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Moynihan Surpasses 8,000 Flight Hours for Career

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A flight instructor on board Naval Air Station Whiting Field passed a significant milestone Jan. 11 when he completed his 8,000th flight hour in a TH-57 helicopter.

Cmdr. David Moynihan, USCG was honored with a splash of water from a fire truck and a cake presented by Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN and his wife, Tannia, upon return from the flight.

"This was a great opportunity for us to recognize Cmdr. Moynihan," Cmdr. Mark Murray, Commanding Officer of HT-18 said. "He is an incredible talent and a dedicated Vigilant Eagle. We're very fortunate to have him on our team."

Moynihan did not always want to be a pilot despite his father and uncle working closely with the aviation field as mechanics when he was a child. However, circumstance would eventually leave him with the desire to fly.

"Originally, I had no interest in aviation. I simply wanted to further my education and the Coast Guard would allow me to," Moynihan recalled. "My first ride in the HH-52A [as an aircrew member]... was my epiphany."

Moynihan has since flown many rotary aircraft, including the CH-47D Chinook, CH-54A Tarhe, HH-65 Dolphin, and TH-57 Sea Ranger. He recollected

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Cmdr. Dave Moynihan stands next to the TH-57 helo with which he completed his 8,000 flight hour. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

Pattison and Cube Are Redfish Competition Champs



Ken Cube (left) and Mike Pattison show off their winnings for earning Team of the Year honors for the Emerald Coast Redfish Cup series. The two men took the top spot from more than 50 other teams in the competition. Photo courtesy of Mike Pattison.

Sharing a passion for light tackle fishing, Mike Pattison and Ken Cube manage to find the time to work around their day jobs and hit the area's abundant waterways. However, they may have taken their passion to the next level in 2009 by claiming the Emerald Coast Redfish Cup Team-of-the-Year honors.

Pattison, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Environmental Manager and Cube, PRI/DJI's Safety Manager competed in ten tournaments from Panama City to Pensacola for the Emerald Coast Redfish Club series. More than 50 two-man teams entered the events, but Team Pattison/Cube won three events and had top five finishes in six other tournaments to claim the top spot. Many of their competitors were established local fishing guides and professional tournament fishermen. This was the first year that either one had fished competitively in the tournaments.

Redfish events are unique since each team is only

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Whiting Field Taps Into Social Media

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field and some of its tenant commands are using new electronic media to reach out to new audiences with the more modern tools. The base, the Fleet and Family Support Center, Branch Health Clinic, and Morale Welfare and Recreation department have all instituted Facebook fan pages with the hope to keeping in touch with people through Social Media.

"We truly feel that Social Media like Facebook are how people today stay connected and communicate; we want to be right there with them," Capt. Jeff Plummer, Branch Medical Clinic Officer in Charge said. "We hope that if they 'read something' every day or so, over time it will encourage them "do something" everyday or so - whether exercising or eating right. The ultimate goal is improving their lifestyles and lives."

Twitter, texting, Instant Messaging (IM) and other social media provide an immediacy that is popular and

fast replacing old standbys such as telephones, letters and newspapers. With so many people beginning to use the new tools, especially today's youths, it is imperative that the commands incorporate them into their communication plans.

MWR started the movement in July when they initiated their fan page. With postings about upcoming events, specials for military members, MWR services, and Single Sailor opportunities, the organization is trying to connect with the young members of the base and inform them of the activities available to them. MWR can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/wfmwr>.

"Facebook provides us with an effective way to communicate with our customer base," Wayne Short, MWR Recreation Program Manager said. It has also proven to be a great tool for inter-agency networking between NAS Whiting Field entities, as well as with regional and national offices."

The Branch Health Clinic became the first health clinic in the Navy to start connecting through social media

when their Facebook fan page launched in late October. The page provides important news on programs at the clinic such as health alerts, facility closings, special services, new doctors, last second appointment opportunities and more. Their fan page may be found by going to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milton-FL/Branch-Health-Clinic-Naval-Air-Station-Whiting-Field/141600414957?ref=search&sid=10000525249749.3847902538..1&v=wall) and searching for Branch Health Clinic or by using the link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milton-FL/Branch-Health-Clinic-Naval-Air-Station-Whiting-Field/141600414957?ref=search&sid=10000525249749.3847902538..1&v=wall>

Fleet and Family also started their Facebook page in October. The Support Center posts monthly class schedules, calendars and up coming events. FFSC also posts updates concerning special projects so that all the fans of the page are able to keep current on the offices services. FFSC can be found at www.facebook.com/NASWF.FleetandFamily

NAS Whiting Field published their page the beginning of January.

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TRICARE Notes

NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW TOOLS TO QUIT TOBACCO

The DoD-sponsored educational campaign, Quit Tobacco - Make Everyone Proud, is expanding its interactive Web site, <http://www.ucequit2.org>.

Deciding to quit tobacco is the first step, but becoming tobacco free may take more than one try. Motivation and support are key factors in giving up tobacco products. The Web site allows service members to get the support they need to quit from family and friends, no matter where they live.

Quit Tobacco - Make Everyone Proud is aimed at supporting enlisted active-duty military personnel in their efforts to quit tobacco. Service members can listen to podcasts, chat anonymously with a trained tobacco Cessation Coach, browse research articles, locate local cessation programs, calculate how much money they'll save when they quit tobacco and create personalized quit plans.

Chalkboard Minute

By Chris Hendrix, Schools Liaison Officer

2010 CPO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund was established solely for the purpose of generating and distributing funds to provide educational opportunities for qualified family members of Chief Petty Officers. Candidates eligible for scholarship awards are spouses and children (natural born, adopted or step-children) of all Chief Petty Officers.

Candidates submitting scholarship applications must, in the year of submission of their scholarship application, be about to graduate or have graduated from an accredited high school, or equivalent educational institution or have successfully earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED), and must intend to enter, or be currently enrolled in a community college, vocational college, college or university to complete the curriculum prescribed in or to be graduated with an AA, AS, BA or BS degree.

The number of scholarship awards and the amounts to be disbursed yearly are determined solely by the financial status of the fund. The Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund is non-profit and dependent upon Tax-deductible donations to support its educational "Gift of Knowledge."

Deadline for entry is April 1. For more information visit: <http://www.cposf.org/>.

News and Notes

Embry Riddle Registrations - The Pensacola Campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is holding registration for the January Term until January 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue, NAS Pensacola and on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163 on NAS Whiting Field. Add and drop for a full refund will be held January 11-17, 2010. New Student Orientation will be held Saturday, January 9, 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Everyone is encouraged to register early. All ERAU offices will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 3.

ID Card Office Closure - The Whiting Field ID Card office will be closed Jan. 21 for training. ID Card issue will resume at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 22. Please contact Paula Rippetoe at 850-623-7159 for any assistance.

Extended MWR Hours - To accommodate a full fly day Jan 24, the MWR fitness center, Wings Club, and coffee shop will be open. The modified hours are: fitness center - 0630-2100; coffee shop - 0600-1000; and Wings Club 1000-1300. Wings will be serving menu items only (no buffet). Breakfast sandwiches will be available at Coffee Shop and Wings Club.

Line Dance Classes - Line dancing classes will be available at Hobb's Middle School on Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 7. Classes for beginners are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with classes for intermediates from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The thirteen week class cost is \$55. For details call 723-4052.

Soup and Salad Event - The Milton Garden Club's 17th annual Soup and Salad Fundraiser will take place Jan. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Milton Garden Club Center. The fundraiser will feature soups, salads, and deserts for sampling, along with door prizes. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-11, and free for children 2 and under. For more details call 626-2003.

Strut Your Mutt - Dog owners are welcome to "Strut Your Mutt" at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays during a 45-minute leisurely stroll in East Hill. Dogs must be leashed and well behaved, and owners must take their own water and be prepared to pick up after their pet. The walk will begin at the entrance to the Bayview Dog Park at 20th Avenue and East Mallory Street. For further details call 291-7658.

Table Tennis Fun - Pensacola Table Tennis Club will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, which is beginners and novice night, at Fricker Community Center, 900 North F Street. Coaching is available. For more information call 791-3979.

Elk Lodge Bingo - Warrington Elks Lodge will be hosting Bingo games Sundays and Thursdays with doors opening at 4 p.m. There will be 51 games and a guaranteed \$3,800 payout. The lodge is located at 757 South 72nd Avenue. Call 455-5522 for more information.

Hare and Hounds Run - The East Hill Hare and Hounds Running Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday. The run will last three to five miles at locations in and around downtown Pensacola and consists of a trail laid with flour, toilet paper and chalk marks. After the run there will be a beer social with fresh fruit and light snacks. The cost is \$5. For details call Tim Hartigan at 393-8692.

Yoga Class - Yoga classes are available at Milton Community



Retaining Our Best and Brightest

Lt. Jitendra Sirjoo congratulates ABH2 John Nachtman while presenting him with his reenlistment certificate during his Jan. 6 ceremony. He reenlisted for four more years.

Center every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Classes are open to children and adults of any age. The cost is \$5. For more information call 983-5466.

Art Showcase - The art exhibit "Independent Artists of Navarre" will be open to the public in the showcase room of the Dragonfly Gallery in Milton this month. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. The exhibit will showcase a variety of painting, photography, pottery, ceramics, and wood sculpture pieces from Santa Rosa Country artists. For more information call 981-1100.

Relay for Life - Milton Relay for Life's kickoff jubilee will occur at 6 p.m. Jan 16 at the Student Activity Center at Pensacola Junior College Milton Campus. Team campsites are still available for \$100. For more details call Polly Brown at 516-1495.

A parade honoring Martin Luther King Jr. will begin at 10 a.m. at Milton High School Monday, Jan. 18. For more information call Gwen Rhodes at 623-2037.

Community Center Bingo - Milton Community Center will be hosting bingo games at noon on the Monday of each month. Pizza and drinks are provided and the cost is \$1 per game. For more details call 983-5466.

Line Dancing - Milton Community Center will host line dancing classes from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Monday. Classes are open to children and adults of all ages. The cost is \$3. For more information call 983-5466.

Yard Sale - Milton High's Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard are hosting a yard sale at Milton High School from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 16. Items for sale will include toys, furniture, and clothing. For more information call 983-5611.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 20 - HT-18 Pilot for a Day

Jan. 22, 1830 - Navy League Flight Instructor/Sailor of the Year Award Banquet - Sikes Hall

Jan. 29, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Financial Planning for Deployment - Wednesday, January 6, 1400 - 1500

Deployment can be stressful enough without having to worry about your financial status! We can help ease your mind by showing you ways to ensure that your property is safe and your credit stays in tact. Discover cost effective ways to communicate with loved ones and make sure your family will have the support and resources that they need while you are away. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday, January 11, 0800 - 1000

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Time Management - Wednesday, January 13, 1300 - 1400

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself "where did the day go?" and feel like you have accomplished very little on your list of "things to do?" If you answered "yes" to these questions, this class is for you. The information provided in this class will provide you with tools that will help you make the most of your busy and demanding days. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Money and the Move - Wednesday, January 13, 1400 - 1500

A Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move can be one of the most exciting adventures of your career as well as one of the best benefits. However, a PCS move can also become a financial disaster that can take months to recover from if not properly prepared for. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

New Navy Message Provides SRB Guidance

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy officials provided a status update for the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) program Jan. 8 notifying Sailors that some SRB awards may be discontinued as manning levels in critical skills are met.

As reenlistment goals for particular skills are achieved, SRB award levels for those skills will be removed from the plan, but no earlier than 30 days following the release of a NAVADMIN announcing award levels, according to NAVADMIN 006/10.

SRBs enhance the Navy's ability to size, shape and stabilize manning by using a monetary incentive to encourage Sailors with critical skills and experience to stay Navy. It is a market-based incentive and award levels are strategically adjusted as retention needs dictate.

The message also reminds commands to familiarize themselves with the program, which was revised last year, as announced in NAVADMIN 006/09.

Commands must submit SRB reenlistment requests for eligible Sailors 35-120 days prior to the requested reenlistment date. SRB requests submitted less than 35 days in advance without substantial justification will not be accepted. Sailors can reenlist for SRB no more than 90 days prior to their end of active obligated service (EAOS). Exceptions to this policy as well as complete SRB guidance are listed in OPNAVINST1160.8A. Commands should refer to NAVADMIN 250/09 for the most recent list of SRB eligible ratings



and award levels. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tiffini Jones Vanderwyst/Released)

More than 1,300 Sailors have already received SRBs this fiscal year. SRB funding is limited so SRB eligible Sailors are encouraged to plan ahead.

