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NASWF beautifies the Blackwater

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Staff Association members paddled down the Blackwater River Friday, Aug. 17 to have a little fun, enhance camaraderie, and help the environment all at the same time.

The group, along with several family members and a couple of natural resource interns from the Public Works Department, canoed down several miles of the river while picking up assorted garbage to keep the river clean.

The event is an annual project for the group and generally nets several hundred pounds of garbage to be disposed of at more appropriate locations.

First time participants, Jennifer Brown and Rosario Flores work with base Natural Resource Manager Ron Cherry in the environmental management division at public works. Both women are pursuing studies in Natural Resource Conservation at the University of Florida. The two interns enjoyed the trip down the river and called the clean-up "gratifying."

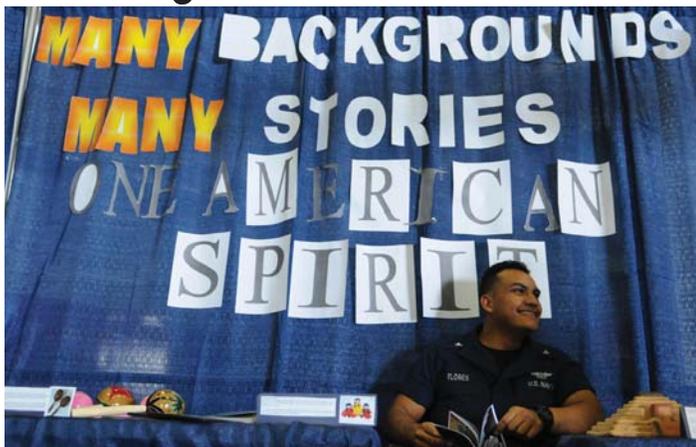
Flores emphasized the beneficial aspects of helping to keep the environment around one's hometown clean.



NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin, Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis, and Command Master Chief Raphael Rosado lead the base Staff Association in a day of environmental stewardship. The air station cadre spent Friday, Aug. 17 removing litter from the Blackwater River in Santa Rosa County, the home of NAS Whiting Field. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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Navy celebrates Hispanic heritage



Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Edwin C. Flores mans a booth showcasing Hispanic culture during a diversity celebration aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). Sailors of various ethnicities made presentations, shared traditional foods, and performed live during the five-hour event sponsored by the ship's American Diversity Heritage Observance Committee. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Timothy Walter/Released.

WASHINGTON -- The Navy joins the nation Sept. 15 in celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month, which will be observed through Oct. 15.

With a national theme of "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today," the observance celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

According to 2010 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics comprise 16.3 percent of the total United States population, or 50.5 million people.

The Hispanic community represents the nation's largest racial or ethnic minority group. Additionally, it is projected that by 2050, a quarter of the nation's workforce will be Hispanic.

The Navy's workforce reflects this diversity; today, more than 58,000 Hispanic active duty and Reserve Sailors and officers and nearly 15,000 Hispanic

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School Tips for Parents, Part II

In continuation of the previous installment of this column, herewith, three additional tips – several of which came from Judy Cromartie, the School Liaison Officer for NS Mayport – for becoming engaged with your child’s education.



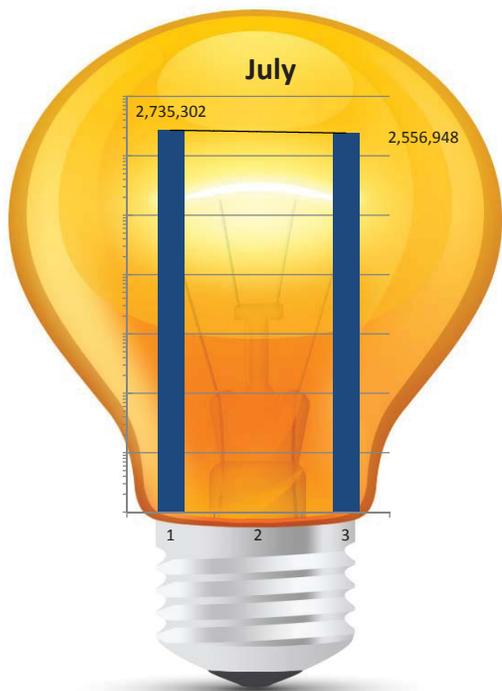
1. Know your child’s academic program. Understanding the goals for a certain grade level or for a particular subject will better prepare you to support your child’s learning at home. You can log on to www.SoarAtHome.org to view by grade level and subject the core curriculum your child will be responsible for this year. For elective classes, the syllabus or course outline can give you a better idea of what will be expected in a class. Looking at your child’s textbook will also give you a good idea of what will be taught.

2. Review your child’s daily schedule. Become familiar with your child’s daily schedule. It will help you understand your child’s day and how it may impact his or her learning. Middle and high school students may have only one-half of their total class load scheduled each day. Note which classes are on “A day” and which ones are on “B.” One of the days may be measurably more difficult or require much more homework. Knowing this will allow you to help your child become better-organized.

3. Establish a spot for communication. While elementary schools often send home important information in the backpack, secondary schools leave it up to the student to decide how to best get information home. By checking the backpack or establishing a special spot for handouts, homework to be signed, notes from the teacher, etc., you will stay better-informed. This place also can become the location where you can put signed tests, notes to the teacher, or even your child’s lunch. Having this spot can really reduce morning “where did I put that” headaches.

With just a little time and effort, you can help shape the education of your child.

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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

Sept. 5

- 1776 - Adoption of first uniforms for Navy officers.
- 1813- USS Enterprise captures HM brig Boxer off Portland, Maine.
- 1918 - USS Mount Vernon torpedoed by German submarine off France.
- 1923 - U.S. Asiatic Fleet arrives at Yokohama, Japan, to provide medical assistance and supplies after Kondo Plain earthquake.
- 1939 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders Navy to form a Neutrality Patrol to report the presence of foreign warships within 300 miles of eastern United States.

Sept. 6

- 1918 - Sailors fire first of the five railroad batteries at Tergnier, a German rail head in the Comeigne Forest. These 14”-50 caliber guns were originally designed for battleships.
- 1940 - First destroyers transferred to Great Britain at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under “Destroyers-for-Bases agreement.
- 1945 - U.S. troops begin returning to U.S. when Task Force 11 left Tokyo Bay for U.S.
- 1953 - Exchange of prisoners of war from Korean War (Operations Big Switch) ends.

Sept. 7

- 1775 - The first prize, the British supply ship, Unity, was captured by the Continental schooner Hannah.
- 1776 - David Bushnell’s submarine, the Turtle, attempts to destroy a British Ship of the Line, HMS Asia, in New York harbor.
- 1942 - First air evacuation of casualties to hospital ships off shore occurs at Guadalcanal.

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.

Pensacola Cycling Classic - The third annual Pensacola Cycling Classic bicycle stage race will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16. Competitors may enter a road race, criterium, and time trial and compete for honors in one, two, or all of the contests. Riders entering all events can compete for the omnium classification. The road race will be held in Milton, the criterium will take place in downtown Pensacola, and the time trial will be held at Pensacola Beach. Entry requires a valid USA Cycling license, but one and two-day licenses can be purchased at the check-in point. Check-in and packet collection will take place at the Holiday Inn Resort in Pensacola Beach from 4 pm to 9 pm on Friday, Sept. 14. Online registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 12, and no-race day registration is permitted. For more information, visit www.pensacolacyclingclassic.com

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 Ser-



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Daniel McKnight is presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal by Air Operations Officer Kenyatto Mayes. The award was presented on the occasion of McKnight's retirement ceremony, which was held aboard NAS Whiting Field Friday, Aug. 31. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

vice 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.

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.



Back Into the Pool!

Approximately 200 Search and Rescue Swimmer (SAR) students listen to Naval Air Station Whiting Field Command Master Chief Rafael Rosado as he bids them farewell before they head back to NAS Pensacola. The students were evacuated up to NAS Whiting Field as Hurricane Isaac threatened the central gulf coast region. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 8 1800-2100 - Naval Sea Cadets 50th - Base Auditorium
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

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 listings 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.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

*O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the breaking of day
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the fight
And the risk that our country was worth to be paid
One proof through the blood that was shed
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave*

SECURING THE FUTURE

2012

NAVY BALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
ATRIUM 1800-2400
MUSIC, DINNER, DANCING & DOOR PRIZES
E3-\$25 / E4-\$30 / E5 & E6-\$35 / E7 & ABOVE & CIVILIANS-\$40
CONTACT YOUR NAVY BALL REP OR AC1 JONES AT (850)291-7311

Heritage

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civilians serve in the Navy Total Force, including four Hispanic flag officers and 172 Hispanic master chiefs.

In his 2011 National Hispanic Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation, President Barack Obama noted, “The future of America is inextricably linked to the future of our Hispanic community.

“Our country thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all our people, and our ability to out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world will depend greatly on the success of Hispanics.”

All commands are encouraged to expand their awareness of Hispanic American Heritage Month through programs, exhibits, publications, and participation in military and community events.

Resources for use in planning command heritage events including a video presentation about Hispanic American Heritage Month can be found online at the Navy

Office of Diversity and Inclusion observances web page, <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/SUPPORT/DIVERSITY/Pages/DiversityObservances.aspx>.

Commands also are encouraged to support the sea services affinity group, the Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO). ANSO aims to foster personal growth and professional development through mentorships and networking for officers, enlisted members, and civilians.

More information on ANSO can be found online at <http://www.ansomil.org/>.

For more information about the history of Hispanics in the Navy, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm>.

For more information and resources on Hispanics in the military and Hispanic American Heritage Month, visit <http://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/>.

Blackwater

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Flores is from Milton, and Brown is from Pace.

“It’s like cleaning up my home,” she said. “It was nice to be able to help maintain the river so others can enjoy it.”

The dozen or so bags that the group filled included items such as inner tubes, flip flops, sun block bottles, cooler lids, clothing items, and - of course - innumerable cans and bottles.

“I would definitely do it again,” Brown stressed. “It’s a great thing to do. It protects the ecosystem and helps ensure its future.”

The team was one among the many that venture down the Blackwater River each year as part of Santa Rosa County’s annual clean-up program. The county and local canoe rental agencies encourage local paddlers to remove trash from the watershed each summer, and several organizations from the base participate.

The Whiting Field Chief Petty Officer Association held its trip down the river less than two weeks after the Staff Association.

The staff team ate a well-deserved lunch at one of the beaches along the route. The group then was towed back to Whiting Park to complete the day.

Even a dousing from a typical Florida afternoon thunderstorm didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the participants.

“It is a perfect opportunity to have fun and do something for the community,” Mike Flournoy, the coordinator for the event, stated.

“We enjoy being able to help.”



NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin “seizes” the opportunity to remove litter from the Blackwater River Friday, Aug. 17. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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naswhitingfield](https://www.facebook.com/#!/naswhitingfield)**

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

MILLINGTON, Tenn. -- September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and the Navy is using the month as a launch pad to focus on the service's ongoing suicide prevention efforts, officials announced in NAVADMIN 259/12 released Monday, Aug. 27.

During each week of September, resources will be available to guide discussion on stress navigation and suicide prevention concepts.

The weekly concepts to be explored include the following skills: building resilience, navigating stress, encouraging bystander intervention to A-C-T (Ask, Care, and Treat), and reducing barriers for seeking support through counseling.

These self-help and peer-assistance tools and resources are available on www.suicide.navy.mil and www.navynavstress.com. These tools emphasize the themes of dedication, optimism, determination, and humor.

