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The adventure began 70 years ago July 16

Editor's Note: In just a few more days, Naval Air Station Whiting Field will achieve a significant landmark in its history of supporting the aviation requirements necessary for the nation's defense. The dirt roads, grassy fields and ramshackle buildings were officially recognized as a military installation July 16, 1943 - seventy years ago. The command will hold a cake cutting ceremony with the local community July 24 to recognize this milestone. The following story is a reprint of one written by Chief Phillip Eggman on the occasion of the base's 50th anniversary.

By Chief Phillip M. Eggman, NAS Whiting Field Journalist

It was 1943 – a significant year for the Navy's aviation community. The United States' war machine was in full production. In fact, by year's end, 11 fleet and four light carriers were commissioned. The Navy was in desperate need of pilots to man the aircraft that would support these new ships.

This need had been anticipated from the beginning of the United States' entry into World War II. Only eight days after Japan's devastating attack at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Secretary of the Navy expanded pilot training from 800 student pilots per month to 2,500. By the end of 1943, the Navy was producing 20,000 naval aviators annually.

Far-reaching vision

Cover Photo

This photo-graphic illustrates the change in looks over the 70 years since Naval Air Station Whiting Field was officially opened July 16, 1943. Although several renovations have been done, the command building still looks much the same as it did in the early years. The building was one of the first permanent structures erected. The base will celebrate its anniversary with a cake cutting July 24.

Years before the war, a Naval officer by the name of Kenneth Whiting saw the value of placing airplanes on ships. A visionary in his own right, young Whiting, known today as the "Father of the Aircraft Carrier," learned to fly from Orville Wright at Dayton, Ohio in 1914. He was then designated as Naval Aviator #16.

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Feds Feed Families Food Drive Pushes Onward



By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Even without the nation-wide push that accompanied the summer food drive during the past four

Feds Feed Families program, the Naval Air Station Whiting Field chaplain's office will once again work to collect supplies to help feed local families.

The chaplain's office along with the NAS Whiting Field commissary will be heading up the fifth annual Feds Feed Families food drive this summer through labor day weekend. The program is a volunteer effort to raise non-perishable food items for local food banks to distribute to less privileged families.

Unlike previous years when there was a wide spread federal push to participate in the program and meet specific goals, the program this year is voluntary at the command level. Although participation is no longer re-

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Vice CNO: Preventing sexual assault begins with you

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- In a message to flag officers, commanding officers, and officers in charge, Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Adm. Mark Ferguson highlighted Navy-wide accountability for sexual assault July 8.

The message from Adm. Mark Ferguson explains the Navy will soon announce policies and programs to address sexual assault across the fleet and sets the expectation Navy leadership will do everything they can to prevent the crime.

"Sexual assault ruins lives, divides teams, and erodes trust. As leaders, we must provide our Sailors a responsible, professional, and safe environment in which to work and live," said Ferguson in the message.

Ferguson told fleet leaders that preventing the crime of sexual assault starts with command climate. They must create atmospheres of trust and confidence that ensure Sailors can report sexual assault or sexual harassment without fear of retribution or retaliation.

He also stressed that once victims report crimes, it is the responsibility of the chain of command to ensure victims receive the appropriate level of care and support.

Command climate has a role in not only reassuring victims, but in sending a message that committing sexual assault will not be tolerated.

"We must reaffirm our commitment to our shipmates, and our actions must make clear to potential perpetrators of this crime that they will be held appropriately accountable," Ferguson said.

Telling leaders "this is our issue to solve," he reminded them they are accountable for

-- ensuring all Sailors are treated with dignity and respect,

-- incorporating sexual assault prevention measures into their commands,

-- providing responsive victim support,

-- ensuring all unrestricted sexual assault allegations are promptly reported to NCIS and investigated, and

-- holding offenders appropriately accountable.

In the near future, the Navy will announce additional policies and programs to address sexual assault, including a continued effort highlight the responsible use of alcohol. The goal of these programs is to promote safe living and working environments across the Navy.

Get more information and resources to combat sexual assault at www.sapr.navy.mil. Sexual assault affects Navy readiness, and the Navy is committed to preventing sexual assault. Join the Navy's conversation about sexual assault on social media and help raise awareness by using #NavySAPR.

This Day in Naval History

July 8

1778 - Allied French fleet under Comte d'Estaing arrives in America.

1853 - Commodore Matthew C. Perry sails his squadron into Tokyo Bay.

1879 - USS Jeannette departs San Francisco to explore Arctic.

1944 - Naval bombardment of Guam begins.

July 9

1846 - Sailors and Marines from USS Portsmouth occupy and raise flag over San Francisco.

1918 - Henry Ford launches first of 100 Eagle boats.

1944 - Organized Japanese resistance ceases on Saipan, Marianas.

1960 - USS Wasp (CVA 18) departs Guantanamo Bay to support United Nations effort to calm the newly independent Congo.

July 10

1934 - USS Houston takes Franklin Delano Roosevelt on first visit of a U.S. president to South America.

1943 - Naval gunfire help Allied troops land on Sicily. It was first extensive use of LST's and smaller landing craft to deliver heavy equipment over the beach.

1945 - 14 carriers from 3rd Fleet carriers begin air strikes on Japanese Home Islands which end Aug. 15.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp



The Power of History

USS Constitution fires a 21-gun salute in honor of America's 237th birthday during the ship's annual Fourth of July turnaround cruise. More than 500 guests got underway with Old Ironsides for a three-hour tour of Boston Harbor in celebration of Independence Day. U.S. Navy photo by Sonar Technician (Submarine) 2nd Class Thomas Rooney (Released).

News and Notes

Blood Drive - One Blood (previously known as Northwest Florida Blood Services) will hold their next blood drive at NAS Whiting Field, 1000-1500, Fri, 12 Jul 2013. The bloodmobile will be parked at Whiting Branch Health Clinic. See attached flyer for additional information. They currently have an elevated need for O+, O-, A- and B- blood types at this time, but all blood types are welcome! During the month of July they rely heavily on military donations because community donations are down with so many people traveling.

Rib Cook-Off - The Navy Ball Committee is organizing a Rib Cook Off Friday, July 19. Teams can compete at the soccer complex for \$20. Prizes will be presented to the first place winners. The winner will be determined by the samplers who come to enjoy the finger lickin' good ribs. Cost to sample is \$5.

There is an App for That - Commander, Navy Installations Command Family Emergency Response Team and the CNIC Marketing and Multimedia Development Branch have designed a new Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) app for iPhones. It is a free disaster readiness based App for Sailors and their families that is streamlined, easy to use and covers all that is needed to be prepared for a disaster. To access the NFAAS application, go to <https://navyfamily.navy.mil> from your I-phone.

DEFY - The Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program is seeking sailors who would like to be a part of helping youths resist the pull of drugs in their lives. DEFY is a cost free program for both the mentors and youth. The primary goal as DEFY mentors is to empower military youths to build positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free, successful citizens. Phase one consists of a five day camp in Destin, Fla. Phase two consists of monthly meetings, usually on a Saturday, in conjunction with an activity/field trip we take with the participants. Every mentor has to undergo a background check through base security. If there are any Sailors interested in being a part of this program please contact Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Steve Gonzalez, steve.gonzalez2@navy.mil or Air Traf-



A Blue Ribbon Special

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy Exchange had its grand re-opening Wednesday, July 10 to celebrate the completion of its top to bottom remodeling. Stephen Knowles, Vice President Mid-South District; Steven Rosenstein, District Operations Manager; Store General Manager Linda Larrabee, NAS Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Gregory Gray, and Command Master Chief Alton Smith cut the ribbon to officially re-open the store. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Emily Hegarty.

fic Controller 2nd Class Darrah Crow, darrah.crow@navy.mil.

Energy Savers - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Works Department recognizes the following buildings for their efforts on energy conservation as compared to 2012 costs for the same time frame. Building 2981 - VT2/VT6, Building 2945 - HT28/AMO and Building 1401 - NAS Whiting Field HQ earned the honors for June.

Riverfest - The City of Milton will sponsor their Riverfest celebration July 4 in Historic Downtown Milton. The event will include arts, crafts, retail vendors, concessions and will finish with a fireworks display over the river. The day's events include the Firecracker Bike Show, the Freedom Car Show, the Great Mill Town Duck Race, and music by Franklin's Tower Band. There will also be a Veterans Salute at 6:30 p.m. The week prior to the celebration, the annual search for the pirates treasure will begin. The search will kick off Tuesday, June 25 at the Blackwater Bistor and there will be a daily clue June 26 - July 3. The grand prize is valued at more than \$1,000. Pyrate swag prizes will be awarded to the the first clue solver daily. Call 623-2339 or visit www.src-chamber.com for additional information.

Leave Donation - Marie Bresler of NAS Corpus Christi has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Those of you who have excess leave and wish to donate hours of annual leave can submit the appropriate form from either the OPM 630-A Inside Agency (DON) or OPM 630-B Outside Agency (Other than DON). "Please ensure that you "Encrypt" and then forward completed forms to the CNIC SLDCADA Helpdesk (CNIC_SLDCADA_HELP@navy.mil)." Refer any questions to TraLana Linder, Human Resources Assistant, CNRSE HQ HRO, Commander Navy Region Southeast, (904) 542-2283.

