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Whiting Warriors are world champions

Miltonian Murderers' Row sweeps opposition in softball Military World Tournament



Back row, left to right: Todd Mooneyham; Gilbert Gonzalez; Tony Bral; Wes Williamson; Kyle Richardson; Josh Waring; Preston Curry; Dan Lagomarsino; Gary Ashley; Mike Frazier; Dan Francisco; and Warner Tarrant. Front row, left to right: James Timanus; Jake Black; Ken Pratt; Adam Turner; and Brandon Gittings. Photo courtesy of Todd Mooneyham.

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

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Whiting Warriors softball team always had the heart of champions, and now the base's boys of summer have the rings to match.

The Warriors capped a season for the ages with a dominant win over Tyndall Air Force Base in the United States Specialty Sports Association Military World Tournament in Panama City, Fla. on Sunday, Aug. 19.

"We went through four rounds undefeated. In the championship game we left no doubt who the number one team

was, winning 21-6," base Moral, Welfare, and Recreation Sports Coordinator Todd Mooneyham noted with relish.

It was the team's third consecutive playoff result in the annual tournament that pits military squads against each other in a bid for DoD bragging rights.

Despite standout individual and collective performances – the Warriors boasted the top-ranked defense in both previous tournament appearances – the squad twice had fallen short of a title.

For 2012, a new strategy was unveiled. This year, the Warriors arrived for spring training with the playoffs

already in mind.

According to co-manager Master Chief Avionics Technician Michael Frazier, full-squad workouts and drills commenced in on the first of April, earlier than in previous years, and new rivalries loomed on the regular season schedule of seven Southeastern Conference tournaments.

Mooneyham, who shares player/manager duties with two of his teammates, explains the champs' new approach.

"In the past we played only military tournaments – which was good

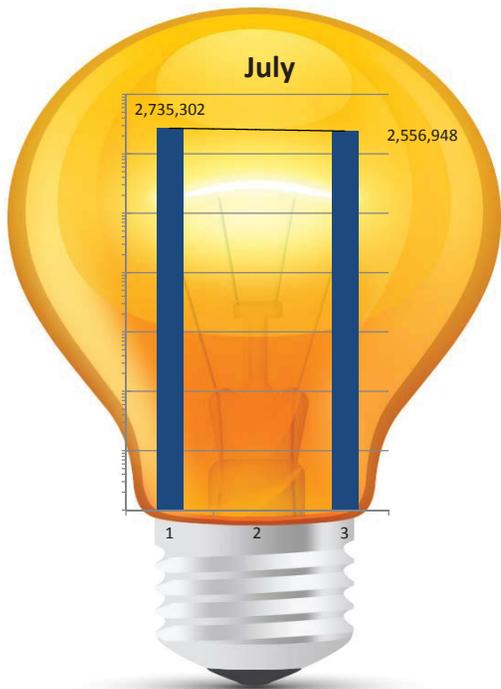
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Chalkboard Minute



Here are a few tips for helping with your child's education: According to research by Anne Henderson, one of the most accurate predictors of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to become involved in its children's education at school and in the community. Many families struggle to balance work demands, family needs, and extra-curricular activities. Here are a few simple suggestions (several of which came from Judy Cromartie, the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport), which could make a big difference in your child's success in school:

1. Communicate with the teacher on a regular basis. Early in the school year, clarify how information will be shared between home and school and how concerns and problems will be handled. With the technology available, many teachers post information on a classroom website, blog, or e-mail. All schools list the email address of their teachers in their school's websites. (<https://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/schools.html>)
2. Volunteer for school activities. Schools, especially middle and high schools, struggle to get enough parent support to sustain programs and events. Your willingness to make yourself available will help create a cooperative working relationship between you and the school. If your work schedule does not permit volunteering at daytime events, consider helping out in the evening at sporting events, with tutoring programs, or providing refreshments for a PTA meeting. These events also give you an opportunity to meet not only your child's friends, but also their parents, so you can know who your child interacts with in and out of school.
3. Monitor homework completion and work together on assignments which invite family participation. Set a regular time for homework, create an actual schedule, post it where everyone in the family can see it, and stick to it. Find a place within your home where you can concentrate, away from distractions. Set and enforce appropriate rules for homework time. During homework time, be available to work with your child. Santa Rosa County has a website where you can login and view your child's grades and assignments. <https://students.santarosa.k12.fl.us/Account/LogOn> The login is usually your child's Student ID number and the PIN number is your child's birthday (mm/dd/yyyy). Please check with the school for additional information.
4. Schedule informal meetings. You do not need to wait for Open House to have a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher. Schedule a meeting early in the year especially if your child has a learning disability or had trouble last school year. These meetings should be brief and to-the-point. Write down your questions. It is important that you share your concerns in a manner which demonstrates purpose, caring, and respect. **To be continued next week...**



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 July, the base consumed 188,354 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

This Week in Naval History

Aug. 29

1861 - U.S. squadron captures forts at Hatteras Inlet, N.C.

1915 - Navy salvage divers raise F-4, first U.S. submarine sunk in accident.

1964 - USS Boxer and 2 LSDs arrive off coast of Hispaniola to give medical aid to Haiti and Dominican Republic which were badly damaged by Hurricane Cleo.

Aug. 30

1913 - Navy tests Sperry gyroscopic stabilizer (automatic pilot).

1929 - At New London, Conn., 26 officers and men test Momsen lung to exit submerged USS S-4.

1961 - Two Cuban frigates fire on a Naval Reserve aircraft on a training mission over international waters.

Aug. 31

1943 - Commissioning of USS Harmon (DE-678), first Navy ship named for an African American Sailor.

1962 - Last flight of Navy airship made at NAS Lakehurst, N.J.

Sept. 1

1781 - French fleet traps British fleet at Yorktown, Va.

1925 - Cmdr. John Rodgers and crew of four in PN-9 run out of fuel on first San Francisco to Hawaii flight. Landing at sea, they rigged a sail and set sail for Hawaii.

1941 - U.S. assumes responsibility for trans-Atlantic convoys from Argentina, Canada, to the meridian of Iceland.

1942 - Establishment of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Vice Adm. Aubrey W. Fitch.

From - http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

Deployment to Employment - A Deployment to Employment Job Fair will be held at the Sanders Beach Community Center Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will host employers such as Gulf Power, Best Buy, Landrum Staffing, Lowes, Aerotek, FL Fish and Wildlife, Home Depot, and many more. Educational seminars, veteran benefits and resources, resume building stations and more will be on site to assist job seekers. Call 850-434-0112 for details.

Vet Clinic - The NASWF Vet Clinic will be open 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012. An appointment is necessary and you can make one by calling 850-452-6882. The Vet Clinic is open to all active duty military, retirees and their families.

ITT Special - DeLuna Fest 2012 tickets are now available at ITT. The three-day beach concert features Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, and the Zac Brown Band, Sept. 21-23. Tickets are \$177 for a three-day pass. ITT also has discounted hotel stays at the Days Inn on Pensacola Beach for \$121 per night. There are only a limited number of passes and hotel rooms available. Please call 850-623-7032 or 850-665-6250 for additional information. For a complete concert lineup, check www.delunafest.com.

Armed Forces Guides - The Armed Forces Benefits Association 2012 Financial Planning Guides are finally in! These financial planning guides are filled with information including but not limited to: Military Pay & Allowances, Tricare Benefits, Military Retirement, The Survivor Benefit Plan, Veteran's Benefits, Civil Service Pay & Retirements, Principles of Financial Planning, Wills & Trust, Saving & Investing, Social Security & Medicare, and much, much more. Swing by the Fleet & Family Support Center to pick up your free copy and a copy for your staff, co-workers, etc.

