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Chown passes charge of CNATT det

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

Cmdr. Jeffrey Chown passed responsibility for the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Detachment, Milton, Fla. to Lt. Cmdr. Vincent Logan during a change of charge ceremony on Friday, October 21 aboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

CNATT Commanding Officer Capt. Terry M. Burt acted as guest speaker and presiding officer for the occasion. The event marked a triumphant and emotional conclusion to Chown's three-year tour as the officer in charge of the detachment.

Burt praised the volume and caliber of Chown's accomplishments as a man and a professional maintenance officer.

"As a former product of this school and a career maintainer, this is a special place [to me]... providing



CNATT Commanding Officer Capt. Terry M. Burt hands Cmdr. Jeffrey Chown the Meritorious Service Medal at the conclusion of his tour as Officer in Charge of CNATT det Milton. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.

exemplary training, developing concepts and insights for future leaders.

"The senior leadership in this community has been key... we bid farewell to an exceptional leader," Burt declared.

The school offers introductory courses for aviation maintenance officers and advanced courses for both maintainers and their ordnance community counterparts.

Chown was instrumental in tailoring the curricula for students of all levels of experience and rank. His tenure at the detachment was marked by consistently high standards of academic and practical training.

Over 570 newly commissioned professional maintainers graduated from the school's introductory course during this period. Burt lauded

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Hall to pass command of NASWF to Coughlin

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field will execute a time-honored tradition Thursday, Nov. 10 when Capt. Pete Hall hands the reins of command to Capt. Matthew Coughlin at the base auditorium. The 10 a.m. ceremony will mark the 37th transition of command since the founding of the base in 1943.

NAS Whiting Field is the Navy's busiest air station, and Hall has maintained operations at a peak level, with 15 percent of the Navy and Marine Corps' flight hours flown at the base or one of its 13 outlying fields.

During Hall's tour, the base supported the safe execution of 320,000 aircraft flight hours, and 3.5 million flight evolutions, as well as classroom and simulator training for 3,600 student naval aviators. While keeping his sight on the needs of his Sailors and the

needs of the Navy, Hall also supported an increase in Training Air Wing FIVE's flight requirements without an increase to the budget or personnel. This flexibility enabled TRAWING-5 to successfully return to schedule and pilot production



Capt. Pete Hall



Capt. Matthew Coughlin

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Chown passes charge

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these graduates as the backbone of the Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer community and evidence of Chown's legacy to the future of the Navy.

"They will continue to have a positive impact on the community for years to come... you [Chown] have demonstrated a very proactive approach to outlining career progression for leaders of this community," Burt lauded.

The detachment left an equally pronounced impression on current AMDO senior leaders. The school's career progression program for senior officers produced no fewer than 32 graduates under Chown's oversight.

He personally conducted advanced instruction for these upper echelon students, and he joined their exclusive ranks as an O-5 select for fiscal year 2011.

Burt credited Chown's insights and experience as a key to modeling and implementing the current Personnel Qualification Standard for the AMDO community. Achieving the standard is a career watershed and mark of distinction for maintenance officers.

Chown spoke with palpable intensity and effusive gratitude during his closing remarks as OIC.

"It has been a phenomenal ride for the three-plus years that I have been here; it has been a steep learning curve.

"From the most junior staff to the most senior... what has kept the schoolhouse going in a straight line is the professionalism of this staff," Chown stated emphatically.

Family and community were recurring themes of Chown's remarks. He took the opportunity to thank his wife and children in absentia; they already had departed for a new

duty station.

Chown also took note that his brother, a naval aviator with a west coast squadron, had rendered the occasion more memorable due to a coincidental meeting during the air station's concurrent Naval Helicopter Association Fly-In.

The small size of the AMDO community, which numbers approximately 500 active duty members, fosters strong bonds via shared experiences.

After a formal assumption of charge, new OIC Logan offered a personal testament to this sense of fraternity.

"When I arrived here, I actually found our plaque," Logan recalled with a note of nostalgic pride.

Each graduating class from every detachment program leaves a commemorative plaque or tribute bearing the names of all participants, and the school retains these tributes as a road map of its past.

Logan cited the school's unique dedication to precedent and professionalism as the glue that will cement Chown's legacy of excellence.

"It will be a tall order [to succeed Chown]... but I'm motivated to continue to train quality maintainers," Logan declared.

