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# Student flights highlight Fleet Fly-In

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

With helicopters departing last Friday and Saturday, the 22nd Annual Naval Helicopter Association Fleet Fly-In wrapped up another successful event at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The event brings fleet helicopters, pilots and crews to interact with the flight students of Training Air Wing FIVE and bring some excitement and focus to the prospective naval aviators.

Twenty-five helicopters, from 19 squadrons around the country, flew to Milton, Fla. to participate in the function. Approximately 300 students enjoyed the chance to ride in and take the stick during one of the training flights. According to Lt. Allen Spencer, a Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT instructor pilot and this year's Fleet Fly-In coordinator, that was the whole point.

"It was a good event," he said. "A lot of students got a chance to go up in one of the visiting helos, and were excited about the larger aircraft. They saw a little of what their

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One of the industry displays in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Atrium was a demonstrator model of the TH-57D cockpit. The D-model is the next advance in helicopter training, and Ensign Leigh-Ann Lewis gets an advance look with some help from Frank Corroero, a Vector Aerospace Engineering Manager

# HT-18 conquers 2011 Wilderness Challenge

By Ensign James Hedman, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Training Air Wing FIVE's "Team HT-18" took first place in the 2011 Wilderness Challenge Oct. 8 in Yorktown, Va. Over 30 four-person teams, composed of military units from the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard, competed in the two day ordeal.

Cmdr. John Quillinan, Lt. Cmdr. Thaddeus Smith, 1st Lt. Marianne Sparklin, and Capt. Joseph Heintz (of HT-8) finished with an overall time of 7:30:47. The team took the top spot with nearly 3 and one-half minutes over the second place "Motor City Racing" from Coast Guard Medical Clinic from Detroit. The outdoor challenges pushed the team to their limits through rugged terrains across the Appalachian Mountains and the New and the Gauley Rivers in West Virginia.

On the first day, competitors completed an 8K mountain run and a 14-mile whitewater river race on the

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Capt. Joseph Heintz, USMC, 1st Lt. Marianne Sparklin, USMC, Cmdr. John Quillinan, USN, and Lt. Cmdr. Thaddeus Smith, USN, proudly display their champion's plaques they earned in the 11th annual Wilderness Challenge in West Virginia. Team HT-18 placed first from 30 teams comprised of military participants from all five branches of service. Photo courtesy of HT-18

# CNRSE signs domestic violence proclamation

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Greg Johnson, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. John Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast, signed a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville Oct. 7.

The proclamation emphasizes the Navy's role in the community and calls upon Navy leaders, service members and family members in the region to increase their efforts to prevent domestic violence.

"We in the Navy community have an obligation to become actively involved in prevention by supporting our Sailors and their families to live and raise children in a safe, nurturing environment," Scorby said.

In recognition of domestic violence awareness, Sailors assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 Detachment Jacksonville 14 placed more than 280 purple ribbons on roadsides throughout NAS Jacksonville, each one representing an incident of domestic violence that occurred on base during 2011. According to Scorby, while each ribbon represents an act of aggression and hostility, each should also serve as a symbol of hope.

"Every one of those ribbons represents an act of domestic violence and every time you see one, it's a reminder that the next incident could be happening right now. It's important for people to know what they stand for and to think about what they may be able to do prevent domestic violence every time they see one."

According to Jeannette Werby, Navy Region Southeast counseling and advocacy coordinator, projects like NAS Jacksonville's purple ribbon campaign are vital to raising public awareness about domestic violence, especially because it can happen where you least expect it.



Rear Adm. John Scorby Jr. signs a domestic violence month proclamation in front of members of the Navy Region Southeast Fleet and Family Readiness Program on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The proclamation declares October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and calls upon leadership, service members and family members throughout the region to increase their efforts to prevent domestic violence. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Greg Johnson/Released)

## This Week in Naval History

### Oct. 25

1812 - USS *United States* (Capt. Stephen Decatur) captures HMS *Macedonian*.

1924 - Airship USS *Shenandoah* (ZR 1) completes round-trip transcontinental cruise that began Oct. 7.

1950 - Chinese Communist Forces launch first offensive in Korea.

1966 - Operation Sea Dragon logistics interdiction began.

1983 - U.S. Marine and Army troops land on Grenada to evacuate U.S. citizens threatened by the island's unstable political situation.

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1921 - In first successful test, a compressed-air, turntable catapult, launches a N-9 seaplane.

1922 - Lt. Cmdr. Godfrey de Chevalier makes the first landing aboard a carrier, USS *Langley* (CV 1), while underway off Cape Henry, Va.

1944 - Battle of Leyte Gulf ends with Navy carrier and U.S. Army Air Forces aircraft attacks on the retreating Japanese ships. U.S. forces sink many Japanese ships, including four carriers, three battleships, 10 cruisers and nine destroyers, for a total of 26 capital ships.

"It can happen to everybody. It's not particular to any race, ethnic group, social status, income or rank. It can happen anywhere, and it happens a lot more than most people think."

It's also important for people to understand what resources the Navy provides to combat domestic violence, whether they are the victim or suspect someone else may be, Werby said.

The fastest and most direct way of reporting domestic violence is through the Navy's Family Advocacy Program (FAP), which provides victim protection and counseling for those affected by domestic violence. FAP representatives can be found at installation Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC). The FAP looks into each report and takes the appropriate actions to protect victims should the report be substantiated.

"It's important for people to take action and report any situation where they suspect abuse," Werby said. "The goal is to protect victims and provide them with the safety and security they need."

Anyone who suspects domestic violence can file a report by contacting their installation's FFSC. Additional support is also available through the Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

## News and Notes

**“Chip in for a Cure” Golf Tournament** – Tanglewood Golf Course will host the 1st Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament Oct. 28. The event will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start with a four person best ball format. Entrance is \$35 per person with a \$5 mulligan package. Prizes will be awarded for top three teams and longest drive. A closest to pin contest will also be held with a \$2 entry and the winner will take home half the pot. Entry includes green fees, cart and a BBQ lunch. Contact ABH2 Korinne Reese at 530-723-8022 for details or to reserve a spot.

**Blood Drive** - The Northwest Florida Blood Services bloodmobile returns to the Whiting Field NEX this Friday, Oct 28., from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked in the NEX parking lot. All blood types are greatly needed and appreciated. All donors will receive a special blood donor t-shirt. Plus, all that donate between June 1 and Dec. 31 will be entered to win a 2011 Kia Soul. Just one pint of blood can save as many as three patients in area military and civilian hospitals.

**Motor Sports Show** - The Marine Corps League is hosting their 10th Annual Motor Sports Show, Saturday, Nov. 5 at the 5 Flags Speedway in Pensacola, Fla. The event is seeking entrants for the various categories of vehicles. There is a \$20 registration for each car, and cars must be registered no later than Oct. 15. There will be trophies for the winners, door prizes, food and refreshments and much more. Call (850) 912-2351 for details.

**It’s a Jungle Out There** - Are you being strangled by the “jungle” in your yard or landscape? If so, you don’t want to miss this invasive plant seminar and tree giveaway to be held at the UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension Office on Saturday, November 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. The workshop will cover common invasive plants and trees found in area landscapes and educate participants regarding control options. The seminar will also encourage the use of non-invasive native trees and plants and provide participants with free native trees to replace invasive ones in their landscapes. Following the workshop, UF/IFAS Santa Rosa Master Gardeners will coordinate the free native tree giveaway. Workshop participants may choose from among magnolia, river birch, sweet gum, black gum, holly or live oak trees. Limit of two trees per household. This workshop is free and open to the public. The UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension Office is located at 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton. Pre-registration is required. Please register online at <http://treegiveaway.eventbrite.com> or call 623-3868.

### ID Card Update

**For lost/stolen CAC cards: a police report is still REQUIRED to be presented to the ID Card clerk. The customer MUST also have 2 forms of ID in order for the CAC card to be replaced. Primary form of ID MUST have a photograph on it and can NOT be expired. The secondary form of ID can be either: social security card, voter’s registration, passport, birth certificate, any ID from any city, state, or federal government, school ID, concealed weapons permit, or any other ID listed on an I9 form.**

**In the past, we were able to use the police report as a second form of ID, but due to a new SOP, we are unable to use this as a form of ID for the customer. However, it is still required to be presented**



### Congrats Basic Training Grads

**Congratulations and welcome to our newest Ombudsman Basic Training graduates! From left to right are: Jacky Casci, HT-28; Lisa Verda, VT-6; Erica Curtin, VT-6 Ombudsman; Rachael Phillips, VT-3 Ombudsman; Brandie Smith, NOSC Pensacola Ombudsman; Elisa Aguilar, Branch Medical Clinic Ombudsman; Robin Jamiola VT-6 and our youngest OBT graduate ever, David Aguilar, FFSC Honorary Ombudsman. Proper training is an important factor of a successful Ombudsman program. Trained Ombudsmen are better able to enhance the readiness of Navy families. This course provides the foundational information necessary for Ombudsmen to properly execute their duties and provides valuable links to resources. Photo courtesy of Fleet and Family Support Center.**

**“Honoring Service to America”** - Colonial Williamsburg will offer free weekend-long admission tickets to active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their immediate dependants Friday through Sunday of Veteran’s Day weekend, Nov. 11-13. The “Honoring Service to America” ticket provides admission to Colonial Williamsburg exhibition sites, art museums, and most daytime programs. It also includes free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, access to the short movie Williamsburg-The Story of a Patriot, and complimentary use of Colonial Williamsburg shuttle buses. These weekend-long admission tickets are available only at Colonial Williamsburg on-site ticket sales locations, including the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center. Appropriate military identification is required. See <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/visit/planYourVisit/ticketPlans/current-offers.cfm> for details.

**Playing in Pink** - The Pensacola Ice Flyer’s home opener Saturday, Oct. 29, will include a post-game charity auction of players’ pink jerseys for the “Pink in the Rink Night” to aid in breast cancer awareness. The game will host the Augusta (Ga.) RiverKings at 7:05 p.m. at the Civic Center in Southern Professional Hockey League action.

**Leave Donor Program** - “Mr. Lawrence Cluck has exhausted all his leave and has been accepted into the voluntary leave donor program. Those interested in donating leave to Mr. Cluck please contact Charles Rigdon at 665-6126 or [charles.rigdon@navy.mil](mailto:charles.rigdon@navy.mil) for leave donor forms. Forms may also be obtained at the OPM web site by searching “leave donor.”

**Pyrate Products** - The Blackwater Pyrates now have merchandise (booty?) available for purchase at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy Exchange main store. Items include tee shirts, glasses, cups, pins and more. The local group helps sponsor child advocacy welfare, boater safety, and more.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 4, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium  
Nov. 10, 1000 - NASWF Change of Command - Auditorium  
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Holiday

Nov. 11, 0915 - Veterans' Day Parade - Milton  
Nov. 18, 1000 - Christmas Party Golf Tourney - Golf Course  
Nov. 18, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

# Fleet and Family Support Center Items

## Resume Writing - Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military to civilian transitions, 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, call 623-7177.

## Credit Management - Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The average American family has nine credit cards. Three or four of those are used regularly. Attend this class to help you find ways to better manage your credit. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, call 623-7177.

## VA Representative - Friday, Nov. 4 & 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month** - Anyone who has concerns or is a victim of domestic violence should contact the Fleet and Family Support Center, their Command Family Advocacy Representative, or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

For the 13th consecutive year, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center will hold their Elf Tree program to support children of military families and help ensure all children of NAS Whiting Field have joyful and happy holidays. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will put up a Holiday display in their lobby for hanging the tags. Parents who need assistance in providing holiday gifts for their children can come into the FFSC and request sponsorship from Nov. 14 to Dec. 2. Confidentiality is strictly maintained throughout OPERATION E.L.F. Tags with "wish list", age, gender, sizes, etc. will be placed on the tree for sponsors to select. Anyone may be a sponsor, and a \$25 limit per child is advised.

## Ellis-McGinnis makes solo flights party worthy

When Training Squadron THREE students complete their first solo flight in the T-6B Texan II, they have a special celebration awaiting them.

Each student must come to the squadron's administrative office to start the paperwork for their Solo Certificates. However, when they arrive, it is the signal to start the party. The clerks in the office congratulate the students by cranking up the bubble machine and blasting the song "Ridin' Solo" by Jason DeRulo

The celebration was the brainchild of Tina Ellis-McGinnis VT-3's office automation technician. Ellis-McGinnis has been a part of the Red Knight team for nearly a year and is familiar with the process of becoming a pilot and the significance of the event. She previously worked with HT-8 and is married to an instructor pilot at VT-6, Lt. Cmdr. Jess McGinnis.



LTJG Marco Tracogna, Italian Navy, -the first Italian to solo in the T-6B for VT-3 - enjoys his solo party with Tina Ellis-McGinnis. He said, "My solo was great, but I was waiting for the solo party in Admin." Photos courtesy of VT-3.



1st Lt. Nicholas Halsmer, USMC

"Tina adds caring, mentorship and parental guidance to the students

that pass through the doors of VT-3," Sue Anctil, said about her co-worker. "She is the mother of three young adults, about the same ages of the student population of the squadron, and she takes a personal interest in the student's achievements and cares enough to know each and every one by name."

While there is undoubtedly a slight twinge of embarrassment by the students at all of this attention, it also seems to be a highlight of their day.

"My solo was a blast. The weather was beautiful," 1st Lt. Nicholas Halsmer, USMC, said after his solo party Oct. 5. "This surprise in Admin is icing on the cake!"

## Wilderness

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Gauley River. Day two involved a 10-mile mountain bike race, a 15-mile mountain "hike" race, and 7-mile kayak race. With more than 50 miles through the two-day challenge, competitors were fortunate to finish.

Team HT-18 started training specifically for the race with running and other physical stamina sessions in July, and reconnoitered the course before the race.

Sparklin recalls that the team was "sitting pretty good after the first day, so we went into the second day wanting to win. We were motivated to put the pedal to the metal."

She stated the 15-mile hike was the most difficult event because exhaustion had set in and most of the 15 miles were uphill. Motivation became a key factor. "Each of us had our weak points, but we worked really well with each other as a team... That sets us apart from others."

It was the 11th annual Challenge and a team from Germany and two "Wounded Warrior" teams participated. The Challenge was sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Region's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department, Naval Weapons Station (WPNSTA) Yorktown and ACE Adventure Resort.

## STA-21 helps Sailors aim for the stars

**MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS)** -- More than 70 top-performing Sailors from the enlisted ranks were selected to pursue a commission through the Navy's Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) program, officials said Oct. 26.

"These highly motivated men and women will be among the leaders of our Navy well into the 21st century," said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port.

STA-21 is a commissioning program that provides a path for qualified Sailors to receive a college education and earn a commission as a naval officer. Selectees are authorized a maximum 36 months of full-time, year-round study to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Participants in the STA-21 program remain on active duty while attending college and receive education vouchers valued at up to \$10,000 per year to cover tuition, fees and book costs. STA-21 participants must become members of and drill with a local Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) unit while attending school. Upon graduation, STA-21 participants will be commissioned as ensigns and return to active duty in the fleet.

**Eco-nomics**

### **Crush Litter Bugs**

Dispose of waste properly. Ninety-four percent of people identify litter as a major environmental problem. The biggest sources of litter are cigarette butts, bottles and cans (including tops and ring pulls), candy wrappers, and fast-food packaging. More than two billion pounds of cigarette butts are discarded worldwide-about two pounds for every person in China.

*The above tips and facts are from The Green Book by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen.*

### **Boost Insulation**

It may not seem sexy, but insulation is one of the best ways to save energy and money at home. It can make a big difference to add more insulation between walls, and make sure your attic floor and basement ceiling are well covered. The federal government will reimburse you for 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500 for highly efficient insulation. Additionally, low-income households can qualify for an average of \$6,500 worth of weatherization improvements to their homes through government programs administered by each state. Find out about your state's program by contacting local energy agencies.

See [www.thedailygreen.com](http://www.thedailygreen.com) for more tips.

## **NAS Whiting Field Christmas Party Golf Tournament**

**November 18th shotgun @ 1000  
4 Person Golf Scramble**

**\$35.00 per person  
Prizes will be awarded**

**Come on out and have a good time while  
supporting the NASWF Christmas Party.**

**Pay the day of the tournament.**

**To sign up:**

Contact Randy Roy @ 665-6132

Email [randy.roy@navy.mil](mailto:randy.roy@navy.mil) or

Mike Flourney @ 665-6119

Email [michael.flourney@navy.mil](mailto:michael.flourney@navy.mil)

# CNRSE energy portal powers energy conservation

**By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Greg Johnson, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs**

With National Energy Awareness Month in full-swing, Navy installations throughout the Southeast Region are focused on energy conservation efforts during the new fiscal year. As regional energy officials strive to accomplish their conservation goals in 2012, they'll likely rely heavily on the Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Energy Portal.

The portal is a part of Commander, Naval Installations Command Gateway (G2) and provides information and resources to aid installations in their conservation efforts. It is one of a kind in the Navy. The portal streamlines efforts by centralizing resources for installation commanders, utility managers, resource efficiency managers, building energy monitors and public works officers throughout the region.

"The Energy Portal was originally designed for members of the CNRSE Energy Council, but since we have established the CNRSE Energy Strategic Plan and created energy focus teams, it is now widely used by many different types of users throughout the Southeast," said Iris Daclan, a CNRSE program analyst who has played a key role in the development of the portal.

"It's a highly effective tool in sharing information on our energy and water reduction efforts across 15 different installations. Without it, it would be difficult to coordinate efforts involving so many personnel and resources."

Portal users have direct access to an extensive list of

resources and information, including policy and guidance, region instructions, CNRSE energy goals, the CNRSE energy scorecard, metric primers, energy council agendas and presentations, Automated Meter Infrastructure installation status and the Energy Manager Tool Kit 2011, just to name a few.

Packing all of these resources into one user-friendly console is possible thanks to the size and accessibility G2 offers. Built in Share Point, the system provides major advantages over other avenues of communication, Daclan said.

"G2 contains amazing features that are not available in e-mail or on a shared drive," she said. "It's much more efficient than e-mails in terms of size, and it has an advantage over a shared drive due to the accessibility issues sometimes associated with shared drives. It really enhances the user's experience significantly with easy access and navigation."

According to Daclan, the portal has seen almost 400 different visitors since April 2011 and reviews have been overwhelmingly positive. She thinks one of the biggest reasons for the portal's success is its user-friendliness, which is something she wants to maintain in the future. While technology evolves and becomes increasingly complex, maintaining simplicity will take precedence in the portal's development.

"The goal for the portal is continual improvement," Daclan said. "However, it will be a top priority to ensure it remains user-friendly."

The energy portal can be viewed at <https://g2.cnic>.

## Weekly Spotlight - Capt. Pete Hall

**Branch of service:** USN

**Hometown:** Lake Stevens, Washington

**Job title:** Commanding Officer

**Squadron or Command:** Naval Air Station Whiting Field

**Number of years you have worked for the Navy:** 26

**What do you like about Whiting Field and Training Wing FIVE?** The people, both on the base and in the community.

**What do you like about your job?** Being able to help people.

**What is the best part of working for/with the Navy?** Meeting Sailors and civilians, working with Sailors and the great civilians who work at NASWF

**What do you envision yourself doing in 5 years?** I'll be retired from the Navy, living and working in Northern Virginia. 2 kids in college, 2 kids in high school.



# Congrats TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



**Back Row:** Col. James D. Grace, USMC; Lt. j.g. Nicholas S. Maret, USN; Ensign Justin C. Reifsnnyder, USN; Lt. McClain G. Isom, USCG; 1st Lt. Joseph D. Ciuferrri, USMC; Ensign Nehemiah E. Wilson, USN; Ensign Richard L. Counts IV, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew D. Bacon, USCG; Lt. j.g. Jeffrey C. Jurin, USCG; and Capt. Michael Cashman, USN

**Middle Row:** 1st Lt. Richard H. Brown, USMC; Lt. Daniel L. Judycki, USCG; Ensign Paul N. Malzahn, Jr., USN; Lt. j.g. Christopher F. Lefon, USN; Lt. j.g. Brandt K. Allen, USCG; Ensign David A. Alessandria, USN; Lt. j.g. Michael J. Haas, USCG; Ensign Christopher E. Pitcher, USN; Lt. Daniel A. Schrader, USCG; and 1st Lt. Jared D. Himes, USMC

**Front Row:** Cmdr. Hans E. Sholley, USN; Ensign Andrew B. Sollish, USN; Lt. j.g. Joshua J. Smolowitz, USCG; Ensign Andrew J. Klingensmith, USN; Ensign Tabitha L. Faddis, USN; Ensign David M. Indiveri, USN; Lt. j.g. Kyle T. Richter, USCG; Lt. j.g. Sean R. O'Dowd, USCG; Lt. Matthew G. Hardgrove, USCG; Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; and Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC



**Left Photo:** Ensign John C. McFerren, USN and 1st Lt. Michael J. Harper, USMC display their Academic Achievement Awards Oct. 14 after receiving them in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



**Right Photo:** Col. James Grace, TRAWING-5 commodore presents Ensign Seth E. Warner, USN with his Academic Achievement Award Oct. 21.

# Fleet Fly-In

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futures might hold. A lot of the students are ready right now to pick their platforms based on what they flew here.”

The Fly-In focuses on the three four hour flight windows, but there were other activities as well. Static aircraft were placed on the flight line so base personnel, instructors, student pilots, and even a few hundred students from aircrew school at NAS Pensacola could look at and ask questions about the helicopters. For the first time, this included a foreign helicopter when a Canadian CH-124 made the trip from Nova Scotia, Canada.

Social events were held each of the four days to give the students an opportunity to interact with the fleet pilots and crews in a relaxed atmosphere where they could ask questions. Industry booths were displayed where squadron personnel could get updates on aircraft technology. Additionally, community briefs were held for junior and senior officers to provide information about the future of helicopter mission, training, and personnel issues. But the flights were definitely the highlight for the prospective pilots.

“I had students tell me it ‘was rejuvenating,’” Spencer said. “The Fly-In helps them recharge their batteries and brings back their excitement about flying.”



**Top Right:** Students from the Aircrew school in Naval Air Station Pensacola gather around to listen to a fleet aircrewman speak about his job out in the fleet. More than a hundred enlisted students travelled up from the school to see the static aircraft during the 2011 Fleet Fly-In

**Above:** LCpl. Danny Alaniz asks questions about the MV-22 Osprey at the Fly-In. Cpl. Chadwick McGee attached to VMMT-204 helps him out.

**Above Left:** A couple of SH-60 helicopters prepare to take off from the NAS Whiting Field flightline during one of the three flight windows for student pilots to go up in the aircraft.

**Left:** Tail rotors are lined up in a row for four of the 25 helicopters that attended the 2011 Fleet Fly-In. The Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard all had helicopters attend. The list even include a Canadian helo for the first time. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope and AWSC Sage Mathis.