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NAS Whiting Field closes on land purchase

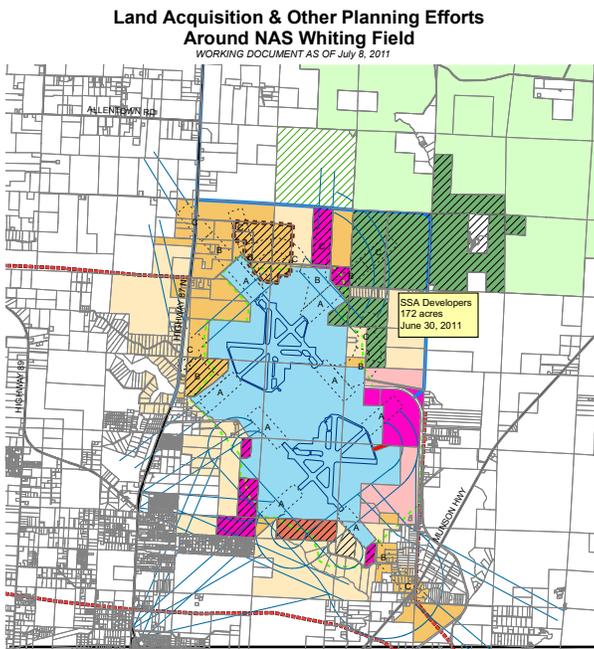
By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Navy and state Environmental Protection partnership scored another big win with the recent acquisition of 172 acres next to the eastern fence line of Naval Air Station Whiting Field, June 30. The purchase underscored the success of the Florida, Santa Rosa County and NAS Whiting Field team as they set the standard in base encroachment protection.

The land purchase involved two plots owned by SSA Developers that were under common flight patterns and next to accident protection zones (APZ) of NAS Whiting Field's North Field. The purchase utilized funds from the Navy and the Florida Forever Program that provides for land purchases to help protect the environment from future development. The Navy contributed 50 percent with the Florida Forever Program providing the rest.

"Creating a buffer zone around the base, not only protects the mission of Whiting Field, but helps to protect the local citizens as well," Randy Roy, NAS Whiting Field's community liaison stated.

The partnership between the three agencies is consistently
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FFSC plans 22nd annual August Job Fair

In need of a career change? Looking for a new or better job? Separating from the service anytime soon? The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Job Fair provides a broad range of career opportunities for military members transitioning to civilian life, military family members and the general public. For 22 years it has attracted both local and national employers seeking well-qualified, educated, experienced and entry-level individuals for employment opportunities in the commuting area and around the world. Listed below are a few of the employers that are scheduled to attend:

Gulf Power, Landrum Staffing, Cox Communications, Express Employment Professional, Tom Thumb Stores, B3H Corporation, Granny Nannies, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Locklin Technical Center, City of Milton, PHI Inc., BAE Systems, University of West Florida, Columbia Southern University, Sikorsky Aerospace Maintenance, Lowes, Santa Rosa Medical Center, West Corporation, Federal Prison Camp, West Florid Healthcare, Knowledge Matters LLC, Florida

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During last year's 21st annual job fair, Moriko Turner, R.N., receives information from Marsha Posey, M.S.N., who is the Human Resources Specialist and Nurse Recruiter for Santa Rosa Medical Center. The 22nd annual job fair is planned for Aug. 18 and is still seeking additional companies. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tyler Watters.

CNO sends out personal message to fleet

Editor's Note: These are excerpts from the personal message Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead posted prior to the Fourth of July holiday. The message is still a pertinent one and reinforces the importance of shipmates watching out for shipmates.

In the ten years since September 2001, many of our Sailors have heroically sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom. This is a consequence of war and our profession. We risk our lives and honor those who have fallen. However, over the past year, senseless mishaps and tragic suicides have increased, to include: the unnecessary loss of 12 shipmates to motorcycle fatalities and 31 to suicides. This needless loss of life is unacceptable.

We have effective programs in place and when implemented, have led to significant reductions in unnecessary deaths. The success of these programs depends upon your personal involvement, attention, time, and leadership. Our achievements reflect that leadership and engagement in these areas. It is critically important and clearly demanding of our best efforts. I am convinced that we can reverse the current trends and save lives.

Nine of the 12 sailors we lost to motorcycle mishaps were riding sport bikes; seven of those nine had not com-



**Chief of Naval Operations
Admiral Gary Roughead**

pleted sport bike training. Ensure your Sailors understand the requirement to complete training and to ride responsibly. Review in-house safety procedures, identify all of your motorcycle riders, and ensure they have completed the appropriate training. If you haven't had a recent brief from your command motorcycle safety representative, take the time to do so; proactive, intrusive leadership saves lives.

This year to date, we have lost 31 Sailors to suicide. The summer months find many Sailors in periods of change and transition, making it difficult for them to access their mainstay support of family, friends, and trusted shipmates. Without this support network, a Sailor's distress can easily go undetected. Engage with your suicide prevention coordinator and examine your sponsor programs and transition

processes to make sure no one goes unsupported or unnoticed while arriving or departing your command.

A new commander's guide to suicide prevention is available at www.suicide.navy.mil and is a useful tool to use. Remember to "act". Ask(a) if the person is considering suicide; show you Care(c) by listening without judgment; while offering hope, get the person to Treatment(t). In the midst of demanding days, make the effort to show that life is worth living.

Eco-nomics

Dodge The Drafts

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, drafts can waste 5% to 30% of your energy use. Start simple and adopt that old Great Depression fixture -- the draft snake, which you can easily make yourself. Just place a rolled bath towel under a drafty door, or make a more attractive DIY draft snake with googly eyes, felt tongues and the like. You can use any scraps of fabric -- even neckties -- and fill with sand or kitty litter for heft. Make sure drafts aren't giving your thermostat a false reading too

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

This Week in Naval History

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1916 - North Carolina is first Navy ship to carry and operate aircraft.

1921 - Congress creates Bureau of Aeronautics to be in charge of all matters pertaining to naval aeronautics.

1953 - Marine Maj. John Bolt becomes first jet ace in Marine Corps.

1988 - SECDEF approves opening Navy's Underwater Construction Teams, fleet oiler, ammunition ships and combat stores ships to women.

1990 - Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner becomes first woman to command an operational aviation squadron (VAQ-34).

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1863 - USS Wyoming battled Japanese warlord's forces.

1939 - Appointment of Rear Adm. Richard Byrd as commanding officer of 1939-1941 Antarctic Expedition.

1943 - During Battle of Kolombangara in Solomon Islands, U.S. lost USS Gwin (DD 433), while Japanese lost light cruiser Jintsu.

News and Notes

Santa Rosa Medical Center Auxiliary - The Santa Rosa Medical Center auxiliary (SRMC) will host a patriotic celebration at the Chumuckla's Farmers Opry Thursday, Sept. 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent and live auction as well as entertainment provide by "The Sawmill Band." Tickets are \$25 and proceeds benefit the SRMC Health Care Scholarships. Call 626-5113 for more information.

Wildlife Expo - The Annual University of Florida - Wildlife Expo will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2011 (9am – 3pm) at the East Milton Recreational Center (Santa Rosa Fair Grounds) located at 8604 Bobby Brown Road in Milton, FL. The Expo is being hosted by the University of Florida - WFREC, University of Florida IFAS Extension Services, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This year's event will have information and activities for the entire family. We are striving for an outdoor experience through a variety of vendors and topics on wildlife and fisheries. The Santa Rosa County 4-H will provide a complete set of youth outdoor activities, from shooting safety to learning about wildlife and their environment.

ID Card Office Temporary Closings - The ID card office will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 9 and Wednesday, Aug. 10 for a hardware upgrade. We will be unable to assist customers during this time. We will reopen on Thursday August 11 at 0730 hrs. Naval Air Station Pensacola will be open and able to assist customers with any urgent matters that may arise. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ID card office at 850-623-7159.

Outdoor Adventure Program Hours Change - The Outdoor Adventures Program will be closed on Wednesdays to allow for admin and maintenance. In cases where reserved equipment needs to be picked up or rented equipment returned, an appointment will be made to accommodate this. For more info on the OAP, please call 623-7670. Normal hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Embry Riddle Registration - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the Fall term through August 8, 2011. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm in Bldg, 1417, Room 163. Hours on board NAS Pensacola are 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am-4:00 pm Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin August 8, 2011. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's Pensacola campus offers certificate programs, associate and bachelors degree programs with various specializations in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management and the Master of Aeronautical Science degree. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

Need For O-Negative Blood Donors - Northwest Florida Blood Services announces a critical need for O-Negative blood donors. Due to increased usage for patients at local hospitals, O Negative blood donors are asked to come by the blood centers and help meet the critical need. Location and hours of operation are: Pensacola - 1999 East Nine Mile Road and 2209 N. 9th Avenue; Fort Walton - 405 NE Racetrack Road Center; and Panama City - 2696 Martin Luther King Blvd. Call 850-473-3853 for hours of operation or other information, and check the website at www.nfcblood.org

The Airmen's Attic - The Airmen's Attic at Eglin Air Force



Retaining Our Best and Brightest

Capt. Pete Hall, commanding officer Naval Air Station Whiting Field, presents Information Systems Technician DeWayne O'Neal with his Honorable Discharge certificate just before reenlisting him in the Navy. The ceremony was held in the command building's conference room June 28. Photo courtesy of NAS Whiting Field career counselor.

Base has some quality items which are free for junior enlisted personnel. furniture, baby clothing, and small entertainment items are some of the types of supplies kept on site. Donations from senior military members are always welcome. Airmen's Attic is open Mon-Wed-Fri 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. It is located in Bldg #594. Call 850-882-3616 for directions or other information.

Road Closure - The Santa Rosa County Public Works Department closed the intersection of North Spencer Field Road and West Spencer Field Road Monday, July 11, for a major roadway realignment. Due to the extensive scope of work, this intersection closure will last for approximately four to six weeks. The detours will be posted to route traffic to Adams Road toward Chumuckla Hwy., and to Chipper Lane through the Winners Gait subdivision. For more information, contact the road and bridge department at (850) 626-0191.

Liberty Events:

July 15- Dinner and a Movie - Free transportation will be provided to Ryan's restaurant followed by a movie at The Ridge. Van leaves at 6 p.m., and returns after the movie. Discount tickets available at ITT.

July 16 - Free transportation (for active duty) to Running of the Bulls in Pensacola. Liberty will provide transportation downtown to active duty service members wishing to participate in this fun, new, event. Van leaves at 3:30 p.m., and the run starts at 5:30. Van returns at 9 p.m. Participants need to wear traditional white shirt and shorts with a red sash. See <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=137765429579055> for more details.

Don't forget to check out the Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/naswhitingfield> and MWR's Facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/WFMWR>.

Upcoming Events

July 14, 0800 - Take Your Kid to Work Day - NASWF

July 15, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

July 29, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Aug. 4, 0930 - Senior royal Saudi Naval Forces Officer Visit

Aug. 12, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Aug. 12, TBD - NAWF All Hands Safety Standown

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) - Thursday, July 14 - 1 to 3 p.m.

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

VA Representative - Friday, July 15 - 9 to 11 a.m.

Resume Writing - Monday, July 18 & 25 - 10 a.m. to noon

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.

CSB Redux Decision Thursday, July 28 - 1-3 p.m.

Are you nearing your 15th year of military service? If so, which retirement option are you going to choose? Learn about the Career Status Bonus and Redux retirement system and how it could affect your savings long term. Know the differences between the CSB/Redux and the High 3 retirement systems, so that you can make the choice that is right for you and your family. For more information, contact your Financial Educator at 623-7177.

Applying for Federal Jobs - Tuesday, Aug. 1 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort 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 listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. For more information, call 623-7177.

Job Fair

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Highway Patrol, Troy University, Covenant Hospice, Cox Communications, and Keegan Staffing. The list of employers is growing daily. As many as 70 employers have benefited from previous job fairs.

The continued success and growth of the NAS Whiting Field Job Fair has been the result of consistent participation by high-quality employers and well qualified job seekers, while keeping costs at a minimum. In fact, it is free to both job-seekers and employers. While targeted to transitioning military members, veterans and their families, the general public is welcome.

The Job Fair will be held in NAS Whiting Field's Sikes Hall on August 18, 2011. Doors open to the public at 9:00 am and close at 3:00 pm. Job Seekers are advised to dress for success, bring several copies of their resume and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.

Employers may phone NAS Whiting Field's Fleet & Family Support Center at (850) 623-7177, or fax (850) 623-7246 to request a booth. There is no fee to employers or job seekers at this event. The points of contact for this event are Darryl Johnson (Darryl.Johnson2@navy.mil), Terri Maddox (Terri.Maddox@navy.mil), or Wanda Mcdaniel (Wanda.Mcdaniel.ctr@navy.mil).

Navy releases energy video

By Chris Dettmar, Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The director of the Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division released a video podcast July 7, in which he discusses the nation's fight for independence from foreign oil.

The video message can be viewed on the Navy's Task Force Energy Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/video/video.php?v=129457953806427> or on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBV07RHxXtc>.

A written transcript is also available on the Navy's Energy, Environment, and Climate Change website <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/files/2011/07/20110707-July-Podcast-transcript.pdf>.

In the podcast, Rear Adm. Phil Cullom highlights the Navy's advances in energy efficiency and sustainability, and suggests specific actions individuals can take to reduce their own carbon footprint and help make a difference.

"The more we reduce our energy consumption, the more we perfect alternative and sustainable energy sources, and the more we protect our environment, the sooner we will be an energy secure nation," said Cullom.

This initiative is one of many throughout the Navy and Marine Corps which will enable the Department of the Navy achieve Secretary Ray Mabus' energy goals to improve our energy security, efficiency afloat and ashore, increase our energy independence, and help lead the nation toward a clean energy economy.

Land purchase

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used as a model of encroachment protection throughout the Department of Defense. To date, more than \$11 million dollars has been spent to help obtain property or easements totaling in excess of 3,000 acres since 2005.

NAS Whiting Field is the busiest Naval Air Station in the world with more than 160,000 flight hours flown annually and more than 1.3 million flight operations per year. It is one of the top employers in Santa Rosa County, and has a yearly economic impact of nearly 400 million, according to a 2008 University of West Florida study.

While protecting NAS Whiting Field's mission is important, it is equally important to protect local residents from potential accidents or noise issues relating to the base's training requirements.

"The highest risks of accidents are near the clear zones beyond the runways. Preventing residential construction near the fence line of the base helps keep houses away from potentially risky areas and ensures homes aren't sub-

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NAS Whiting Field
Community Liaison**

jected to aircraft noise. It's all part of helping to ensure we can be a good neighbor to the residents of Santa Rosa County," Roy said.

Many of the issues being worked through now in regards to encroachment, stem from the Joint Land Use Study commissioned by the county in 2003. The report provided a framework to safeguard public health, safety, and urban encroachment. Many of the lands obtained in conjunction with NAS Whiting Field will become public lands to be used for public recreation, compatible businesses or other uses that don't restrict the training mission of the base.

This purchase was the second success of 2011. An additional purchase was completed this spring and encompassed about 175 acres. The protection effort is an ongoing process with additional tracts of land still being reviewed. This includes areas around NAS Whiting Field and outlying fields within the Florida panhandle.

"This is a big project," Roy emphasized. "We are just taking it a piece at a time."

feds **feed** families

Children and families are in great need of donated food this summer.

Federal employees are joining together to collect 2 million pounds of food nationwide.

Starting **July 5, 2011**, please bring non-perishable items and place into a designated donation box.

Boxes will be picked up by the NASWF Chaplain's office:

July 19, 2011
August 2, 2011
August 16, 2011
August 30, 2011



Contact your **local Chaplain** for drop-off locations and more information.

**POC: RP2 Jordan at 850-623-7212
or 850-623-7211**

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