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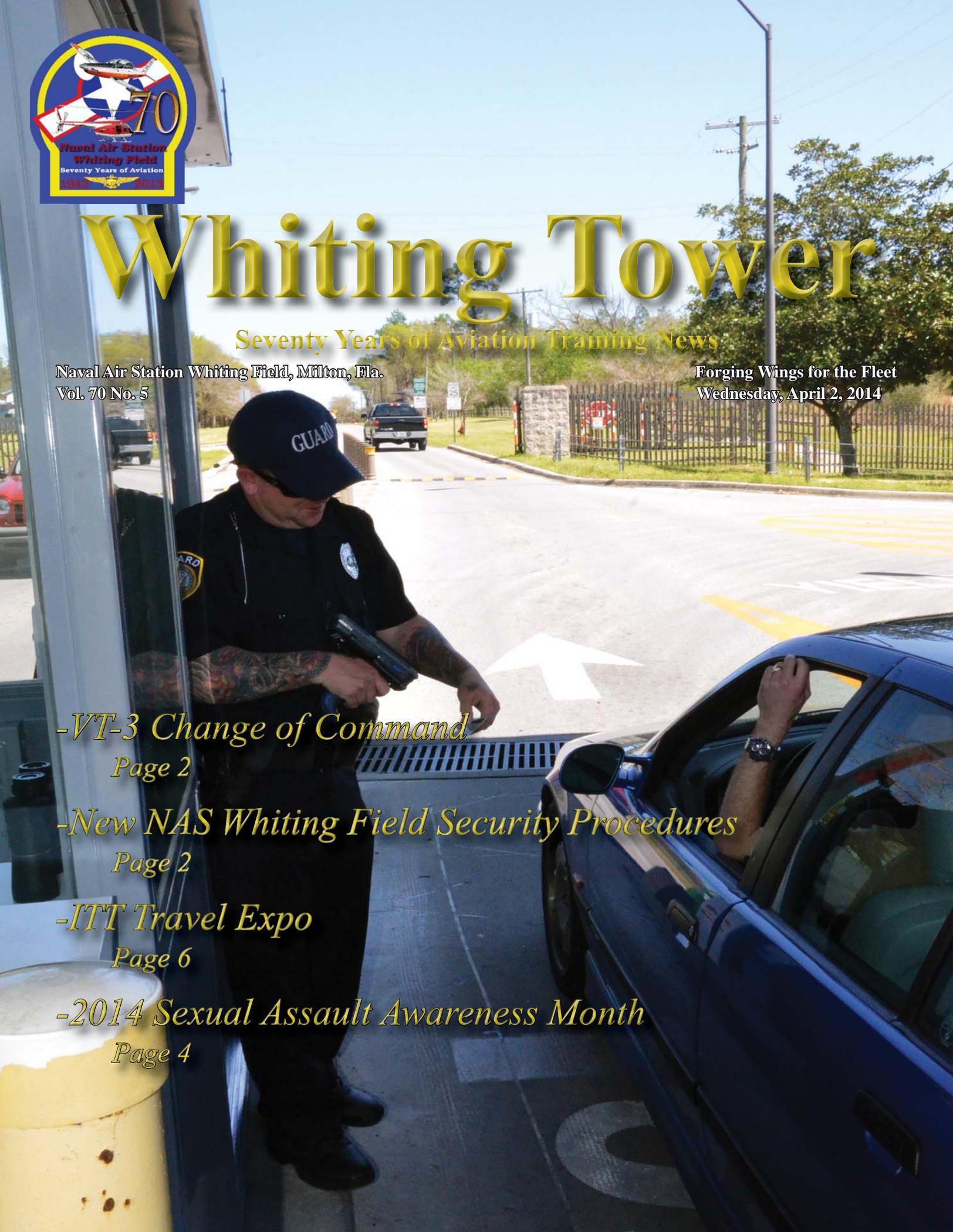
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Conatser to assume command of VT-3

NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office

The final Air Force squadron commanding officer serving at Naval Air Station Whiting Field will step down Friday, Apr. 4 during a change of command ceremony in the installation's Atrium building at 10:03 a.m.

Training Squadron THREE has alternated Air Force and Navy commanding offi-



Lt. Col. Brian Schafer, USAF

cers since 1995. Lt Col Brian Schafer will be the final Air Force Commanding Officer to pass the command flag for a Training Air Wing FIVE squadron. Cmdr. Judd Conatser, Schafer's executive officer, will take charge of the command upon his departure.

Under Schafer's command Training Squadron THREE flew more hours, completed more syllabus flights, and produced more primary graduates than any other Training Wing FIVE Primary Flight Training Squadron. Not only did the squadron have the highest production under his leadership, it also proved to be the most efficient, earning the CNATRA Training Excellence Award and Vice Admiral Goldthwaite Award for 2012. The awards honored VT-3 as the premier training squadron during an extremely difficult time, as the squadron transitioned from the T-34 TurboMen-

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Cover Photo: NAS Whiting Field Security Officer Michael Mahood is shown conducting the new security procedures, with the use of security scanners for individuals attempting to gain base access. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

NASWF advances security through NACMS

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Access to Naval Air Station Whiting Field got a little more high tech recently as a new security system was instituted to verify identification cards. The new process uses modern scanning tools to read and display the information from ID cards on portable displays for security personnel.

This new process, called the Navy Access Control Management System (NACMS), requires that 100 percent of all persons entering into a Navy installation surrender their DOD issued IDs to be scanned and cleared for access. This process is accomplished by using a hand held scanner that is tied into various servers throughout the Navy. NACMS is part of a continuously evolving access control system that is taking advantage of advances in technology to enhance the safety and security of every member aboard the Navy's nearly 60 shore installations in the United States.

NAS Whiting Field first implemented the scanners March 7. The security team spent the first week working out any difficulties with the process and the system has been online ever since. Scan times average from 2 to 10 seconds, but should decrease slightly over time as initial card scans are completed. Scan times vary due to factors such as the load on the network or the type of ID being scanned, and while delays have been fairly minimal to this point, they are an expected part of the process. On an average week the Main Gate at NASWF scans up to 13,000 IDs. Given that traffic volume, even a few seconds per vehicle adds up.

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The Whiting Tower

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Leadership and Culture of Energy Conservation

By Vice Adm. Bill French
Commander, Navy Installations Command

Shipmates, I need your help and your engagement. Simply put, we're using too much energy throughout the shore enterprise and we need to make reducing energy one of our top priorities. Make no mistake: energy usage reduction is a strategic imperative. Why? Every dollar we spend keeping lights on, powering personal coffee pots and refrigerators, or putting gas in government vehicles is a dollar that we can't spend elsewhere on the shore - pier and runway maintenance, CDCs, base security - or, far more urgently, return to the fleet for operations - flying, steaming, and training.

We've made progress - in the shore enterprise, we used a lot less energy in 2013 than we did in 2003. We're also making progress in where we get our energy; in 2013, we were able to make or buy a lot of the energy we used in facilities from renewable sources. That's encouraging, but we're still have more work to do to meet the SECNAV and CNO's goals for reducing energy consumption by 2020.

Although we've made progress, we have a long way to go and I need your help. This is an all hands effort: Sailor,

civilian and contractor; flag officer and seaman alike; spouses and families - everyone plays a part.

So, what are we doing and what can you do? CNIC, in partnership with NAVFAC, has invested in highly efficient heating and cooling systems, designing and building energy efficient facilities, special training for energy and facility managers, and advanced energy management systems. Those systems, coupled with smart meters, give us a snapshot of how much energy gets used in a given building and lets us monitor energy use in real time. Monitoring energy helps us see whether we're meeting our energy goals, but actually meeting those goals is going to take hard work and a significant change in culture. It's on both fronts where we need you actively engaged.

We need to turn thermostats down in the winter and up in the summer. We need to charge our personal phones and tablets at home. We need to unplug all the personal appliances in offices throughout the Navy. Just like we employ operational risk management when we embark on missions, we need to employ energy risk management before we plug it in or turn it on.

Another big part of our culture change is engaged leaders and supervisors and a lot of engaged innovation at all levels. Everyone needs to think of - and then implement - their best practices and new ideas to reduce energy usage. I know of a Sailor who buys pizza for his kids when they turn lights off at his house - I can't buy you pizza, but we need to involve everyone; this isn't just a job for the energy managers. Navy Region Northwest is saving significant amounts of energy - and money - by using plasma lighting. These are only two examples but my point is this: we need involvement at all levels and all ideas are worthwhile.

Thanks for what you're doing, stay safe, and remember to think about it before you turn it on!

This Day in Naval History

Apr 05

1946 - USS Missouri (BB 63) arrives in Turkey to return the body of Turkish ambassador to the U.S. and to show U.S. support and willingness to defend Turkey.

Apr 06

1776 - Sloop-of-war Ranger, the frigate Queen of France and the frigate Warren capture the British vessel Hibernia and seven other vessels.

1862 - Naval gunfire from the warships Tyler and Lexington help save Union Troops at the Battle of Shiloh.

1909 - Cmdr. Robert E. Peary reports reaching the North Pole.

1917 - The United States declares war on Germany.

1945 - The first heavy kamikaze attack occurs on ships at Okinawa.

1961 - USS Lake Champlain (CVS 39) brings oxygen to aid stricken passenger of British liner Queen of Bermuda.

1989 - The President orders Department of Defense to assist in the Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup.

1993 - Branch Navy Hospital Adak, Alaska, responds to crash of civilian Chinese airliner by providing lifesaving treatment and medical evacuation of 89 injured passengers. Only one passenger out of 265 passengers died.

Apr 07

1776 - The Continental brig Lexington captures the British ship Edward.

1942 - The Navy accepts African Americans for general service.

1945 - Lt. j.g. Ann Purvis and Ensign Jane Kendeigh become the first Navy flight nurses to land on an active battlefield (Iwo Jima).

1945 - Carrier aircraft defeat the last Japanese Navy sortie at the Battle of East China Sea; Yamato, the world's largest battleship, and five other ships are sunk.

1979 - The first Trident submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN 726), is launched at Groton, Conn



An aerial port bow view of the nuclear-powered strategic missile submarine Ohio (SSBN-726) underway on 1 Sep 1981. U.S. Navy Photo courtesy of DOD Still Media Collection - dodmedia.osd.mil.

Navy Announces SAAM 2014 Theme



NEWPORT (April 16, 2013) Sailors and Marines gather on the flight deck of the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) to form a teal ribbon in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Hannah Wilhide/Released)

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy announced the 2014 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) theme of “Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault” and issued guidance to focus efforts on awareness and prevention of sexual violence in NAVADMIN 066/14 released March 20.

The goal of the month is for individual commands to pause and reflect on what the Navy has accomplished over the past year with regard to sexual assault prevention and response and to look into the future as to how we can continue to eradicate this crime from our ranks. Commands are empowered to take ownership of this problem.

“Navy’s recognition of SAAM 2014 is a component of our efforts in the 21st Century Sailor Office to build a resilient Navy community and will use the theme “Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault” to highlight bystander intervention and accountability,” said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, director, 21st Century Sailor Office. “We’d like Sailors to take the first half of the month to reflect on the efforts we’ve put in place this past year and how we’ve tackled sexual assault. The second half of April will focus on Sailors dedicating themselves to be active bystanders - to step up and intervene in potentially destructive situations.”

In addition to asking Sailors to sit down and talk about sexual assault prevention, commands are encouraged to organize any number of events to highlight the awareness and prevention of sexual assaults. Some of the suggested events include hanging ribbons on trees around base, hosting “Meet your SARC and victim advocate” events, organizing skits at the local base theater and other such activities to

raise awareness during the month of April.

“In the past few months of traveling to meet the fleet, I’ve noticed that Sailors themselves are stepping up and taking charge,” said Buck. “I encourage you to continue to look out for your shipmates and step up to stop sexual assault.”

Sailors can also find information, references and resources at www.sapr.navy.mil to help them determine how they would like their individual command to observe this month. The website also includes resources for victims of sexual assault to reach out and get help.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor Office which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy. The Department of the Navy is working aggressively to prevent sexual assaults, to support sexual assault victims and to hold offenders accountable.

For more information, read NAVADMIN 066/14 at www.npc.navy.mil and go to www.sapr.navy.mil and click on SAAM 2014.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.



Flightline Learning

LCDR David Larsen explains the history of the T-34C at NAS Whiting Field as part of an overall tour of the base, its flight training devices, and its facilities to Boy Scout Troop 23 from Tallahassee, Fla. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope

News and Notes

Santa Rosa County Fair - The Santa Rosa County Fair will run from April 4 -12 (closed April 8 & 9) in East Milton Park. Featuring rides, games, vendors, food on the Midway, entertainment nightly and a FMX Freestyle motocross. See www.srcfair.com for more information and full schedule. ITT has discounted tickets for \$5, \$3 off regular admission. Call ITT at (850) 623-7032.

Navarre Beach Causeway to Gain Additional Turn Lane - Work to add an additional north bound left turn lane and turn signal onto U.S. Hwy. 98 from the Navarre Beach Causeway begins the week of March 17. The project is expected to help ease traffic congestion. Construction is expected to take 60 days, paid for by road and bridge funds.

Energy Savers - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Works Department recognizes the following buildings for their efforts in energy conservation as compared to 2013 costs for the same time frame. Bldg. 1415 BCO at 5.4; Bldg. 1423 VT-3 at 5.3, and Bldg. 1417 MWR at 4.3.

Submit Tuition Assistance (TA) Requests Now - To ensure timely approval, check your "My Education" account to ensure your record is up-to-date and all TA eligibility requirements are met. Contact a Navy College Office or the Virtual Education Center for more information. <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

Tax Assistance - Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be assisting with taxes at three local libraries continuing through April 15. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. Gulf Breeze Library will host the program Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Milton will host from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Navarre Library will sponsor the program from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Humana Self Service - Please note Humana's new "Self Service" website to encourage our beneficiaries to utilize the internet and Contact (Call) Center to conduct business as opposed to walk-in service at the TRICARE Service Center which will officially close on 1 Apr 2014. Site is <https://infocenter.humana-military.com/>

Usage Information

Total Used

1,649,285 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	1,653,040	1,912,710	1,649,285
Average Daily kWh	59,037	61,700	58,903
Days In Billing Period	28	31	28

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. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.



Honoring the Navy's Best and Brightest
Capt. Matthew Coughlin, Commanding Officer NAS Whiting Field presents AC2 Darrah Crow with a letter of appreciation for her efforts in organizing and setting up the Navy Ball. Crow along with 5 other members of the committee and Susan Simpson were recognized for their efforts on Mar. 20 in the GATC Auditorium.
 U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

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FFSC Finance Packets - Please stop by the Fleet & Family Support Center and pick up your "free" Personal Finance Packet, the packet contains information regarding financial tips, security and safety on the internet and identity theft prevention as well as financial advice to teach children and young adults. Supplies are limited so swing by the FFSC to pick up your "free" copy. Contact Eugene Jackson, AFC Work & Family Life Consultant, NAS Whiting Field Fleet & Family Support Center, 850-623-7177 or Eugene.Jackson1@navy.mil.

Receive Daily Reflection - Daily Reflection is a brief, inspirational thought-for-the-day, e-mailed throughout the work week. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@navy.mil.

ITT Special - Disney on Ice discount tickets are now available at ITT through April 9th - \$31.00 each. The shows run Apr. 25 at 7 p.m., and Apr. 26 at 11 a.m., and 3 or 7 p.m. Reserved seating in sections 105, 106, 111 & 112 are offered through ITT. Purchase early for best seat selection.

New ITT Vendor - Six Flags Over Georgia tickets are now available at ITT - 1 day \$38.00 / 1 day Whitewater \$35.75 / Dual Park Season \$65.00. Call 665-6250 for additional information.

Sun 'n Fun Airshow - Lakeland, Fla. will host the Sun 'n Fun Airshow Apr. 1-6 featuring the Navy Blue Angels Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. The week-long event includes: free admission to the Florida Air Museum; workshops, and seminars; museum lectures; author's corner; daily airshow; Friday & Saturday Night Airshow. Check out www.sun-n-fun.org for more details.

Family Assistance

NAS Whiting Field



APRIL 2014

TO REPORT A SEXUAL ASSAULT:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sexual Assault Awareness	 1 Conflict Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	 2 Anger Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm Stress Management 2:00 - 3:00 pm	 3 CAN I KISS YOU? SAPR Presentation Base Auditorium 1330 & 1500	 4 VA Representative 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	 5
 6	 7 Federal Jobs 1:00 - 3:00 pm	 8 Anger Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	 9 Time Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm	 10 Chall of FS & Marriage 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Smooth Move 1:00 - 3:00 pm	 11	 12
 13	 14 Resume Writing 8:00 - 10:00 am	 15 Conflict Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	 16 Stress Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Time Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm	 17 CSX Railroad Visit 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Money & The Move 1:00 - 3:00 pm	 18 VA Representative 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Anger Management 1:00 - 2:00 pm	 19
 20	 21 How to Start a Business 8:00 - 10:00 am	 22 Stress Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 	 23 Communication Skills 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Parenting 101 1:00 - 3:00 pm	 24 Chall of FS & Marriage 9:00 - 11:00 am Consumer Awareness 1:00 - 3:00 pm	 25	 26
 27	 28	 29 Stress Management 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	 30 Couples Communication 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Suicide Prevention ACT! Ask Care Treat		

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ITT brings travel information to NASWF

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

More than 40 representatives from leisure and recreation companies will converge on Naval Air Station Whiting Field Apr. 11 for the 2nd Annual Travel Expo. The three-hour event offers members of the Whiting community a chance to speak to agents and learn more about the various recreational activities in the Southeast.

Hotels, amusement parks, nature preserves, adventure activities, resorts, museums, and other types of recreational opportunities will be represented during the expo.

“We have a wide variety of attractions from Louisiana to Georgia to Central Florida,” Marcy Allen, the ITT manager stated. “Customers get an opportunity to speak with [representatives from] all sorts of attractions. There should be something here for everyone.”

Last year’s expo was a tremendous success for a first-year endeavor, and more than 300 people attended the event. That success earned NAS Whiting Field increased interest from the vendors and a better time slot. The 2013

expo was the final one on the Northwest Florida swing and came after a show much farther east. Many vendors elected to bypass the show due to the added travel. This year’s show is benefitting from a more logical time-frame, the day after NAS Pensacola’s show. There could be as much as a 50 percent increase in the number of vendors attending. Vendors already confirmed include: Sandals, Universal Orlando, Wonderworks Panama City Beach, Daytona Raceway, Military Resort Rentals, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Historic Westville, Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans, Georgia Aquarium, Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore, Buena Vista Suites, Armed Forces Vacation Club, Alpine Helen CVB, Adventures Unlimited, Legoland, and many, many more.

Allen and Cynthia Myers, the entire complement of the ITT office, worked diligently for the past several months to ensure the event is positive for both the vendors and for the event attendees. It is a struggle for such a small office

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War Time Recollections of NAS Whiting Field's Beginnings



Lola Hammac during WWII while working on NAS Whiting Field.

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field officially turned 70 years old July 16, 2013, but even before the commissioning of the base seven decades past, there was a flurry of activity to prepare the installation to assume its role in training pilots for the war effort. Empty plots were being turned into temporary airfields, buildings were in the middle of construction, students were training in ram-

shackle facilities, and in the midst of this bustle, three women arrived – likely the first three women to be transferred to what was to become Naval Auxiliary Air Station Whiting Field and later Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

Essie Tunison, Katie Horne, and Lola Hammac (now Kittell) were transferred from Saufley Field in May 1943 with one of the squadrons to help train some Milton ladies on how to maintain the administrative records associated with student flight and aircraft maintenance. Kittell, who still lives in Pensacola, was a 19-year old clerk-typist at the time, and she remembers it as a rough time both physically and emotionally.

“It was the most miserable summer I ever spent. It was hot, uncomfortable...We called it the Dust Bowl,” she said. “It seemed like that was the hottest summer I can ever remember.”

Kittell worked at Whiting for about four months. During that time she recalls only a few permanent structures with no working telephones in most of the buildings. There may have been electric fans she says, but no air conditioning. The roads and airfields weren't completed yet, and the constant construction contributed to the ever-present dust. Even without the infrastructure in place, planes had already started flying to and from the fledgling field and were a stark

reminder of the installation's purpose. It lent a sense of urgency to the staff.

“We were all dedicated to our jobs,” Kittell stated. “We had seen Pearl Harbor and we were not too sure we would win the war. We were all doing the very best we could.”

Although listed as a clerk-typist from the time she was hired in December 1942, Kittell maintained student and instructor flight logs

and kept the records on aircraft hours to determine when specific aircraft were due for upkeep. This work brought

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Lola Kittell, present day. US Navy Photo by Jay Cope

TRICARE Notes

UNDERSTANDING SPECIALTY CARE REFERRALS

Beneficiaries referred outside of a military treatment facility (MTF) for specialty care or other services requiring a referral must first be considered for care inside the MTF if the services are available. If the services are not available at the MTF, you will then be referred to a civilian network provider.

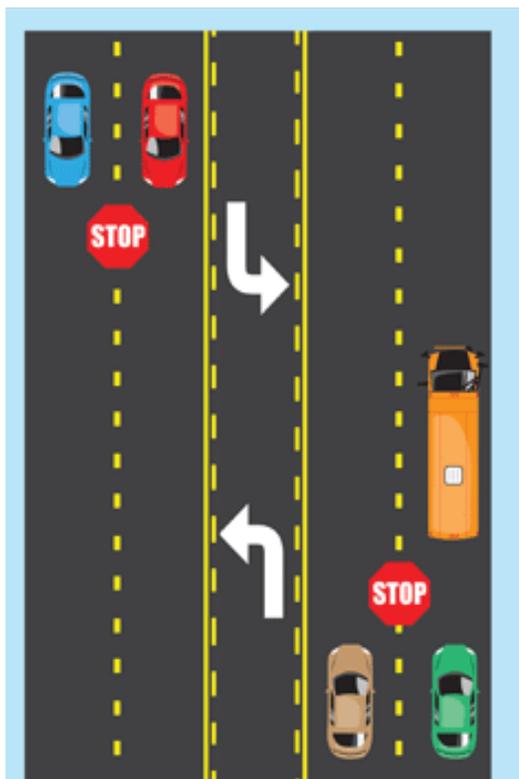
If you are a TRICARE beneficiary living in a TRICARE Prime Service Area (PSA) and a civilian provider submits a referral or authorization request on your behalf, you may be referred to a MTF.

TRICARE Prime appointment access standards entitle you to receive:

- An urgent care appointment within 24 hours
- A routine care appointment within one week (7 days)
- A specialty care appointment within four weeks (28 days)
- A wellness visit within four weeks (28 days)

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

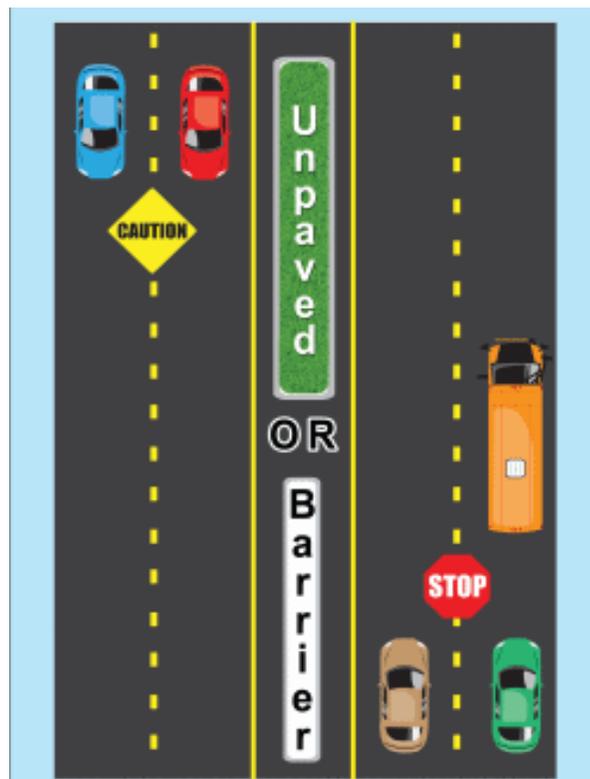
School Bus Traffic - Drive Safely



MULTI-LANE Paved Across:
Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop



TWO-LANE:
Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop



DIVIDED HIGHWAY
Unpaved space (Min 5ft) OR any raised median/physical barrier.
Vehicles behind bus **MUST** stop.
Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction are not required to stop.

Drivers who improperly pass a stopped school bus commit a moving violation subject to citation and will be required to complete a basic Driver Improvement Course upon conviction.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles offers tips for drivers to keep in mind when school buses are present, and for students to ensure their safety at the bus stop.

Drivers:

Obey the Stop Arm. Never attempt to pass a bus when it is stopped or preparing to stop.

Leave adequate space between your vehicle and the bus; Stop if you are moving in the same direction as a stopped bus.