Usage Information

Total Used

1,995,430 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	2,372,382	1,848,045	1,995,430
Average Daily kWh	76,528	61,602	64,369
Days In Billing Period	31	30	31

Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remains an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the past year by Public Works continue to pay dividends in our energy conservation programs. As can be seen in the above graphic from the May power bill, NAS Whiting Field saved 376,952 kilowatts of power from last year's bill. However, the power bill was still more than \$150,000 for the month. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

Family Assistance

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, July 12 & 26 from 8 a.m. to Noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)

Home Buying - Thursday, July 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you in the market for a new home? We can help! From finding the best agent, to negotiating price, types of mortgage loans, and how to get the best interest rates, we can help! Find out how to buy a home and maintain your lifestyle! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

FFSC Open House - July 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Budget for Baby - July 20 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

You'll discover local resource information, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities and have fun while attending. All ranks and branches are welcome to attend the class. Eligible clients will also receive Baby's first sea bag (featuring a handmade blanket). Class will be in the Atrium Bldg., Suite 169, class room A & B (same building as ITT and NMCRS office - across from FFSC). Call 850-452-2300 to save a seat for the Budget for Baby class at Whiting Field.

Money and the Move - Tuesday, July 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.

A Permanent change of Station (PCS) move can be one of the most exciting adventures of your career as well as one of the best benefits. However, a PCS move can also become a financial disaster that can take months to recover from if not properly prepared for. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.



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NAS Whiting Field to host 24th annual job fair

NAS Whiting Field



From NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center

For those separating from military service, people looking to enter the job market, or those in need of a career change, the 24th annual Naval Air Station Whiting Field Job Fair is a good place to start.

The NAS Whiting Field Job Fair, hosted by the base's Fleet and Family Support Center, provides a broad range of career opportunities for military members transitioning to civilian life, military family members, and the general public. For 24 years, it has attracted local and national employers seeking well-qualified individuals for employment in the commuting area and around the world.

The event regularly attracts in excess of 50 employers who are planning to add to their workforce. More than 40 are already registered for this year's job fair, with more expected between now and Aug. 22. A few of the employers planning to attend include: Covenant Hospice, CXS Transportation, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Fellows Memorial Fund, Florida Army National guard, Florida Highway Patrol, Georgia Pacific, Navy Federal Credit Union, Northwest Mutual, University of West Florida, UT Aerospace Systems, Wells Fargo, and many others.

More than 1,000 job seekers attended the event last year with many receiving on the spot interviews and job offers. This highly successful event will once again be held in the base's Sikes Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is free to both employers and prospective employees.

The NAS Whiting Field Job Fair is one of the largest such events in Western Florida, and is praised as a well organized, spacious and productive event. Sikes Hall, provides space for approximately 75 employers to set up individual displays and

recruiting tables. All employers actively seeking veterans and those with military experience are strongly encouraged to attend.

Active duty, and retired service members, veterans and their spouses along with the public are invited. The job fair is a great opportunity where job seekers can learn about careers, meet with employers who are hiring, discover what companies are looking for, and obtain first hand information about the company from a live representative.

Employers may phone NAS Whiting Field's Fleet and Family Support Center at (850) 623-7177, or fax (850) 623-7642 or (850) 623-7690 to request a table at this event. Emails may be sent to Darryl.Johnson2@navy.mil, or Terri.Maddox@navy.mil, to request registration information.

24th Annual

Job Fair



**When: August 22, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Sikes Hall
NAS Whiting Field**

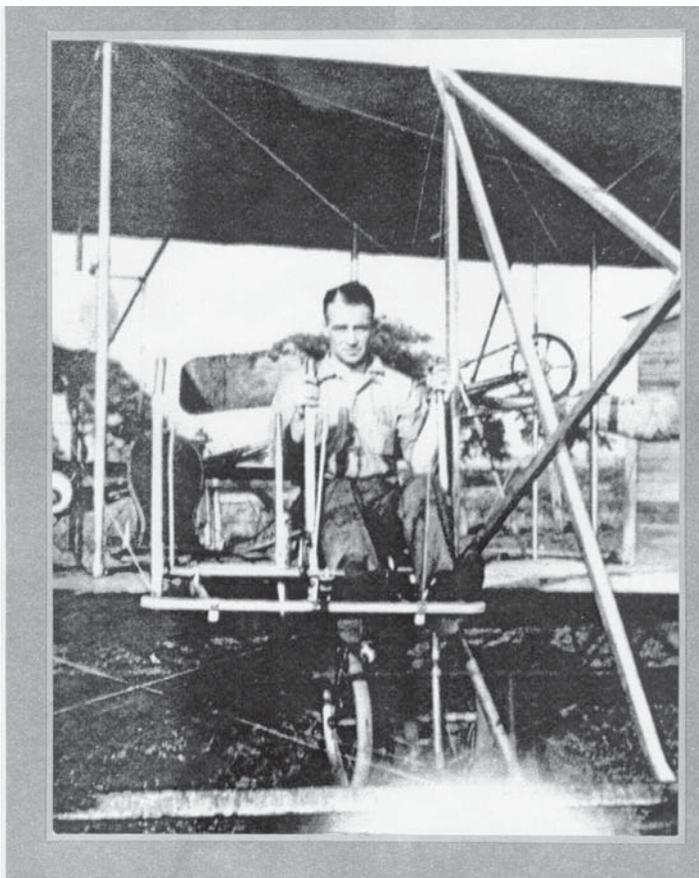
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Local, Regional, and National Employers will be present. Please bring your most current resume and come prepared to be interviewed!

For more information please contact the NAS Whiting Field Fleet and Family Support Center at 623-7177.

70 years

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A young Kenneth Whiting takes control of one of the early Wright flyers during his training under Orville Wright in Dayton, Ohio. Whiting was Naval Aviator #16 and the final pilot of the initial class. Naval Air Station Whiting Field was named for Capt. Whiting due to his influence on Naval aviation's early experiments with aircraft carriers. U.S. Navy file photo.

Whiting's vision of Naval aviation was centered on what he called the airplane carrier. He and a small circle of compatriots believed that the battleship would no longer be the centerpiece of naval strategy and that future sea battles would be waged and won from the air.

In 1919, Whiting requested that the collier USS Jupiter be converted into an experimental carrier, renamed USS Langley after Samuel P. Langley's experiments in aviation. Whiting served as her executive officer when she was commissioned and later helped plan and outfit the carriers USS Lexington and USS Saratoga.

Captain Whiting remained dedicated to the cause of putting planes at sea until his death in April of 1943 – less than three months before the Navy named a new auxiliary air station in honor of his many contributions to Naval aviation. Aviation surges on

Naval Auxiliary Air Station Whiting Field would be

the Naval Air Training Center's sixth auxiliary air station – built to help meet the urgent need to train pilots through its unique design of two independent airfields under one command.

The Navy purchased the 3,060 acres north of the then small township of Milton at a cost of just \$45,000. Two weeks before the commissioning ceremony, which took place on July 16, 1943, a unit of Squadron THREE brought in their SNJ "Texan" aircraft from Saufley Field and moved onto South Field. Squadron 3 was soon joined by another unit from Chevalier Field, Pensacola.

But the new base was no paradise. Construction was not complete at the time of commissioning. Only one hangar was operational. Roads were in place, but unpaved. Ditches overflowed with water from the heavy rains. There was sand in the air, mud up to the knees and pigs ran on the runways.

By November; North Field was completed and became the home of Squadron EIGHT and its SNB "Expeditor" aircraft which had all been moved to Whiting from Corry Field by year's end.

Meanwhile, the business of Naval aviation training continued in full force at Whiting Field. In 1944, Squadron EIGHT reached its zenith in the number of students to complete their SNB training.

Through peace and war...

After WWII, Whiting Field continued its basic SNJ curriculum. From May 1948 to October 1956 over 18,000 students completed the training. Whiting Field continued her mission thrust into the future. July 1945 – Whiting Field became a prisoner of war camp, established through the efforts of the Naval Air Basic Training Command, Pensacola, and the Army at Camp Rucker, Ala. The camp provided manual labor details for construction and soil erosion projects with the labor performed by German prisoners. The first 100 prisoners (eventually, there were 225), arrived on July 12 from Camp Rucker and were placed in an area near North Field.

1946 – Medium and heavy bombers, including PB7-1 and the PB4Y, were brought to Whiting from NAS Hutchinson, Kansas, and NAS Miami. That same year, Whiting Field was upgraded from a Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) to a full-fledged Naval Air Station. The station reverted back again to an NAAS in 1948.

1949-1950 – The famed Blue Angels, flying the F9F Panther, as well as the Navy's first jet training unit (JTU) made their home at Whiting.

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Feds Feed

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quired, the chaplain's office still feels it is the right thing to do.

"The past couple of years, it was kind of like a competition. This year it is all about the giving," Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Yolanda Jordan, the program coordinator, stated. "The need for food is always constant, but in the summer there is a decrease in donations. Because of that need and our desire to help [the community] we wanted to continue on with the program."

Donations are provided to the Bay Area Food Bank, Milton location. The food bank is a warehouse for distribution to seven counties and 120 food pantries in Southwest Florida. The local food bank handles more than 2 million pounds each year. Last year's drive collected more than 2,000 pounds of food for the warehouse contributing about 1,600 meals for area families. Monetary donations are also accepted. Generally, each dollar donated equates to five meals.



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commissary Manager Kim Jackson and Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Yolanda Jordan pick-up donated food items for the Feds Feed Families program. The commissary is pre-packaging bags with items for customers to donate to the program for about \$5. The first delivery to the Bay Area Food Bank, July 2, included 170 bags totaling more than 1,500 pounds. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

With more than 20,000 people in Santa Rosa County alone needing assistance at some time during the year, the food bank fills a vital need in the community. The Bay Area Food Bank supplies 30 food pantries in the county alone, and every donation makes a difference.

"These donations help a great deal, no matter when we receive them," said Tammy Ward, the External Relations Manager for the Bay Area Food Bank. "We always appreciate any support, and as you help us, you may be helping you neighbor."

The Commissary will be the main location for food donations. There is a large, metal, bin placed near the exit for patrons to drop their food items. The commissary also assembled bags, with specific items requested by the food bank, that patrons may purchase to increase the ease of giving. The bags cost around \$5, and while the bags make it more convenient, any sized donation will be significant to the food bank and recipients in the local community.

The NASWF Chapel and the Commissary picked up the first assortment of donations Wednesday, July 3 and will continue collections each Wednesday through Sept. 4. The first pick-up yielded 170 bags totaling more than 1,500 pounds.

Call Jordan at 850-623-7212 or email her at Yolanda.jordan@navy.mil with any questions or for more information on how to assist in the program.

MOST WANTED ITEMS			
2013 FEDS FEED FAMILIES			
1	CANNED FRUITS IN LIGHT SYRUP OR IS OWN JUICES	2	CANNED VEGETABLES LOW SODIUM, NO SALT ADDED
3	MULTIGRAIN CERALS CHEERIOS, CORNFLAKES, GRAPENUTS, RAISIN BRAN	4	GRAINS BROWN & WHITE RICE, OATMEAL, BULGUR, QUINOA, COUSCOUS, MACARONI & CHEESE
5	CANNED PROTEINS TUNA, SALMON, CHICKEN, PEANUT BUTTER, BEANS	6	SOUPS BEEF STEW, CHILI, CHICKEN NOODLE, TURKEY & RICE
7	100% JUICE ALL SIZES, INCLUDING JUICE BOXES	8	CONDIMENTS TOMATO BASED SAUCES, LIGHT SOY SAUCE, KETCHUP, MUSTARD, SALAD DRESSING, OILS
9	SNACKS INDIVIDUALLY PACKED SNACKS, CRACKERS, TRAIL MIX, DRIED FRUIT, GRANOLA/CERAL BARS, PRETZELS, SANDWICH CRACKERS	10	BAKING GOODS FLOUR, SUGAR, BAKING POWDER, BAKING SODA, SPICES, BOXED MIXES
11	HYGIENE ITEMS DIAPERS, DEODORANTS FOR MEN & WOMEN, FEMININE PRODUCTS, TOILET PAPER, TISSUES, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO	12	PAPER PRODUCTS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, CLEANING SUPPLIES

From TRAWING-5

Congrats to TRAWING-5 Wingers and scholars



Front Row: Cmdr. Christopher Pesile, USN Commanding Officer, HT-28; Capt. Brendan Smith, USMC; Lt. j.g. Terrence Sweeney, USN; Lt. j.g. Seamus Gunn, USN; 1st Lt. Dylan Montambo, USMC; Lt. j.g. Calvin Kirtley, USN; and 1st Lt. Andrea Bailey, USMC.

Center: Lt. Col. Robert White, USMC, Commanding Officer, HT-18; Lt. Scott Balog, USCG; Lt. j.g. Jake Dighton, USN; Ens. Matthew Griffith, USN; Lt. j.g. Zachary Minette, USN; Ens. Filippo Brandoni, ITNAVY; and Capt. James Fisher, USN, Commodore, TRAWING-5.

Last Row: Cmdr. Matthew Bowen, USN, Commanding Officer, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Donatus Weithman, USN; Lt. j.g. Richard Hecke, II, USN; Lt. j.g. Adam Claudy, USN; 1st Lt. Terence Desmond, USMC; Lt. j.g. Nicholas Ballard, USN and Capt. John Nettleton, USN, Commanding Officer U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Left Photo: Ensign Robert M. Pritchett IV, USN; and Ensign Andrew P. Soberman, USN receive their Academic Achievement Awards Friday, June 28 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters.

Right Photo: 1st Lt. Kenneth M. Endicott, USMC and Ensign Alexander Wordsworth, USN were the recipients of the awards for June 21.

70 years

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1955 – Primary training continued with the advent of the T-34B Beechcraft “Mentor.”

October 1956 – The instrument tactics phase of basic flight training was moved to Whiting Field and Saufley Field took over primary training. Soon after, the North American T-28 “Trojan” would replace the T-34B.

May 1960 – Basic Training Groups Two, Three and Six were re-designated and commissioned as Training Squadrons TWO, THREE and SIX.

1965 to 1971 – New construction during this period included a two strip between North and South Field. The maintenance hangar at North Field was completed in 1968 as was a new academic training facility. Sikes Hall and new officer quarters were completed in 1969. Two new control towers and a 500-seat movie theater were added in 1971.

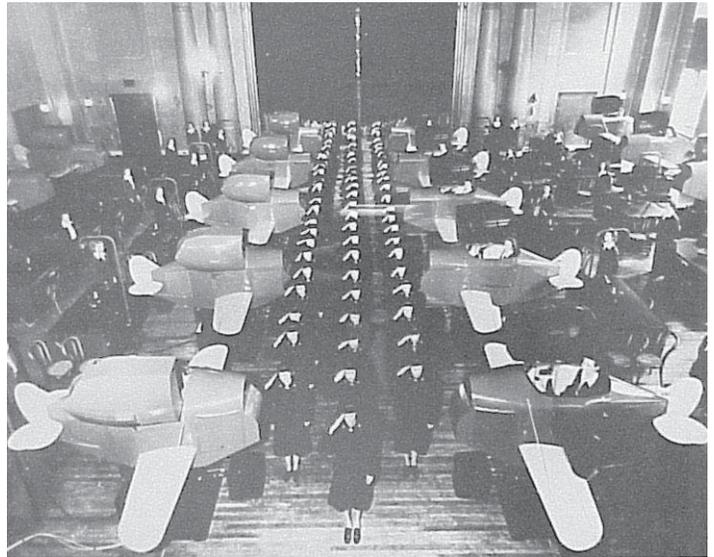
January 1972 – NAS Whiting Field became the headquarters for Commander Training Air Wing FIVE.

January 1973 – Helicopter Training Squadrons EIGHT and EIGHTEEN moved to Whiting for Ellyson Field. South Field became a helicopter base for the UH-1 helicopter trainer, later to be replaced by the TH-67 Jet Ranger.

April 1977 – The T-34C procedure training cockpit was accepted into the syllabus, and in the fall of that year, the station began its transition to the T-34C Turbo Mentor as the primary trainer.

April 1983 – The last T-28 departs Whiting Field after 28 years of service and 3.4 million hours of training student aviators. The last flight of the UH1 Huey trainers was logged in September of that year.

Since its commissioning 50 years ago, NAS Whit-



The Women for Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) line up in ranks next to the LINX trainers they used to help train student pilots during World War II. The trainers, developed around 1929, introduced the students to instrument flying techniques. U.S. Navy file photo.

ing Field’s primary mission has been to support pilot training. As a major primary and intermediate training facility and the sole helicopter training activity for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, over 1,000 student, Naval aviators are trained in the primary and intermediate phase of fixed-wing aircraft and advanced phases of helicopter training annually.

Today, North Field continues to support fixed wing operations and South Field is home for helicopter operations. Between these two separate and distinct airports and 13 Navy Outlying Landing Fields, (NOLFs), NAS Whiting Field has become “the Busiest Naval Air Complex in the World.”

As Rear Admiral George D. Murray said when he delivered the principal address at Whiting Field’s commissioning 50 years ago, “If Ken Whiting could see the field that bears his name, he would love it.”



An early photo from the top of the command building shows the Sailors forming up near the base flagpole. U.S. Navy file photo.

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Around the Base

Bravo-Zulu's, Attaboys, and Fair Winds



Above: Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Fernando Diaz receives his Honorable Discharge certificate from Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Donya Craig prior to reenlisting Monday, July 1.

Above Right: Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis and his wife Suzanne walk through the sideboys at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony, Friday, June 21. He retired after more than 22 years of honorable service.

Right: Lewis receives a farewell memento from the NAS Whiting Field Staff Association, which was presented by organization president, Randy Roy.

Below Right: Cmdr. Shawn Tripp, the senior Coast Guard instructor for Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT, receives his retirement ensign following the completion of "Old Glory." He received the flag during his retirement ceremony Friday, June 21 after 20 years of service.

Below: NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presents Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Christopher Jacobs with his frocking letter.



Navy Wounded Warriors Selected for Elite Competitions

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Several Navy wounded warrior athletes have been chosen to represent the U.S. at the 2014 Paralympics and the 2013 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics World Championships.

In May, retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Tyler Burdick was named a member of the 2013-14 U.S. Paralympics Snowboard National Team, which is the first national team in the sport. In June, retired Navy Master-at-Arms Seaman Steven Hancock and retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Max Rohn were selected to compete in track and field at the 2013 IPC Athletics World Championships July 19-28 in Lyon, France.

"We are immeasurably proud of our athletes and their incredible achievements," said Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) - Safe Harbor director Capt. Steve Hall. "Our wounded warriors are wonderful representatives for our country. In addition to their phenomenal athletic skills, they have demonstrated determination, resiliency and heart throughout their military careers and personal journeys towards recovery."

NWW - the Navy's support program for seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen - sponsors Team Navy at the annual Warrior Games in Colorado

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Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Max Rohn, from Rockville, Md., throws a shot put at the 2013 Warrior Games. More than 200 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans, as well as an international team representing the United Kingdom, will compete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and U.S. Air Force Academy. The military service with the most medals will win the Chairman's Cup. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Johnson.

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At NAS Whiting Field Athletic Complex

Victory Gardens foster a budding competition



Top left: Pam Williams and Leon Bailey stand beside Training Squadron THREE Executive Officer Cmdr. William Conatser as he takes a moment to cool off in the pool. Embracing their garden in paradise theme, the squadron's elaborate set-up featured a lush garden bursting with giant zucchinis, a sandy beach for sunbathing, Beach Boy tunes, and vegetables fresh off the grill.

Top right: the scarecrow at the NEX's victory garden bares the patch of a personal friend of NAS Whiting Field CO, Capt. Matt Coughlin. Scarecrow Lcdr. Silvas stood watch over chocolate tomatoes, corn, and rose tomatoes.

Bottom left: A Training Squadron TWO gardener answers the COs questions about the chocolate mint plant he spotted in the VT-2/VT-6 joint garden. Training Air Wing FIVE Deputy Commodore Col. Gary Kling was impressed by the intersquadron camaraderie.

Bottom right: Judges Command Master Chief Alton Smith, Capt. Matthew Coughlin and Col. Gary Kling sample insalata caprese from the vegetables at HT-28's garden. While the judges remained absolutely impartial throughout the contest, they did note that they no longer had a need for lunch and made plans to return for second helpings and possibly a freshly squeezed mimosa once they were done with flight operations for the day. U.S. Navy photos by Ensign Emily Hegarty.



Protecting tenants at foreclosure:

- Simple steps you need to know to protect yourself if you rent a home

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It is an unfortunate fact of the modern housing world that homes across the country are going into foreclosure every day. Many of those homes are rental properties, and in many cases the tenant is the last one to know about it. If you rent your home and have come home to a "Notice of Sale" on your front door, or if you've started receiving court documents in the mail about your home going into foreclosure, this article is for you.

Luckily, there are steps you can take to make sure

you're protected against your landlord's foreclosure, and resources available to assist you and your family.

How Can I Prevent This Situation?

There are simple steps you can take to make sure the home you're about to rent is not going into foreclosure. Having this information up-front is one of the things you'll want to consider, along with location, price, and whether there's plenty of running space for your pet hedgehog, when you determine which house to rent.

The first and easiest is to ask your landlord whether his home is in foreclosure. It's a simple step to take, but there is no guarantee that your landlord will be honest with you. Many homeowners will avoid giving out that information to their tenants for fear that they (a) won't sign a lease, or (b) will stop paying rent on a lease they already have. Still, it doesn't cost anything to ask, and it's an easy early warning system for upcoming foreclosure issues.

If your landlord refuses to answer, or if you are still suspicious, you can always check your local newspapers. Foreclosure sales will be listed daily. The downside is that you have to check every listing regularly, and it will only list homes that are just about to be put up for sale. It still won't give you any notice that your landlord might be headed for trouble down the road.

The best way to find out if foreclosure proceedings have been filed against your landlord is to call your local Clerk of Court. Foreclosure proceedings are public record, and you will be able to get all the information you need from your local courthouse. Different states have different procedures for getting access to those files, so make sure you give the courthouse a call.

Too Late – I've Already Gotten the Notice!

If you start getting notifications of a pending foreclosure in the mail or on your door, you will have to decide whether you want to terminate your lease early or stick around to the end. Many families want to avoid moving in the middle of a tour, but having a bank as a landlord can be a huge hassle. The bank probably won't care that your plumbing is broken or there are roaches in the home. They may not fix the heating, and they probably won't return your calls about the water heater. Many families decide that it's better to just find a new place to live. Fortunately, the decision is yours to make.

I've Decided I Want to Stay

Until recently, a foreclosure nearly always meant that the tenants were about to be evicted. That all changed in 2009, when Congress passed the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act (PTFA). If you don't have a lease, the new homeowner is required to give you 90 days' notice before you have to move

TRICARE Notes

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR DENTIST

One of the easiest ways to improve your oral health is by fostering open, two-way communication with your dentist.

To focus your communication efforts, you may want to ask yourself these questions during your next dentist visit:

- What is the purpose of this visit? Is it to relieve pain, restore function or is it cosmetic?
- Did I ask the right questions?
- Do I understand my dentist's treatment plan?

And here are some of the questions you may want to ask your dentist:

- What does this treatment plan mean?
- Is there an alternative treatment available?
- Would an alternative treatment solve my problem?
- Which of your recommendations are required?

Which are elective?

- Can any of these procedures be postponed?
- What will the procedure(s) cost?
- What will I be expected to pay?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TRICARE EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

After you receive health care services, you will receive a TRICARE explanation of benefits (EOB) that can also be viewed online at <http://www.mytricare.com/inter-net/tric/tri/tricare.nsf>. An EOB is an itemized statement that shows the action TRICARE took on your claims and the health care services and supplies you received.

You should review your EOB to ensure it accurately represents the care you received. If you notice any information that looks incorrect, call the toll-free number listed on your EOB. You also have the right to appeal certain decisions regarding your claims. You can file an appeal in writing within 90 days of the date of the EOB notice. You should keep EOBs with your health insurance records for reference.

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Summer Religious Programs Schedule

Weekly Services:

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. A free lunch followed by a lesson and discussion. Guest speakers, non-denominational.

Chapel – Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. A Protestant service featuring traditional and contemporary music. Sermons by Lt. Jason Hart and Cmdr. Charles Luff.

Mass – Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Traditional Catholic Mass led by Monsignor Steve Bosso.

(Friday, June 28 will be Monsignor Bosso's last Mass at the base. Monsignor Michael Reed will begin holding services in July.)

CREDO Southeast Programs

Marriage Enrichment Retreat – from Friday at 7 p.m. until Sunday after lunch. June 28-30, Pensacola, Fla.. Aug. 9-11, St. Simon's Island, Ga. Aug. 23-25, Pensacola, Fla.

