

# 15 aviators earn 'Wings of Gold' during ceremony

There will be a naval aviator designation ceremony on Oct. 1, at 1 p.m. in the chapel at NAS Meridian.

The naval aviator designation ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy regulations, but has emerged as an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition.

It marks the culmination of nearly two years of specialized training, which has prepared these officers for the rigorous demands of aerial combat and carrier operations -- earning each the title of "Naval Aviator" and the right to wear the coveted "Wings of Gold."

Fifteen U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Spanish and French aviators will receive their "Wings of Gold." They include:

**Lt. j.g. Bradley Garrett Correa**, USN, earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Aug. 26. Lt. j.g. Correa completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Lt. j.g. Emerand Joseph-Marie Coste De Bagneaux**, French Navy, earned four Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19. Lt. j.g. Coste de Bagneaux completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Lt. j.g. Glenn Curtiss Diller**, USN, earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Flight Training. He was selected as VT-7's Student of the Month for July 2010 and. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Sept. 27. Lt. j.g. Diller completed Total Strike Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Ensign Louise Anais Favier**, French Navy, earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. She carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Aug. 26. Ensign Favier com-

pleted Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Lt. j.g. Guillermo Gonzalez De La Cruz**, Spanish Navy, earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19. Lt. j.g. Gonzalez completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**Lt. j.g. Stephen Parker Huffman**, USN, was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Aug. 26. Lt. j.g. Huffman completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**1st Lt. Robert Wherry Latta**, USMC, earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 20. 1st Lt Latta completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**Lt. j.g. Guillaume Le Rasle**, French Navy, was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19. Lt. j.g. Le Rasle completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**1st Lt. Craig Hopkins McClure**, USMC, was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and was selected as VT-7's Student of the Month for June 2010. During Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned four Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 18. 1st Lt. McClure completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Lt. j.g. Stephen Joseph Mindek**, USN, was named to the Commodore's List

during Primary Flight Training and earned four Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19. Lt. j.g. Mindek completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.

**Lt. j.g. Michael McGuire Scott**, USN, earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Aug. 26. Lt.j.g. Scott completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**Lt. j.g. Patrick Ryan Stewart**, USN, was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 20. Lt. j.g. Stewart completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**Lt. j.g. Anthony Joseph Tordini**, USN, earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 20. Lt. j.g. Tordini completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**Lt. j.g. Lucas Vazquez Alberti**, Spanish Navy, earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19. Lt. j.g. Vazquez Alberti completed Advanced Flight Jet Training with Training Squadron Nine.

**1st Lt. Stuart Evan Wheeler**, USMC, earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on July 19 and was named "Best at the Boat" for that carrier qualification evolution. 1st Lt. Wheeler completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.