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Military appreciation picnic to be held May 18

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Santa Rosa County will roll out the red carpet for their area military, when the county hosts their annual Military Appreciation Picnic at Naval Air Station Whiting Field Friday, May 18. The shindig will feature live music, free food, children’s games, vendor tents, and a ton of door prizes.

The event is hosted on the base each year to coincide with Military Appreciation Month, and is the highlight of the area’s recognition of military personnel. Approximately two thousand service men and women, their families, retirees, and civilian employees at Naval Air Station Whiting Field attended last year’s event, and this year, special forces service personnel from the southern end of the county are expected to join in the celebration.

Kristal Kelly served as the chairperson for the event and helped to create the grandest scale yet for the picnic.

“We really wanted to take care of our military service members,” she said. “The committee planned out a
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Eric and Ashley Platts prepare a gyroscope type ride for the Military Appreciation Picnic this Friday. The annual event is hosted by Santa Rosa County for the area military to thank them for their service. The event will run from 3 to 7 p.m. and will feature family friendly activities as well as free food, a concert by the Pensacola based band, Jukebox Superheroes and door prizes. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

SRC Proclaims May for Military Appreciation



Santa Rosa County Commissioner Don Salter presents Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin with the proclamation announcing May as Military Appreciation Month in Santa Rosa County. Salter was joined by fellow commissioners Bob Cole, Jim Williamson, Jim Melvin and Lane Lynchard at the May 10 meeting. Photo courtesy of Santa Rosa County.

Editor’s Note: The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners proclaimed May to be Military Appreciation Month in the County in conjunction with the National Military Appreciation Month. Here is the text from the proclamation they approved, signed, and presented to Capt. Matthew Coughlin, Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s commanding officer.

WHEREAS, the rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, given by God and enumerated in our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and the Bill of Rights enjoyed by every citizen of the United States are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and

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Annual Water Quality Report Released at NASWF

Editor's Note: Each year, the Public Works Department puts out a Water Quality Report to inform the base public about the quality of water. Excerpts from the report are detailed here. However, a full copy of the report may be obtained by contacting Mike Pattison, the Environmental Engineer for NAS Whiting Field's Public Works Department, at 850-623-7017. He is also your point of contact with any questions. The report states the water is safe, but here are the details.

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from three wells, which draw from the Sand and Gravel Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatments required are chlorine for disinfection purposes, fluoride for dental health purposes, and phosphate to inhibit corrosion in piping.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not neces-

sarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

NAS Whiting Field routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011. Data obtained before January 1, 2011 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

The NAS Whiting Field Water System had an MCL violation for total coliform bacteria in September. Four samples tested positive; three more than is allowed by rule. These sample sites were immediately retested with all repeats testing negative (no bacteria present). Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. When coliforms are found in more samples than allowed there is a warning of potential problems. All other distribution samples taken during the year were negative (no bacteria present). The bacteriological sampling procedures for this system were reviewed and modified in hopes of ensuring compliance in the future.

This Week in Naval History

May 14

- 1801 - Tripoli declares war against the United States.
- 1836 - U.S. Exploring Expedition authorized to conduct exploration of Pacific Ocean and South Seas, first major scientific expedition overseas.
- 1845 - First U.S. warship visits Vietnam.
- 1975 - Marines recapture Mayaguez, go ashore on Koh Tang Island and release the crew.

May 15

- 1800 - Capt. Preble in USS Essex arrives in Batavia, Java, to escort U.S. merchant ships.
- 1942 - First Naval Air Transport Service flight across Pacific.
- 1991 - Amphibious Task Force arrives at Chittagong, Bangladesh, for relief operations after Cyclone Marian.

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- 1820 - USS Congress becomes first U.S. warship to visit China.
- 1919 - Three Navy flying boats begin 1st trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland.
- 1965 - First U.S. gunfire support in Vietnam by USS Tucker.

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

NASWF Blood Drive

The Northwest Florida Blood Services bloodmobile returns to Whiting Field this Friday, May 18th. It will be at the NEX from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and also at Sports Complex for the Military Appreciation Month event from 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. There is a shortage of O- and A- blood, but ALL types are welcome and greatly needed! All donors will receive a Military Appreciation Month t-shirt and refreshments.

Scholarships for Service Members Wives - Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation are proud to announce the 2012 Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to wives of uniformed service members to attend vocational training programs in the medical field. Applications will be accepted from April 1 - June 1, 2012 and must be postmarked by June 1, 2012. More than \$200,000 in scholarship money is available for 2012 with scholarship amounts ranging from \$8,500 to \$30,000. The Scholarships will be awarded to recipients on July 15, 2012. For complete details including eligibility, the selection process and a downloadable application, please visit <http://www.operation-homefront.net/scholarship/>.

Free IMAX Movies - The Naval Aviation Museum is offering free IMAX movies on Sunday the 20th and 27th of May as part of Military Appreciation Month. This offer is for anyone with a Military ID Active, Retired or Dependent.

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 a.m., Saturday, June 2nd, in East Milton. This run is being held in memory of Lt. j.g. 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 25: \$25 May 26 thru race day: \$30 You can register on line or download



Tower of Power (ade)

Stacks of Powerade sit in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commissary waiting to be placed outside for the May 17-19 Family Fun Fest. The event, involving both the Commissary and the Exchange will feature prize drawings, information concerning different activities, and discounted active-lifestyle products. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

a registration form by going to www.redbrickroad5k.org.

America's Kids Run - Naval Air Station Whiting Field will host an America's Kids Run May 19 at 9 a.m. at the base sports complex. The event 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- two miles; Ages 7-8- one mile; Ages 5-6- one-half mile. Prizes will be presented to the top three finishers in each age group: 1st Place- a free boat rental from Whiting Park. 2nd Place- a free game of bowling 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 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. Hours on board NAS Whiting Field are Wednesdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 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 register early. Classes begin May 28. New Student Orientation will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2012 from 5-6 p.m. on board NAS Pensacola in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Email pensacola@erau.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

Question: Can we jog in formation aboard NAS Whiting Field?

Answer: NASWFINST 5560.5A – Jogging formations will strictly adhere to the following regulations:

- (1) Use less traveled streets and avoid major streets during peak traffic hours (0600-0730 and 1500-1630).
- (2) Use road guards at all intersections (road guards and persons in charge will wear reflective vests).
- (3) Night formations should be avoided.



Upcoming Events

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

June 5, 1000-1100 - Battle of Midway 70th Anniversary Com-
memoration - National Museum of Naval Aviation, NASP

Fleet and Family Support Classes

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

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

Self Employment - Monday, May 21 from 9 to 11 a.m.

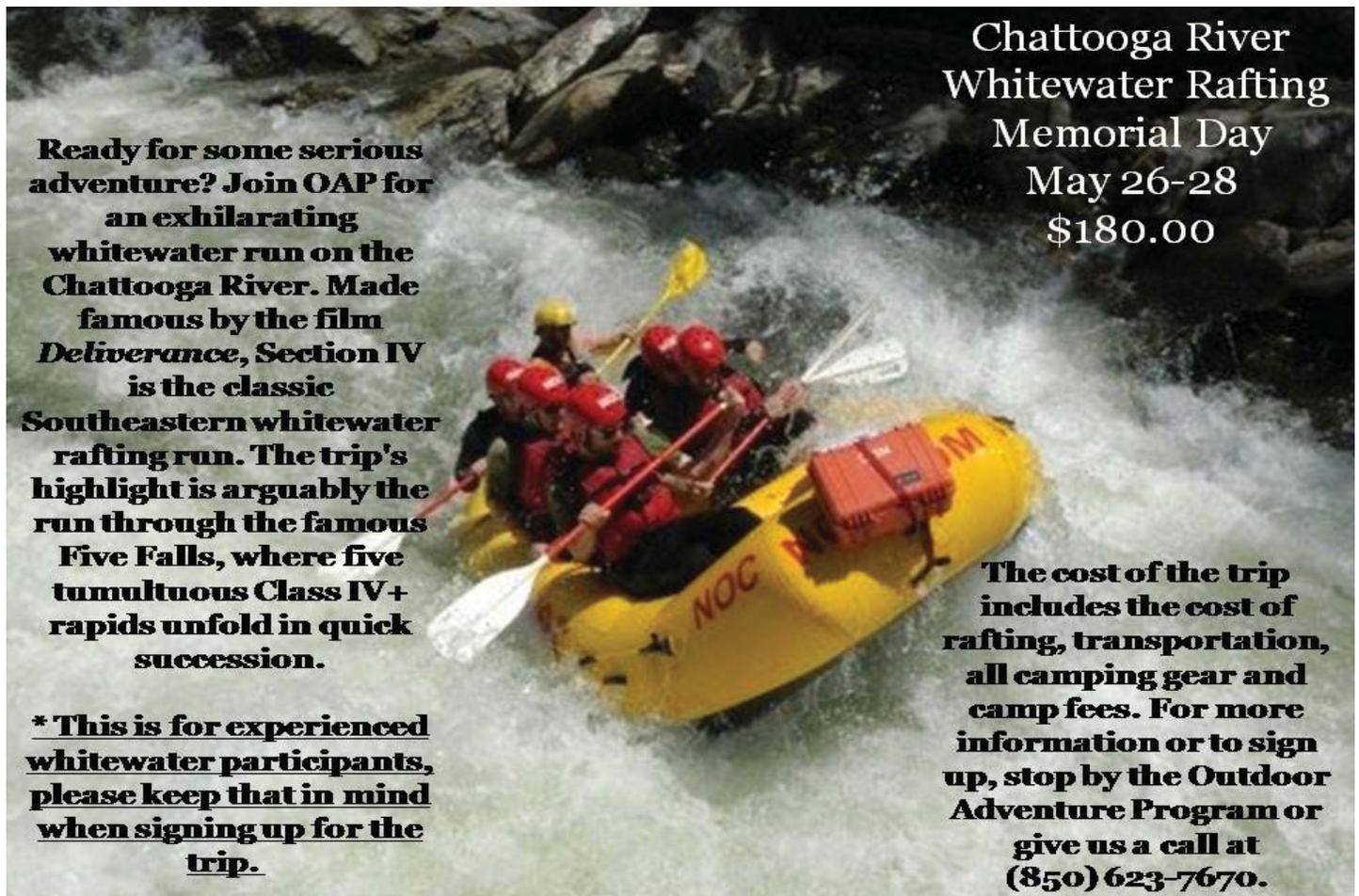
Learn the skills and techniques needed to establish your own business. This class will assist you in developing a business plan. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Couples Communication - Monday, May 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you newly married? Are you in a serious relationship? Have you been married a long time? If yes, then this workshop is for you. During this class, we will discuss the "Speaker/Listener Technique," a structured way to communicate effectively. This technique helps couples to talk about tough issues without resorting to fighting. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. Participants must register in advance for all EVENING classes by calling the FFSC before noon on the day the class is being held. If the date and times listed are no convenient for you, you may call to schedule a time that fits better with your schedule. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Job Club - Tuesday, May 22 & 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

In the current labor market networking is a critical step in finding and increasing employment possibilities. To assist job seekers increase their employment possibilities Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center is hosting a weekly job club. The formation of a job club will allow several job seekers to pool resources and develop a network for finding employment. The job club is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Fleet and Family Support Center. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.



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.

Proclamation

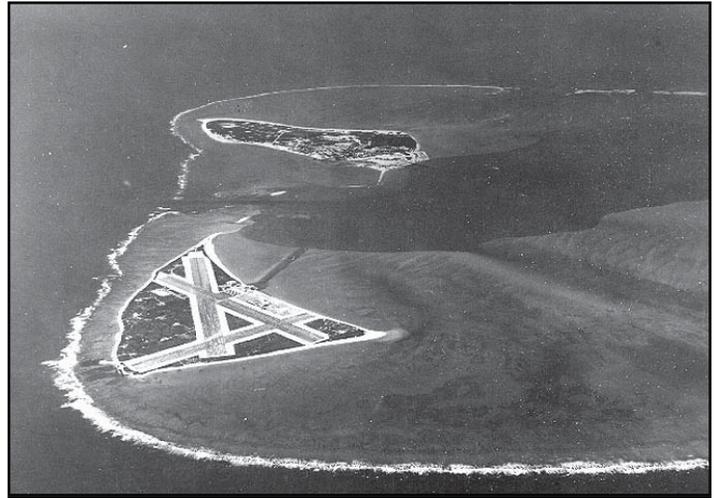
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WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2004 passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day and Flag Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1st through June 14, 2012, as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH in Santa Rosa County, and encourage all citizens to show gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 10th day of May 2012.



Battle of Midway

This small island in the Pacific was the site for one of the most significant U.S. Naval battles in history and the turning point of the war in the Pacific theatre during World War II. Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto moved on Midway in an effort to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces. He planned to quickly knock down Midway's defenses, follow up with an invasion of the atoll's two small islands and establish a Japanese air base there. Yamamoto's intended surprise was thwarted by superior American communications intelligence, which deduced his scheme well before battle was joined. This allowed Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to establish an ambush by having his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese. On 4 June 1942, in the second of the Pacific War's great carrier battles, the trap was sprung. Japan lost four, irreplaceable carriers to America's one. Source www.history.navy.mil.

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
Carnival games
Hands on activities

Tattos
Inflatable playhouse

Inflatable giant slide
Zoo animals
Puppet show



Sports Complex Pavilion

MAY 18TH 3:00 - 7:00



Military appreciation

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fantastic event, and I can't wait for the eighteenth. We truly care about our military personnel and their families here, and this is the best chance we get to show them how much."

Historically, around 100 volunteers help set up, cook, serve the food, watch over the games, and clean up so that the military team can enjoy themselves. Last year was the first time the event was held in the late afternoon, and this year will again have a 3 p.m. start time to help encour-



The band, Jukebox Superheroes, shown here in a promotional photo, will perform Friday, May 18 during the Military Appreciation Picnic at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The 80's tribute band will start around 4 p.m. and play through most of the event, which closes at 7 p.m.

age the attendance of the family members.

Last year also was the first time the picnic featured live music. Decadent Nation performed during those festivities. This year's event will feature the local band, Jukebox Superheros. According to their online biography, "Superheros is a costumed 80s tribute act featuring your favorite characters from D.C. Comics alongside the biggest pop and rock hits of the 80s, with a modern day twist."

The picnic will be a family friendly activity with bouncy houses, slides, a Velcro wall, an inflatable obstacle course, and more for the kids. Additionally, Lowes will provide small woodworking projects for children, there will be free snow cones available, and more.

In all, more than 80 organizations contributed door prizes, food, money and volunteers to make the event a success. Every person with a military ID who attends will have a chance at a door prize, but the grand prizes, donated by area casinos and hotels, will be reserved for active duty winners.

"We can't thank the businesses enough. The support we received from throughout the community was amazing. We couldn't do this event right without our sponsors and they were incredibly generous," Kelley stated.

Community Support

Grand Prizes for Active Duty Military are: - 2 night stay at Wind Creek Casino in Atmore, Ala. / 2 massage treatments / 2 Dinners / 2 cooking classes / \$25.00 gas card from Local Yotel / \$100.00 gift card from Pen Air Federal Credit Union (\$900.00 value);

- a 2 night stay at Ramada Inn in Orlando, Fla. / 4 Sea World passes for up to 14 days / 4 Lazer Tag games from Wonderworks / \$20.00 gift certificate from Chili's / \$50.00 gas card from Local Yotel / \$100.00 gift card from Pen Air Federal Credit Union (\$900.00 value);

- a 2 night stay at Hilton on Pensacola Beach / 1 Parasail Ride from Bonifay Rides / \$40.00 gift card from Hooters / 1 hour massage from Fusion Spa (\$600.00 value);

- a 2 night stay at Day's Inn on Pensacola Beach / 1 hour wave-runner riding or 1 Parasail Ride from Radical Rides / Dinner for 2 from Hemingway's / (\$500.00 value);

- a 1 night stay at IP in Biloxi Miss. / Dinner for 2 / 1 Spa Treatment / \$25.00 gas card from Local Yotel / \$100.00 gift card from Pen Air Federal Credit Union (\$600.00 value); and a Bike from Bike's Plus (\$500.00 value)

Donated prizes include: \$15.00 Gift Card for La Hacienda, \$10.00 Gift Card for David's Catfish House (2), Six Foot Sub from Subway, Movie Passes from Ridge Theater (4), One Zip Line Pass from Adventures Unlimited, \$25.00 Gift Card from Home Depot, \$25.00 Gift Card from Target, \$50.00 Gift Card from MLR Jewelers, Hats & T-shirts from Hall's Hardware (2), Pensacola Ice Flyers Gift Package, Autographed Blue Angel Prints (frame work donated by Mosier's Framing) (2), Four Rounds of Golf from Tiger Point Golf Course, Four Rounds of Golf from Stonebrook Golf Course, Four \$5.00 Coupons from Tanglewood Golf Course, One Hour Paddle Board Rental from Key Sailing on Pensacola Beach, Grill/Smoker Combination Donated by Big Lots, \$50.00 Gift Card from Publix, Gift Basket from Marriott, Tailgate Grill from Margaritaville Products, Double Folding Chair with Umbrella from Crown Royal, One Night Stay at Hampton Inn Navarre, Set of Golf Clubs, Autographed Boo Weekley Items, T-shirt & Hat from Jacksonville Jaguars, Autographed Bubba Watson Flag from The President Cup, Jack Daniels Chair, Grilling Chef's Kit, Dinner for Two from Ryans (2), Dinner for Two from Village Inn (3), \$25.00 Gift Card from Sonny's BBQ, Dinner from Ace's Restaurant (2), and 100 game tickets from Blue Wahoos & Virginia College

Event sponsors include: Ronny's Car Wash, Team Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Medical Center, Henry Homes, Chick-Fil-A, Gulf Power, L-3, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, Milton Chevrolet, PRI/DJI, Santa Rosa County Health Department, Twelve Oaks, Adams Homes, WalGreens, Lowes, Firehouse Subs, McKenzie Motors, Milton Dodge, Greystone Consulting, Red Barn BBQ, Hotdog Hut, UPS Store, Nichols Seafood, The Cutting Board, Ollies Neighborhood Bar and Grill, Oops Alley, Ruby Tuesday's, Santa Rosa Jewelry, Winn Dixie, Sam's Club, By Pass Produce, Hemingway's, Chili's, Publix, and Primerica.

Congrats to TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Back Row: Cmdr. Paul D. Bowdich, USN; 1st Lt. Jordan J. Pierce, USMC; Ensign William B. Thornley, USN; Ensign Timothy J. Zakriski, USN; Ensign Brent R. Spohrer, USN; 1st Lt. Daniel M. Wendel, USMC; 1st Lt. Evan S. Nordstrom, USMC; Ensign Shane P. Brenner, USN; Ensign Keith S. Mitchell, USN; Lt. Min H. Kim, USCG; and Col. James D. Grace, USMC.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Debrine, USN; 1st Lt. Michael J. Harper, USMC; 1st Lt. Robert F. Beagen, USMC; Ensign Michael K. Watkins, USN; Lt. j.g. Colin P. McCarthy, USN; Ensign Richard F. Curry, USN; Ensign Andrew P. Miller, USN; Lt. j.g. Sean W. Hale, USN; Ensign Gregory R. Westin, USN; Lt. j.g. Angelo M. Giannini, Italian Navy; and Lt. Kevin H. Murphy, USCG.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Mark C. Thompson, USMC; 1st Lt. Thomas J. Stewart, USMC; 1st Lt. Ryan P. Keller, USMC; 1st Lt. Dustin A. Pratico, USMC; Lt. j.g. Holly J. Carter, USN; Ensign Jillian L. Freeburn, USN; Ensign Branden T. Carpenter, USN; Ensign Bryant T. Criger, USN; Lt. j.g. Fernando Marino Moreira, Spanish Navy; Ensign James J. Robillard, USN; Lt. Mark P. Aguilar, USCG; and Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox, USMC.



Left: 1st Lt. Daniel R. Westendorf, USMC, and 1st Lt. David A. Axel, USMC, receive their flight training academic achievement awards Friday, May 4, 2012 at TRAWING-5 headquarters.



Right: Ensign Dillon B. Shepley, USN, is recognized for graduating on the Commodore's List With Distinction by TRAWING-5 Commodore Col. James Grace, USMC, at the TRAWING-5 headquarters on Friday, April 27, 2012.