Remain stopped until the bus withdraws its Stop sign.



Be on the lookout for kids around school bus loading and unloading areas.

Obey all traffic signs and signals.

Pay attention; avoid distractions.

Pay attention to speed limits, school crossing guards and unpredictable children, since these situations may require you to reduce your speed or stop.

When children (walking, bicycling or skating) or school crossing guards are present in a crosswalk, drivers must yield or stop at the marked stop line and without stopping in the crosswalk. It is the driver's responsibility to avoid colliding with pedestrians.

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



Back Row: Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Ensign Richard M. Prevatt, USN; 1st Lt. Charles J. Ruck, USMC; 1st Lt. Michael S. Smithson, USMC; Ensign Brandon P. Telatovich, USN; Ensign Benjamin T. Von Forell, USN; Capt. James L. Vandiver, USN, Commanding Officer NASC.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Kevin Pickard, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; Lt. j.g. Caleb L. Stevens, USN; Ensign Kevin P. Matovina, USN; Ensign Patrick P. Bagnick, USN; Lt. Adnan Abbasi, USN; Ensign Kevin P. Primeau, USN; Capt. James Fisher, USN, Commodore TRAWING-5.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; Ensign Alexander S. Campbell, USN; Lt. j.g. Timothy J. Olah, USCG; Ensign Matthew T. Wellens, USN; Ensign Rhiannon R. Frencher, USN. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover



Back Row: Cmdr. Matthew J. Bowen, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Ensign Anthony S. Arrow, USN; Lt. j.g. James L. Adair, USN; Ensign Wesley H. Smith, USN; Ensign Drew C. Gresh, USN.

Middle Row: Cmdr. Kevin Pickard, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer HT-18; 1st Lt. Antonio R. Alvarado, USMC; Ensign Matthew A. Abeling, USN; Lt. j.g. James A. Rader, USCG; Ensign Kevin B. Flood, USN; Capt. Thurman T. Maine, USCG, Commanding Officer ATC Mobile.

Front Row: Lt. Col. Jeffrey M. Pavelko, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; Ensign Joshua C. Schmidt, USN; Ensign Garrett E. Horn, USN; Ensign Michael R. Ballester, USN; Capt. James Fisher, USN, Commodore TRAWING-5. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



CAPT James J. Fisher, Commodore TRAWING FIVE, presented Commodore's List with Distinction to 1st LT John P. Bruno USMC on 12MAR14



LT J. Brice Johnson, USN (Commodore's List with Distinction and Academic Achievement); ENS Mathew N. Aron, USN; ENS Taylor D. Baggett, USN; LTJG Brian M. Schuessler, USN received their Academic Achievement Award Mar 21. in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.



2ndLt Lorne D. Samson, USN; ENS Edward J. McCarthy, USN; ENS Daniel P. Snapp, USN; ENS Bryan C. Valliere, USN (Commodore's List and Academic Award); ENS Tyler J. Boston, USN; LTJG Lorenzo Duranti, ITN; ENS Zachary L. Drum (Commodore's List) received their Academic Achievement Award Mar. 28 in the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building.

NAS Whiting Field Opens RV Park

By Don Inman, NAS Whiting Field MWR

Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Matthew Coughlin cut the red ribbon, and as the two ends fell apart, the new Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR) RV Park was officially open. Dubbed "Clear Creek RV Park", the facility had its ribbon cutting ceremony Mar. 13; with its first tenant moving in Mar. 21.

The Park was awarded as a Navy Construction project in November of 2012, and is nestled just outside the west gate along Magda Village Lane. The 10-site park backs up to a wooded area and the facility is dotted with beautiful trees, shrubs and other landscaping. The 10 sites measure 20'x40' and provide full hook-ups (water, sewer, electrical) with 30/50amp electrical. A convenient shower and laundry facility makes the Camping experience convenient.

"We are proud to be able to offer another service to our patrons," said MWR Director Joseph Vukovcan. "Clear Creek RV Park should provide easy access to the base facilities as well as quick access to the tremendous natural resources of Santa Rosa County."

Clear Creek RV Park is about 20 minutes from Interstate 10, approximately 8 miles north Hwy 90. The park



Capt. Matthew Coughlin, Commanding Officer of NAS Whiting Field prepares to cut the ribbon in front of the newly constructed bath house, at the Grand Opening of the Clear Creek RV Park on Mar. 13. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

is close to other outdoor recreational opportunities such as walking and hiking trails, off-road biking, sports fields, fishing and is convenient to other amenities. Travelers do not
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1000-1300
Atrium-Bldg. 1417**

**MWR
NAS WHITING FIELD
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NAS WHITING FIELD

The purpose of the Travel Show is to increase awareness of discounts through your Information, Tickets, and Travel Office. Visit with vendors from various states and various travel industries.

Travel Expo

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to host a large scale event of this nature (most ITT offices hosting expos have 4-8 employees), but feedback from the first year was complimentary and the ITT team is using the information to help prepare for this year's program.

"The response last year was overwhelming," Allen said. "Many of these vendors only know a little about the base, but the ones who came last year helped spread the word. We want this to be something that the people at Whiting can look forward to every year."