To register contact CREDO South-

east at 904-542-3923.

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All seminars will take place in NASWF Atrium Building Room 169. Please contact Chaplain Hart (jason.r.hart@navy.mil) , RP1 Yolanda Jordan (yolanda.jordan@navy.mil), or call the office at 850-623-7211 to sign up.

Renting

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out. If you do have a lease, the PTFA requires the new homeowner to stick to the terms of that lease, unless the new owner wants to move into the home as their primary residence. Even then, though, the new owner is required to give you 90 days' notice before you are required to leave.

In order to get the benefit of the PTFA, you should file a Notice of Tenancy in the court that's hearing the foreclosure

case. This lets the judge know that there is someone living in the property. If you are wondering whether to pay rent to the bank or to your old landlord, you can also file a Motion to Deposit Rent into the Court Registry, which will let you pay rent to the court, who will then figure out where it goes. For assistance in drafting either one of these documents, you should make an appointment with your local Legal Assistance office.

I've Decided I Want to Move

The Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure act does not automatically give you the right to terminate your lease if the property is foreclosed. The good news is that most banks don't want to act as landlords. Some will even offer "Cash for Keys" programs that will pay you money in exchange for you moving out. The best way to get out of your lease if the home is being foreclosed is to talk to your landlord and the bank.

If you do decide to move, the Navy is here to help. In 2008, the Department of the Navy began authorizing funded local moves for military members who are breaking their leases as a result of their landlord's foreclosure. You will need to bring a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure and a Notice of Lease Termination to either your command's Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) or your local Legal Assistance office. They will be able to help you get the authorization you need.

That's It!

Being a tenant in a home that's being foreclosed can be a stressful and confusing situation. If you find yourself over your head, always feel free to make an appointment with your local Legal Assistance office. We're here to help!

SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Posted speed limit signs – Due to the high number of traffic citations for speeding approaching and departing NAS Whiting Field gates, speed bumps have been placed right outside and inside both gates. The posted speed limit for both gates are 15mph or slower and

put in place for the safety of the personnel that are posted at the gates. Be aware of personnel and vehicles that are crossing the road at the West Gate. When departing NASWF, pay attention to where the 45mph speed limit signs are posted. You should gradually increase your speed while approaching the signs to 45mph, not going 45mph before you reach it.

Across the Fleet

Warriors

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Springs, Colo. All three athletes are enrolled in the program and previously have competed on behalf of Team Navy.

Burdick, a combat-wounded veteran, has been snowboarding for most of his life. He was first introduced to adaptive snowboarding last year, when he began volunteering for the National Ability Center's ski program in Park City, Utah. He competed in the NorAm National Cup in January, where he took ninth place. He followed that achievement with a second-place finish at the National Championships in July.

Burdick was wounded in Afghanistan July 2010 when his armored vehicle struck a roadside bomb, which resulted in serious injuries to both of his feet. After undergoing multiple limb-salvage efforts, Burdick resigned himself to a future as an amputee. In October 2011, however, he was fitted with new, cutting-edge braces - Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthoses - that redefined his abilities and allowed him to keep his limbs.

Becoming part of the Paralympic team was the realization of a lifelong dream.

"I used to swim when I was younger, and I always hoped that one day I might go to the Olympics," said Burdick. "I'm so excited. It hasn't really even hit me yet. I wasn't planning for this at all, but snowboarding is a sport I am really passionate about."

Hancock - an open water scuba instructor who works with military veterans - also began seriously training a year ago in seated shot put and discus. Hancock seized gold in both events at the Warrior Games in May and earned top honors in both sports at the recent University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games.

Hancock, who hails from Pueblo, Colo., was injured while deployed in 2009. He suffers from lower-body paralysis and uses a wheelchair. Upon learning that he would compete at the World Championships, he began lifting weights six days a week and throwing three days a week, focusing on building strength and improving his form.

"I'm pumped up and a little nervous [about the upcoming competition]. This is my first time competing against athletes from other countries," said Hancock. "But I am going to turn that nervousness into pushing hard and training. Making it to this level is a dream come true."

After making his mark at the World Championships, Hancock hopes to contend for a spot on the 2016 U.S. Paralympic track and field team. He works regularly with Team Navy coach Kent Pagel to improve his skills.

"From watching and analyzing footage of my competitions, to fitting me with a new chair,

Coach Pagel is helping me every step of the way," he said.

Rohn, a below-the-knee amputee, was wounded in Iraq in 2009 when his Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. A native of Longmont, Colo., he is a three-time member of Team Navy who has taken home several Warrior Games medals. Rohn will compete in discus at the World Championships.

NWW has a robust adaptive athletics program, which has positive and lasting effects on the physical and emotional well-being of wounded warriors. These athletes typically enjoy greater self-esteem, lower stress levels and fewer secondary medical conditions.

To learn more about NWW - including its adaptive athletics program - visit www.safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil, call 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997), or email navywounded-warrior@navy.mil.

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