New Bridge Construction - Chipley-Scott Bridge Company of Opelika, Ala. has been awarded a \$14.7 million bridge construction contract to replace bridges over the White River and Bass Hole Cove on U.S. 90 between Pace and the Escambia River Bridge in Santa Rosa. In addition, crews will resurface the westbound lanes, make minor drainage improvements, construct



Riding the Storm Out

The final T-6B Texan II is maneuvered into place at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's North Field hangar. The base and Training Air Wing FIVE ceased flight operations and are housing the aircraft or flying them to other locations so they are safe from any damage Tropical Storm Isaac could have caused. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

guardrail and place new signs and pavement markings. Temporary bridges will be constructed and utilized during the project. There will be no lane restrictions allowed between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Construction should begin August 2012, with completion scheduled for summer 2016. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the speed limit when traveling through the construction area and to use caution. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter @myfdot_nwfl <http://www.twitter.com/myfdot_nwfl

Navy vs Troy Football - If there is enough interest locally, Troy University would like to sponsor 2,000 active duty military and their family members for the Troy Trojans vs Navy Football Game on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Troy, Ala. Included: bus transportation to/from the game, ticket(s) to the game, lunch and a free t-shirt. All active duty military are eligible - please contact David Durham at (850) 458-4722 or by email: dbdurham@troy.edu if you are interested.

Special Disney Cruise: Disney Cruise Line is offering a military cruise rate of \$1,423.00 for a family of three for Sept. 23 or Sept. 30, 2012 sailings. Cruise to the Bahamas on a four-day cruise initiating from Port Canaveral on the Disney Dream. Stateroom is an oceanview verandah. Call ITT at 850-623-7032 for this and other bookings.

Chaplain Thought for the Day - Daily Reflection is a brief inspirational thought-for-the-day e-mailed throughout the work week dealing with all kinds of life issues. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@navy.mil.

Leave Donor Request - Tamara N. Thomas, of NCBC Gulfport (Code N8), has been approved as a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, for the care of a family member. Thomas' husband is experiencing a very serious medical emergency that requires her to be absent from duty for a prolonged period, which will result in a substantial loss of income. Anyone eligible and wishing to donate annual leave under this program, please contact Diane Stukes, Administrative Support Assistant, Total Force Management Office (Code N1), Navy Region Southeast at (904) 542-2283 or via email at diane.stukes@navy.mil.



Recognizing Top Sailors

Capt. Matthew Coughlin, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, presents Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Jason Chapman with the Navy Achievement Medal he earned while attached to USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77). U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 3 - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 14, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Sept. 21, 1000 - Chaplain Summerlin Retirement - Auditorium

Sept. 26, 1130 - NL Spouse Appreciation Lunch - Atrium

Sept. 28, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

Oct. 2, 1000-1300 - Health and Fitness Expo - Gymnasium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Resume Writing - Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, Sept. 7 & 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (By reservation only. Call 850-623-7177)

Surviving the Holidays Financially - Friday, Sept. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m.

It's that time of year when stores display holiday decorations, increase their inventory, and gear up to convince you to spend your money. Attend this class to learn techniques to control your holiday spending. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Federal Applications - Monday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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 listing for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Dating Series #1 - Monday, Sept. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will help you engage in a more secure and enjoyable dating process. Topics include: warning signs of a difficult partner, skills essential for a healthy relationship, five key areas you need to explore during the dating process, and how to "follow your heart without losing your mind." For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Married to the Military - Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will introduce you to the traditions, culture and lifestyle of the military. We will cover things such as where to go to get information, do's and don'ts, PCS orders, reading an LES, military time and much more. If you are new to the military or just want to find out what having a military ID means sign up for this class at 623-7177.

Millington houses NASWF aircraft during storm



MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS)

-- Seventeen pilots from Training Squadron SIX and 14 pilots from Training Squadron TWO evacuated Naval Air Station Whiting Field from Milton, Fla., and flew to Millington Regional Jetport, Tenn., Monday, Aug. 27 in preparation for Hurricane Isaac.

Rodney Hendrix, executive director of Millington Airport Authority, said they received a call over the weekend indicating that the aircraft would be heading their way.

The squadrons left the gulf area to keep themselves and their 31 T-6B Texan II aircraft safe from potential high winds, heavy rain, and flooding. The training squadrons are two of many from the Pensacola area that provides training for Navy and Marine Corps pilots.

Millington Regional Jetport is a convenient choice for squadrons escaping coastal regions, Hendrix said. The Jetport has a military fuels contract allowing pilots to refuel easily, and there is plenty of ramp space. The Jetport is



located adjacent to Naval Support Activity Mid-South, which is home to Naval Personnel Command and Navy Recruiting Command.

Mike Melillo, the air traffic manager of Millington Regional Jetport, said it has been about two years since the squadrons have evacuated from coastal areas and

used Millington Regional Jetport to ride out a severe storm. The biggest and most memorable of all was when hurricane Katrina hit.

During Hurricane Katrina, Millington housed 120 helicopters, 104 T-34 Mentors, four C-130 Hercules and several T-39 Sabreliners.

Before Millington was decommissioned in 1995, it was the largest inland Naval air station in the world, housing about 44,000 personnel at its peak. It dates back to World War I, when the U.S. Army created Park Field as a training ground for air and ground crews.

Champions

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but not good enough. This year, we focused on playing more civilian tournaments to help prepare for the stronger military teams.”

While previous Warriors squads had excelled in defense, the 2012 squad was a band of armed forces all-stars.

“This year, we added the number one offense [in the tournament],” Mooneyham explained.

The World Tournament contenders – 25 of the top military installation squads from around the nation – were powerless against the Warriors’ onslaught. The air station’s composite club routed its opposition during the team’s four-round undefeated tournament run.

While there is no crying in baseball, the Warriors’ rout of Tyndall may have been a test-case for softball’s stance on sobbing; Mooneyham describes the vanquished Air Force equipe as “shell shocked,” by Milton, Fla.’s own Murderers’ Row.

Nevertheless, the Warriors played their entire 2012 season with the comportment not only of good sportsmen but of true gentlemen. While the Warriors finished no lower than third in any tournament they entered, the team’s gameplay embodied honor and grace regardless of outcome.

The expanded schedule of mixed tournaments gave the squad an opportunity to make an impression on a new set of friendly rivals.

“The best part is that we did it with respect for the game and class. We have made a name for ourselves in the civilian community as well as the military,” Mooneyham noted with pride.

Beyond the bravado and the glory, the story of the Warriors’ 2012 title run was a tale of camaraderie with an emphasis on loyalty to friends past and present.

The team’s diverse roster of 16 men resembles a cross-section of the air station population. Active duty officer and enlisted players joined retirees and DoD civilians in the lineup.

The contract maintenance, air traffic control, aviation, maintenance officer, physical security, and civilian staff communities are represented each time the Warriors take the field. Moreover, multiple services go to bat for the base.

“We have Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard players on the team,” Frazier explained.

The eclectic backgrounds of these men endowed the Warriors with an unbeatable blend of rookie hunger



and veteran poise. In many respects, the synergy of skills translates directly to the ideal of the modern military in which individuals and units of different aptitudes and backgrounds pool their abilities for operational excellence. Frazier emphasizes the positive impact that sports can have on unit and station morale.

“Team sports are invaluable on a military installation. It is a way for people to be involved in something away from their job and feel good about an accomplishment,” he opined.

Mooneyham expands on that view. In addition to the uplifting benefit of physical activity and enhanced investment in the military community, he sees value in the relationships that players forge with their team mates.

“Team sports offers that sense of top competition with the greatest camaraderie there is,” Mooneyham declared.

“We had each other’s back and fed off each other... it was the ultimate team effort. This program mixes all aspects of the base together into a common interest and friendships are formed that last forever.”

In the spirit of enduring friendship, the 2012 Warriors paid season-long tribute to the late Lt. j.g. Thomas Cameron, USCG, a Naval aviator who trained at the air station while playing in Warriors’ 2011 campaign. Cameron died during a February 2012 helicopter crash in Mobile, Ala.

“We dedicated this season to Lt. j.g. Thomas Cameron and his family. We have a t-shirt with his picture on it that we hang in our dugout during every game,” Mooneyham related.

The 2012 Warriors drew strength and inspiration from the memory of Cameron’s energy and attitude. His resilience to setbacks and MVP-caliber play left a lasting impression on his team mates.

“Every time that we stacked it up this year, and I mean every time, three to four times a game we would put all of our hands together and yell ‘1-2-3-THOMAS!’”

“This championship was very emotional and was won for Thomas. He was the ultimate Warrior,” Mooneyham added.

The 2012 Whiting Warriors championship will be commemorated in traditional ballgame fashion with a trophy for posterity and ceremonial rings for the players.

USSSA will provide both items as the spoils of victory, and the Warriors themselves will design the rings. The trophy will occupy a position of honor in the base headquarters building as a lasting testament to the air station’s winning tradition – on and off the field.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Question: If I had my driving privileges restricted or suspended, what do I have to do to get it restored?

Answer: NASWFINST 5560.5A section 4. Definition of terms - paragraph m. Revocation of Operator's Driving

Privilege – Personnel who have had their driving privileges restricted may apply for reinstatement on or after the restricted period of time to the Traffic Court Administrator. Personnel who have had their driving privileges suspended and who wish to request restoration of driving privileges prior to expiration of suspension must submit a letter of appeal to the Legal Officer, NAS Whiting Field, providing compelling justification for restoral. Driving privileges will be restored only upon the Commanding Officer's approval.

TRICARE Notes

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in America with 32,000 deaths each year. Tragically, approximately 15 percent of people living with depression end their lives by committing suicide.

You may be able to help prevent the loss of someone you know or love by recognizing the warning signs.

Signs of Suicide

- Withdrawing and isolating oneself from family and peers
- Using alcohol and drugs
- Declining level of performance at work or school
- Increasing levels of irritability
- Expressing feelings of hopelessness and helplessness
- Giving away possessions
- Talking about suicide
- Sleeping pattern or eating habit changes

REMEMBERING THE PAST

*O sag, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the gleaming*

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First Row: Cmdr. Christopher L. Pesile, USN; 1st Lt. Aron D. Sullivan, USMC; Lt. j.g. Ryan P. Brennan, USN; Ensign Daniel J. Kamensky, USN; Ensign Ryan J. Carwile, USN; Lt. j.g. Timothy A. Blundell, USN; and the Honorable Jeff Miller, Florida First Congressional District.

Second Row: Lt. Col. Robert S. White, USMC; 1st Lt. Neil M. Quinn, USMC; 1st Lt. David A. Faville, USMC; CWO2 Bradley A. Morgan, USN; Lt. j.g. Andrew W. Burdgd, USN; Lt. j.g. Matthew W. Arnold, USN; Lt. j.g. Samuel H Reno, USN; and Col. James D. Grace, USMC.

Third Row: Cmdr. Paul D. Bowdich, USN; 1st Lt. Johnathan J. Lorraine, USMC; 1st Lt. John E. Willett, USMC; Ensign Daniel J. Walkemeyer, USN; Ensign John S. Carter, USN; Ensign Chad. K. Callender, USN; Lt. j.g. Matthew C. Nicholson, USN; and Ensign Gregory M. Papp, USN.



Left Photo: 1st Lt. Kyle J. Hayhurst receives his Primary Academic Achievement Award from Training Air Wing FIVE Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Eric Seib at the TRAWING-5 headquarters Friday, Aug. 17.



Right Photo: Ensign Matthew D. Chase, USCG; Ensign Landon E. Goodell, USN; Lt. j.g. Jacob A. Dorsey, USCG; and Ensign Nicholas Q. Grell, USN, display their academic achievement awards at the TRAWING-5 headquarters Friday, Aug. 24.