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VT-6 Pilot Lost Following T-34 Accident

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Volunteer divers early Wednesday morning at approximately 1 a.m..



Lt. Clinton Wermers in a photo provided by the family. The VT-6 pilot is presumed drowned following an aircraft mishap in New Orleans.

Training Air Wing FIVE and Training Squadron SIX lost one of their own Saturday, Jan. 23 during a routing training mission Saturday evening near New Orleans, La. Lt. Clinton Wermers, an instructor pilot with the VT-6 "Shooters" is dead after a T-34 Turbomotor aircraft he and a student Naval aviator were flying went down in Lake Ponchartrain.

Coast Guard teams responded and were able to rescue the student within the first two hours following the accident. He was suffering from mild hypothermia and some moderate injuries. He was taken to a New Orleans hospital where he was treated and released Monday morning. Wermers body was recovered by vol-

The volunteer divers, from Gulf States Dive and Rescue working with Crowder Gulf Disaster Rescue and Debris Management, located the T-34 aircraft shortly after 10 p.m. Working in cold water, at night and with limited visibility, the divers were able to find Wermers in close proximity to the plane. The divers were part of a large scale effort under the guidance of the New Orleans Area Security Initiative working on the recovery.

According to the New Orleans Area Security Initiative press release, other groups included: the New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans Emergency Medical Service, New

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"Tower" News to be Printed in "Gosport"

This is the first week of a cooperative effort between Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Naval Air Station Pensacola to provide "Whiting Tower" news in Gosport. Beginning Friday, Jan. 29, "Gosport" will feature a one-page full color section. It is expected that the Whiting Field news segment will expand over a period of time.

Having a printed news sheet will enable a greater distribution of NAS Whiting Field news around the greater Pensacola area and provide a tangible copy of the base and Training Air Wing FIVE news that will be more readily available to students and retirees.

Delivery of "Gosport" will be every Friday to multiple locations throughout the base, and the publisher is reviewing the possibility of delivery to Milton and Pace locations as well. For the time being, this will not impact the "Whiting Tower" in its electronic form. It will continue to be posted and the link emailed Wednesday afternoons.

Corpsman Deploys to Haiti

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A sailor from the Branch Health Clinic aboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field deployed with the USNS Comfort on its relief mission to Haiti Jan 20. He joined the ship with 27 other service members from the local area.

Senior Chief Corpsman Bill Minor is an Independent Duty Corpsman qualified for duty with the Fleet Marine Force and independent duty aboard surface ships. He is specially trained to operate in basic primary health care.

"Managing a 10 percent deployment rate for an already optimized and lean staff is a challenge. But this is our new normal in Navy Medicine... No Navy rate has deployed more than the Hospital Corps since 9-11," Capt. Jeff Plummer, Commanding Officer of Branch Health Clinic Whiting Field, explained. "Our mission is Force Health Protection, which means we create a health force, and deploy with that force while caring for their families at home - it's what we do."

The clinic at NAS Whiting Field does not plan to cut back on services it provides to the base on a regular basis. Plummer assured that although Minor's deployment came shortly after sending four

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NAS Whiting Field VITA Program Kicks Off Tax Season

Beginning on February 1st, NAS Whiting Field will once again offer free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to active duty, dependents, retirees, and reservists on active duty for more than 30 days. Through this program, those eligible individuals not only can save hundreds of dollars on tax preparation fees, but they also get their refund in just a couple of weeks.

During the 2009 tax season, Navy-wide volunteers with the VITA program filed nearly 70,000 federal and state tax returns, saving service members and dependents more than \$9,700,000 in commercial tax preparation fees. Locally, last year the NAS Whiting Field Tax Center filed over 600 tax returns, with a savings to the taxpayer of over \$63,000. The VITA program is a proven winner that improves morale and readiness and keeps money in sailors' pockets. VITA significantly reduces the effort and cost involved in meeting federal and state tax obligations:

A. No preparation fees. Commercial tax preparers may charge over \$140 for the average electronically filed return. VITA/ELF volunteers prepare and file the same returns at no cost to sailors and dependents.

B. Faster refunds. Paper returns may take eight or more weeks to process. By using VITA, refunds are deposited directly into a sailor's bank account an average of two weeks from the date of transmission, even from overseas

and afloat commands. These rapid refunds greatly reduce the need for refund anticipation loans (short-term loans with added charges and high interest rates).

