

13 aviators earn 'Wings of Gold' at May 6 ceremony

There was a naval aviator designation ceremony on May 6, 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."

Thirteen U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators received "Wings of Gold." They were:

Lt. j.g. Adam Anderson, USN, who was selected as VT-7's Student of the Month for December 2010. He earned three 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 April 1. Anderson completed Total Strike Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. j.g. Tristan Brandenburg, 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 George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 1. Brandenburg completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine;

Lt. j.g. Joseph Camp, Jr., 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 George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 2. Camp completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

1st Lt. Jordan Hedges, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and was VT-7's Student of the Month for February 2011. 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 George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 2. Hedges completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. j.g. Bradley Holeski, 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 April 2, when he was named "Top Hook" for that carrier qualification evolution. Holeski completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. j.g. Terrence Kline, USN, who was awarded the Academic Achievement Award in Primary Flight Training. During Advanced Jet Flight Training he earned four Navy "E's" for

bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 1. Kline completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

1st Lt. John Kress, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training. He earned three 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 April 3. Kress completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. Jennifer Lentz, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 1. Lentz completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. j.g. Joshua Martin, 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 April 1. Martin completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

Lt. j.g. Ryan Pfeiffer, USN, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training. He 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 April 3. Pfeiffer completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

1st Lt. Erik Rheinhart, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Flight Training. He earned three 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 April 2. Rheinhart completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven;

1st Lt. John Stuart, 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 George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 3. Stuart completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven; and

Ensign Robert Wolcott, USN, 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 George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) on April 1. Wolcott completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine