

Parents and grandparents should make an effort to limit the sugary snacks and sweets children or grandchildren eat to prevent cavities and other health issues.

If your child plays sports, you should talk with their dentist about protecting their teeth with athletic mouth guards.

Regular visits to the dentist are an important part of any healthy oral care routine. The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) covers your children for two dental exams and cleanings per consecutive 12-month period. More information on your specific cost-shares, benefits, costs and to find a network participating dentist can be viewed online at www.tricare.mil/tdp.

This Week in Naval History

Feb. 26

1811 - Congress authorizes the first naval hospital.
1944 - Sue Sophia Dauser, superintendent of the Navy’s Nurse Corps, is the first woman promoted to the rank of Navy captain.
1991 - Navy A-6Es of USS Ranger’s (CVA 61) Attack Squadron 155 and Marine aircraft bomb Iraqi troops fleeing Kuwait City to Basra in convoys after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announces a withdrawal from Kuwait.

Feb. 20

1861 - Congress approves the construction of seven steam sloops.
1928 - A packtrain escorted by 35 Marines is ambushed by 600 Sandinastas near Bromaderos, Nicaragua. The Marines fight off the repeated attacks and are relieved the next day.
1942 - During the Battle of the Java Sea, an allied naval force attacks a Japanese invasion convoy.

Feb. 28

1893 - USS Indiana (BB 1), the first true battleship in the U.S. Navy, is launched.
1959 - USS Strong (DD 758) rescues 13 Arab fishermen from Bahrain when their fishing boats flounder in a storm.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

Phone Switch - NAS Whiting Field will undergo a change in phone systems Saturday, March 2, and base phones are expected to be out most of the day. The switch will entail a change in the way personnel will need to dial numbers on their phones. On base, the full seven digits will be used and for off base locally, 9-9 will need to be dialed before the seven digit number. A full explanation of calls is attached as page 12 of the paper.

Avoid this Vodka - Purgatory vodka, which is available through portions of the military exchange system, is a product which may contain or be partially derived from hemp seeds or hemp seed oil. Ingestion of such a product is prohibited, and may be detectable under the Drug Testing Program, violating Article 92, UCMJ.

Uniform Change - Commander Navy Region Southeast released the latest guidance for the spring uniform shift recently. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. April 1, the annual change to service dress whites and summer whites will occur.

Being a Good Neighbor - Base personnel who use Foxglove Road (first right after Richey's Automotive on Highway 87 South) and Summit Drive as a shortcut to Pine Blossom Road are reminded that these are residential areas with posted speed limits. Should a pedestrian or animal suddenly step into your path, you'll likely be unable to stop in time to avoid a disaster. Please be good neighbors out in the community and obey the speed limits.

ERAU Registration - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's



Fair Winds and Following Seas

After 23 years of combined Army and Coast Guard service, Lt. Cmdr. David Potyok retires from service with his family Christina (wife) and daughters Kristina, Julie and Beth. Potyok was the senior Coast Guard at Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN, after reporting to the unit in 2011. He previously served tours at Coast Guard Stations in New Orleans; Houston; Kodiak, AK; and Alameda, CA. He earned his wings in 1990 through Army flight training and accumulated more than 4,300 rotary wing flight hours. Photo courtesy of HT-18.

Penacola Campus is holding continuous registration for the Spring II Term until March 25. Classes begin March 25. Office hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays from 9:00 -4:00 and on board NAS Pensacola from 8:00am -5:00pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 -4:00 pm on Fridays. Call 458-1098 or email Pensacola@erau.edu.

Cancer Prevention Study - The American Cancer Society is beginning a new research study, called Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3), to help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer. The study will begin enrolling participants in the Pensacola area March 14-22. The study is not clinical in nature and requires only a willingness to complete periodic survey information as well as providing a blood sample. The study is open to men or women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have not been diagnosed with cancer. For more information, check out www.cancer.org/cps3florida.

All Hands is Back - All Hands Magazine is up and running in a digital format. Check it out at <http://www.ah.mil/>.

I Want to Ride My Bicycle - Come ride the trails with the Outdoor Rec Program at UWF, Friday, March 29. The trip includes bike, helmet and transportation for \$13.50. If you provide your own bike it will be \$5 for transportation. Van will leave the Outdoor Rec Shop (located in the Bowling Center) at 10 a.m. and will return to Whiting Field no later than 4 p.m.. Transportation and bikes are limited so sign up now! Call 850-623-7670 for details.

Is it Lunchtime Yet? - New Deli Express sandwiches are now available in the commissary. They are located in the three door cooler at the front entrance along with the cold drinks. Prices are good and drinks are ice cold. Small bags of chips are also available to compliment the sandwiches. Come and try one. Call Kim D. Jackson, at (850) 623-7131 and let her know what you think.



Retaining Our Best and Brightest

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Robert Hanning repeats the enlistment oath as recited by Lt. j.g. Kenyatto Mayes in the mid-field hangar at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Hanning reenlisted for six more years during the Feb. 22 ceremony. Photo courtesy of Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Austin Horst.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 28, 0900 - Ribbon Cutting MILCON 925 - Eglin AFB

Mar. 1, 1000 - Travel Expo - Atrium

Mar. 8, 1000 - NASWF CMDCM Rosado Retirement - Atrium

Mar. 8, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

Mar. 15, 1000 - NW Florida Blood Drive - NEX Parking Lot

Mar. 21, 1000 - Training Air Wing FIVE Change of Command

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, March 8 & 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)

Credit Management - Thursday, Feb. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The average American family has nine credit cards (1996 American Express Survey); three or four of those are used regularly; the average total balance on those cards is \$3,900 at the interest rate of 18%. Attend this class to find out ways to better manage your credit. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Developing your Budget Plan - Friday, Mar. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class is not designed to tell you what to do with your money; this class will challenge you to think before you spend. There is no patent on the "right" way to handle your money, but there are better ways to get your dollar's worth. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

How to Start a Business - Monday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Learn the skills and techniques needed to establish your own business. This class will assist you in developing a business plan. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Managing Your Credit - Wednesday, March 6, from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Common Sense Parenting (2 to 5 year olds) - Wednesday, March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Unfortunately, children do not come with instruction manuals. As a result, FFSC is holding a class that will provide you with the tools that will equip you with the skills for raising responsible and well-adjusted children. This class is for any parent who wants to "brush up" on their parenting skills or new parents that are not sure where to begin. For more information, call 850-623-7177.



THE AMAZING WORLD OF TRAVEL and RECREATION

MWR
NAS WHITING FIELD
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2013 TRAVEL SHOW

LOCATION: Atrium – Bldg. 1417
WHEN: March 1, 2013
TIME: 1000-1300

Open to Active Duty Military Personnel, Retirees, and DOD personnel

The purpose of the Travel Show is to promote reduced rate leisure travel to Military active duty, retirees and DOD. Vendors from various Military Travel Voucher Programs will be on hand. Door prizes will be given during the event.

Drill

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Patrolmen Rick Chambers (front) and Todd Martin advance quickly through the bottom floor of the operations building, Feb. 21, as they search for the active shooter during the Citadel Shield drill at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The two members of the security team on the base searched room by room until they found the simulated assailant. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

focused on initial responses to the potential threats, communications to appropriate points of contact (Regional Operations Center, emergency dispatch, commanding officer, etc...), and proper administrative response. The scenario's met seven of the eight training objectives issued by Commander Naval Installations Command. The final objective could not be completed as it focused on harbor activities that NAS Whiting Field does not have.

While such drills never go off perfectly, according to Whiting Field's training officer, Rudy Mendiola, they serve a valuable training function in helping people learn from their mistakes.

"[These drills] are how we improve our processes," he stated. The lessons learned we generate are the most important aspect we get from our training opportunities."

Both drills centered on the discontent generated by the tense negotiations ongoing with the budget situation. During the Wednesday drill, 14 protestors approached the gate, angry about potential cutbacks in spending and civilian furloughs. Gate security was forced to request additional assistance and ultimately the base's auxiliary security force was activated to secure the gate. The non-violent protestors dispersed shortly afterwards.

The active shooter drill involved a civilian employee who was convinced he was going to lose his job and his despondency resulted in bringing a semi-automatic pistol into work and using it on other employees in the

operations building. The security force, using fake, blue guns, cleared the building room by room searching for the shooter and survivors. Brian Belcher, who simulated the shooter, "shot" five people until cornered by a security team when he then took his own life.

The drill packages utilize real-world events in the planning to ensure the scenarios presented to the responders are as realistic as possible. It is important that when they report to the scene of an incident that the confrontation is one that could actually happen, although everyone involved hopes it never does. Preparing for the unlikely is a vital part of keeping the teams sharp.

"We use these events to help us identify shortfalls in our training and where we need to focus in future drills," Mendiola said. "Continuous training is important in keeping a team that is professional in its execution."



Master-at-Arms 2nd Class William Blackburn covers Patrolman Rick Chambers' back as the security forces ensure there are no other shooters during the drill on the base last Thursday. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Scorby Signs ‘Military Saves Week’ Proclamation

by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Greg Johnson

Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr. signed a proclamation in support of Military Saves Week at Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) headquarters on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville Feb. 13.

Military Saves Week runs from Feb. 25 through March 2 and is intended to encourage service members to make responsible financial decisions to build wealth and reduce debt. The proclamation officially recognizes the week and calls on all service members throughout the Southeast Region to take action to improve their individual and household financial situations.

“Personal financial stability is vital to our mission readiness,” Scorby said. “If our war fighters and their families are experiencing financial problems, it makes it very difficult to focus on the mission. These difficulties are largely preventable with the proper planning. Our efforts with Military Saves Week encourages everyone to assess their financial situation and honestly ask themselves if they can be doing more to improve it.”

Military Saves is a social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage military families to save money every month and to convince leaders to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings. It is a part of the Department of Defense’s (DoD) Financial Readiness Campaign and has been a partner with DoD since 2003.

“This has been a successful campaign for 10 years,” said Carol Lucius, NRSE Family Readiness Program work and family life coordinator. “If a sailor can identify a goal, whether it is to set up an emergency cash fund, get out of debt, make a down payment on a car or home, set up a regular and automatic savings plan or saving for college or retirement, Military Saves can help you develop your goals and take action.”

The program focuses on helping service members develop financial goals and taking the proper steps to achieve them by providing savings advice, tools, resources and motivation. According to Lucius, the program has a tremendous impact on service members because they routinely face extraordinary circumstances.

“Deployments and frequent moves can be big financial strains on military households and good financial planning for both events is essential for success,” she said. “Fleet and Family Support Centers’ (FFSC) personal financial managers (PFM), who are accredited financial counselors, will sit down with a family and help them execute a comprehensive financial planning worksheet to illustrate their current financial situation and to help them plan for the future. Whether a family is in good financial shape or not, PFM’s will work with them to improve their financial situation.”



Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr. signs a proclamation recognizing Military Saves Week in front of members of the Commander, Navy Region Southeast Family Readiness Program. Military Saves Week runs from Feb. 25 through March 2 and is intended to encourage service members to build wealth and reduce debt. U.S. Navy photo by Twilla Smith.

The Military Saves campaign is not only targeted at service members, but at the entire family, because spouses and children also play a huge role in overall financial stability, Lucius said.

“The personal financial readiness of our service members and their families directly supports mission readiness, and engaging our military spouses is important, as they play a vital role in maintaining financial discipline and stability within a military family,” she said. “Also, by learning good financial habits early in life, our children will strengthen their financial fitness for the future. The Military Youth Saves program is designed to encourage kids and teens to develop good savings habits at a young age.”

According to Scorby, raising awareness about Military Saves and promoting effective financial planning and decision making is the responsibility of all leaders throughout the region – not only during Military Saves Week, but year round.

“I challenge all of our leaders at every level in the chain of command to make sure their service members are aware of this program and the resources it offers,” he said. “Military Saves Week is a great opportunity to help raise awareness, but responsible financial planning is a continual effort. We need to ensure our war fighters know there is always somewhere for them to turn to when it comes to financial matters.”

Service members or dependents who would like more information about resources and services offered through Military Saves, or organizations who would like to find out how they can support the program, should contact their local FFSC. In addition, more information is available at <http://www.militarysaves.org/>

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venues. Working to expand her contacts, Allen began attending tourism and vendor specific functions to network into hotel reservation contracts, cruise opportunities and flights.

The end result is a full-service office that still tries to give a personal touch.

“We have to be up on everything. We aren’t just tickets. We aren’t just travel, but we are also information,” Allen emphasized. “Students may only be here for a short time before they class-up, and we need to be able to help them learn what there is to do in the area. We want to be able to provide that one-to-one face time that helps make their experiences more personalized.

It seems to be working. The average sales when she started were only \$17,000 and it was all in tickets. Now the ITT office is up 60 percent in sales per year, commission is up 70 percent and P/L is up 40 percent. That doesn’t mean that the office has reached its peak yet. Allen is still trying to make inroads toward selling full-service tours through

several of the travel companies that specialize in such products. Also, Allen will be adding another first for ITT this Friday with Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s first Travel Expo.

The event will feature an opportunity to speak with travel vendors in person about their products and services. More than 27 regional and national companies will be in the Atrium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to meet with service members, advertise their specials, and give away around \$5,000 in door prizes. The expo has visited several bases in the area in the past, but this is the first time Whiting Field managed to secure a date.

“We finally got on the schedule and it is an incredible sign of growth for our program,” Allen stated. “People can talk with the vendors directly, and they will see why it is important to use the services we provide on base.”

The main reason to use ITT is pretty simple – cost. ITT maintains several contracts with tourism companies that

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SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Identifying the signs of road rage and avoiding it. Road rage is defined as violent or visibly angry behavior by a

driver of a motor vehicle which can result in crashes or other incidents on roadways. Some signs of road rage include tailgating, cutting off other drivers, hitting the horn and flashing headlights. Driving slowly in the left lane, knowing others are trying to pass, hand gestures and shouting out obscenities or threats. Worst case is throwing objects from moving vehicles, following someone or getting out a vehicle in attempt to start a confrontation. Ways to avoid road rage is to be courteous of other drivers; get out the left lane for fast moving vehicles, don’t tailgate or get behind the wheel tried or irritable. If someone uses obscene hand gestures towards you; don’t entertain them by returning it. Keep a cool head; avoid confrontation and if you witness something you think is road rage, call the police.

1st Annual Medical Golf Tournament
4-Man Scramble

Thursday, March **14**, 2013
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

NAS Whiting Field
Golf Course

18 Holes, Lunch Provided
\$45 Singles, \$160 Teams
Money Due by March 7th

Individual & Team Awards, Door Prizes,
Raffles, Mulligans, Tee Busters, Putting
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Firefighter

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service to his fellow shipmates, and personal growth.

He began the year as a crash crewman at Navy Outlying Landing Field Harold, but was hand selected to serve as the Crash Division Training Petty Officer, a position normally held by a seasoned First Class Petty Officer.