The layout of the vendors in the Atrium will change significantly due to the larger numbers, but much of the format will remain the same. Guests will be provided a "passport"

when they enter. The passport has spots for each of the vendors, and as an attendee speaks with a representative from the leisure activity, the passport will be stamped. After completing the circuit, the passport can be dropped in a basket before exiting. As an incentive to complete the circuit, companies donated more than \$7,000 in door prizes. Prizes vary from lodging accommodations at various hotels, tickets to attractions, to gift baskets. Winners will be drawn from completed cards drawn from the basket, and they do not need to be present to win.

Given the unique nature of Training Air Wing FIVE's mission and

the short duration during which students are able to learn the area, and event like this provides an invaluable opportunity to present a lot of information and literature in a very short period of time. Students make up more than one-third of the population of NAS Whiting Field, and many are only here for a few months of intensive study. Recreation time is limited, and Allen wants to make sure that their opportunities are maximized.

"Students just don't have the

time to re-search what is available to them in the region. They come in to our office all the time and ask 'What can I do?' and we help them plan their time off. The expo will give them a chance to speak with 40 to 50 travel attractions in one day," she said.

If Allen has one goal, it is to try to give the vendors exposure to the people on the base and help them understand how important NAS Whiting Field is. Of course, increasing turnout to the event wouldn't hurt either. Three hundred was a strong number for a first year program, and equitable to much larger bases, but she would still like to encourage more people to attend.

"I want them to be amazed by the tremendous personnel we have on the base and to see how eager they are for the information," Allen stated. "This is one of the most beneficial services we are able to provide each year, and I really hope that people on both sides of the aisle can enjoy it."



Information Tickets and Travel Manager Marcy Allen speaks to one of the vendors before the 2013 Travel Expo at Naval Air Station Whiting Field. More than 300 people attended the last expo, and Allen is hoping for even more this year when the Travel Expo come back to NAS Whiting Field April 11. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Vendors

- Visit Tallahassee
- Wet 'n Wild
- Holiday Inn Express Milton
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites LBV East
- Westgate Resorts
- Visit Pensacola
- Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans
- SeaWorld / Busch Gardens
- Clarion Suites Maingate
- Sandals / Unique Vacations, Inc.
- StaySky Hotels & Resorts
- Inn At Ellis Square
- Seralago Hotel & Suites
- Henderson Park Inn
- Historic Westville, Inc.
- Best Western Stovalls Hotels of Anaheim
- Legoland, FL
- Military Resort Rentals
- Universal Orlando
- LaQuinta Inn & Suites Valdosta
- Hampton Inn & Suites Navarre
- Washington County Tourist Development
- Sleuths Mystery Dinner
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- Ramada Maingate West
- Comfort Suites Main Gate East
- Chartwell Hospitality
- Best Western Plus Riverpark Inn, Georgia
- Buena Vista Suites
- Georgia Aquarium
- Georgia Dept of Economic Development
- Alpine Helen CVB
- Mardi Gras World
- Daytona Speedway
- Wonderworks Panama City
- Adventures Unlimited Outdoor Center
- Best Western Plus Orlando Gateway
- Armed Forces Vacation Club
- Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore
- Enterprise Rental

RV Park

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have to go far to find the local NEX, Commissary, Barber Shop, swimming pools and a state of the art Fitness Center - not to mention the large inventory of Outdoor Adventure equipment like canoe and kayak, bike, campers, and camping supplies that may be rented from the base.

"This new addition to the Navy's RV Parks system provides just one more opportunity for our patrons to find convenient stops along a vacation route, stays in the comfort and security confines of a military base, and offers a chance to get away from busy day-to-day life," Vukovcan emphasized.

The rates are: \$20 per day, \$115 per week and \$350 per month for active duty and retirees and \$24 per day, \$135 per week, and \$400 per month for other authorized patrons.

Fun Run
"Step up to Stop Sexual Assault"

MWR April 17th at 1130
... or April 18th if it rains

Join us for this 2 mile fun run Hosted by MWR AND SAPR

All participants will receive prizes

There will also be Trivia Facts set up every quarter mile of the run. When finished, the SAPR staff will have a quiz available to win drawings for more prizes.

For more information about this "Fun Run" call the Fitness Center at 623-7412

DoD **Safe Helpline**
Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

Live 1-on-1 Help Confidential Worldwide 24/7

Help is just a *Click, Call* or *Text* away!

For confidential victim assistance visit www.SafeHelpline.org

Chalkboard Minute

"Pace High School opens new, cutting edge program to meet the ever-changing needs of the 21st century high school student", said Greg Gill, a Pace High School instructor and new Academy Director.

In the ribbon cutting ceremony held at the newly completed lab on campus, he explained that in an effort to diversify our economy, our state government has been pouring money into Biotechnology businesses. These businesses have expressed the need for highly trained and skilled lab students that have experience



Chris Hendrix, School Liaison Officer

with the lab tools and techniques in this field. In Central Florida, there are already blossoming relationships between high schools and Biotech startups. These infant companies, who are experiencing explosive growth, are hiring students who have earned Biotech Certification directly out of high school starting between \$13 and \$15 dollars an hour. These students can turn that job into a career or work as a technician supplementing their income while they earn their college degree.

