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Civilians Join AMO Officers in Class Graduation

For the first time in almost a decade, civilians joined active-duty junior Aviation Maintenance Officers (AMOs) in graduating Sept. 1 from the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Indoctrination course at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Detachment Whiting Field.



After a highly competitive application and selection process, four interns from Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), based at Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS Pax River) -- Katie Strand, Sarah Gravatt, Tiffany Smith and Russell Lall -- were chosen as the first civilians since

Rear Adm. CJ Jaynes, Program Executive Officer for Air ASW, Assault & Special Mission Programs gathers with the students and integral leadership of the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Indoctrination course in front of Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Detachment Whiting Field. Jaynes' visit offered the civilian interns and junior officers a rare opportunity to have a detailed discussion with a senior leader of the Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer Community. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

2006 to attend the NAMP.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Bittle, CNATT Detachment Whiting Field Officer in Charge, said the way the class was structured to allow interns and AMOs to learn from each other.

"[The interns] bring NAVAIR experience, civilian point of view and subspecialties like engineering, logistics or program management," Bittle said. "Instructors and other students help them advance their careers by giving them insight into what we do on a daily basis, real life experience and scenarios, as well as instruction into the [reference] which guides most everything we do as maintenance professionals."

Bittle added that the exposure and networking enabled by the integration of interns into the NAMP course is indispensable. Through the unique

interactions with the interns, junior AMOs better understand the function of NAVAIR and desire of the civilian employees to better help them, while the interns gain insight into providing better aid to the AMOs.

The benefits of working with the military students and instructors at CNATT Detachment Whiting Field were em-

Cover Photo: Senior Chief Eric Powell Welcomes ACC Dennis Jernigan to the Nas Whiting Field's mess during the Sept. 16th pinning ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Sheri Grabus.

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Tiffany Smith of the management of hazardous material for NAVAIR at Naval Air Station Patuxent River receives a certificate of completion for the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Indoctrination course from Capt. Eric Simon, Executive Officer Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Headquarters NAS Pensacola. For the first time in almost a decade, this graduating class includes civilian interns. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

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Jackson Signs Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation

By: Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Stacy D. Laseter, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Mary M. Jackson, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, signed a suicide prevention awareness proclamation at the region headquarters on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Aug. 25.

The proclamation recognizes September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to raise suicide prevention awareness throughout the Southeast Region.

“Suicide awareness within our ranks is an issue of vital importance,” Jackson said.



Rear Adm. Mary M. Jackson, surrounded by personnel from Navy Region Southeast Fleet and Family Support department, signs the Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation Aug. 25, on board NAS Jacksonville. The proclamation designates September as Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to raise suicide prevention awareness throughout the Southeast Region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Stacy D. Laseter/Released; 150825-N-PP197-005)

“Each time we lose shipmates, family members, or co-workers to suicide, we must ask ourselves whether we could have changed the course of events by intervention or knowing just a little more about what was going on in that person’s life...our shipmate. It is our duty to be aware of the warning signs and to be prepared to take action with those in our lives who might be at risk. And, there are many, many resources that are there to
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This Day in Naval History

September 30, 1954 - The world’s first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571), is commissioned at Groton, Conn.

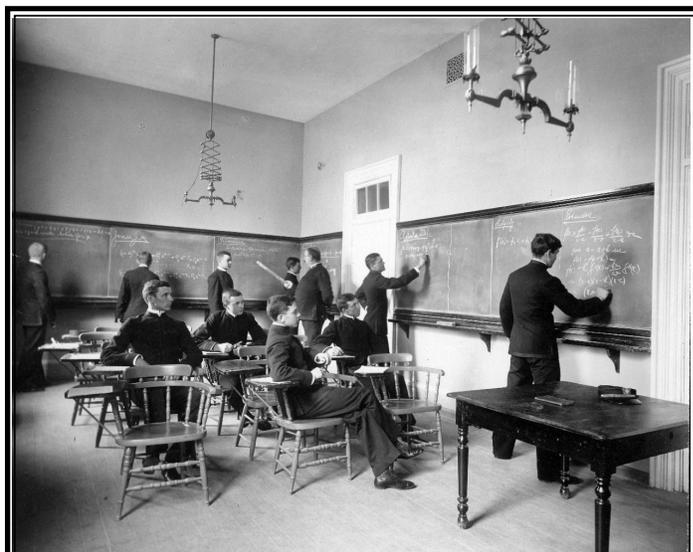
October 1, 1946 - Truculent Turtle lands at Columbus, Ohio, breaking world’s record for distance without refueling with flight of 11,235 miles.

October 4, 1998 - U.S. and Algerian navies conduct the first bilateral exercise - a search and rescue operation involving USS Mitscher (DDG 57) -- since Algerian independence in 1962.

October 5, 1945 - Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz is given a parade in his honor through downtown Washington, D.C. at the end of World War II.

October 10, 1845 - Naval School, later the Naval Academy, opens in Annapolis, Maryland with 50 midshipmen and seven faculty.

October 13, 1775 - Birthday of U.S. Navy. The Continental Congress establishes Continental Navy, later the U.S. Navy.



Naval Academy Cadets in the Classroom

Collection of mounted photographs from what appear to be a US Naval Academy exhibit on cadet life, post-Civil War. Subject matter includes: exercise activities, athletics (football, gymnastics, etc.), cadets performing various drills, boat crew, dress parade, mess hall, cadet’s quarters and gun room. Courtesy Naval History & Heritage Command

Master Chief Kelly Smith Retires after 30 Years of Military Service

By: Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

After more than 30 years of faithful service to the Nation, Master Chief Air Traffic Controller Kelly E. Smith retired from the U.S. Navy in a ceremony held at Naval Air Station Whiting Field Aug. 28. More than 100 people joined together to wish him the traditional “Fair Winds and Following Seas.”



After 30 years of Naval service, Master Chief Air Traffic Controller Kelly E. Smith requested permission to go ashore from Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau, and was piped through the sideboys during his retirement ceremony held on Friday, August 28th 2015. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

The ceremony culminated Smith’s second tour at the installation where he served as the Air Operations Department Leading Chief. Previously, Smith served as the Radar Branch Chief and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer (CPO), a defining moment where Smith joined the ranks of CPO’s past, present and future in 1999.

Smith also served at Tactical Air Control Squadron (TACRON) 21, where he first met the guest speaker for the retirement ceremony, Capt. Johnathan Laubach. Laubach, currently the Deputy Director of Command and Control, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, United States Navy, took over command of TACRON 21 in the mid-2000s.

“At the time, I knew that Master Chief Smith was going to be my enlisted leader, but I had no idea how lucky I was. Master Chief quickly became a trusted advisor,” Laubach said during the ceremony. “He was an all-around leader in the squadron.”

Smith’s military career began when he reported

to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes in 1985 to begin his initial training. After forging through the cold Michigan winters with his shipmates, Smith earned the designation of Air Traffic Controller Airman in August 1986.

Smith received his first operational assignment to the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV67) in 1986. During his retirement speech, Smith reflected upon a moment that forever altered his perception about his naval career. While forward-deployed to the Mediterranean aboard the ship, Smith and his fellow Sailors were notified in the early morning hours that two MIGS (foreign fighter jets) were headed for their ship. In response, their Skipper launched F-14s, which successfully engaged the MIGS.

“For me, that sent a big signal: I’m part of a great organization, a team capable of doing anything they need to do. And for me that was it. I was hooked, hooked hard.” Smith said. “I gotta go out to sea. Once it gets in your blood, it’s hard to get away from.”

Smith’s served at over 14 duty stations ranging from NAVSUPFAC Diego Garcia to NS Roosevelt

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Ec-nomics

MYTH

Building a wood fire in your open masonry fireplace will help reduce your energy bills by warming the house and reducing the amount of heat your furnace needs to provide.

REALITY

Starting a fire in your open hearth fireplace may actually increase your heating bills. The warmth from a fire on the hearth generally doesn’t radiate through the house; the heat gain is confined to the room with the fireplace. A considerable amount of heated air from other parts of the house (provided by your furnace or other conventional heater) can flow into the fireplace, go wastefully up the chimney, and be replaced by cold outside air. The thermostat will sense the lowering of the indoor temperature and respond by turning on the furnace to make up the heat lost. You may want to use your masonry fireplace because you like the romantic aspects associated with its usage, but realize that this may increase your heating bills.

Cmdr. Joseph Stibler Flies His Last Flight

By: Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Cmdr. Jeffrey Ketcham HT-28 Commanding Officer meets Cmdr. Joseph Stibler on the flight line and congratulates Stibler for completing his last flight as a Naval aviator. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

After spending more than 29 years teaching future Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and foreign allied aviators how to fly, Cmdr. Joseph Stibler flew his final flight as a Naval Aviator August 26. The flight marked the end of a distinguished 24 years career of service to the Nation.

According to Stibler, the last ten years, instructing young aviators at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field were the most enjoyable.

“My time at NAS Whiting Field has been fantastic. Every day has been fun, and I always look forward to getting out of bed.”