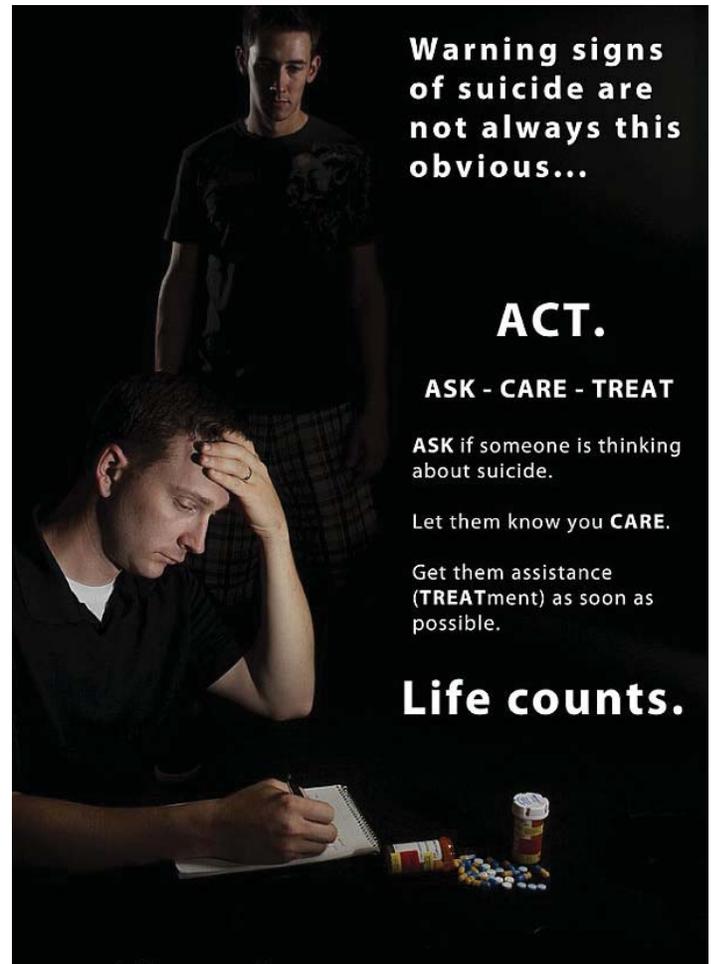
Additionally, the winner of the Suicide Prevention Public Service Announcement Contest will be announced Friday, Sept. 28.

The winning video will be available year-round online and will be broadcast regularly on Direct-to-Sailor television, the American Forces Network and the Pentagon channel.

"Our people are our greatest asset," Capt. Kurt Scott, Behavioral Health Programs director, Bureau of Naval Personnel, said.

"We're promoting a lifestyle of total fitness - physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually - to ensure our Sailors are best-able to meet the challenges they will face in today's Navy.

These efforts reinforce the Secretary of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, as well as support the Chief of Naval Operations' directions. Most importantly,



focusing on total fitness puts us on a path to prevent suicides."

For more information about suicide prevention, visit www.suicide.navy.mil and www.navynavstress.com.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT



For the next three weeks, Security Corner will be covering driving privileges onboard NAS Whiting Field as defined in the NASWFINST 5560.5A. This includes section 4. : Definition of Terms – paragraph i. Operation Privilege – paragraph n., Suspension of Operator's Driving Privilege, and section 5. Information – paragraph a. Operator's Driving Privileges, paragraph b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles and paragraph c. Traffic Court.

4. Definition of Terms – paragraph i. Operation Privilege. The conditional privilege extended by the Commanding Officer to an individual permitting the operation of motor vehicles within the boundaries of NAS Whiting Field and Navy Outlying Landing Fields. This privilege is subject to suspension or revocation by the Commanding Officer.

Paragraph n. Suspension of Operator's Driving Privilege. The temporary withdrawal, by official action of the issuing authority, of an individual's driving privilege to operate a motor vehicle. When taken by the Commanding Officer, this action will be for a specified period up to a maximum of two years.