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TRAWING-5 recycles T-34's to keep others flying

By Ensign Timothy Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field issued a final salute April 18 to a number of veteran T-34C Turbo Mentor training aircraft. Sixteen hulks, stripped of wings, engines, and landing gear, were gathered in a tight formation on the NAS Whiting Field Fire Training Grounds in anticipation of a final cross country journey — to the recycling center.

“These aircraft are out of life,” Dan Shaunessy explained.

The lead class desk for the T-34C and other aircraft under the Chief of Naval Air Training in Corpus Christie, Texas, he described Training Air Wing FIVE's 16 weary craft as limited by structural fatigue life. CNATRA's review of its T-34C inventory identified these Turbo Mentors, along with 19 others from Training Wing FOUR in Corpus, as the most structurally expended among the Navy's inventory of T-34C trainers.

The 35 stricken aircraft comprise the first large group of T-34Cs to be systematically removed from Na-

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Empty hulks of T-34 Turbo mentor aircraft lay in a Naval Air Station Whiting Field boneyard waiting for pickup. The planes had reached the end of their servicable life and are waiting to be salvaged. Usable parts are stripped from the aircraft to be reutilized to keep other T-34s operational until the transition to the new T-6B Texan is complete a few years from now. So far, 35 aircraft have been scrapped and periodically, a few more will be added to the list as the planes structural integrity falls into question. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Timothy Mosso.

Easter Bunny helps NASWF families enjoy annual egg hunt

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The First Class Petty Officers' Association at Naval Air Station Whiting Field hosted its first Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 23 for the base families. The event turnout far exceeded expectations, and the first attempt will certainly not be the last.

Hoping for 20 to 25 children for the event, the FCPOA planned for double that — it barely proved to be enough. More than 45 kids under the age of 11 showed up with baskets in hand. Hundreds of eggs had been hidden and the children could turn in their eggs for a bag of goodies filled with candies and small toys. Each child also received a cupcake at the end of the hunt.

“There were far more kids than we expected and we were worried that we didn't bring enough for them all. But it all worked out, and I think they had a good time,” Master-at-Arms First Class Lynn Hults said.

The golf course pavillion proved to be a perfect site for the event

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The kids gather around the Easter Bunny following the Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 23 at the golf course pavillion. The Naval Air Station Whiting Field First Class Petty Officers' Association hosted the event for the families. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

DOD launches new helpline to support victims of sexual assault



Michelle Obama

(NEW YORK, and ARLINGTON, Va.) Apr. 12, 2011 – As part of First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden’s “Joining Forces” initiative, McGraw-Hill (NYSE: MHP) and Better Business Bureau are joining together to develop and deliver expanded financial literacy and consumer protection programs to military families. The campaign builds on six years of BBB Military Line training initiatives and McGraw-Hill’s decade-long commitment to ensuring financial literacy for all. The combined effort will reach more than 40,000 military families initially and will include a full complement of online and onsite financial resources including webinars, mobile applications, workshops and promotions.



Dr. Jill Biden

According to an October 2010 FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) study entitled, “Financial Capability in the United States: Military Survey,” military populations suffer disproportionately from financial strain (poor credit, high debt, foreclosures, etc.) due to service members’ unique circumstances of long deployments, protracted family separation and frequent moves. The study notes, “Improving financial capability is not only important for military service members and their families, it also affects the military as a whole. When military families make poor financial decisions, the cost of those decisions can undermine military readiness.”

“Lack of financial literacy can become a serious national security issue, as well as an unnecessary and burdensome distraction for our service members and their families,” said Stephen A. Cox, President and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus. “Financial readiness is critical to mission readiness and BBB Military Line is honored to work with McGraw-Hill to make this happen.”

“McGraw-Hill is proud to work with BBB Military Line to equip the armed forces and their families with the tools to make informed financial decisions,” said Harold McGraw III, Chairman, President and CEO of McGraw-Hill. “We applaud First Lady Obama and Dr. Biden for launching this worthy campaign and McGraw-Hill stands ready to do our part.”

Regional commander releases energy strategy

Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, announced the release of the region’s 2011-2013 Energy Strategy in a podcast video. The video message is available at www.cnic.navy.mil/cnrse and www.facebook.com/navyregionse.

Also available online are the Energy Strategy brochure and a quick reference card that Sailors, civilian employees, retirees, and family members can download. The brochure outlines the region’s energy goals and the quick reference card provides specific recommendations on how everyone can help reduce energy consumption.

The Energy Strategy is part of an ongoing effort to change behaviors from a culture of consumption to a culture of conservation. Aggressive conservation efforts at Region Southeast installations will enable the region to meet the Secretary of the Navy’s goal of three percent energy usage reduction per year and a 30 percent reduction by 2015 relative to 2003.

As Rear Adm. Alexander said in the brochure, “Everyone is an energy saver.”

This Week in Naval History

April 26

1921 - U.S. Naval Detachment left Yugoslavia after administering area around Spalato for two years to guarantee transfer of area from Austria to new country.

1952 - USS Hobson (DMS 26) sinks after colliding with USS Wasp (CV 18); 176 lives lost.

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1805 - Naval forces capture Derne, Tripoli; raise first U.S. flag over foreign soil.

1813 - U.S. Navy and Army forces capture York (now Toronto), Canada.

1861 - President Lincoln extended blockade of Confederacy to Virginia and North Carolina ports.

1865 - Body of John Wilkes Booth brought to Washington Navy Yard.

April 28

1862 - Naval forces capture Forts Jackson and St. Philip, La.

1965 - Dominican Republic intervention began.

1944 - U.S. Tank Landing Ships (LSTs) attacked during Operation Tiger.

1993 - Secretary of Defense memo orders Armed Forces to train and assign women on combat aircraft and most combat ships, but not to ground combat positions.

News and Notes

Navarre Fun Fest - The Navarre Area Chamber of Commerce will present their 27th Annual Fun Fest Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, at Navarre Beach. The family two-day event is sponsored in part by Santa Rosa Medical Center. Application forms for: Artists & Crafters, Food Vendors and Sponsors are located on the Navarre Chamber website at: www.navarrechamber.com. The event is seeking painters, potters, stain glass artists, beach arts and all types of crafts welcomed. Spaces are available for \$100.00 per 10 x 10 space. Any artist or crafter seeking information may contact Connie Jones at: 939-7964, For general information about Fun Fest, call: 939-3267.

Army of Hope Summer Camp - The Florida Elks Youth Camp is providing a six day sleep away camp FREE to the dependents of active military because they care. The camp will run from July 31 to Aug. 6 and is available to all dependents of active military ages 9 to 16. The program provides a recreational camp where children can just be a kid for a week. Contact 800-523-1673 extension 249 for an application.

Milton Community Center New Offerings - Martial Arts and Zumba classes are now being offered at the Milton Community Center, 5629 Byrom St. Martial Arts classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children's classes start at 6 p.m. and adult classes began at 7 p.m. The start-up fee is \$59, which includes a uniform, and the monthly fee is \$80. Discounts are offered for additional family members. Martial Arts classes will be taught by Grandmaster Gary Nichols seventh degree Black Belt and Master Level Black Sash. Zumba classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. Zumba is taught by Brandee Walker and costs \$5 for each session. For more information, contact Linsey Williamson at (850) 983-5466 ext 4208 or go on-line to: www.miltonparks.webs.com.

Alcohol Awareness Month - To help you better understand your relationship with alcohol, this April, in observance of Alcohol Awareness Month, Military Pathways (www.militarypathways.org) is encouraging service members and their families to assess their drinking IQ by taking a brief, anonymous questionnaire either online at www.DrinkingIQ.org. Since the Drinking IQ campaign launched, over 17,000 people have taken an alcohol screening on-line through the Military Pathways program. Of those who scored positive for symptoms of an alcohol use disorder and answered the question, "Do you plan to seek further evaluation?," more than 25 percent answered, "Yes."

Helicopter Safety Survey - If you are or were a U.S. military helicopter pilot or crewmember, the Department of Defense wants to know if you suffered back/neck pain or injury (not resulting from an aviation mishap) that may be related to your service in helicopters. Researchers for the Office of the Secretary of Defense are urging current and former military pilots and crewmembers to complete this short online survey at www.DoDhelicopterseatsurvey.com. Completed surveys are anonymous and should only be taken once. If you participated in a similar January 2010 Navy and Marine Corps survey, please do not complete this survey, as the results will be merged with this study. The survey will be available online from April 1 through April 30, 2011. For details, please contact Kristin Harmon at info@IHSolutionsConsulting.com.

Blueberry Bash - The ARC Santa Rosa, Inc., 2nd Annual



A Tree Grows in Whiting

Navy Exchange general manager, Linda Larrabee and several members of the Navy Exchange staff plant an American Holly tree to celebrate Earth Day 2011. The group planted the tree Friday, April 22 in back of the main NEX complex. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

"Blueberry Bash" will be held on Sat, Jun 25, 2011, 0800-1400. They are located at 6225 Dixie Road, Milton. To kick-off the event, a 5K Fun-Run will begin at 7 a.m., with check-in at 6 a.m. To register on-line, visit www.imathlet.com. You can also download the registration form at www.thearcsantarosa.org/documents. Registration is \$25.00 and includes a "Blueberry Bash" t-shirt. Refreshments will follow the run. Late registration fee will be \$30.00 after Jun 4, 2011. This promises to be a family event with many children's activities, including: Petting Zoo, Horseback Rides, Jumpers, 3-Story Slide, Games and more! A variety of Arts and Crafts and other vendors will be on hand, as well as an array of Fun Food items to enjoy! There will be various local entertainment performing throughout the day! Blueberry plants and fruit will be available for purchase! For additional information, please contact Mr. Debbie Goss at dgoss@bellsouth.net or contact The ARC Santa Rosa at 623-9320.

Revive with Adrian - First Baptist of Milton, and Immanuel Baptist Pace are sponsoring an event, "Revive with Adrian" on Saturday, 14 May. Revive with Adrian Despres is a revival on Saturday, May 14, at 6pm for the heart, mind, soul and body. This event is for men & women. Adrian Despres is the team chaplain for the University of South Carolina football team and is one of the most inspiring evangelistic speakers in the country. "Revive with Adrian Despres" will be at First Baptist Milton and is sponsored by the men's ministries of First Baptist Church Milton and Immanuel Baptist Church Pace. For more information and for tickets (\$10) contact: www.fbcmilton.org (623-3122) or www.paceimmanuel.org (994-6152). Visit Adrian at www.adriandespres.com

Fly In & Chili Cook-off - AMS Aviation will be hosting it's 1st Annual Aviation Fly-In and Chili Cook-off Competition, 1100-1700, Sat, 21 May 2010, at Peter Prince Airport in Milton. Bring your best chili recipe to be entered into the competition! There will be prizes for first, second and third place recipes, as well as the Peoples' Choice Chili! There will also be music, activities, static displays, door prizes and airplane rides galore! Please contact Mr. Joseph Toomey, 623-4704, for additional information.

Upcoming Events

May 5-7, 0900 - Family Fun and Fitness Fest - NEX Park Lot

May 6, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

May 13, 1600 - Military Appreciation Day - Sports Complex

May 20, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

May 30 - Memorial Day

June 3, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center classes

VA Representative - Friday May 6 & 20 (Call for Appointment), 8 a.m. to Noon - 623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday May 23, 8 to 10 a.m. - 623-7177

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 housing community center.

How to Apply for a Federal Job - May 23, 10 a.m. to Noon. 623-7177

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 listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the base housing community center.

Family Info Night - May 24 6 to 8 p.m. 623-7177

Developing Your Spending Plan - May 26, 1 to 3 p.m. 623-7177

This class is NOT designed to tell you what to do with your money. This class will challenge you to think before you spend. There is no patent on the right way to handle your money, but there are better ways to get your dollar's worth. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room.

Big changes in place for NASWF SAR program

The "Safe Helpline", a new centralized number has been launched by DoD for victims to call or text to report a sexual assault. Victims can call the hotline 24/7 from anywhere at 877-995-5247 or text their location to 55247 to receive automated information inside the US. Victims still have a choice of unrestricted or restricted reporting.

At the local level, NAS Whiting Field's SAPR program is undergoing major upgrades as well. In the past, NASWF relied on NAS Pensacola for its required 24/7 victim advocate support and response. For the first time, NASWF now has its own watch-bill supported by the installation. When a victim calls the new Safe Helpline number, callers will be referred to a local victim advocate for assistance. Victim advocates undergo an in-depth screening process, receive 32 hours of specialized training, and must complete 10 hours of annual refresher training.

Another significant improvement is that NASWF will now have a designated Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). In the past, SARC duties have been performed as a collateral duty, but increased required responsibilities made it difficult to give the SAPR program the attention that it deserves. FFSC is currently in the hiring process, and should have the SARC on board by mid-May to take the NASWF SAPR program to the next level.

Hopefully these changes will encourage victims to report sexual assault and get the care and help they need.

If you are interested in becoming a NASWF Victim Advocate or would like more information about the program, please contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at 623-7177. FFSC Staff is also available to provide briefings and information to your command, organization or association.

Unrestricted Reporting: This option is recommended for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting Unrestricted Reporting, you should use current reporting channels, e.g.: Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Chaplain, Health Care Personnel, Chain of command, Law Enforcement or Legal personnel. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign a VA. At the victim's discretion or request, the health care personnel shall conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE), which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Restricted Reporting: This option is for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals without triggering the official investigative process. Service Members who desire Restricted reporting under this policy must use one of the following reporting avenues: SARC, VA, Health Care Provider or Chaplain. If this option is elected the victim cannot discuss the assault with anyone, to include friends, without imposing an obligation on them to report the crime. The only exceptions would be Chaplains, Designated Health Care Personnel, assigned Victim Advocate and the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.. This policy provides victims some personal space and time and increased control over the release and management of their personal information.

T-34s

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val service, and its fate will be unique in terms of disposal and purpose. While the heavily-salvaged craft are unsuitable for museum loans, static exhibitions, or preservation for future use, they have performed an invaluable duty as donor birds.

CNATRA plans to use this rich vein of reclaimed components to keep its remaining T-34C fleet at a higher level of mission capability. A pool of readily-available parts was created by CNATRA and its individual training commands in conjunction with original equipment manufacturers. Rebuilt engines, propeller assemblies, avionics, and other critical components are available to reduce aircraft down time and facilitate a more fluid rotation of parts through use and rebuild phases. The result is a fleet better able to serve the training needs of Naval Aviation with greater economies of time and budget.

The ongoing introduction of the high-performance T-6B Texan II heralds the dawn of a new era for Naval Aviation training, but the T-34C will remain a vital platform for several years. According to CNATRA Aircraft Analyst Jerry Vasquez, 232 Turbo Mentors remain in service at NAS Whiting Field and Corpus. Although TRAWING 5 will be the first Navy command to train Student Naval Aviators exclusively in the T-6B, the T-34C will play a valuable role in facilitating the transition.

The T-34C has served Whiting Field as the sole platform for Primary Flight Training of Naval Aviators since the retirement of its predecessor, the T-28 Trojan. More than 30,000 students have flown in the T-34, according to TRAWING 5 Program Analyst Edward Fisher. Since the March 1978 arrival of the first T-34C at air station, the craft has become an icon of the base and a fixture in the skies over neighboring Milton, Fla.

As the first of the Turbo Mentors quietly depart Whiting, Fisher, who joined TRAWING 5 in 1968, mused that they are leaving in the same muted fashion as they arrived, "In 1978, it got a lot quieter; the T-28 was five times louder."

Easter

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Liam, 2, shows off his Easter eggs during the Easter egg hunt on the base April 23. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

with a playground for the kids to play on, enough parking for the families, and trees to hide the eggs around. Add in the comfortable weather and a visit from the Easter Bunny, and the day was fun for everyone.

"Liam had a blast! He loved searching for the Easter eggs." Laura Davis, who brought her grandson, said. "He was talking about the Easter Bunny for two days afterwards."

The Easter egg hunt also included a best bonnet contest and a best easter basket contest for the kids. The FCPOA unanimously picked Ashley Rodriguez, daughter of Sandra and Lukas Rodriguez, as the winner of the bonnet contest. The basketball themed bucket of Xavier Johnson, son of Tyae and Brandon Johnson took top honors for best basket. Each child took home a \$20 gift card for winning.

The FCPOA received some assistance from the NASWF Leadership Council and the Chief Petty Officer Association to help fund the day's activities. The hunt showed a desire for children friendly events at the base, and according to Hults the FCPOA already plans to hold another hunt next year.

"We were constantly saying, 'Oh, we should have done this.' We learned a lot, and we want to plan for a bigger event next year," he said.

Ec-nomics

Make Your Own Natural Cleaning Products

You may not have given it much thought, but many cleaning products on the market are made from petroleum derivatives. (This also goes for candles, beauty products, fabrics and many other common items.) The average American uses about 25 gallons of cleaning products a year. Since some of these products have a lot of water in them as well, let's assume that it takes half that volume in oil to make them - 12.5 gallons. As an alternative, make your own cleaning products! The process can be simple and fun, and you can scent them exactly to your taste with natural essential oils. Also consider switching to natural candles and beauty products. Savings: 12.5 gallons of petroleum products a year.

Check Your Tire Pressure

You may have heard the oft-repeated (and occasionally ridiculed) suggestion to "inflate your tires" in order to decrease rolling resistance and increase fuel economy on the road. In fact, it's sometimes said that if everyone in the U.S. kept their tires inflated to the recommended pressure, we'd save 200,000 barrels of oil a day. Let's see how it might break down for you. The average amount of under-inflation, 7.5 pounds, causes a loss of 2.8% in fuel efficiency. Since the average American driver logs 15,000 miles per year, and the average efficiency for a passenger car is 23 miles per gallon, that's an average of 642 gallons of gas a year (more for those who drive SUVs). If we take 2.8% of 642 we get 18 gallons. Savings: 18 gallons of gas a year.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

Congratulations TRAWING-5 wingers and scholars



First Row: Lt. Col. Mark Thompson, USMC Ensign Ryan Rose, USN; Ensign Jeremy Byrne, USN; Lt. j.g. Daniel Gift, USN; Lt. j.g. Amy Hunt, USN; Ensign Brittney Lambert, USN; 1st Lt. Laura Pattawi, USMC; and Lt. j.g. Peter Stewart, USN.
Second Row: Cmdr. Hans Sholley, USN; Lt. Col. Shawn Coakley, USMC; Lt. j.g. Abdulaziz Al-Sultan, RSNF; 1st Lt. Robert Johnson, USMC; 1st Lt. Jeremy Elliott, USMC; Ensign Sean Bakey, USN; Lt. j.g. Patrick Kelley-Hauske, USN; 1st Lt. Ryan Williams, USMC; Capt. James Vandiver, USN; and Maj. Gen Jon Davis, USMC.
Third Row: Faisal Al-Amro, RSNF; Lt. j.g. William Collier, USN; 1st Lt. Thomas Heitmann, USMC; 1st Lt. Donald Stanford, USMC; Ensign Stephen McLaughlin, USN; 1st Lt. Matthew Wiegand, USMC; Lt. j.g. Phillip St. John, USN; 1st Lt. Tyler Wright, USMC; Ensign Christopher Reese, USN; and Lt. j.g. Christopher Marsh.



Left Photo: 1st Lt. Steve M. Watson, USMC; Ensign Timothy D. Palmer, Jr., USN; 1st Lt. Joshua B Jelosek, USMC; 2nd Lt. Matthew P. Luvera, USAF; and 1st Lt. Daniel J. Fawcett, USMC receive their Academic Achievement Awards Friday, April 8 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building. The students were recognized for their superior scholastic achievement during flight training.



Right Photo: Lt. j.g. Ross S. Nix, USN; 2nd Lt. Justin D. Kellett, USAF; 1st Lt. Katie A. Johnson, USMC; Lt. Christopher Pittman, USN; Lt. j.g. Shawn M. Chauvot, USCG; 1st Lt. Kyle T. Wilson, USMC; 2nd Lt. Dean Collins, USMC; Ensign Devon A Cartwright, USN; Ensign John E. Powers, USN; and Ensign Thomas E. Hobbs, USN receive the April 15 awards.