Instructing for both rotary and fixed wing aircraft, Stibler left a long-lasting impression on not only those with whom he’s worked, but also the aviation community as a whole.

Stibler previously taught Naval Flight Officers at TRAWING-6 onboard NAS Pensacola, where he was awarded instructor of the year in the T-34 and helped set up the T-6A

program. While an instructor pilot at TRAWING-5 and TRAWING-6, Stibler instructed a total of 8,200 flight hours, which equates to approximately 4,100 student training events. Through his contributions at NAS Whiting Field and NAS Pensacola, Stibler helped form students into aviators and Naval Flight Officers, as well as instructed the next generation of Instructor Pilots.

HT-28 leadership emphasized Stibler’s willingness to go above and beyond to help students hone their skills and become the best aviators.



Cmdr. Joseph Stibler is greeted with a traditional splash from his fellow instructors and HT-28 students after completing his last flight as a Naval Aviator. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

“Stibler is an exceptional leader and mentor to the Helions,” said Cmdr. Jeffrey Ketcham, HT-28 Commanding Officer. “He did a phenomenal job.”

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Usage Information

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total Used 2,366,111 kWh			
Total kWh Used	2,287,510	2,170,463	2,366,111
Average Daily kWh	73,791	72,349	76,326
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. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

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Proclamation

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help. Use and value those tools in our kit. It may change a life.”

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, one person dies by suicide every 12.95 minutes in the United States. That means more than 40,000 lives are lost to suicide annually in our country. Death by suicide is one of the most tragic events a family and a community can experience, and in the United States there is an estimated 1 million attempts each year.

The Navy’s 21st Century Sailor and Marine Program Suicide Prevention Office’s initiative encourages Sailors, commands, families, and civilian employees to empower themselves by taking personal responsibility for their health, wellness and growth — the important step in building resilience. The Navy’s 2015 suicide prevention message “Every Sailor, Every Day: 1 Small ACT” stresses that simple, everyday actions can ultimately save lives, using Navy’s bystander intervention model “ACT” (Ask, Care, Treat).

The Navy Suicide Prevention office recently released a toolkit which can assist Navy commands and Sailors in the fight to prevent suicide. It includes ways to encourage peer support, personal well-being and bystander intervention throughout the year.

“In many ways it is all about relationships,” Capt. Robert Williams, Navy Region Southeast’s suicide prevention coordinator said. “It’s about knowing the people around you and being as involved in their lives as you need to be in order to be an effective bystander. It’s so you know someone well enough to know if this person is depressed or not acting like he or she normally does, or

has a major issue in his or her life, and seeing any warning signs that may arise.”

For more information about the Navy’s 21st Century Sailor and Marine Program and Suicide Prevention month, visit www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/21st_Century_Sailor/suicide_prevention/sp-month/Pages/default.aspx.

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All About the Environment

The NAS Whiting Field Environmental Division is responsible for a wide-range of environmental topics. The personnel listed below are responsible for the following topics.

Mr. Michael Pattison	Installation Environmental Program Director	(850) 623-7017
Mr. Ron Cherry	Natural Resource/Pest Management Manager	(850) 623-7602
Ms. Terry Odom	Air/HAZMAT/Storage Tanks Manager	(850) 623-7592
Mr. Lonnie Ross	HAZWASTE/Spill Response Manager	(850) 623-6169
Mr. Jonathan Croci	Water Management/NEPA Manager	(850) 623-6169

Science snippet for the day:

Producing a gallon (3.79 liters) of corn ethanol consumes 170 gallons (644 liters) of water in total, from irrigation to final processing. On the other hand, the water requirement to make a gallon of regular gasoline is just five gallons (19 liters).

TRICARE NOTES

TRICARE Pharmacy Rules Changing for Maintenance, Brand-name Drugs

By: Terri Moon Cronk DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, DC — TRICARE beneficiaries who take certain brand-name medications on a regular basis will be required to fill prescriptions at a military treatment facility or through a mail-in program beginning Oct. 1, a Defense Health Agency official said yesterday.

George Jones, DHA's pharmacy operations division chief, said the new policy does not apply to active-duty troops, overseas beneficiaries, nursing-home residents and those with other health insurance that has a prescription-drug program. In certain circumstances, he added, some beneficiaries might be waived from the program on an individual basis.

The brand-name, regularly used, or "maintenance" medications could include those to treat chronic conditions such as blood pressure or cholesterol issues, Jones explained.

Generic medications are not affected by the new policy, he said.

Beneficiaries to Be Notified

TRICARE pharmacy beneficiaries who will be affected will receive a letter from TRICARE in early to mid-September, with instructions on make the transition from retail pharmacies to a military pharmacy or the Express Scripts mail-in program, he said.

Those with questions about medications in the brand-name maintenance category can call Express Scripts customer service at 1-877-363-1303 or look up the drug online at TRICARE's website.

Beneficiaries can track their medication status and expected delivery date by calling or going online to Express Scripts.

The new TRICARE policy stems from the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act and is designed to save beneficiaries and taxpayers money, Jones explained.

Program Expected to Save Money

"Based on estimates, the program is expected to save beneficiaries \$16.5 million in reduced copays, and [the] projected Defense Department savings is \$88 million during the first year," he said.

That translates into a savings of about \$176 per medication per year, he added.

A pilot program on the new pharmacy initiative was conducted in 2014, and it was "very successful," he added.

"It was very well received by beneficiaries and met reductions in beneficiary-put-of-pocket costs and reduced costs to the government," he said.

National PrepareAthon

"Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your Emergency Action Plan today"

Wildfires

There are basically two types of warning issued by the National Weather Service (NWS):

•**Red Flag Warning:** Take Action: Be extremely careful with open flames. NWS issues a Red Flag Warning when fire conditions are ongoing or expected to occur within the next 24 hours.

•**Fire Weather Watch:** Be Prepared: NWS issues a Fire Weather Watch when fire conditions may develop within the next 24 to 72 hours.

Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire:

1. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.
2. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures.
3. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place.
4. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.

Flooding

Flooding is one of Florida's most frequent hazards. There are different reasons a community may flood; storm surge, river flooding or heavy rainfall. To protect yourself, learn what flood threats affect your community. You can get your overall flood risk at www.floodsmart.gov and enter your address. Your official FEMA flood zone map can be found online at FEMA's Map Service Center, or through your property appraiser's office.

To find the Emergency Management Agency that serves your area, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/naswhitingfield/photos/a.221387224953.168687.218368599953/10153672446264954/?type=3&theater>.

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Smith Retires

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Master Chief Air Traffic Controller Kelly E. Smith hugs his granddaughter at his retirement ceremony held Aug. 28. Smith retired after 30 years of faithful naval service. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie.

Roads, PR.

Smith's brother, retired Storekeeper 1st Class Steven Kaesman, sent a letter to be read at Smith's retirement ceremony. The letter highlighted his enduring respect for Smith's service, and also his admiration for Smith's upholding of the Navy core values.

"We have not served on the same ships, though we have sailed the same oceans. We have not served at the same shore commands, though we have walked the same beaches. You have lead many others except me, though I have followed you," said Storekeeper 1st Class Kaesman.

Smith's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Achievement Medal (5), the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (7), Navy Good Conduct Medal (6), and numerous operational and unit awards.

Also during the ceremony, NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau presented Smith with his seventh Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on behalf on the Secretary of the Navy. The citation praised Smith's leadership of 95 officer and enlisted personnel at NAS Whiting Field's 15 airfields, resulting in over two million flight operations. Bahlau described that Smith's leadership not only significantly impacted the Command's overall readiness and success, but also greatly contributed to the command earning the 2015 Installation Excellence Award.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Registration for the October Term

By: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Pensacola Campus

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University World-wide Pensacola campus is now registering for the October term classes through October 19, 2015.

Everyone is encouraged to register early. Classes begin October 19. The campus is open to active duty military, veterans and civilians. Civilians will require background screening and a base pass. Classes are held in the Navy College Center, online, through virtual learning and in a blended learning format.

Office hours aboard NAS Pensacola are 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am-4:00 pm Fridays in the Navy College Center, Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue. NAS Whiting Field office hours are Wednesdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm in Bldg. 1417, Room 163.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University World-wide Pensacola campus offers the Airframe and Powerplant Certificate program, Associates and Bachelor's degree programs in Aeronautics, Technical Management and Emergency Science and Master's degrees in Aeronautical Science, Business and Project Management. The campus also offers more than 20 online degree programs in Aviation Maintenance, Engineering, Information Security, Logistics, Management, OSHA and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, is a nonprofit, independent institution offering more than 70 baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business and Engineering. Embry-Riddle educates students at residential campuses in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Prescott, Ariz., and through the Worldwide Campus with more than 150 locations in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.worldwide.erau.edu/locations/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

AMO Interns

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phasized by the interns. Each of their functions contribute a small yet vital piece within the extensive NAVAIR organization.

Strand, who works mainly with the budget side at NAVAIR, said her experience in the NAMP allowed her to see what AMOs do, which helped fill in the blanks of her understanding of how the military operates.

Additionally, Strand realized the benefit it would have on the AMOs in the course to meet people who worked at NAVAIR.

"I think seeing that NAVAIR wants to help them, and that we're all in this together is a good thing; and it's not us versus them."

Gravatt, who works in supportability test and evaluation, also saw the benefits to the combined instruction.

"We do behind the scenes type of work, so oftentimes we don't see [the military] side of the house; this is another piece of the puzzle that helps you understand the bigger picture. I appreciate the opportunity to hear their aspects, experiences and sea stories."

Smith, who deals with the management of hazardous materials, coordinates with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and other organizations in order to provide the materials that the aviation maintenance officers need. Participating in the internship program provided an atmosphere for Smith to see how her department's input directly translates to the AMOs performing the work.

In addition to gaining a better knowledge of where her job fits into the big picture, Smith applied for the NAMP intern program because she felt it was important to meet the people serving in the fleet she supports. The desire to maintain contact with officers and function as an avenue to help the AMOs was a consensus among all of the NAS Pax River interns.

She said, "I always tell them to take my name, take our information. You might need us in the future."

From learning to navigate the NAMP, to broadening

their knowledge of NAVAIR and the COMNAVAIRFORINST 4790 (4790), this program allowed both the interns and young AMOs to create a larger picture of Naval Aviation. Lall, who works in quality assurance, expressed hopes that his involvement in the program will emphasize that both the military and the civilian NAVAIR employees play a very important part in accomplishing the mission; the success of which is primary.

"AMOs really helped open up my vision of how the fleet actually works, so I think it's just been a wonderful experience, and I'll carry back a lot of knowledge and share it with people at NAVAIR," he said.

According to the interns, the eight-week course was

challenging and fast-paced. Each day, the students extensively studied the intricacies of the 4790. With eight to nine hours of classroom work coupled with at home preparation, the students graduated with a wide ranging breadth of knowledge into the NAMP. Although they felt the course was tough, the four civilians enjoyed the interaction with the instructors and the chance to learn a different perspective.

"They livened up the class and made it relate to real life and their personal experiences, which helped a lot," emphasized Gravatt.

This experience has also allowed the military students to better understand and appreciate what the civilians bring to ex-

ecuting the NAE mission. According to Lt. Cmdr. James Bailey, and instructor and AMO Director at CNATT Detachment Whiting Field, the most valuable thing the students take away is just because you do not wear a uniform does not make your contribution to the Naval Aviation Enterprise or readiness any less important.

"Whether it's NAVAIR, DLA, or NAVICP, there are a lot of people that you may not work with or even meet who are trying to help you attain some readiness, especially when you are deployed. It really is a team effort, and we just serve in different capacities. Whether we wear uniforms and deploy or work in cubicles doing cost benefit analysis, whatever it is, those jobs are meaningful," Bailey asserted.



Capt. Eric Simon, Executive Officer Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Headquarters NAS Pensacola, Lt. Cmdr. Bailey, Aviation Maintenance Officer (AMO) Director at CNATT Detachment Whiting Field, and Capt. James Halton, USMC, an AMO instructor, stand with the four civilian interns - Russell Lall, Tiffany Smith, Sarah Gravatt, Katie Strand - following the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Indoctrination course graduation ceremony Tuesday, 1 Sept. 2015. For the first time since 2006, this graduating class includes civilian NAVAIR employees, each of which are located at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Jenné Jolie

Security Corner

By: Stacy McFadden, NAS Whiting Field Security

For the next two weeks, Security Corner will review driving privileges onboard NAS Whiting Field as detailed in the NASWFINST 5560.5A. Last week covered section 5. Information - paragraph a. Operator's Driving Privileges. This week includes an overview of section 5. Information – paragraph b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles.

5. Information – b. Inspection of Individuals and Automobiles -

(1) The Security Officer, NAS Whiting Field, is hereby authorized to conduct random inspections of individuals and vehicles entering and leaving, or onboard. Persons found with illegal contraband, government property, or in violation of current laws or instructions will be apprehended. The vehicle operator and /or passenger (s) shall be culpable for violations of all laws and/or provisions of these regulations. A complete written report will be forwarded to appropriate commands for legal and/or administrative action. Refusing consent of search will be justification for the Security Department to immediately and administratively restrict the vehicle and the subject's driving privileges onboard for a minimum of one year.



(2) Owners and operators of privately owned vehicles which are found to contain illegal drugs or contraband onboard shall be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle onboard for one year. Contraband, for the purpose of this instruction, refers to any illegal drug and/or drug paraphernalia, stolen government property, firearms not registered or held per reference ((i) OPNAVINST 5530.14E), or any other item the possession of which is in and of itself illegal. Drugs and explosive detection dogs may be used for random inspections of vehicles on entry to and /or exit from NAS Whiting Field. Appropriate disciplinary action may be taken against offenders in addition to whatever civil or criminal charges are made. Upon notification by the Commanding Officer of the revocation or suspension of a person's driving privileges, the NAS Whiting Field Security Officer shall not allow said person to operate a motor vehicle onboard. Individual violators who are civilian or contract personnel suspected of trafficking drugs may be permanently barred from the base. Driving privileges can be restored only by the Commanding Officer, after the period of suspension and the operator is otherwise qualified or a successful appeal is made. Nothing in this instruction will prevent the Commanding Officer from taking more severe administrative action in any case where circumstances of the offense are deemed appropriate.

Political Activity Reminder

Editor's Note: It is now nearing election time. Below are some friendly reminders from Navy Region Southeast to help ensure you follow the military guidelines for participating in this political season

While the details of the rules are different among different types of civilian employees and between civilian employees and military members, there are a number of common themes you can stress.

Employees and military members can never:

1. Engage in partisan political activity at work.
2. Solicit or coerce votes, or other political activity, from a subordinate.
3. Use government equipment, including email, for partisan political purposes.
4. Use government time for partisan political

purposes.

5. Solicit or accept a campaign contribution.

6. Use their government title in connection with partisan political purposes.

Employees and members may:

1. Vote for the candidate of their choice.
2. Express political views outside of the workplace (note however that commissioned officers may not use contemptuous words prohibited by 10 USC 888 against the President, the Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Governor or legislature of any State, Commonwealth, or possession in which he is on duty).

News and Notes

2nd Annual Picnic

Civilian Welfare Recreation Association

Friday, Oct. 2 from 2 – 10 p.m. at Whiting Park (food 4-6 p.m.). BBQ, drinks, fishing, s'mores, paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, and outdoor movie (Inside Out). RSVP to Lori Howell at 623-7201 or lori.howell@navy.mil.

Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

Next DSST dates: Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. Tests are free for Active Duty and approximately \$100 for civilians. \$15 off special this month. Tests by appointment only contact CWO3 Cherry: frank.e.cherry@navy.mil. For more info: <http://getcollegecredit.com/>.

Navy Ball

Oct. 3 from 5 – 11 p.m. at the NASWF Atrium. Childcare available at NASWF CDC: call 850-623-7472 (deadline Sept. 21). Tickets start at \$20, available through Command representatives.

Energy Conservation Awareness Expo and 5K Fun Run

Oct. 7; 5k. 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Two electric vehicles and a sustainability trailer will be on-site (mock office building with green technologies). Refreshments available. Runners register at the event. For more info: 623-7412.

34th Annual St. Rose of Lima International Fall Festival

Oct. 9 – 11 at Lima Catholic Church. Live music, classic motorcycles and cars, arts and crafts, international foods, 5k run/walk, and more. For more info: www.srolparish.org or StRoseFestivalFL@gmail.com.

Suicide Prevention Workshops

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST): Oct. 14-15; 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the NASWF Atrium. Civilian clothes (no uniforms). Register by Oct 7: Chaplin's office 850-623-7211 or Roy.L.Fondren@navy.mil

NAS Pensacola workshop: - Nov. 4 – 5; 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. contact Tony Bradford: 850-452-2798 or tony.bradford.ctr@navy.mil

5K Run to Commemorate 240th Navy Birthday

Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. (base track) with obstacles. Contact Ariel Galpo at 850-623-7412 for questions.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Oct. Term Registration

Dedline: Oct. 19: Open to active duty military, veterans and civilians. Email pensacola@erau.edu, visit www.worldwide.erau.edu/locations/pensacola or call 458-1098 for more information.

NASWF Captain's Call for military and Civilian Personnel

Thursday, Oct. 22 in the Auditorium

- Non-Supervisory: 9:30-11 a.m.
- Supervisory Personnel: 2-3:30 p.m.

Telepresence and Robotics: New Paradigms for Exploration of Inner and Outer Space (IHMC Lecture Series)

Oct. 29 at 40 South Alcaniz, Pensacola. Reception: 5:30 p.m.; talk: 6 p.m. Call 850-202-4462 to register.

2015 Step Out: Walk to STOP Diabetes

Nov. 7 at Maritime Park. Walk: 9 a.m.; Expo: 10 a.m. For more info/ registration: contact Lynne Cranford (850) 492-6100 ext. 131 or lcranford@diabetes.org.

MATSG-21 Officer Birthday Ball

Nov. 14; 6 – 11 p.m. at National Naval Aviation Museum. Tickets \$35. Call Sonja at 850-623-7147 for more info/ ticket purchase.

West Florida High School Softball Golf Tournament

Nov. 14; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Scenic Hills Country Club. Registration deadline: Nov. 6. For more info: <http://wfgjagsoftball.olinesports.com/>.

Volunteer Opportunities

5K Energy Conservation Run Oct 7. four volunteers needed to monitor the course for safety. Food and fruits provided to volunteers. Contact Ariel Galpo 850-623-7412.

Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 10; 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 10-15 volunteers to help with food distribution and monitoring bounce houses. Contact ABH1 Hernandez at 850-623-7196 or david.d.hernandez@navy.mil.



Gold Star Ceremony

Sailors at Naval Air Station bow their heads in a moment of silence to recognize their fallen comrades during the Gold Star Ceremony, held Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. Since 1936, Congress recognizes mothers who lose a son or daughter in the defense of our nation. As per the "Remembering Gold Star Mothers" letter written by Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh, "Gold Star Mother's Day gives us an opportunity to remember and honor fallen service members, and acknowledge the enormous burden their mothers continue to carry as they mourn the loss of their child. Despite their loss, these special women are dedicated to giving back to the military community. They carry forward their child's legacies of patriotism, bravery and courage. These mothers are the bedrocks of support and comfort to fellow survivors, setting examples of inspiration and resilience with those who share their unique bond."

5K Run to Commemorate 240th Navy Birthday Oct. 15: 5-8 volunteers needed to monitor each obstacle for safety. Food and fruits provided to volunteers. Contact Ariel Galpo 850-623-7412.

Big Brother Big Sister Oct. 17 Volunteers needed for Fenner Ride (fundraising event): set up and break down, customer registration and passing out food and water to riders. Lunch and water provided. Shifts: 6 – 9:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; or 12:30 – 4 p.m. Contact ABH1 Hernandez by COB Oct. 7: david.d.hernandez@navy.mil or 850-623-7196.

Annual Fall Festival Oct 30, 9:15 to 10:15 at the NASWF Child Development Center (CDC). Volunteers needed to set up, run games and clean up. Call the CDC (850) 623-7472 to volunteer.

ITT News- Nov. 2016: Carnival Cruise Line returns to Mobile, Ala. Four and five day sailings to Cozumel, Yucatan (Progresso) Mexico. Call ITT for a quote: 850-665-6250 or 850-623-7032.

Whiting Park & Water Recreation New Fall Hours (Sept 7 – Nov 1): Friday-Monday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tues-Wed: closed; Thursday: 12-6 p.m.

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program

Thursdays 6 – 8 p.m. at NASWF in BLDG 1417. For more info: www.gocivilairpatrol.com, www.facebook.com/CaptainCollinsH-HainesSquadron, or contact Lt. Col. Doug Kelley at 850-665-6160.

Political Activity Reminder

During this election cycle, all DoD personnel should be mindful of the various limitations that exist when it comes to participation in political activity. Civilian activity is governed by the Hatch Act (<https://osc.gov/pages/hatchact.aspx>). Military personnel governed by DoD Directive 1344.10 (www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134410p.pdf.) More information on voting: www.fvap.gov.

Make a Suggestion

CO's Suggestion box: http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/about/cosuggestion.html.

DeCA hits 24th Year of Delivering Commissary Benefit

By: Dr. Peter Skirbunt, DeCA historian

FORT LEE, Va. – Twenty-four years ago on Oct. 1, the Defense Commissary Agency officially opened its doors for business around the world. Today, its employees are preparing to observe this anniversary the way they do every year: working hard to bring the commissary benefit to their customers with great savings on name-brand products at 240 stores in 13 countries.

And that's a fine way to mark this anniversary, said Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Stuart M. Allison, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "Because what really matters are our customers, America's military community — the people who bear the brunt of this nation's defense today, and the people who performed that duty in the past, and those in their immediate families."

In the last 24 years, the people of DeCA have improved the commissary benefit in multiple ways, Allison said. "You see it in the quality of the facilities we run, the stock assortments our stores carry, and the savings we provide our customers."

While Oct. 1 marks DeCA's 24th anniversary, the commissary benefit itself is almost 150 years old. In 1866, Congress authorized the Army to sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted men starting July 1, 1867. These sales were authorized at every Army post with a subsistence warehouse. Sales areas were simply a table or counter in the warehouse, and the official stock list was only 82 items – but this was the start of the modern commissary benefit.

Since the early years of the 20th century, commissaries have been similar to civilian grocery stores and supermarkets in terms of both layout and the number of items offered for sale. In the last 24 years, store facilities have been further upgraded, more people have become eligible to enjoy the benefit, and customer savings have increased.

In 1991, commissaries provided average customer savings of 20 percent when compared with local grocery

chains. Today, average savings are more than 30 percent.

Thanks to customer surcharge dollars, which fund new stores or renovate existing ones, the agency strives to provide military families with a shopping experience comparable to civilian sector stores.

While the Congress-mandated surcharge has remained at 5 percent since 1983, the number of items stocked by commissaries has increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to the 22,500 items available in DeCA's larger commissaries in 2015. National Guard and Reserve personnel, always key components of the military, were granted full-time commissary benefits in 2004.

Through the years, conveniences such as self-checkouts, sushi bars, hot foods, deli-bakeries, credit and debit card acceptance, gift certificates and much more have been added to modern commissaries.

When natural disasters strike military installations, as happened 10 years ago when Hurricane Katrina hit Gulf Coast installations hard, commissaries provide crucial aid to military and civilian families in need of food and supplies. Even when commissaries were severely damaged, temporary stores brought some sense of

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Army Maj. Gen. John P. Dreska, the Defense Commissary Agency's first director, addresses the crowd attending ceremonies on Sept. 30, 1991, activating DeCA. The event also dedicated DeCA's headquarters building to the late Congressman William F. "Bill" Nichols. Seated behind Dreska were (from left) Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Russell N. Moffett, the agency's first senior enlisted advisor; the congressman's son, William Flynt Nichols; Army Lt. Gen. Leon E. Salomon, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee; Colin McMillan, assistant secretary of defense (production and logistics) [obscured]; and Congressman Norman Sisisky. Sisisky died March 29, 2001, at the age of 79. DeCA dedicated a new wing of the headquarters in his honor in August 2001. (DeCA photo: Sgt. 1st Class Derryl Fields)

Stibler

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Ketcham added that Stibler always asked for hours, was willing to work weekends, and was always ready to put on the flight suit and be an active part of molding the future of aviation. Ketcham described Stibler as an irreplaceable member of the Hellion's team, whose corporate knowledge was astounding.

"As a reservist, Stibler has flown as much and even more than active duty instructors. He has touched those throughout the [aviation] community, and I can't thank him enough," said Ketcham.

Family Assistance

NAS Whiting Field



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6	7 LABOR DAY	8 Stress Management 9:00 - 11:00 am	9 Base Smooth Move 1:00 - 3:00 pm Conflict Management 10:00 - 11:00 am	10 Challenges of Flight School & Marriage 9:00 - 11:00 am Home Buying 9:00 - 11:00 am	11	12
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DeCA Commissary Benefit

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normality to affected customers.

Commissaries provide a substantial savings, particularly in high-cost-of-living areas of the country, and overseas they bring a morale-building “taste of home” by providing familiar American food products.

“When our troops go downrange, the families left behind depend upon their local community services, including the commissaries, to see them through tough, lonely times,” Allison said. “I know firsthand because the commissary’s been there for my family when I’ve had to deploy.

“With 24 years of experience as a Defense agency, commissaries continue delivering this highly valued military benefit to our men and women in uniform and their families,” he added.

So, as the agency observes its 24th birthday, Allison said he’s celebrating with a movie from the exchange, and some drinks, popcorn and other snacks from his commissary.

“I appreciate my commissary benefit and the folks who have run it for nearly a quarter of a century,” he said. “And I salute them all for carrying on that tradition of service.”



Military members pose for a photograph at the Fort Eustis, Virginia, Commissary, a short time after its grand opening in 1992. The names of the Marine and Sailor are unavailable. The airman, second from the right, is Sgt. Michael Buchanan, and the soldier pictured to his right is then-Sgt. 1st Class Eustice Mitchell. Both men also worked at DeCA's Central Region, located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. (DeCA photo: Gerri Young)

From TRAWING-5

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



Training Air Wing FIVE recognized these newly-winged Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and International Aviators on Sept. 25. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Jeremy Griffin.

Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Scholars



Congratulations to Training Air Wing FIVE's Academic Achievement Award recipients for (l-r): Sept. 4 and Sept. 11. U.S. Navy photos courtesy TRAWING-5.



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