

# 15 aviators earn their 'Wings of Gold'

There will be a naval aviator designation ceremony on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at NAS Meridian.

The guest speaker will be Cmdr. John Randolph Fielder Jr., retired USN.

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."

Fourteen U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators along with one French Navy aviator will receive "Wings of Gold." They are:

**Lt. j.g. Brandon Cook**, USN, who was selected as VT-9's Student of the Month for May 2010. During Advanced Jet Flight Training, he earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Cook completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**First Lt. Craig Freeman**, USMC, who earned four Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 9. Freeman completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Tyler Grell**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Grell completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Ensign Pascal Intini**, French navy, who carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on Dec. 12, 2010. Intini completed Advanced Jet

Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Michael Lowery**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 10. Lowery completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Jesse McGough**, USMC, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. McGough complete Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Capt. Matthew Mellott**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 10. Mellott completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Andrew Newman**, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List and received the Academic Achievement Award during Primary Flight Training. During Advanced Jet Flight Training, he was named VT-7's Student of the Month for November 2010 and earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Newman completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Timothy Norris**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on Dec. 11, 2010. Norris completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Matthew Peden**, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned three

Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Peden completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**First Lt. Eric Scheibe**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Scheibe completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Jared Shullick**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Shullick completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

**Lt. j.g. Andrew Stoner**, USN, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 9. Stoner completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

**Lt. j.g. Jacques Suyderhoud**, USN, who earned three Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Suyderhoud completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven; and

**Lt. j.g. David Williams**, USN, who earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) on Feb. 8. Williams completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven.