

Bowdich to turn over command of HT-8

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Cmdr. Paul Bowdich will relinquish command of Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT to Cmdr. Matthew Bowen, during a change of command ceremony Thursday, April 4 at 10:08 a.m. in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Atrium building.



Cmdr. Paul Bowdich

ing (CNATRA) production requirements for helicopter pilots by 5 percent, winging almost 200 military aviators. This encompassed more than 20,000 flight hours during 11,000 sor-



Cmdr. Matthew Bowen

structor Standardization inspection.

Additionally, he reinvigorated the squadron's partnership with Hobbs Middle School, encouraging members of the squadron to volunteer more than 460 hours to the community.

Bowdich leaves the "Eightballers" to take up the post of Navigator aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). It serves as the next step for a career that began in 1994 as a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He attended flight training at
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After more than 16 months in the top spot, Bowdich will release the reins of the squadron to his executive officer, who helped the squadron earn numerous accolades during their tenure. Under Bowdich's command HT-8 exceeded the Chief of Naval Train-

ties for Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied nation student pilots. Throughout the demanding pace of training, Bowdich required the highest quality of mentorship from his officers, resulting in a grade of 'Outstanding' during the annual CNATRA Flight In-

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Scorby signs proclamations to raise awareness

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), signed proclamations March 29 in support of child abuse prevention, sexual assault awareness and the Month of the Military Child.

The proclamations coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Sexual Assault Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child, which are all recognized during the month of April.

"These proclamations are in support of some very important issues that leaders at all levels in the chain of command should be aware of," Scorby said. "Sexual assault is something that should never happen and cannot be tolerated in our Navy and child abuse is in the same category, as well. While April is a month that we look to raise awareness of these issues, we need to remain constantly vigilant to ensure

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Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), signs a proclamation in support of sexual assault awareness in front of members of the CNRSE Family Advocacy Program on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Greg Johnson/Released).

Beginning with this issue, the Whiting Tower will be published every two weeks vice the weekly frequency as has been done in the past. This change will enable us to focus more on social media endeavors, web site upkeep, and hopefully enable us to provide a more dynamic Whiting Tower.

NMCRS still in middle of annual fund drive

By 1st Lt. Nolan Utterback, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The only organization designed to specifically help Sailors and Marines in financial distress is holding their annual fund drive through April 15. It is one of only two charitable drives allowed on Naval bases each year.

Formed in 1904 as a volunteer organization, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers Marines and Sailors financial assistance through budget counseling services, interest-free loans, and grants to Sailors and Marines in need of help. The annual drive kicked off March 1.

The active duty fund drive constitutes the single greatest influx of income for the Society each year, and about half of NMCRS's annual contributions come through the drive. Navy and Marine Corps retirees account for about 12 percent of contributions annually, while the rest comes from other donations.

The main goal for the fund drive is to achieve 100 percent contact with all Marines and Sailors. This means not only telling them about the drive but explaining the purpose and actions of the NMCRS in order to allow the service members the opportunity to decide whether or not they would like to contribute to the society. All contributions made are completely voluntary.

"Many people don't realize that we have a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society office right here at Whiting

Field for personnel to utilize," said Air Traffic Controller 1st Class William Norris, the point of contact for information about the Society.

The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

According to the NMCRS website, the entire organization uses only three percent of its funds for administrative costs, one percent for fundraising, and the other 96 percent is used for program services.

Norris said, "Money donated goes right back to military personnel in need, any donation large or small helps out."

Service members have the option to donate through monthly allotments, using a credit or debit card, or a cash or check contribution to the fund. Anyone who is not a service member and wishes to donate has the option of donating directly to NMCRS at the fund drive website at www.nmcrcs-funddrive.org.

For more information or to apply for assistance, contact Norris at 850-623-7594, email him at William.Norris@navy.mil, or visit the new office located in the Atrium building (1417), room 179.

TRICARE Notes

NEW AUTISM DEMONSTRATION EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABA PROVIDERS

The Department of Defense (DoD) and TRICARE have announced a demonstration project to care for military dependents diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

The Enhanced Access to Autism Services Demonstration allows reimbursement for educational intervention services, such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), delivered by paraprofessional providers. ABA is a systematized process of collecting data on a child's behaviors and using a variety of behavioral conditioning techniques to teach and reinforce desired behaviors while extinguishing harmful or undesired behaviors.

The DoD has been a leader in providing coverage for health and special education services for children with autism. TRICARE is one of the very few health plans providing coverage for special education services. In recent years, the per month special needs benefit for qualifying family members under TRICARE's Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) was increased from \$1000 to \$2500; however, TRICARE beneficiaries still find it difficult to obtain services from authorized ABA providers.

This Week in Naval History

April 3

1797 - Capt. Thomas Truxtun issues the first known American signal book using numerary system.

1942 - Adm. Chester Nimitz is named commander-in-chief, Pacific Ocean Areas, a joint command, and retained his other title, commander-in-chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

1992 - The first five coed recruit companies from Naval Training Center Orlando, Fla., graduate.

April 4

1776 - The Continental Navy frigate Columbus captures HM Tender Hawke; this is the first American capture of a British armed vessel.

1898 - Appointment of the first Civil Engineering Corps officer, Rear Adm. Mordecai Endicott, as chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks.

1949 - NATO is established.

April 5

1946 - USS Missouri (BB 63) arrives in Turkey to return the body of Turkish ambassador to the U.S. and to show U.S. support and willingness to defend Turkey.

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

News and Notes

Relay for Life Team Drive - The Milton Relay for Life Committee is looking for teams to participate in this year's Relay for Life at Pensacola State College Milton Campus, Apr. 26-27. Please contact Pat Holtman, the event chair, at pat.holtman@covenantospice.org or call 850-380-9666. Patsy Whiddon, team development, is also available for information at patsywiddon@miltonchevy.com, or via phone at 850-341-9642.

Energy Conservationists - Public Works would like to recognize the following departments/commands for reducing their electricity usage the most from December. HT-8/18 with -10.1 percent, TRAWING-5 with -11.1 percent, and the Fire Station with -14.9 percent.

Tee Time - The Naval Aviation Schools Command Alumni Association will host their 54th NASC Invitational golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the A.C. Read Golf Club at NAS Pensacola Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 26-28. It is a 54-hole four ball, two-man event with a modified handicap. Registration is \$130 per player (\$100 for active duty) which covers green fees, cart, range balls and hors d'oeuvres on Friday and Saturday. Teams must win their flights Friday or Saturday to play on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded. Call Chuck Lisner at 850-477-2252 for details.

App Alert - The Thrift Savings Plan posted a notice on its website warning account holders away from an unsanctioned smart phone application. According to TSP, the Apple App Store lists a free iPhone application called TSP Funds that asks TSP participants for their account login information. That application is not being offered through TSP, and that TSP does not recommend using the app to access accounts. The app could pose a security risk.

Gone Fishing - The Wilcox Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their month-long crappie tournament and derby April 13 at 6 a.m. The single day tournament ends at 3 p.m. that day, but the derby will continue until May 12. The tournament has prizes for hourly weigh-ins as well as overall top 10 biggest fish and junior



Scouting Out a Good Time
Lt. Merlin Chrisostomidis, the Training Squadron TWO public affairs officer, served as the tour guide and wore a sash as the "troop leader for the day," for Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 891. The group enjoyed a visit through the squadron spaces as he described life at Naval Air Station Whiting Field as a pilot. Photo courtesy of Nathan Antonio.

largest fish. Top prize is at least \$1,000. The derby consists of catching tagged fish. Each tagged fish is worth at least \$100 with special fish tagged at up to \$25,000. Entry for the tournament is \$30 per adult and \$10 per adult for the derby. More information is available on the chamber's website at wilcoxareachamber.com or by calling 334-682-4929.

Summer special - Ridge Cinema Gulf Breeze & Ridge Pace Cinema movie tickets. Unrestricted - can be used for any movie, any time except 3D. Active duty only \$7.00 ~ all other authorized patrons \$7.50 per ticket. Tickets do not expire - purchase now before prices go up - limited number available. For more information, call ITT 850-665-6250 or 850-623-7032

ITT Opportunity - Very exciting news released from LEGOLAND Florida today! Starting today, until the end of the year, LEGOLAND Florida will be offering active Military one free LEGOLAND Florida Admission ticket. Now until October 27, it will be a LEGOLAND Florida Water Park Combo ticket and from October 28 until the end of the year, it will be a LEGOLAND Florida ticket. This offer will be available at LEGOLAND Florida's front gate. All dependents, family and friends can continue to purchase discounted tickets at ITT for the best price. If you have further questions, please contact ITT at 850-665-6250.

Golf Outing - VFW Post 4833 will host their 5th Annual "Honor Your Vet" golf tournament Saturday, May 18 at Tanglewood Golf Club. Cost is \$50 per person / \$200 per team. The format is a four-man scramble with prizes awarded for first, second and third place as well as for a hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, free drinks during play, and an awards dinner at the VFW with door prizes following the tournament. Call Jackie Johnson at 850-776-6275 for more details or to sign up for the event.

ITT Special - Discount Six Flags Georgia tickets are now available at ITT - Single day tickets \$38.50 / Water park \$33.50 / Season Pass \$65.00. Adult and child prices are the same. 2013 season ends Oct. 27. Call ITT for more information at 850-665-6250.

Usage Information			
Total Used			
1,653,040 kWh			
	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	1,866,119	1,869,405	1,653,040
Average Daily kWh	64,349	60,303	59,037
Days In Billing Period	29	31	28

Energy Conservation
Conserving energy remain an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the past year by Public Works continue to pay dividends in our energy conservation programs. As can be seen in the above graphic from the February power bill, NAS Whiting Field saved 213,079 kilowatts of power from last year's bill. However, the power bill was still more than \$137,000 for the month. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 4, 1008 - HT-8 Change of Command - Atrium

April 12, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

April 25, 1400 - CSX Railroad Job Interviews - FFSC

April 26, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

May 10, 1000 - Northwest Florida Blood Drive - NEX

May 10, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, April 5 & 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)

How to Apply for Federal Jobs - Monday, April from 8 to 11 a.m.

Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort in searching and applying for a federal job? If your answer is "yes," then you need to attend this class in order to learn how to prepare the best application possible. You will learn how to read an announcement, analyze core competencies for language, analyze vacancy listing for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Smooth Move - Wednesday, April 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Make your next change of duty station move a smooth one. Learn what resources are available to you and the five key steps to minimizing stress during the relocation and transition period: get to know your FFSC Relocation Assistance Program Specialist, develop a plan of action, know your benefits, manage your moving day, make it a family affair. For more information, call NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 850-623-7177.

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Spring into action as a "Ready Navy" family

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- For many, spring brings a resurgence of energy and activity with the milder temperatures.

It is a perfect time to practice your family emergency plan and to re-evaluate and restock your emergency supply kit for the changing season. Although winter storms are becoming a fading memory, it is important to remember that weather and other hazards can be unpredictable. So spring into action as a Ready Navy Family and be ready for any hazard.

Be and Stay Informed: Learn about hazards that are common in spring months and most likely to happen in your area. The Ready Navy website "Be and Stay Informed" tabs offer specific instructions, information, and resources you may need to know regarding floods, tornadoes, man-made hazards, and emergency actions. Learn what you should know if you need to evacuate or take shelter in your home.

Make a Plan: As a family, make and refine your emergency plan so that everyone in the family understands what to do, where to go, and what to take in the event of any emergency. Practice your plan by conducting a drill where all family members must gather at your designated meeting place, exiting by various doors. Your emergency plan should also include how your family will communicate with each other, particularly if normal communication methods, such as phone lines or cell towers, are out. Road conditions and



other hazards can limit ease of movement. Have a contact person outside the area who each member of the family can notify that they are safe, if separated. Place a call to your designated contact person to be sure he or she is willing to serve in that role. The Ready Navy website provides printable forms and contact cards to guide you in your planning.

Build a Kit: The best way to prepare for the unexpected is to have on hand one or more emergency kits that include enough water and non-perishable supplies for every family member to survive at least three days. Keep a kit prepared at home, and consider having kits in your car, at work, and a portable version in your home ready to take with you. These kits will enable you and your family to respond to any emergency more effectively. Make a game of kit building with your children. One idea is to have your children go on a scavenger hunt to find and gather necessary supplies around your house. Make note of items you are missing and shop together at your local installation commissary and NEX to complete your kit. History shows that children who are involved and informed with emergency planning are better able to react safely in an emergency.

For information about Ready Navy and tips, forms, and guidance to be prepared for and stay informed about all hazards, visit www.ready.navy.mil. Ready Navy is a CNIC-sponsored emergency preparedness program.

HT-8

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NAS Corpus Christi before earning his "Wings of gold" as a helicopter pilot in 1997 with HT-18 at NAS Whiting Field. Throughout his career, Bowdich served three tours with HC-2 "Fleet Angels," helped establish HSC-22, earned his Master's Degree through the Naval War College, was the 'Air Boss' aboard USS Ogden (LPD-5) and worked as the Coalition Force Generation Officer for U.S. Central Command. He has more than 3,000 flight hours in the UH-3H, VH-3A, MH-60S, TH-57C and T-34C aircraft.

Bowen takes command of HT-8 after nearly 18 years of Naval service. Like Bowdich, he is also a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and served tours aboard the USS Whidbey Island (LSD-41) and the USS Bataan (LHD-5) before transitioning to Naval aviation.



Cmdr. Robert Sinram

Following his winging (also as a helicopter pilot with HT-18), he reported to HC-6 in Norfolk, Va. Bowen followed that tour with service as part of HSC-26, HC-3, HS-10, HS-8 and HSC-23. He also worked as the Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force; Director of Personnel for the Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component in Balad, Iraq; Deputy Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; and Special Assistant and Speechwriter to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, before earning his Master's Degree at the Naval War College.

Cmdr. Robert Sinram will replace Bowen as the executive officer for the squadron.

SR County Fair bringing fun to community next two weekends

The 2013 Santa Rosa County Fair is right around the corner and approaching fast! Lots of great, quality fun will be presented this year as the shows and exhibits are growing bigger and better. The fair runs April 5-7 and 10-13.

The professional rodeo events moved to the first weekend, so Friday opening night kicks off with the cowboys and cowgirls coming from all over to compete for the prize money and put on a great show!

Opening night is also the first ever midnight madness and the main stage has risen to the challenge. Firing up at 5:15 p.m. with Burning Fern and headlining RED Jump-suit Apparatus and ending with a "Dub step Dance Party" with the DJ "Ka Boom" at 12:15 AM. Saturday April 6, is Country music on the gulf coast at its finest, starting when the gates open at noon with "Willing to Dream." Shelby Sanders, Jarrett Crockett, The Chris Martin Band, the Riviera Band, Dusty Sanderson band and Brooke Woods are also on the day's schedule. The following Friday, April 12, SRC Fair welcomes hip-hop star D.J. Unk. He'll take stage at 10:45 p.m. and will be performing his well-known hits "Walk It Out", "2 Step", and more. Make sure to be there



Festive lights will brighten the Santa Rosa County sky April 5-7 and 10-13 as the Santa Rosa County Fair comes to Milton. The fair will host a wide selection of shows and displays at East Milton Park. The fair opens at 5 p.m. on weeknights and noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

early in the evening at 6 p.m. for a special performance by R&B artist, Geoff McBride. Geoff was most recently noted for his appearance NBC's hit television show 'The Voice' and you may recognize his 1990 hit "No Sweeter Love." Local acts performing alongside them will be: Feel Good, Deevillian, The Real Hooks, and Jessica Shumate.

For the Classic Rock fans, we'll be wrapping up the 2013 Santa Rosa County Fair with "Don't

Stop Believin" The Journey Tribute. The fair has lots of great quality entertainment throughout the week, so please check the schedule for other top local names.

Other top shows patrons can enjoy include, the FMX freestyle motocross show, Racing Pigs, NBHA Barrel races, the Open Pro Rodeo, youth livestock shows, and a collection of exhibits and demonstrations from all parts of Santa Rosa County in a clean, fun environment.

The fair board has reduced the ticket prices every day of the fair this year. Additionally, Wednesday and Thursday are now dollar days at the fair!

So whether it is rides, shows exhibits, animals, or art work there is something for everyone to enjoy. Visit www.srcfair.com for more information.

Proclamation

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the safety of our children and family members.”

According to Commander, Navy Installations Command, the Navy recorded approximately 1,000 substantiated reports of child abuse for Fiscal Year 2011. While this represents a steady decrease over the past decade, many incidents still go unreported, said Jeanette Werby, CNRSE counseling and advocacy coordinator.

“There are many reasons that abuse goes unreported,” Werby said. “Many people who know about abuse don’t report it because they think it’s none of their business or are concerned about the stigma a report creates and the damage it may cause to one’s career. Also, many children do not report abuse because they worry they will not be believed, have been threatened with further physical harm or simply feel responsible themselves for the abuse.”

According to Werby, the best way to combat child abuse is to raise awareness.

“Raising awareness about child abuse underscores that the problem is still here and so are the people who care about its resolution. Affirming at the highest levels that child abuse has serious, long-term outcomes for children and their families adds a compelling dimension to the message that child abuse is un-

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Pensacola VITA

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/unitedwayescarosa.com> for more information.

Outdoor Recreation Calendar of Events

March 29, 2013



Trail ride at UWF! \$13.50 per person includes bike, helmet and transportation. Van will leave the Outdoor Rec shop at 1000 and return to by 1600.

April 22, 2013



Help Navy Outdoor Recreation this Earth Day with a river clean up! **FREE**

All base eligibles are welcome. Outdoor Rec will supply the canoes, trash bags and coolers. Please sign up by Friday April 19, 2013.

Van will leave from Outdoor Rec at 0800 and return to base after the last canoe arrives back at shore!

May 11, 2013



Active Duty and dependents join us for a day of ziplining and tubing at Adventures Unlimited!

Trip includes: transportation (limited to first 20 people), "taste of the tour" zipline, 4 mile tubing down coldwater creek and lunch!

\$77.00

Last day to sign up 4/26/13



June 15, 2013

Join us for a day of playing on the water. All base eligibles welcome! We will leave the base at 0800 and head to the beach with our BIC standup paddle boards. 9 spots available includes board, paddle, lifejacket and transportation.

\$20



MILITARY CLIMB DAYS!



UWF Indoor Rockwall
March 30, April 27, &
May 18
0900-1200

\$15.00 per person includes transportation \$12.00 if you will be driving yourself. Van leaves at 0800.

Open to all base eligible patrons. Spots are limited so sign up today!



Congrats to TRAWING-5 wingers and scholars



First Row: Cmdr. Christopher Pesile, USN, CO, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Christie McAllister, USN; Ensign Meredith McKaig, USN; Ensign Deidre Coulson, USN; 1st Lt. Chad Nedeau, USMC; Lt. j.g. Jeremy Runco, USCG; Ensign Mark Trask, USN; Ensign Stephen Bauchman, USN; Ensign Bryan Marek, USN; Ensign Laura Woessner, USN; Ensign Stephanie Elliott, USN; Ensign Jessica Grupp, USN; Capt. James Fisher, USN, Commodore, TW-5.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Robert S. White, USMC, CO, HT-18; Ensign Tres Penny, USN; Lt. j.g. William Sirokman, USCG; Ensign Steven Berres, USN; Ensign Geoffrey Petersen, USN; Ensign David Heider, USN; Ensign Evan Jester, USN; Ensign Miles Shipley, USN; Ensign Travis McBee, USN; Lt. j.g. William Hoover, USN; 1st Lt. Brandon Smith, USMC; Ensign Robert Mills II, USN; Cmdr. Brad L. Arthur, USN, CO, HSC-9.

Back Row: Cmdr. Paul Bowdich, USN, CO, HT-8; 1st Lt. Coren Seglem, USMC; Ensign Andrew Ferring, USN; 1st Lt. Eric Nilsson, USMC; Ensign Kris Estabrook, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Harrington, USMC; Ensign Jonathon Wright, USN; 1st Lt. Sean Charvet, USMC; 1st Lt. Justin Lovell, USMC; Ensign Matthew Murphy, USN; Lt. j.g. Shea Quinn, USCG; and Ensign John Bice, USN.



Left Photo: 2nd Lt. Zoe M. Kotnik, USAF; Ensign Christopher H. Pagenkopf, USN; Ensign Aric M. McGee, USN; Lt. j.g. Eric J. Barnett, USCG; Ensign Andrew W. Quiel, USN; and 2nd Lt. John T. Tyrholm, USAF receive their Academic Achievement Awards at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters Mar. 15.



Right Photo: The Academic Awards ceremony held at TW-5 on Mar. 29 recognized Ensign Thomas T. Cullen, USN; Ensign Margaret A. Morgan, USCG; and Lt. Thomas D. Mulder, USCG.

Proclamation

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acceptable. Those in leadership roles set the tone and course for awareness, response and intervention,” she said.

To find out more about how you can help prevent child abuse or to report an incident of child abuse, contact your installation’s Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

Like the child abuse prevention and military child proclamation, the Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation is intended raise awareness about sexual assault.

“Leadership input is of the utmost importance with sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts,” said Julie Mooney, regional sexual assault response coordinator. “The Secretary of the Navy established the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) in 2009 and it has significantly raised awareness. In 2011, SAPRO hosted a SAPR summit with the primary focus of raising leadership’s awareness of sexual assaults that occur within the ranks and the need for increased prevention efforts. I am optimistic that support from leadership in regards to those prevention efforts will have a significant impact on the effectiveness of the Navy’s overall efforts,” Mooney said.

While raising awareness is one of the primary tools in preventing sexual assault, the Navy SAPR program also focuses on supporting victims. The Navy offers a variety of support services, including clinical counseling and legal services.

Each installation has a 24-hour SAPR victim advocate line. These numbers are advertised throughout the installations and may be dialed to ask questions, inquire about resources or report a sexual assault. In addition, each installation has a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) located at the FFSC to ensure victims receive the support services they need, Mooney said. People may also contact the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-995-5247 or via <http://www.safehelpline.org>

To find out more about the Navy’s SAPR program, contact your local FFSC or SARC, or visit http://cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/WhatWeDo/FleetandFamilyReadiness/FamilyReadiness/FleetAndFamilySupportProgram/SexualAssaultPreventionandResponse/index.htm

Chalkboard Minute



Chris Hendrix
Schools Liaison Officer

Are You Aware of the Changes for Eligibility for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships?

For students anticipating graduation in June 2013, have you been briefed on the eligibility changes to the Bright Futures scholarships?

General eligibility requirements include the following:

- Be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at an eligible Florida post-

secondary institution.

- Begin using the scholarship funds within two – not the previous three - years of high school graduation. This is a 2012 legislative change.
- Have not been found guilty or have not pled no contest to a felony charge.
- Be enrolled for at least six non-remedial semester credit hours.

A major change implemented in 2011 was the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is still a REQUIREMENT for Bright Futures eligibility. New language states that students must submit an ERROR-FREE FAFSA. The FAFSA is also required in the submission of a Florida Resident Access Grant and Access

to Better Learning and Education Grant. Students, after the initial submission of the FAFSA, must then annually submit the FAFSA for renewal of the scholarship prior to disbursement of funds.

Another 2011 change was the increased community service requirements for all three Bright Futures award levels.

- FAS – 100 hours (increased from 75 hours)
- FMS – 75 hours (increased from 0 hours)
- GSV – 30 hours (increased from 0 hours).

SAT and ACT test score requirements also changed for this year’s graduating class.

Graduation Year	FAS	SAT	ACT	FMS	SAT	ACT
2011-2012		1270	28		980	21
2012-2013		1280	28		1020	22

The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award is no longer funded for an AA or BA degree program. GSV award is now limited to 72 semester hours towards an AS, AAS, CCC, and PSAV. However in the Applied Technology Diploma (ATP) it is limited to 60 semester hours. GSV no longer rolls over to the Medallion level award.

For additional information on the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, go online to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

If you have questions about this article or concerns about any other educational issue, please contact Chris Hendrix at 850-665-6105 or email him at christopher.p.hendri@navy.mil.