The audience of schoolhouse personnel was graced by the presence of several luminaries from the AMDO and base community.

NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Pete Hall, base Prospective Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Caughlin, and CNATT Executive Officer Capt. Katherine Erb attended the ceremony to congratulate the principals.

The character of the event was formal but heartfelt. The uniform of the day was khaki, a deliberate contrast to the dress white pomp of a command-level exchange of authority.

The opening events included a live rendition of the national anthem by Air Traffic Controller Second Class Ayanna Gregg, who served with Chown at his previous duty station aboard the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln.

Chown requested the day conclude with a detachment all-hands photograph.

His next assignment will be as the Maintenance Officer of the U.S.S. George H.W. Bush. In a final tribute to his time as a Navy schoolmaster, Chown highlighted the importance of viewing life as an ongoing lesson;

"I'm looking forward to the challenge that the Bush presents, but I've learned something from everyone who has walked through this door. It has been a blessing and an honor."



Lt. Cmdr. Vincent Logan assumes charge of CNATT det Milton from Cmdr. Jeffrey Chown as Capt. Terry M. Burt presides. U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Tim Mosso.



Timing is Key
Remember to set your
clocks back one hour on
Sunday, November 6.

News and Notes

Motor Sports Show - The Marine Corps League is hosting their 10th Annual Motor Sports Show, Saturday, Nov. 5 at the 5 Flags Speedway in Pensacola, Fla. The event is seeking entrants for the various categories of vehicles. There is a \$20 registration for each car, and cars must be registered no later than Oct. 15. There will be trophies for the winners, door prizes, food and refreshments and much more. Call (850) 912-2351 for details.

It's a Jungle Out There - Are you being strangled by the "jungle" in your yard or landscape? If so, you don't want to miss this invasive plant seminar and tree giveaway to be held at the UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension Office on Saturday, November 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. The workshop will cover common invasive plants and trees found in area landscapes and educate participants regarding control options. The seminar will also encourage the use of non-invasive native trees and plants and provide participants with free native trees to replace invasive ones in their landscapes. Following the workshop, UF/IFAS Santa Rosa Master Gardeners will coordinate the free native tree giveaway. Workshop participants may choose from among magnolia, river birch, sweet gum, black gum, holly or live oak trees. Limit of two trees per household. This workshop is free and open to the public. The UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension Office is located at 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton. Pre-registration is required. Please register online at <http://treegiveaway.eventbrite.com> or call 623-3868.

"Honoring Service to America" - Colonial Williamsburg will offer free weekend-long admission tickets to active-duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their immediate dependants Friday through Sunday of Veteran's Day weekend, Nov. 11-13. The "Honoring Service to America" ticket provides admission to Colonial Williamsburg exhibition sites, art museums, and most daytime programs. It also includes free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center, access to the short movie Williamsburg-The Story of a Patriot, and complimentary use of Colonial Williamsburg shuttle buses. These weekend-long admission tickets are available only at Colonial Williamsburg on-site ticket sales locations, including the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center. Appropriate military identification is re-



More Treat than Trick

Students from the Child Development Center celebrate Halloween on base in the Atrium. Sept. 27 marks the CDC's 11th year organizing the event. This year's list of participants was extensive: members from all of the VT and HT squadrons, the Commissary, Navy Exchange, Public Works, and more set up booths to distribute candy to the children. Connie Hawkins, a pre-kindergarten volunteer teacher, said that the best part of the event was "Getting all of the squadrons together. We always get family support, but it's nice to get base support as well."

quired. See <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/visit/planYourVisit/ticketPlans/current-offers.cfm> for details.

Veterans' Day Dinner - The B'nai Israel Synagogue will host a Veterans' Dinner Friday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. This year's guest speaker is Army Maj. David Allen. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the dinner and the services that follow. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 per child (12 & under). The event is free for Active Duty military. Please RSVP to help@bnaiisraelpensacola.org or call 850-433-7311.

Golf Anyone? - The Whiting Field Golf Association (WFGA) is currently accepting memberships for 2011-2012. The cost is \$10 and includes your USGA Handicap. Membership is open to anyone and there is parking off Whiting Field Circle for those who do not have access onto the base. The WFGA holds a dogfight on Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays. There are also monthly tournaments and the annual club championship in September. Check out the WFGA website @ golfweb.ws/231/. Members can join at any of the scheduled dogfights. For additional information please contact Roger Doss at 850-206-5126.

ID Card Update

For lost/stolen CAC cards: a police report is still REQUIRED to be presented to the ID Card clerk. The customer MUST also have 2 forms of ID in order for the CAC card to be replaced. Primary form of ID MUST have a photograph on it and can NOT be expired. The secondary form of ID can be either: social security card, voter's registration, passport, birth certificate, any ID from any city, state, or federal government, school ID, concealed weapons permit, or any other ID listed on an I9 form.

In the past, we were able to use the police report as a second form of ID, but due to a new SOP, we are unable to use this as a form of ID for the customer. However, it is still required to be presented



It's Boo-a-riffic

The Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT staff set up a big treat for the squadron. Cookies, candies and other goodies were brought in by the witches, werewolves and other assorted monstrous team members. There were enough treats for the students, pilots and other staff. Photo courtesy of HT-28.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 4, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Nov. 10, 1000 - NASWF Change of Command - Auditorium

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Holiday

Nov. 11, 0915 - Veterans' Day Parade - Milton

Nov. 18, 1000 - Christmas Party Golf Tourney - Golf Course

Nov. 18, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Items

Credit Management - Thursday, Nov. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The average American family has nine credit cards. Three or four of those are used regularly. Attend this class to help you find ways to better manage your credit. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, call 623-7177.

VA Representative - Friday, Nov. 4 & 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

How to Apply for a Federal Job - Tuesday, Nov. 8 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, call 623-7177.

Time Management - Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself, "Where did the day go?" Do you wonder why you have accomplished little? Than this class is for you. The information provided will give you the tools to make the most of a busy day. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. Call 623-7177 for details.

For the 13th consecutive year, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center will hold their Elf Tree program to support children of military families and help ensure all children of NAS Whiting Field have joyful and happy holidays. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will put up a Holiday display in their lobby for hanging the tags. Parents who need assistance in providing holiday gifts for their children can come into the FFSC and request sponsorship from Nov. 14 to Dec. 2. Confidentiality is strictly maintained throughout OPERATION E.L.F. Tags with "wish list", age, gender, sizes, etc. will be placed on the tree for sponsors to select. Anyone may be a sponsor, and a \$25 limit per child is advised.

Ec-nomics

Spin Classes

Set warm wash and cold rinse cycles, and save 90 percent over the energy used when machine washing in hot water only. Together, all U.S. households could save the energy equivalent of one hundred thousand barrels of oil a day by switching from hot-hot to warm-cold cycles.

Wrappers Making Green

Wrap your water heater in an insulating blanket to store heat. Then set the thermostat no higher than 120 degrees to conserve energy. You could save 25 percent of the energy used in your home by making these changes. If everyone did this, U.S. households would save more than \$32 billion per year in energy costs.

Idle Less For Success

Limit the amount of time you let your vehicle's engine run in the garage. If 10 percent of garage owners were to idle their cars for just five fewer minutes per day, the total savings would be 84.5 million gallons of gas a year, enough for a million people to drive an average-size car across the country.

See www.thedailygreen.com for more tips.

NAS Whiting Field Christmas Party Golf Tournament

November 18th shotgun @ 1000
4 Person Golf Scramble

\$35.00 per person

Prizes will be awarded

Come on out and have a good time while
supporting the NASWF Christmas Party.

Pay the day of the tournament.

To sign up:

Contact Randy Roy @ 665-6132

Email randy.roy@navy.mil or

Mike Flournoy @ 665-6119

Email michael.flournoy@navy.mil

Change of Command

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months ahead of the anticipated time.

Hall's active participation within the community not only strengthened an already powerful partnership, but was reflected within the command through increased efforts in projects such as Adopt-A-School, Blackwater River cleanups, Starbase Atlantis, Youth Works, Sea Cadets and other community service initiatives.

Coughlin hails from Greenfield, Mass., and graduated from Western New England College. He was commissioned in Oct. 1988 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School Program and was winged in 1990 at NAS Whiting Field.

Through his career, he has flown the SH-60B with the Air Wolves of HSL-40 and the Vipers of HSL-48 as well as onboard the USS San Jacinto (CG-56) and the USS Peleliu (LHA-5). He completed tours at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. and the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Coughlin served his command tour with the HSL-43 Battle Cats as well as working a stint with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an assistant deputy director of operations, surveillance officer, and emergency actions officer.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Rear Adm. John Scorby, Commander Navy Region Southeast.

This Week in Naval History

Nov. 2

1943 - In Battle in Empress Augusta Bay, U.S. cruisers and destroyers turn back Japanese forces trying to attack transports off Bougainville, Solomons.

Nov. 3

1853 - U.S.S. Constitution seizes suspected slaver H. N. Gambrill.

1931 - Dirigible U.S.S. Los Angeles makes 10 hour flight out of NAS Lakehurst, N.J., carrying 207 persons - a new record for the number of passengers carried into the air by a single craft.

Nov. 4

1967 - Landing craft from USS Navarro (APA 215) rescue 43 men from British SS Habib Marikar aground on a reef at Lincoln Island in the Tonkin Gulf.

1971 - USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636) launches a Poseidon C-3 missile in first surface launch of Poseidon missile.

Weekly Spotlight - Col. James D. Grace

Branch of service: United States Marine Corps

Hometown: Portland, Ore.

Job title: Commodore

Command: Training Air Wing FIVE

Years in service: 29

What do you enjoy most about Whiting Field and Training Wing FIVE?

"I love the people who work here and take such good care of the folks in Training Wing FIVE."

What do you enjoy most about your job?

"As with every job I have ever had in the Navy and Marine Corps; the people keep me coming to work every day. The mission remains a close second."

What is the best part of working with the Navy?

"Great people and a great mission. It's not work if you love your job like I do."

What do you envision yourself doing in 5 years?

"Enjoying retirement while hoping to be surrounded by the friends I have made over my career."



Operation ELF helps military families provide a better Christmas for their kids

By Ensign James Hedman, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

This holiday season, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's service members and employees have a chance to help those less fortunate with Fleet and Family Support Center's Operation E.L.F., or Everyone Loves Families, beginning Nov. 14.

Operation E.L.F. is in its 13th year of helping parents who need aid in providing gifts for their children during the holidays. Parents can enter Fleet and Family Support Center and request "sponsor" "Tags," which will then be completed by the requestor and placed on a tree for sponsors to select. Tags act as wish-lists, which include a child's age, gender, size, and the like. Tags may be filled out beginning 14 November, and no later than Dec. 10.

Anyone may be a sponsor, but requestors must be active duty military members with children 12 years or younger.

A \$25 limit per child is recommended, but it is ultimately up to the sponsor how much he or she wants to contribute in gifts. There is also no limit on the amount of tags a sponsor wishes to fulfill. This year's Operation E.L.F. coordinator, Angela Dunn, says, "You can sponsor as many children as you want."

Sponsors will then have by Dec. 17 at noon to drop off the gift, and parents who requested the gifts may pick them up no later than Dec. 20.

Last year, FFSC and involved NAS Whiting Field community members facilitated 24 gift donations. Dunn says they are hoping for increased participation throughout this year's program.

Questions may be directed to Angela Dunn at the Fleet and Family Support Center on base at 623-7177.

Local businesses offer military specials for Veterans' Day

Here is a partial list of businesses offering special deals for veterans, retirees and active duty military over the Veterans' Day holiday. May require proof of service.

Applebees - Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Last year, Applebee's served 1,024,000 million free meals to military veterans and active service members. There will be 7 entrées to choose from.

Chili's — Free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. Dine in only.

Golden Corral — Free meal, Monday Nov. 14: The 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner will be held on Monday, Nov. 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. in all Golden Corral Restaurants nationwide.

Hooters — Free Meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Hooter's is serving up a free meal to military veterans all day on Veterans Day. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Drink purchase required.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Friday Nov. 11th.

Outback Steakhouse — A week of Free Bloomin' Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 - Friday Nov. 11. Outback Steakhouse is honoring America's military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola product during the week of Veteran's Day.

Subway - Free Six Inch Sub. Select Subway locations offer a FREE six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – Friday, Nov. 11. Veterans eat free from a limited menu between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Milton Mayor Guy Thompson presents Capt. Pete Hall (left) and Capt. James Vandiver with mementos of their tours here in Santa Rosa County during the community farewell held at the Atrium Oct. 27. Participants of the Santa Rosa Leadership program, members of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Blackwater Pyrates and other community leaders came out to bid the two Skippers fair winds. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope.