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Festival to bring deals and fun

By Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Family Fun and Fitness Festival will return to the air station on May 17-19.

The festival, which combines comprehensive sales at the Naval Exchange and Commissary with summer-themed activity booths from base agencies, will expand in scope during its second annual staging.

In 2011, the annual Commissary spring case-lot sale was expanded to incorporate educational contributions from base support activities and active lifestyle goods giveaways to create a three-day attraction for the air station community.

Over 1,000 service members, retirees, and military dependents visited the information booths, submitted their names in the no-cost gift drawings, and perused the aisles of the base retailers.

NEX and Commissary sales of active gear and cased goods will reprise their roles as the anchor events for the festivities, but new supporting attractions will debut. While last year's event was notable for its incorporation of



an active lifestyle message, the festival also marked the base's first coordinated sales promotion between the NEX and the Commissary. Both agencies are looking to surpass 2011's extraordinary level of community engagement.

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Secretary soars with VT-6 Shooters at NASWF



Training Squadron SIX Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Daniel Verda and the Honorable Juan Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, celebrate a successful flight on Saturday, April 14. Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Martin Ortiz.

By Lt. Cmdr. Martin Ortiz, Training Squadron SIX

The Honorable Juan Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, arrived on April 14, 2012 to Naval Air Station Whiting field for a short but busy visit.

Upon his arrival, Garcia was greeted by Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. James Grace, along with several Training Squadron SIX representatives including squadron Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Daniel Verda.

Garcia was visiting the local area to observe a regional Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps drill competition to occur later on that day at Naval Air Station Pensacola and made time to visit NAS Whiting Field.

However, the visit was not only a meet-and-greet, but included a flight in the new T-6B Texan II primary training platform.

"This was a great opportunity to not only show

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UESC pays dividends at NASWF

MILTON, Fla. – Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Public Works Department Pensacola awarded a \$3.6 million Utility Energy Services Contract to Gulf Power for an energy conservation project at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. The contract, which was awarded on April 25, will be managed by Public Works Department Whiting Field.

“The project was designed to reduce energy consumption as well as upgrade the energy management infrastructure of 12 facilities at NAS Whiting Field,” Utilities and Energy Manager Reggie Parker explained.

Prior to the contract award, the PWD Whiting Field staff audited multiple facilities on the air station to determine which structures would yield an adequate return on investment based on defined energy conservation measures.

Tasks included reviewing facility energy and water usage data, analyzing prior maintenance work orders and assessing the risk of implementing new technologies. Subsequently, the appropriate energy reduction technology and equipment to address each conservation measure was established.

The process also included validating the projected savings.

“The annual energy and water savings from this project - 14,850 MMBTU/year and 1,300 KGAL/year - translate to an annual savings of over \$300,000 per year in utility costs,” Parker said.

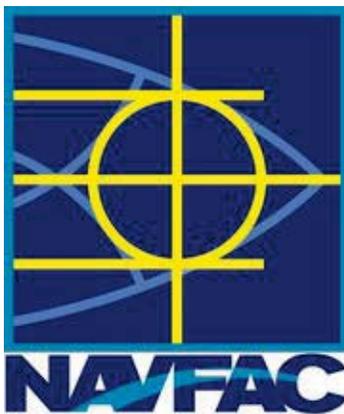
The energy and water savings will make significant contributions toward the mandated requirements of the Energy Independence Security Act of 2007 and Executive Order 13423 which require specific reductions in energy and water consumption in federal facilities of at least 30 percent and 16 percent, respectively, by fiscal year 2015.

A unique attribute of the UESC vehicle is that it allows for project awards with no up-front money or investment by the government with the utility contractor.

Instead, the utility company secures funding (often third-party financing) for the project which, in turn, is repaid by the government from the utility cost savings generated by the energy conservation project.

“With this project, the government was able to take advantage of historically low financing rates to implement much needed, and required, energy and water savings measures,” Parker said.

The project will start in July and is expected to be completed by April 2013.



This Week in Naval History

May 9

1926 - Lt. Cmdr. Richard Byrd and Chief Machinist Mate Floyd Bennett make first flight over North Pole; both receive Congressional Medal of Honor.

1942 - USS Wasp in Mediterranean launches 47 Spitfire aircraft to help defend Malta.

May 10

1775 - Force under Ethan Allan and Benedict Arnold crosses Lake Champlain and captures British fort at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

1800 - USS Constitution captures Letter of Marque Sandwich.

1862 - Confederates destroy Norfolk and Pensacola Navy Yards.

1949 - First shipboard launching of LARK, guided missile by USS Norton Sound.

1960 - USS Triton (SSRN-586) completes submerged circumnavigation of world in 84 days following many of the routes taken by Magellan and cruising 46,000 miles.

Learn more at <http://www.history.navy.mil>



Power Outage

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's prime objectives, so each month we will display the energy usage comparisons for Naval Air Station Whiting Field between 2011 and 2012. As you can see, in April, the base consumed 154,951 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in the previous year.

News and Notes

From the CAC Card Office - Effective immediately: Any military member who loses their CAC card MUST get a special request chit from their chain of command in order to receive a new CAC card. All others (contractors, civil service, etc.) will continue to need a police report in order to replace their lost CAC.

Disney on Ice - The Pensacola Civic Center Saturday and Sunday May 13 and 14. The discounted ticket price is \$21.75. There are only a limited number of tickets available. Call Cyndi Myers at 850-665-6250 for details.

Bonfire Jam - Pensacola Beach will be rockin' Saturday, May 12 with the sounds of Ronnie Dunn, Craig Morgan, Sunny Sweeney and Brett Eldredge during the 2012 Bonfire Jam. Tickets are on sale now at www.bonfirejam.com.

Test Preparation Programs for Military - Military personnel can obtain SAT and ACT PowerPrep programs at cost (\$13.84 to \$72.00). The retail value of these programs is \$199.99 to \$599.00. The SAT and ACT PowerPrep programs are available as a DVD-ROM set and/or books. This program is available to all service members, including members of the Reserves, Active Duty, and their families this offer is made possible because of donations from NFL/MLB players. This program has been extended to military families and veterans for a sixth consecutive year through the eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance, NFL and MLB players, and over fifty other organizations. Please contact the provider directly at support@eknowledge.com or call 1-951-256-4076 for questions or assistance.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast 5K

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast will sponsor the Inaugural Red Brick Road - Thomas Cameron Memorial 5K at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 2nd, in East Milton. This run is being held in memory of LTJG Thomas Cameron, USCG. The 5K will be on the historic State Road 1 Red Brick Road, a part of the Old Spanish Trail that once connected Milton and Crestview. It will begin on Airport Road near Peter Prince Airport and end at the new Boys & Girls Club near the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 & State Road 87. Registration cost thru May 25th: \$25.00 May 26th thru race day: \$30.00 You can register on line or download a registration form by going to www.redbrickroad5k.org.

America's Kids Run - May 19th, 2012 at 0900 at the NASWF Sports Complex. It is designed to introduce running as a fun and healthy activity for children. There will be three different lengths to match different age groups: Ages 9-13- 2 miles; Ages 7-8- 1 mile; Ages 5-6- 1/2 mile There will be prizes for the top 3 finishers in each age group:

1st Place- a free boat rental from Whiting Park

2nd Place- a free game of Golf at the Bowling Center

3rd Place- a free pass to a movie at a local theater

To register, simply go to www.americaskidsrun.org. Select Register and the select NASWF.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is now registering for the Summer term through May 28, 2012. 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. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm in Bldg, 1417, Room 163. Late registration and add/drop a course for a full refund will be held May 28 thru June 1. Everyone is encouraged to



Fleet on Their Feet

Fleet and Family Support Center Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Rachel Phillips and Education Services Facilitator Laura McLaughlin promoted National Sexual Assault Awareness Month at the Lakeview Rape/Crisis Center "Run for Their Lives 5K" on Saturday, April 21 at Pensacola Beach. Photo courtesy of Rachel Phillips.

register early. Classes begin May 28. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2012 5:00- 6:00 pm on board NAS Pensacola in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.embryriddle.edu/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

Official Notices

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NCBC Gulfport, a Petty Officer Third Class was found guilty of violating a lawful general order. The members of the court-martial sentenced the Accused to no additional punishment beyond the conviction itself.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Petty Officer Third Class pled guilty to three specifications of assault. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to confinement for ten months, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman pled guilty to desertion, unauthorized absence, four specifications of failure to obey other lawful written orders, damaging non-military property of \$500.00 or less, and drunk and disorderly conduct. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to 100 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a contested General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Petty Officer First Class was acquitted of three specifications of assault.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a previously convicted Sailor currently serving confinement at a Navy brig was found guilty of attempt to communicate indecent language to a child, attempt to mail obscene matters, and two specifications of failing to obey a lawful order. The Military Judge sentenced the Accused to an additional seven years confinement, with confinement in excess of two years suspended pursuant to a pre-trial agreement with the convening authority. The confinement to be served is in addition to the sentence previously adjudged at an earlier court-martial.

Upcoming Events

May 11, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

May 12, 0900-1500 - 3rd Annual Brewton Fly-In - Brewton

May 17-19 - Family Fun & Fitness Festival - Commissary

May 18, 1500-1900 - Military Appreciation Picnic -
Base Sports Complex

May 24, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Classes

Challenges of Flight School and Marriage - Thursday, May 10 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Being in flight school is hard! Being married in flight school is even harder! This class will help you and your spouse avoid the common pitfalls of the unique challenges flight school has to offer. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Home Buying - Thursday, May 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

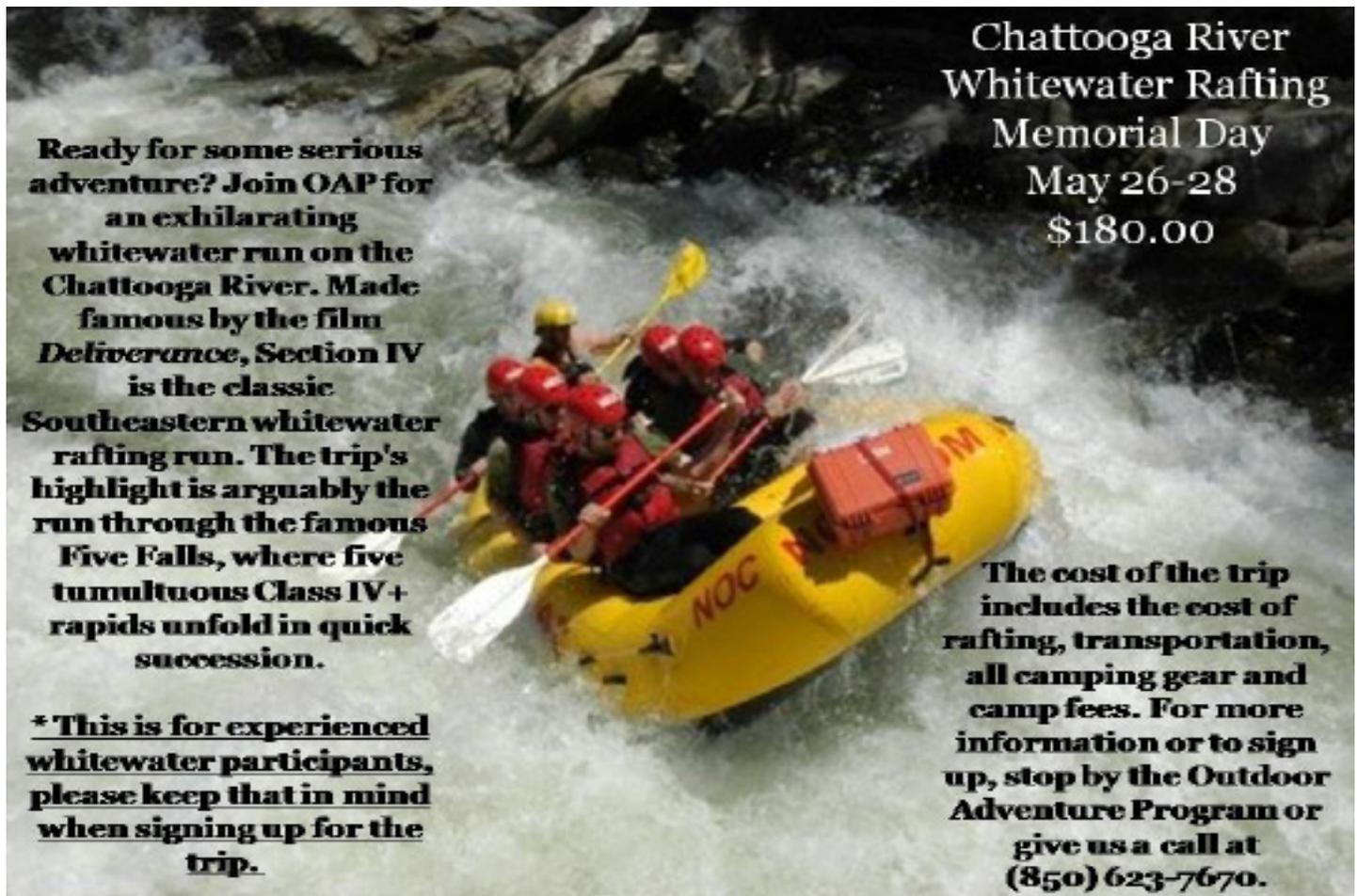
Are you in the market for a new home? We can help! From finding the best agent, to negotiating price, types of mortgage loans, and how to get the best interest rates, we can help! Find out how to buy a home and maintain your lifestyle! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Job Search Strategies - Monday, May 14 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Are you new to the area and having a hard time finding employment in this tough economy? In this informative class, we will give you several techniques and resources that will help you with your job. Bring a copy of your resume if you would like our Work and Family Life Staff to review it after the class. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, May 18 from 8 to 12 p.m.

Call (850) 623-7177 for appointment and details of required documentation.



Ready for some serious adventure? Join OAP for an exhilarating whitewater run on the Chattooga River. Made famous by the film *Deliverance*, Section IV is the classic Southeastern whitewater rafting run. The trip's highlight is arguably the run through the famous Five Falls, where five tumultuous Class IV+ rapids unfold in quick succession.

***This is for experienced whitewater participants, please keep that in mind when signing up for the trip.**

**Chattooga River
Whitewater Rafting
Memorial Day
May 26-28
\$180.00**

The cost of the trip includes the cost of rafting, transportation, all camping gear and camp fees. For more information or to sign up, stop by the Outdoor Adventure Program or give us a call at (850) 623-7670.

Starbase Atlantis opens enrollment for summer

Starbase Atlantis is gearing up for its 18th year of helping local youths grasp the concepts of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Using real-world applications and interaction with Navy personnel, the program not only helps area fourth and fifth graders grasp STEM concepts, but works to teach life skills - such as goal setting, self esteem, and drug demand reduction - to help the children grow up to be productive citizens.

Starbase Atlantis is holding its annual open enrollment to prepare for the summer sessions at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. As many as 25 students may attend each class and the sessions vary according to the school: Russell Elementary - June 11-14 or June 25-28; Berryhill Elementary - July 9-12; Pea Ridge Elementary - July 16-19; SS Dixon Int. - July 23-26; Oriole Beach Elementary - July 30-Aug. 2; and Holley-Navarre Int. - Aug. 6-9.

Applicants from Berryhill, Pea Ridge, SS Dixon, Oriole Beach and Holley-Navarre must have attended fourth grade during the 2011-1012 school year. Russell students



must have been enrolled in the fifth grade. Department of Defense dependents who have completed either fourth or fifth grade during that time frame are also eligible to apply.

The summer programs at NAS Whiting Field are Navy sponsored educational opportunities that correspond to national and state math and science requirements that have been developed for all activities.

Whiting Field is one of only three Naval bases in Florida that host such a program. Nation-wide, approximately 10,000 students attend Starbase Atlantis programs each year.

Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day, and finish at 3 p.m., and will be conducted primarily at Bldg. 1417, Room 143 on the base. Other base locations will be used as needed, but children may be reached by calling 850-623-7516 or 7702.

Applications may be dropped off at Bldg. 1907 at NAS Pensacola, faxed to 850-452-8288, or emailed to starbaseatlantis@mchsi.com. Only students with completed applications may be considered for entry.

MILITARY Appreciation DAY

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Activities for all include: door prizes and give-aways, vendor displays, hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, popcorn, sno-cones, family/friend photos with a commemorative frame, static aircraft displays and games.

Active duty military will be eligible to win 5 GRAND PRIZE packages that include all expense paid weekend with lodging, gas card, food and extra spending money.

Concluding the evening there will be a family friendly 80's tribute concert.

KIDS ZONE ACTIVITIES

Inflatable challenge course	Tattos	Inflatable giant slide
Carnival games	Inflatable playhouse	Zoo animals
Hands on activities		Puppet show







Sports Complex Pavilion

MAY 18TH 3:00 - 7:00







Festival

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The Commissary will be offering a wide selection of seasonal favorites in bulk quantities with reduced unit prices. Picnic and barbeque supplies will be on hand for spring and summer event planners, and many of the sale items will be subject to additional discounts through on-site coupon distributions.

“This year, we’ll have two bicycles for children to win, and we will be giving away \$25 gift cards for Commissary goods. Base groups pitched-in to provide other prizes. MWR has provided vouchers for free boat rentals, bowling games, and more. The Gateway Inns and Suites have contributed tickets for free weekend getaways. All of the drawings will be free; you don’t need to purchase tickets.

Also, the usual Commissary case-lot prices will be in effect, and we will have coupons available on-site,” air station Commissary Officer Kim Jackson explained.

The NEX will offer extensive sales on gear, goods, and goodies designed to support fitness enthusiasts, encourage fitness intenders, and facilitate outdoor activity. All men’s and women’s active wear, foot ware, and hand-held exercise gear will be subject to 20 percent price reductions throughout the festival’s three-day duration.

In addition, the NEX will offer energy bars and sports drinks at a 20 percent discount. The highlight of this promotion will be the return of the store’s “try before you buy” taste-testing display, where the sports supplements will be available for customers to sample.

Naval Exchange Retail Manager Shannon Hartley takes pride in the expanded selection of prizes that the NEX will contribute to this year’s free raffle drawings.

“We’re going to have a couple of great giveaways; we have a tailgating grill; a golf bag; gift cards for free Subway food; and \$25 dollar gift cards for the NEX itself.

“We plan to run the sign-ups for the drawings from Thursday the seventeenth through Friday the eighteenth, then we will call the winners and give them the good news,” Hartley said.

The festival will serve as a showcase for the personnel support services offered by the air station’s tenant activities.

The base Fleet and Family Support Center, Fire Department, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are scheduled to participate in the event. Representatives of these agencies will offer outdoor activity guidance, field questions from members of the community, and distribute free

souvenirs to visitors.

Base Fire Inspector Greg Snyder plans to offer advice and keepsakes to his guests at the Fire Department’s booth.

“We always try to convey fire safety, but since this is a fitness event, we will have information geared towards heat safety for the summer season. We want people to think along the lines of planning for outdoor conditions rather than just saying ‘hey, let’s go outside and play.’

“I’ll be there on the seventeenth, and our booth will be giving out pencils and stickers to the kids,” Snyder said.

The second annual NAS Whiting Field Family Fun and Fitness Festival will open on Thursday, May 17 and continue until Saturday, May 19. Festival hours run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday while Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



SECURITY CHECKPOINT: CRIME PREVENTION



The official first day of summer is June 21st, but Memorial Day is just about here and so is the summer heat. It’s that time of year that is hot and muggy so we are off to the beach, park, fishing and other recreational activities. We dress for the weather by wearing shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, and clothing without pockets.

We don’t want to carry our wallets or purses while we are out because we are out having fun and don’t want to lose them. Many of us leave these items in our vehicles, sometimes in plain sight. While you’re out having fun, so are the criminals. If you choose to leave these items in your vehicle, don’t leave them in plain sight. Lock them in the glove box, center console or trunk. Be aware who’s around you when you leave items in your vehicle.

When going shopping, we tend to leave our bags in our back seats and continue shopping at other stores; thinking that no one will bother our vehicle. Unfortunately, to our surprise, we come out to our vehicle which had a window and our bags are gone. When you’re leaving one store and know you’re going to another, take time to put your items in the trunk and again, be aware who’s around you while doing this. So don’t help criminals help themselves; plan ahead and be aware. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Congrats to TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Back Row: Cmdr. Paul D. Bowdich, USN; 1st Lt. Daniel J. Canham, USMC; 1st Lt. Chip D. Jacoby, USMC; 1st Lt. Nathan B. Nelms, USMC; 1st Lt. David B. Stephens, USMC; Ensign Joseph P. Lennon, USN; Ensign Alexander C. Theiss, USN; 1st Lt. Kyle J. Bare, USMC; and Col. James D. Grace, USMC.

Middle Row: Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC; 1st Lt. Tyson S. Metlen, USMC; Ensign Dro J. Gregorian, USN; Ensign Matthew J.K. Schwab, USN; Ensign Sergio E. Lloret, USN; Ensign Basil G. Daratsos, USN; Ensign Kyle J. Lisowski, USN; 1st Lt. David G Tuck, USMC; Lt. Matthew J. Meinhold, USCG.

Front Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; Lt. j.g. Shane K. Drennon, USN; Ensign Mark A. Hlousek, USN; Ensign Ashley J. Hallford, USN; Ensign Chelsea L. Zuspan, USN; 1st Lt. Molly A. LeBlanc, USMC; Ensign Brittany N. Meek, USN; Ensign Nathan R. Chambers, USN; Ensign Scott T. Macdonald, USN; and Capt. James Vandiver, USN.



2nd Lt. Charles C. Randolph, USMC, and 1st Lt. Taylor H. Couch, USMC, receive their flight training academic achievement awards Friday, April 20, 2012 at TRAWING-5 headquarters.

Secretary

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the Assistant Secretary of the Navy the new airframe, but more importantly to highlight some of the resource shortfalls and challenges associated with transitioning to a new aircraft,” Verda reflected.

Upon the completion of a safety brief, Garcia and Verda strapped into an aircraft and departed for a tour of the local area and the air station’s network of Naval outlying landing fields.

Specifically, the secretary was shown the western and northern T-6B working areas along with select landing fields including NOLF Barin and NOLF Brewton.

The highlight of the flight, however, was a variety of aerobatic maneuvers - some flown by Garcia himself.

The secretary was impressed with both the airplane and what he saw at VT-6. As a former primary-phase instructor pilot, Garcia is well-versed with the training



The secretary was impressed by the performance of the new T-6B Texan II. Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Martin Ortiz.

squadron life as both an active duty and a reserve member of the Navy.

More specifically, Garcia has held positions including training squadron operations officer as well as Squadron Augment Unit Commanding Officer.

Upon completion of the flight, the secretary was greeted by Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, and Rear Adm. David Steindl, Commander, Naval Service Training Command.

VT-6 was delighted and honored to host and conduct this unique showcase of capabilities and personnel.

The squadron was grateful to have been given the opportunity to fly with an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and the occasion marked a memorable milestone for VT-6, TRAWING-5, and NAS Whiting Field.

Proclaiming Provider Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, of the 20 million children under age five in America, nearly 11 million are in some form of child care setting; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families within our state/community these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high-quality early child care services represent a worthy commitment to our children’s future.

Now, therefore, I, Matthew F. Coughlin, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Whiting Field, hereby proclaim May 11, 2012, as Provider Appreciation Day onboard NAS Whiting Field and urge all to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.



M.F. COUGHLIN
Captain, U.S. Navy