His packaged cited that he tracked and ensured 100 percent readiness for all required training for the Crash team of certified Department of Defense Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters. Additionally, he executed over 250 live fire training exercises, certified as an airport fire fighter, trained to be a fire fighter 1 and 2 while being a qualified fire fighter 1 instructor, certified CPR and first responder,

"Petty Officer Johnson is the driving force behind the qualifications and certifications of the team. He ensures the personal safety of 112 firefighters assigned through education and completing required firefighter certifications. He approaches all tasks with zeal and completes them with unsurpassed results," said Lt. j.g. Kenyatto Mayes, Whiting Field's Crash and Salvage Division Officer.

While it wouldn't seem as if he had time for anything else, he also volunteered over 1200 off-duty hours as a fire fighter at Skyline Volunteer Fire Department, and obtained his Associates degree in fire Sciences at Columbia Southern University.

"The award makes it all worth it, and it is inspiring to be recognized by my superiors and my peers," Johnson stated.

Each year the Navy recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and honors fire departments and firefighters through the annual Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Awards Program. Navy Fire and Emergency Services is one of more than 100 services Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) oversees at military installations across the country. Protecting the men and women who defend the nation is a core concept of the F&ES program and it is vital to honor their contributions.

Vice Adm. William D. French, Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) emphasized the importance of the program when he spoke about last year's nominees and winners in a separate article.

"Fire and Emergency Services is a major program not just for CNIC, but for the entire fleet. The brave men and women throughout the enterprise work hard to ensure the safety of those who work and live on and off our bases. It's important we recognize those who perform above and beyond expectation."

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helps provide a lower price than what can be obtained online. Additionally, they keep track of military specials provided by the various agencies and can clue you in to the best options. Finally, Allen and Meyers have access to industry web sites that individual travel planners cannot check. Combined with their enhanced knowledge of working within the field, they are an invaluable resource as members of the base and tenant commands try to arrange their recreation time.

"Our biggest challenge is educating people on what we can do for them," Allen said. "There are a lot of opportunities in the programs we have to offer. We are willing to go the extra mile for our customer to make this the best ITT for its size that it can be."

Pensacola VITA sites

As Naval Air Station Whiting Field will have no Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this year, here are some locations where you may be able to receive assistance.

The following are the hours of operation for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites onboard NAS Pensacola, Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP), and CID/NASP Corry Station.

NASP Bldg. 624: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-noon, walk-ins only; (1-3 p.m. appointments only). Friday 8 a.m.-noon walk-ins only. Call to make an appointment. (Appointments are only for disabled and wounded warriors).

NATTC Bldg. 3460 Rm. 633: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. walk-ins only; Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. walk-ins only.

NHP (fifth floor): Monday-Friday 8:30-11 a.m. and noon-2:30 p.m.

CID Corry Station Bldg. 511, Rm. 121: Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m. walk-ins only; 4-6 p.m. walk-ins only.

For those who do not qualify for services on base, there are VITA sites in Escambia County. For more information or help with questions, call the United Way's central information site at 595-5905, or (855) 698-9435.

Escambia County sites include:

Pathways for Change Family Center:

2050 W. Blount St., Monday, 2-6 p.m.

Pensacola State College (Pensacola

Campus): 1000 College Blvd. (Bldg. 17,

Rm. 1715), Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10

a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-2

p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit <http://myfreetaxes.com/unitywayescarosa.com> for more information.

Congrats to TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



First Row: Cmdr. Christopher Pesile, USN, CO, HT-28; Ensign Danielle Redmond, USN; Ensign Sonia Herrera, USN; Ensign Paul Ellison, USN; Lt. j.g. Emilie Torielli, USCG; Lt. j.g. Andrew Snyder, USCG; Ensign Ameer Mulcahy, USN; 1st Lt. Peter Schrader, USMC; Ensign Rebekah Alford, USN; Lt. j.g. Megan Dillon, USCG.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Robert S. White, USMC, CO, HT-18; Ensign Bruce St. John, USN; Lt. Jesse Keyser, USCG; Ensign Matthew Vanlandingham, USN; 1st Lt. Jason Constance, USMC; Ensign Bernard Picha, USN; 1st Lt. Preston Curry, USMC; Ensign Clayton Shaw, USN; 1st Lt. Dominic Iacopino, USMC; Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, USN, CDR, MSC.

Back Row: Cmdr. Paul Bowdich, USN, CO, HT-8; Ensign Warlin Marte, USN; 1st Lt. Randy Sample, USMC; Ensign Ian Thamm, USN; Lt. j.g. Zachary Brown, USCG; Ensign Samuel Calaway, USN; Lt. j.g. Jason Maddux, USCG; Ensign Allan Lutz, USN; Ensign Cody Monroe, USN; Col. James Grace, USMC, Commander, TW-5.



Left Photo: Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. James Grace presents 2nd Lt. David Zitelli, USAF with the Primary Flight Training Academic Achievement Award Feb. 15 at the TRAWING-5 headquarters.

Right Photo: 2nd Lt. David M. Shank, USMC; and Ensign Marcos A. Marrero, USN display their Academic Achievement Awards which they received Feb. 22.

Ace's Pub: A good time place with an old time feel

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

Tucked just beyond the entrance to Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, two wood and brass doors with frosted glass advertise Ace's Pub. The dark brown doors would seem to signify the dimly lit ideal of an English pub, but walking through the doors, one gains entrance to a hall that seems more a shrine to aviation past and present.

Naval Aviation has a proud tradition of service to the nation, and Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Training Air Wing FIVE have contributed greatly to the cause, supplying aviators to the fleet for nearly 70 years. Most of the aviators over the past 20-plus years have probably stepped into Ace's Pub a time or two, and it reflects on the walls, the bar, and even the ceiling. The room is literally draping with aviation memorabilia from the T-34 and T-28 models over the bar, to the helicopter propeller that stretches across the entire ceiling diagonally, to the many deployment plaques on the walls (one that has the name of the Whiting Field assistant operations officer displayed), and much, much more.

The facility pays homage to the purpose of the base and tenant commands, and has since 1989. With inexpensive \$2 drafts, Ace's is an ideal place to share a couple of laughs, harbor some easy camaraderie, and swap a sea story (or two).

The only problem is that the facility is underutilized. The hours of operation have dwindled over the past couple of years and Ace's is now only open from 3 p.m. to about 7 p.m. on Friday nights, and those are in jeopardy with current fiscal constraints.

A typical Friday night might see barely a dozen people walk through the door, but when they do, the shuffleboard competition is lively, the beer mugs are cold and the conversation is loud – exactly the way it should be. With the close proximity to the enlisted quarters, one young Sailor wishes its doors were open more often.

"I only live 200 feet away," Air Traffic Controller Airman John Carmichael said. "Living in the Q, it's convenient. I would come more often if they were open more."

Ace's keeps a free shuffleboard table and darts as a pastime for the patrons, and the pool table is cheap. It is generally an inexpensive night's entertainment, but an invaluable way to get to know fellow service members, according to Lori Hughes, the usual bartender.

"Ace's is a great location to visit with your buddies outside of work," she said, "and a good place for pilots to meet each other across squadron lines."

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Top: The doorway to Ace's Old Time Pub welcomes customers to the bar.

Above: A cold mug paired up with a cold draft...the perfect combination.

Right: Plaques, like this one, adorn the walls in Ace's to reflect on the history of aviators and where they have gone through the years.

Far Right: The bartender, Lori Hughes, listens to a customer during a typical Friday afternoon. The bar has gained a few decorations during its 20+ years at NAS Whiting Field. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope.



Aces'

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Friday nights aren't the only way to see the doors to Ace's open up, however. The site can also be used for private parties at a much lower rate than any of the main halls. Rental fees run \$75 for four hours and \$20 for each additional hour - which includes the bartender's rate for the evening. Considering the unique nature of the pub, the military themed décor, built in entertainment, and the seating for up to 50, it is a very desirable locale for casual gatherings.

Ace's has an appeal that is unique to Whiting Field, and an increase in patronage is important to help keep it open and hopefully, expanding, according to MWR Directory Joseph Vukovcan.

"I think one of the misconceptions about Aces is that it is only open for military and senior civilian staff. In fact, it's available to all active duty and retired military, including their spouses. This includes all civilian contractors. Basically, anyone that has base access is invited and encouraged to stop by Friday afternoon to unwind and enjoy the atmosphere and comradeship with their co-workers. Who knows, with enough demand, there may be an opportunity to expand operating hours in the future."



Top: A pub patron gets ready to make a shot during a game of pool. Above: Fleet and Family Support Center employee, Angela Dunn, slides a puck on Aces' shuffleboard game, one of the bar's favorite pastimes. Left and Far Left: Ceiling tiles have been decorated by various groups for years, and the helicopter rotar blade that stretches across the room, likewise, has an interactive element to it as pilots have signed it many times over.



Dialing Plan Information Sheet

A Quick Reference for the NAS Pensacola NASP Corry Station, NASP Saufley Field And NAS Whiting Field Telephone Network (new dial plan)

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NAS Pensacola on-base and DSN NXX (including Corry Station and Saufley Field)

452-XXXX (459 DSN)

473-5600 through 473-6499 (753 DSN)

NAS Whiting Field on-base and DSN NNX

623-7xxx (868 DSN)

665-6xxx (868 DSN)

Worldwide DSN Operator

(312) 560-1000 (DSN)

DIAL ROUTE:

On Base: Seven-Digit On-Base or DSN Telephone Number

Local Area: 99+Seven-Digit Number

FTS Long Distance: 98+1+Ten-Digit Telephone Number

FTS Long Distance International: 98+011+Country Code+City Code+Local Telephone Number

DSN CONUS: 94+Seven-Digit DSN Telephone Number

DSN OCONUS: 94+Ten-Digit DSN Telephone Number

Toll Free: 99+1+Ten-Digit Toll Free Number

Emergency: 911

DIALING EXAMPLES:

On Base Dial the Seven-Digit On-Base or DSN Telephone Number

- Example: 452-1234

- Example 623-1234

Local Dial 99+Seven-Digit Telephone Number

- Example: 99+452-1234

- Example 99+623-1234

FTS Long Distance Dial 98+1+Ten-Digit Telephone Number

- Example: 98+1+850-452-1234

- Example 98+1+850+623-1234

FTS International

Dial 98+011+ Country Code+City Code+Local Telephone Number

- Example:

98+011+82-123-456-7890

DIALING EXAMPLES (Cont.):

DSN CONUS Dial 94+Seven-Digit DSN Telephone Number

- Example: 94+459-1234

DSN OCONUS Dial 94+Ten-Digit DSN Telephone Number

- Example: 94+312-459-1234

Toll Free Dial 99+1+Ten-Digit Toll Free Number

- Example: 99+1+800-123-1234

Emergency Dial 911

Standard Call Access Codes

Use the following access codes to access DSN, FTS, and local dialing services.

90 – DSN Flash Override Precedence

91 – DSN Flash Precedence

92 – DSN Immediate Precedence

93 – DSN Priority Precedence

94 – DSN Routine Precedence

98 – FTS Access

99 – Local Commercial Access

Common feature access codes:

115 – Call park

116 – Answer parked call

*2/#2 – Activate/cancel call forwarding

*3/#3 – Activate/cancel send all calls (SAC)

#4 – Call pickup

DSN Area Codes

312 – CONUS

314 – Europe

315 -- Pacific

317 – Alaska

318 – Central Mid-East

319 – Canada

606 – NATO

715 – New Zealand

72x, 73x, 77x, 78x – Australia