For more information, review the NAVADMIN at www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/2BE37815-AAAA-420A-A26F-455C21A27D11/0/NAV10006.txt or speak with a career counselor.

8,000 Hours

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that his most memorable experience as a pilot was his first rescue.

“I can’t even put a word to the emotion of saving a life. What you see in the faces of the people being rescued is unique.”

Moynihan has spent close to 30 years on active duty between the Army and Coast Guard, rising through the enlisted, warrant officer, and officer ranks. He believes that enjoying his job has given him the motivation to accomplish such a milestone in his career.

“I was lucky. I just love what I’m doing,” he said. “[If you] find something you love doing and surround yourself with wonderful people, then it never feels like you are going into work. Thirty years have gone by in a blink.”

This Day in Naval History

1865 – Amphibious attack on Fort Fisher, NC began.
1977-NAS Jacksonville announced the two AV-8A Harrier aircraft had made a bow on approach and landing aboard Franklin D. Roosevelt. This may have been the first time in Naval aviation history a fixed-wing aircraft made a bow on, downwind landing aboard a carrier at sea.

1964 - USS Manley evacuated 54 American and 36 allied nationals after Zanzibar government was overthrown.

Facebook

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News about the base, closure of facilities, scheduled events and other assorted information is and will continue to be posted on the site. The fan page may be found by searching for NAS Whiting Field on Facebook or by using the link <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/NAS-Whiting-Field/218368599953?ref=ts>.

The fan pages disseminate information to the young Sailors who are most likely to use the new networking tools. It also provides a way to reach out beyond the fence line of the base and provide information to retirees and veterans who may be interested in what is happening or the resources available to them on the base. Perhaps the greatest advantage is that the tool is interactive and fans are able to provide feedback on the page and comment on issues about the base in a way that is not possible on a web site.

The Navy is encouraging commands to extend their outreach through this new media. Access to many Facebook, Twitter and other social media tools for Navy commands may be found at www.navy.mil/media/smd.asp. Nearly 150 units are listed in the index and more are added all the time.

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Hamburgers, hotdogs, other food will be available.
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(For more info on entering, contact 623-7274)

Event is free and open to **everyone**, but door prizes and games available only for active duty.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications for Upcoming Academic Year

By Dianne Borges/Balfour Beatty Communities

In 2009 Balfour Beatty Communities, responsible for the privatized family housing at NAS Whiting Field, formed Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel – active, disabled and fallen – and their families.

One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of active duty military members that reside in family housing.

The Foundation is again offering scholarships that reward high school and undergraduate students in need of financial assistance, recognizing their educational and leadership efforts.

Family housing residents with high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year; valued up to \$2,500. The application, details and requirements can be found at

BBB® Offers Ethics Scholarship

Pensacola, Fla. (Jan. 11, 2010) – Your Better Business Bureau® Foundation of Northwest Florida is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Student Ethics Scholarship.

A total of nine high school junior and senior students will be granted \$1,000 Student Ethics Scholarship this year.

The Student Ethics Scholarship Award is given to college-bound students within the

BBB|Northwest Florida service area who demonstrate overall personal integrity and ethical behavior.

Three students in each of your BBB's three districts will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward the accredited college or university of their choice.

Local leaders from businesses and academia will serve as judges and award scholarships based on criteria including leadership, community service, academic achievement and an essay response on building character.

The Student Ethics Scholarship will be awarded in conjunction with the Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics and the Customer Service Excellence Award. The Torch Award was created to recognize businesses and charities that insist on exceptionally high standards of behavior in dealing with customers, vendors and employees. The Customer Service Excellence Award recognizes employees who go above and beyond in their customer service activities.

The application deadline is March 19, 2010. Scholarship recipients will be recognized and asked to read their essay at a luncheon to be held in May. For entry forms and guidelines please visit www.nwfl.bbb.org/TorchAward or call 850.429.0002 or

www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2010.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation was proud to award 17 academic scholarships to students residing in its communities across the country for the 2009-2010 academic year.

According to Bruce Robinson, president and CEO, "Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to providing a quality living environment that supports the diverse interests and needs of our military families. Through Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, we say thank you for the work that you do and the sacrifices military families make."



Discovery Saturday

Marine Red - the service of a man and "his" Corsair
Saturday, January 16 at 1000hrs on the Cabot Flight deck in the museum

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	9	"	2680	1071.10 1.0
	10	"	2104	1071.18 1.8
	10	"	2684	1071.12 1.2
	11	"	2739	1071.22 2.2
	14	"	2683	1071.21 2.1
	14	"	2217	1071.10 1.0
	17	"	2232	1071.11 1.1
	17	"	2422	1071.15 1.5
	17	"	2422	1071.22 2.2
	17	"	2112	1071.13 1.3
	18	"	2112	1071.12 1.2
	18	"	2420	1071.17 1.7
	18	"	2421	1071.17 1.7
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		TOTAL - THIS YEAR		1744.9
		TOTAL - ALL YEARS		1744.9

Featuring WW2 & Korean Conflict pilot Eugene "Red" James, VMF-312, VMF-311

"Red" James stands unique in that he flew the Corsair in two wars, accumulating 136 combat missions in WW2 and the Korean Conflict. Additionally, he flew F4U Corsair, BuNo 97349 as represented in the Museum.

Q&A with Red following presentation by historian and artist, John Mallison

Naval Aviation Museum, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.

HT-18 Receives Captains Cup Title...Again



Cmdr. Mark Murray and AWS2 Jon Frankel from Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN receive the Captain's Cup trophy from Capt. Pete Hall, commanding officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field. HT-18 took the top spot from all the base commands in the 2009 competition. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Robert Hooper, III.

By Ens. Robert Hooper, III, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

During the yearly "back in the saddle" safety stand down on January 4 of this year, Helicopter Training Squadron 18 took special time to recognize an achievement that has become familiar to the group. HT-18 was awarded the Captain's Cup trophy for winning the overall intramural athletic competition in 2009. Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, presented the trophy to HT-18 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mark Murray and Captain's Cup Coordinator AW2 Jon Frankel.

The captain was amazed with the consistency of the squadron's sports teams.

"You guys just creamed everyone, and a large part of that was obviously your participation."

Out of 15 events, HT-18 finished first in beach volleyball, 5k, and horse shoes, followed with second place finishes in basketball, softball, beach volleyball, 5k, flag football, and soccer. The combination of first and second place finished, combined with participation points in flag football, soccer, basketball, softball, beach volleyball,

bowling, golf, 5k, and table tennis netted the squadron 170 total points. Over the course of the last five years, HT-18 has claimed supremacy in Captain's Cup athletics, winning the overall competition four times, including back to back championships in 2008 and 2009. Their closest competition this year was a second place tie between Air Traffic Control division and Training Squadron THREE, each with 148 overall points.

Murray sees the competition supporting the mission of the squadron, and is an advantage for the participating service members, but he put the credit on the shoulders of Frankel.

, "Captain's Cup provides a great outlet for recreation. It lets us do some great physical training, which is a requisite for success in what we do. It promotes physical readiness and camaraderie between guys in the squadron," Murray said. "He [Frankel] is always out there organizing, getting guys together, and putting out a great attitude for us."

In 2010, five new events will be added to the slate of events, bringing the total repertoire of the competition to 20 events.

Cube and Pattison

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able to keep one fish apiece, and the fish must be slotted between the 18" and 27" regulation size. Both men caught several fish over the limit and had to release them, Pattison said.

While seemingly a hobby for the two, it is something they enjoy immensely.

"I've quickly become addicted to the sport," said Pattison. "Since we are often fishing in less than a foot of water, it combines the stalking elements of hunting with my passion for

being on the water."

That's good, since their feat ensures some new opportunities in 2010. By winning the tournament series, the two anglers earned a sponsorship for four of the Inshore Fishing Association Gulf Coast Redfish Tour events organized by Cabelas and nationally televised.

"This is exciting," said Cube. "We would never be able to compete in these events without the sponsorship."