C. Fewer mistakes. VITA prepared returns are very accurate - less than a 1 percent error rate compared to 15 percent for paper returns.

This year, the NAS Whiting Field Tax Center is located in the Atrium Building 1417, room 153. The building is next door to the Gym in center of the base, with the Chapel on one end and Pen Air Credit Union on the other. Using the north side entrance near Pen Air Credit Union, we are the 1st office on the left-hand side. Currently, tax preparation assistance is available Monday through Friday, 0800 - 1600 and offered on an appointment-only basis. Please call 665-6120 to schedule an appointment.

Before making an appointment, please ensure you have all of your tax documents. You will need W-2's, 1099R's, and bank documents showing interest/dividends earned. You will also be required to provide last year's tax return or copies of your Social Security Card (for each member listed on the return), and if the return will be filed electronically, a blank check to verify RTN and account number.

The VITA program is only viable if it is utilized. This is another one of those good programs that may go away if it is not used. Please call 665-6120 to make an appointment.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Thanks for the feedback and suggestions in the CO's suggestion box. I read every one of them. Here is quick feedback on a couple:

1. **Can the POOW get a "Back in a few minutes" sign for when we use the head, etc?**

YES. CMC has for action.

2. **Can we get some lights in the Crash parking lot?**

YES. I've already spoken to Public Works and we'll get some lights put in as quickly as we can. It might take a couple of months.

3. **Request chits are being kicked back at the lower levels of the Chain of Command without getting up to the CO.**



Capt. Pete Hall
Commanding Officer

As I said in Captain's Call, your Chain of Command likes standing in front of my desk answering questions even less than you do. So they try to ensure that the request chits are complete and fully researched. They should be giving you help and guidance in filling out the chit, teaching and mentoring you so that you can get it correct. We (your Chain of Command) are still

taking too long in answering the chits and getting them back to you. I'll fix that.

4. **PO3's living in town / wanting to move out of the barracks.**

I reviewed two special request chits already, and disapproved them based on the information provided. Basically, the costs associated with living out in town were not accurate. In order to cover the rent, these sailors would never eat out, have no cable, no

entertainment whatsoever, and could probably only drive to work twice a week. That is neither realistic nor is it a recipe for success. Allowing off-base housing in such a situation would simply be setting you up for failure. Do a realistic assessment of what it actually costs to live out in town and, if you can cover the expenses AND have a life AND eat occasionally AND put away a little money in case your car breaks down or you have to turn on the heat, then resubmit the chit.

5. **Open door policy of the CO is really not that open and we think we'll get in trouble from our division if we stop by to chat.**

Nope, it really is an open door. But remember that if you do stop by to chat, I'm going to ask if you saw the XO and / or CMC first about the issue.

Now, I have some questions back for you, and I really am looking for input and solutions.

First, how do we improve the
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News and Notes

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.

First Friday - Come enjoy an exciting event in downtown Milton from 5 to 8 p.m. the first Friday of the month! Historic Downtown Milton is the place to be if you want to join the fun at the unique stores, art gallery, cafes and restaurants <<http://www.firstfridayhawaii.com/directory/index.html>> that feature exciting art exhibits and free entertainment.

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



Awarding Excellence

Lt. Scott J. Purcell, USN, is awarded the Air Medal (with bronze star for first award) by Cmdr. Mat Frost, commanding officer Helicopter Training Squadron-28. Purcell conducted a successful emergency landing in his TH-57 training helicopter after experiencing an engine malfunction. His exceptional presence of mind and quick action resulted in a safe autorotative landing with no damage to the airframe and no injuries to the crew. Photo courtesy HT-28.

Hartigan at 393-8692.

Yoga Class - Yoga classes are available at Milton Community 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.

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.

Family Fun Day - The East Milton Youth Association (EMYA) will be hosting a Family Fun Day at East Milton Park off Highway 90 in East Milton, Jan. 30 beginning at 10 a.m. EMYA could use as many volunteers as possible to assist in managing the day's activities to include inflatables, baseball and softball clinics, ticket sales, pony rides, food and much more. If you would like to help out, please contact the NAS Whiting Field Volunteer Coordinator, NC1 Gwendolyn King at, email: gwendolyn.f.king@navy.mil, phone (850) 623-7761.

Military Special - The Blackwater Bistro is celebrating their one-year anniversary with a Military special.- \$1 draft beer every Wednesday night in January for military personnel and DoD contractors.

A Taste for Art - The Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation will hold its fifth annual optional black tie fund raiser Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Chocolate delights and gourmet appetizers highlight the evening. Tickets are \$25. Call 393-0121 for details.



Recognizing Our Top Sailors

AC2 Dante Spagnolo receives his Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Capt. Pete Hall, Naval Air Station Whiting Field commanding officer, Jan. 21. The medal was presented during an Operations Department award ceremony in the operations auditorium. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 29, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Feb. 4, 1430 - NASWF Staff Association Mtg - Wing's Club

Feb. 11, 1800 - Milton Mardi Gras Parade - Downtown Milton

Feb. 12, 1300 Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 24, 0730 - SRC Military Update Mtg. - Wings Club

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, January 29, 0800 - 1200

Consumers' Self Defense - Wednesday, February 3, 1400 - 1500

According to the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, fraud cost consumers over 40 billion dollars every year. We are constantly approached by people trying to take our money. Some offers are truly fraudulent and are illegal, most however, are simply rip-offs and misrepresentations. Don't be a victim! Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

How to Start a Business - Monday, February 8, 0800 - 1000

Learn the skills and techniques needed to establish your own business. This class will assist you in developing a business plan. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Developing Your Spending Plan - Wednesday, February 10, 1400 - 1500

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. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, February 12, 0800 - 1200

Anger Management - Wednesday, February 17, 1300 - 1400

Is anger affecting your health, your relationships or your work performance? Learn to understand the causes and effects of unhealthy anger and how to express and release that anger in a healthy way! Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Renting - Wednesday, February 17, 1400 - 1500

The purpose of this workshop is to provide complete, objective, and unbiased information so prospective military renters will be confident in their decision whether or not to rent, and be better able to negotiate the potential financial pitfalls they may encounter during the rental process. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

How to Apply for a Federal Job - Monday, February 22, 0800 - 1000

"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

VT-6 Pilot

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Orleans Fire Department, New Orleans Office of Homeland Security, New Orleans chapter of the American Red Cross, Gulf States Dive and Rescue, Louisiana Search and Rescue Dog Team, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Emergency Management, the United States Coast Guard and Plaquemines Parish Government.

The two pilots were flying a nighttime instrument training mission and were approximately one nautical mile north of New Orleans' Lakefront Airport when the plane went down. The cause of the accident is unknown and a Judge Advocate General and a Naval Safety Center investigation have been initiated.

VT-6 held a no-fly day Monday, Jan. 25 to brief the students and instructors on the incident and make counseling services available to the students and staff before resuming training. His loss is tragic for the "Shooters" team.

"Lt. Wermers was a top performer at VT-6 and he will be sorely missed," said Cmdr. Sean Maybee, VT-6 ex-

ecutive officer. "A dedicated father and family man, he was a high time flyer with numerous advanced flight instructor qualifications. Not only is this tragedy an irreplaceable loss to his wife and children but a tremendous blow to VT-6 and the U. S. Navy. The men and women of VT-6 would like to thank the community for their outpouring of support to the Wermers family."

Wermers, 33, was an eight year Navy veteran and E-6B Mercury pilot. He performed his initial flight training at Training Wing FOUR in Corpus Christi, Tex. Follow on orders took him to Tinker Air Force Base for tours with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadrons VQ-3 and VQ-7 before transferring to VT-6. His personal decorations included the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Meritorious Service Medal.

Wermers is survived by his wife and two children and was expecting a third child. A fund for the family has been established via the Air Warrior Courage Foundation at www.airwarriorcourage.org.

Sailors and Families Help Out During National Day of Service

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Four enlisted Sailors and a few of their family members ensured that the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was a day of service rather than a day off. Instead of relaxing during the long weekend, they put in a full work day helping to restore an historic home and surrounding grounds.

The renovation, sponsored by the Blackwater River Foundation, is an ongoing effort to renovate one of Santa Rosa County's period building back to its former glory. The T.W. Jones house was owned by one of Milton's leading citizens during the late 1890s through 1951.

Chief Air Traffic Controller Maria Humphrey, Navy Counselor First Class Gwendolyn King, Air Traffic Controller Second Class Ayanna Hodge, and Master-at-Arms Third Class Candace Willett, along with King's husband and children, worked with other area residents and volunteer groups to improve the house.

For King, this effort was a chance to help while at the same time passing along a good message to her kids.

"I love volunteering," she said. "It's so important that we help out in the community and I want my children to understand the fulfillment that you can get when you help others."

The Jones home was built sometime near the 1870's as a Creole style cottage. Jones purchased the home and he and his wife, Alice, lived in it until their deaths in the 1950s. Jones enlarged the house for his wife in 1922 during his first of three terms as Clerk of Courts.

The home and property were donated to the foundation in 2002 after being abandoned for more than a decade. The BRF worked to secure grants for the renovation project. Many of the grants are matching, and the work the volun-



Area volunteers gather in front of the historic T. W. Jones house in Bagdad, Fla. after completing a full day of work renovating the home. Several people from Naval Air Station Whiting Field helped out with the project Jan. 18.

Instructors/Sailors Recognized During Navy League Banquet



Lt. Scott Purcell, USN, HT-28; Capt. Dennis Wait, USMC, HT-18; Lt. John Skinner, USN, HT-8; Lt. Jared Tharp, USN, VT-6; Lt. Mariusz Drozdowski, USN, VT-2; Lt. Cmdr. Will Christian, USN, Training Air Wing FIVE; and Capt. Christopher Gordon, USMC, VT-3 were recognized as their command's Instructors of the Year during the annual Navy League banquet Jan. 22. Photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Santa Rosa County Council of the Navy League held a banquet to recognize the 2010 Sailors and Instructors of the Year as well as the various command Ombudsmen. The Jan. 22 event was held at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Sikes Hall.

The Ombudsmen, Sailors, and instructors received their recognition individually after their commanding officers detailed

their many contributions to the commands. The guest speaker, retired Master Chief Mike Smiley, explained the history of the award and why it is important to recognize the achievements of the recipients.

"The Sailor of the Year is the best representative of the command. The Instructor of the Year exemplifies the core values of the military and is a real force multiplier," Smiley stated. "And the Ombudsmen provide a better communication between the command and families. They are advocates for the long time suffering families out there."

The Ombudsmen from NAS Whiting Field were presented with a floral arrangement. The ombudsmen included: Rebecca Rowe, NAS Whiting Field; Jamie Christian, Training Squadron TWO; Ami Ehlenberger, Training Squadron THREE; Ellison Espinosa, Training Squadron SIX; Sabrina Shareef, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT; Heidi Swarouth, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN; and Kelly Bennefeld, Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY EIGHT.

The Sailors of the Year were presented a certificate, \$100 savings bond from Pen Air Federal Credit Union and a \$100 scholarship to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. The winners of this award include Seaman Gary Jones, NAS Whiting Field Blue-jacket of the Year; Petty Officer 1st Class Leonardo Treggi, NAS Whiting Field Junior Sailor of the Year; Petty Officer 1st Class Aritha Gregory, NAS Whiting Field Senior Sailor of the year; Petty Officer 1st Class Tabriz Ommanney, HT-8; Petty Officer 2nd Class

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Fleet and Family Reminds Personnel That Money Matters

Editor's Note: As we approach Military Saves Week Feb. 21-28, it is important to provide people with the tools to achieve a successful savings strategy. Eugene Jackson from the Fleet and Family Support Center is providing a few tips to help Sailors, DoD contractors, family members and civilian employees get started. This week's tip is on budgets. For questions about saving, please contact Mr. Jackson at 623-7177.

Top 10 Things to Know About Budgets.

1. Budgets are a necessary evil. They're the only practical way to get a grip on your spending - and to make sure your money is being used the way you want it to be used.

2. Creating a budget generally requires three steps: identify how you're spending money now, evaluate your current spending and set goals that take into account your long-term financial objectives, track your spending to make sure it stays within those guidelines.

3. Use software to save grief. If you use a personal-finance program such as Quicken or Microsoft Money, the built-in budget-making tools can create your budget for you.

4. Don't drive yourself nuts. One drawback of monitoring your spending by computer is that it encourages overzealous attention to detail. Once you determine which categories of spending can and should be cut (or expanded), concentrate on those categories and worry less about other aspects of your spending.

5. Watch out for cash leakage. If withdrawals from the ATM machine evaporate from your pocket without apparent explanation, it's time to keep better records. In general, if you find yourself returning to the ATM more than once a week or so, you need to examine where that cash is going.

6. Spending beyond your limits is dangerous. But if you do, you've got plenty of company. Government figures show that many households with total income of \$50,000 or less

are spending more than they bring in. This doesn't make you an automatic candidate for bankruptcy - but it's definitely a sign you need to make some serious spending cuts.

7. Beware of luxuries dressed up as necessities. If your income doesn't cover your costs, then some of your spending is probably for luxuries - even if you've been considering them to be filling a real need.

8. Tithe yourself. Aim to spend no more than 90% of your income. That way, you'll have the other 10% left to save for your big-picture items.

9. Don't count on windfalls. When projecting the amount of money you can live on, don't include dollars that you can't be sure you'll receive, such as year-end bonuses, tax refunds or investment gains.

10. Beware of spending creep. As your annual income climbs from raises, promotions and smart investing, don't start spending for luxuries until you're sure that you're staying ahead of inflation. Courtesy of www.cnnmoney.com.



OPERATION FINANCIAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

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What is the Military Saves Campaign?

It is a week long Department of Defense (DOD) Financial Readiness Campaign designed to encourage both military and civilian personnel on the base to save and build wealth and reduce debt. People just like you are proving that you don't have to be rich to build wealth.

Members that are enrolled in the Military Saves Program are paying off their debts and saving to reach their financial goals. We can help with tips and tools to help you set your goals. Also, we can help you develop strategies to reach those goals and start saving.
So what are you waiting for?

Visit www.militarysaves.org

For more information, please contact Eugene Jackson, Financial Educator at the Fleet and Family Support Center, 850-623-7177 or contact your Command Financial Specialist.

Haiti Volunteer

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other BHC Whiting Field's corpsmen on deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan, the clinic will continue to provide its usual services.

"We may experience some longer wait times than normal, but we intend to keep all services open. Our customers understand our mission and will usually tolerate times like these. In a family like our Navy and Marine Corps team, when the mission involves taking care of our own, it's easy to find a way to get it done."

The USNS Comfort left Baltimore, Md., Jan. 16 with 550 personnel from Navy commands on the East and Gulf Coasts. The sailors deployed with the ship include doctors, nurses, corpsmen, pharmacists, technicians, culinary specialists and administrative personnel.

IOY/SOY Banquet

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Jacob Kitts, HT-18; Petty Officer 2nd Class Roberto Alvarez, HT-28; Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy Moore, Naval Branch Health Clinic Bluejacket of the Year; Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Myers, Naval Branch Clinic Junior Sailor of the Year; and Petty Officer 1st Class Pamela Jenkins, Naval Branch Clinic Senior Sailor of the Year.

The Instructors of the Year were presented with a certificate. The recipients of this award were Lt. Mariusz Drozdowski, VT-2; Capt. Christopher Gordon, USMC, VT-3; Lt. Jared Tharp, VT-6; Lt. John Skinner, HT-8; Capt. Dennis Wait, USMC, HT-18; Lt. Scott Purcell, HT-28; and Lt. Cmdr. Will Christian, Training Air Wing FIVE Reserve Component.

Those receiving this recognition will be known in their commands as someone to look up to or to aspire to emulate.

"We put them on a pedestal and expect them to be role models and leaders," Smiley commented. "They still have some learning to do, but they are going to have some good experiences."



The Sailors of the Year for NAS Whiting Field and its tenant commands gather together following the Navy League banquet, Friday, Jan. 22. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

Allied Forces Soccer Teams Forming

The area military soccer team is reforming to provide service members on Whiting Field, NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, and Naval Hospital the opportunity to play competitive and recreational soccer. The team previously won many league titles and made it to the Military Club National Championship game. The Whiting Field Base Team, as well as other Base teams, will be formed from the Allied Forces program to play in the area league.

All Active-Duty members from any service or international military program as well as dependents, contractors and government employees 18 and over are welcome to participate. Competitive, recreational and coed teams are planned.

Tryouts and training will be Thursdays, 1700-1900 (1645 Showtime) at Barrancas Field on NAS Pensacola near the USCG facility.

For more information or to sign-up, contact LCDR David Toellner at 382-5494 or kiwi_soccer@yahoo.com

Captain's Corner

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summer hours around here? Understanding that North Field needs daylight training and South Field needs night /NVD training, what can we do to meet our mission without you guys taking it in the shorts?

Second, what is the real solution for eating on base? The demographics show that we have too many dining establishments on base but all the critiques keep saying there aren't enough. What do you recommend?

Thanks and keep the questions and suggestions coming. The only way to make a change is to bring it to the attention of your chain of command.

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DOORS OPEN 1630
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Hamburgers, hotdogs, other food will be available.
And don't miss our chili cookoff!
(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.