While we recognize that we have very few Biotech startups in our area, we cannot discount how fast the science of Biotechnology is sweeping the world. There are applications in agriculture, environmental science, pharmaceuticals, and health care, among others. Our desire is to equip our students interested in science with a certification that demonstrates the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in any Biotech field. Our program will also provide internships and potential job opportunities immediately upon high school graduation. There are currently no programs in the Panhandle that offer what we plan to. We are going to fill that niche.

If you have a student at Pace high that might be interested in this program, or if you'd like to learn more or help the program out, please contact the School Liaison Officer here at NASWF at 850-665-6105 or christopher.p.hendri@navy.mil.



Beginnings

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This work brought her in close proximity to the pilots whom she mostly remembered as “good men doing a job that needed to be done.” This included Pappy Boyington, whose log book she was responsible for while working at Saufley.

However, there were always a few she labeled as “party time men,” and as an attractive 19-year old, she was appropriately wary. So much so, that when baseball great Theodore (Ted) Williams asked her name while he was in line for processing, she simply told him to “move along.”

Coming from a military family, her father was a Chief Commissary Steward, she and her brothers grew up with a strong sense of patriotism. Working for the Navy wasn't only convenient due to the proximity to her family home, but it also enabled her to contribute to the war effort. Travelling from Pensacola to Milton was a more difficult commute back then with two-lane roads, and few buildings through the Pace area. Kittell didn't really want to go, but she didn't complain either.

“We knew we had to do all we could to win the

war,” she emphasized. “I liked my work [at Whiting], and we were proud of what we did there.”



A World War II-era scene from NAS Whiting field during the initial construction of the naval air station.

Security

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The majority of delays are experienced Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The average time to enter the base during this high traffic time



NAS Whiting Field Base Security Officer Chris Parrish scans the ID card of an individual as he comes on base. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Lindsay Grover

is 10 minutes, from Hwy 87 to the Gate. Everyone should remember that the East / Back gate is open from 5 to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, and if individuals, tenant commands and other work forces could adjust their times of arrival to the base, it would help reduce the traffic flow during the peak hours.

“We highly recommend that persons entering the base be aware of possible delays while on Hwy 87 and make every attempt to be prepared for stopped and or slow moving traffic. The Navy and NAS Whiting Field are committed to continuously updating the security and access control of our installation, and we need to adapt to and adjust our travel times to mitigate any delays for work or attending training.” Lt. j.g. Stephen Pakola said.

The trade-off is a safer base that significantly enhances security's ability to limit access to unauthorized persons. NACMS improves the department's abilities to protect the installation and its personnel from criminal and terrorist threats. That makes the inconveniences seem rather minor.

The Navy first started working with NACMS in December and Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is implementing the process in stages across the country. Navy Region Southeast started in January and should be complete no later than next month. The conversion to the NACMS program is expected to be completed at all CONUS stations by mid-summer.

Around the Base

VT-3

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dergo the changeover and established the standards and routines followed by subsequent squadron transitions.

VT-3 developed numerous training innovations during Schafer's tenure, improving the quality of student graduates and efficiently managing valuable resources. The squadron developed "Knight School" to bridge the gap



Cmdr. Judd Conatser will take Command of VT-3 on Fri. Apr. 4 as he relieves Lt. Col. Brian Schafer of Commanding Officer Duties.

between the computer-based training provided in ground school and the high-paced flight line instruction provided by active duty instructors. This three week course reduced overhead sorties by 83 percent and decreased check-ride failures by 81 percent. Recently, the Red Knights added to the syllabus by introducing "Instrument Knight School". This program is in direct response to student requests on end of course critiques and the success and popularity of the initial Knight School program.

Schafer leaves the "Red Knights" to work in the Pentagon with the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It is the next step in his career that began in 1995 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. His first assignment took him to the 4th Space Launch Squadron at Vandenberg AFB before beginning Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB in 1998. Two years later Schafer graduated from the 1st Fighter Squadron at Tyndall AFB. After serving with the 44th Fighter Squadron "Bats", the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron, the 95th Fighter Squadron, the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, the

53rd Weapons Evaluation Group and the 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron Lt Col Schafer was sent to Air Command and Staff College. As a student of the Political Military Affairs Strategy Program, he was selected as an Embassy Immersion Fellow to the country of Nigeria where he served as a political officer in the US Embassy in Abuja. He has over 2600 flight hours, including more than 600 combat hours in over 120 sorties during OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Conatser takes command of VT-3 after nearly 18 years of Naval service. He is a 1996 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and earned his wings of gold in 1998. Following the P-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron, Conatser reported to the Fighting Tigers of Patrol Squadron Eight in Brunswick Maine where he flew missions during

Operations DELIBERATE FORGE and JOINT GUARDIAN. He followed that tour with service as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot in VP-30, Assistant Strike Operations Officer onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), Department Head in VP-8, flying missions to support operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, and Defense Sensitive Support Officer and Focal Point Program Control Officer for US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

Commander Jade L. Lepke will replace Conatser as the executive officer for the squadron.



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