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## NAS Whiting Field Receives USS Bainbridge Award for Community Service

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field was chosen to receive the USS Bainbridge award for outstanding community service for 2015. The award recognizes a Navy command that engaged in exemplary voluntary community service activities with local communities.

Each year the Navy selects one command, regardless of size or command type, to be recognized for its outstanding service to its local community. Sailors at NAS Whiting Field earned the recognition by greatly improving the lives of more than 43,000 members of their local community and by donating more than 15,000 hours through partnerships with local agencies.

NAS Whiting Field was recognized in four of the five Navy Flagship Award categories for community service. Within the Medium Ashore category, NAS Whit-

ing Field finished first in the Environmental Stewardship and Personal Excellence categories while receiving an Honorable Mention in Health Safety and Fitness and second in Project Good Neighbor.



“Naval Air Station Whiting Field has a tremendous team of Sailors and Civilians who truly care about the local community and our fellow residents,” Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau said. “I couldn’t be prouder of my team and the selfless way they give of their time and effort to try to enrich the lives of others.”

NAS Whiting Field helped support more than 60 different events throughout 2015. The installation created 30 new community service relationships during the year and more than 400 command members participated

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Cover Photo: ENS Alex Rasche claims her winning door prize at the 4th Annual Travel Expo Feb. 26 put on by the Community Recreation Ticket and Travel Office. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski

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## NASWF Cuts Ribbon to Reopen NOLF Summerdale

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

With a quick snip of the oversized, ceremonial scissors and a fluttering of red, white, and blue ribbon, Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s Navy Outlying Landing Field Summerdale was officially reopened for business March 14.

The outlying field, located in Baldwin County, Ala., had been idle for more than ten years, but a recent military construction project lengthened the runways to enable them to accommodate the installation’s fleet of T-6B Texan II aircraft.

Baldwin County Commissioner Chris Elliott joined NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau in the ceremony and recalled his time as a youth riding a bike near the airfield and seeing the previous training aircraft performing touch and go operations. The sight spurred his

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# Navy Celebrates 2016 Women's History Month

**By: Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy joins the nation in celebrating Women's History Month throughout March.

This year, Navy commands are encouraged to celebrate and reflect on the theme "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." Through service and leadership, women have been an integral part of both the Navy's history and its future.

"Women throughout our history have endeavored to serve the flag, not looking for special treatment, prestigious awards or financial wealth, but merely for the opportunity to serve the flag itself and the great nation it represents," said Adm. Michelle Howard, vice chief of naval operations.

Today, women comprise 18 percent of the Navy and are indispensable to the national security mission. There are more than 59,000 active duty women serving in the Navy and more than 9,000 female Reservists. Thousands of women have served alongside men in Iraq, Afghanistan and at sea, and their record of performance has been nothing less than outstanding.

Over the last decade, more than 280,000 women have deployed in support of our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Official U.S. Navy file photo.

Women have shown great courage and sacrifice--we simply could not accomplish the mission without them. The diversity of experiences women have had demonstrates both the challenges and the opportunities women have faced.

In March 1917, YNC Loretta Perfectus Walsh became the first female chief petty officer in the United States

Navy. In December 1959, Anna Der-Vartanian was promoted to the rank of master chief yeoman, making her the first female master chief in the Navy, as well as the first female E-9 in the entire Armed Services. Fleet Master Chief Jacqueline DiRosa became the first fleet master chief 47 years later.

Over 2,600 Navy women participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991. Navy women served on hospital ships, supply ships, fleet oilers, ammunition ships, repair ships and tenders. Female pilots flew helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft.

Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, then a rear admiral, was the first woman in the Navy to take command of a Carrier Strike Group--George H.W. Bush--and in 2015 she became the first woman to command a Fleet--3rd Fleet.

In 2012, three female officers became the first to receive their submarine "dolphins." In 2014, Howard became the Navy's first female 4-star admiral and vice chief of naval operations. In January 2016, the armed services opened all military specialties to women, including all combat and Special Forces units.

## *This Day in Naval History*

### **Mar. 7**

1994 - The Navy issues the first orders for women to be assigned on board a combatant ship, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69).

### **Mar. 8**

1945 - Phyllis Daley becomes the first African-American ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps and serves at the Naval Dispensary at Boston, Mass.

### **Mar. 9**

1862 - In the first battle between ironclads, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia engage in close combat in Hampton Roads, Va. Neither side could claim victory, but it eventually ends the era of wooden ships.

### **Mar. 10**

1948 - First use of jets assigned to operational squadron (VF-5A) on board a carrier (Boxer).

### **Mar. 11**

1941 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Lend-Lease Act



### **FJ-1 Lands on USS Boxer**

The squadron commander of Fighting Squadron VF-5A Screaming Eagles, CDR Pete Aurand, lands a North American FJ-1 Fury on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Boxer (CV-21). Flown by Navy squadron VF-5A, the FJ-1 made the USN's first operational aircraft carrier landing with a jet fighter at sea on 10 Mar. 1948 aboard USS Boxer, pioneering US jet-powered carrier operations and underscoring the need for catapult-equipped carriers.

# COMMISSARY FAST FACTS

By: Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

## Frozen food savings spotlighted in commissaries

It's no wonder commissaries are highlighting frozen foods during March, considering the variety, value and convenience of items from pizza, entrées and breakfast foods to lots of vegetables in between. "Every March is frozen food month at commissaries, and while our stores go all out creating exciting frozen food section displays, customers win with great values," said Tracie Russ, sales director for the Defense Commissary Agency. "With other promotions throughout the store, including those with the annual college basketball championship tournament theme, March is a great time to shop your commissary." DeCA's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries in March to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers are asked to check their local commissary for details on dates and times. For more information on the promotions available in commissaries for March, go to [http://www.commissaries.com/press\\_room/press\\_release/2016/DeCA\\_11\\_16.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2016/DeCA_11_16.cfm).

## Commissary Value Brands offer patrons extra savings

Quality at a low price is the hallmark of Commissary Value Brands, the Defense Commissary Agency program designed to provide savings on national name brand items comparable to low-cost store brand or private label items in commercial stores. On average, these products save patrons about 23 percent when compared to the commercial retail stores' brand and private label items and about 38 percent against national brands. DeCA's Value Brands lineup has ex-

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# NAS Whiting Field Earns Personal Excellence Flagship Award

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's outstanding support to their community was once again recognized by the Navy with the announcement of the command earning the Personal Excellence Flagship Award. The award is presented annually to commands who engage in outstanding community service activities that promote academics, life skills, and civic education for youth.

Out of the five Flagship Awards, this is the fourth in which NAS Whiting Field has been recognized for their achievements. The installation team also finished first in the Environmental Stewardship category while receiving an Honorable Mention in Health Safety and Fitness and second in Project Good Neighbor.

"Naval Air Station Whiting Field's volunteer  
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## Ec-nomics

**MYTH** - When buying an air conditioner, the bigger the better.

**REALITY** - A bigger unit is not necessarily better. The unit should be sized properly to cool and dehumidify (dry) the intended space. A small unit running for an extended period of time operates more efficiently and is more effective at dehumidifying than a large unit that cycles on and off too frequently. An air conditioner that is too large will not cool an area uniformly and may not provide proper dehumidification. In areas that have high humidity during the cooling months, proper dehumidification may be as important to feeling comfortable as lowering the air temperature. Lower humidity reduces skin temperature and makes you feel cooler in warm weather. Conversely, high humidity level produces a "clammy" feeling even though the air temperature is cool.

# News and Notes

## Ice Flyers Tickets

ITT has discount center ice tickets (not glass) for only \$17 each. Can be exchanged for any game, no limit. Games notated "Military Appreciation" are discounted at the door for only \$13. Contact Community Recreation-ITT with any questions.

## MWR - Disney Cruise

Disney Cruise Line has released military discounts for select sailings in Mar., rates per person starting at \$186 for a four night Bahamas Cruise out of Port Canaveral. They have also release a military discount for a 14-night Transatlantic in May. Contact the Tickets & Travel office for a quote at 850-665-6250.

## CO's Suggestion Box

[http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas\\_whiting\\_field/about/cosuggestion.html](http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_whiting_field/about/cosuggestion.html).

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Free tax assistance is available to active duty, retirees, dependents, reservists, and entitled former spouses. The service is available at NAS Pensacola, Bldg. 680, Suite D (which faces Cuddihy Street). The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 12 to 4 p.m. Deadline for filing taxes is Monday, Apr 18.

## Enlisted Prize Essay Contest

Sponsored by Textron Systems the contest is a 1,500 word essay on a topic that makes the Naval Profession stronger. There will be a first place prize of \$3,000, a second place prize of \$2,000, and a third place prize of \$1,000. The deadline to submit your essay is March 31 and is open to all enlisted personnel -- active duty, reserve component, and retired.

## ASIST Training

ASIST Training will be offered Wednesday & Thursday, 23 & 24 Mar., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the J. B. McKamey Center Bldg. 634. For more information, call the NAS Pensacola Chaplains office 850-452-2093 or email Tony Bradford at [tony.bradford.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:tony.bradford.ctr@navy.mil).

## Spring Uniform Change

Per CNRSE, the uniform shift will occur at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Apr 4.

## SAPR-C Training

The NASWF SAPR team will be conducting the SAPR-C (One team, One fight) training for new civilian employees who have not attended this training in person. The training will be held on Mar. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Atrium classroom. Please contact Dora Ford



## Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

The First Class Petty Officer's Association cleaned up their Adopt-A-Highway in Milton recently. The volunteers collected more than 100 pounds of trash during their pickup. U.S. Navy Photo by Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class David Hernandez.

(665-6393 or [dora.ford@navy.mil](mailto:dora.ford@navy.mil)) if you plan to attend.

## NMCRS Golf Tournament

Pen Air Federal Credit Union will be hosting their 16th annual charity golf tournament on Friday, Apr. 1, at the A.C. Read Golf Course aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP). The tournament features a luncheon and putting contest at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow the tournament. Registration begins at \$75 for individual golfers and \$300 for a team of four players. Interested golfers should contact Mrs. Patty Veal at 850-505-3200, extension 7777.

## Talladega Race Weekend

Talladega Spring & Fall Race Weekend tickets now available at MWR Community Recreation Ticket office. Pricing is the same for both races: Spring Race Saturday Apr. 30, May 1. Fall Race Weekend Saturday, Oct. 22, Sunday, Oct. 23. Call 850-665-6250 to purchase/reserve your seats.

## 16th Annual Seagrass Awareness Celebration

Seagrass Awareness is an annual free family event held at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze, Florida. The event will take place Saturday, Mar. 19 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come to learn more about seagrasses, marine creatures that live in seagrasses, and learn how to protect them at the 16th annual Seagrass Awareness Celebration. For more information, please contact: Chris Verlinde | UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Sea Grant Extension Agent, Office: (850) 623-3868 | Cell: (850) 777-7884 | Email: [chrismv@ufl.edu](mailto:chrismv@ufl.edu).

## Ensign Assists in Flagship First Aid Response

By Lt J.G. Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A Training Squadron THREE officer at Naval Air Station Whiting Field saved a man's life recently while travelling through Pensacola. His quick actions, emergency medical skills and care for his fellow man provided the chance for a happy ending to what otherwise would have been a tragic situation.

Ensign Paul Mobley was traveling westbound on West Fairfield Drive when traffic slowed and he noticed someone lying in the street. Mobley pulled his vehicle over and got out grabbing his first aid equipment from the glove box of his car and proceeded toward the scene.

"I thought the car had broken down and it looked like they needed someone to help and I wanted  
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## Santa Rosa County Hosts Amnesty Day

Free south end HHW disposal - March 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. South Santa Rosa County residents may dispose of their HHW at no charge on March 19.

Santa Rosa County will host Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Amnesty Day on Saturday, Mar. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Santa Rosa County South Service Center, 5819 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Midway. This event offers residents the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste at no charge without having to drive to the Central Landfill in Milton.

Residents will be required to remove items from their vehicles. Tires, general debris or household garbage are not accepted as part of Amnesty Day, but may be taken to the Central Landfill at a minimal charge. The following items will be accepted and should never be disposed of with household garbage:

- \*up to five gallons each of:
  - \*antifreeze, oil and gasoline
  - \*paint and solvents
  - \*lubricants and grease
  - \*pesticides and fertilizers
  - \*pool cleaners and household cleaners
- \*oil filters
- \*batteries and battery backups

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## Flagship

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workforce is committed to the development and progression of youths throughout the community," Commanding Officer, Capt. Todd Bahlau stated in the nomination package. "Our long-running efforts toward improving lives and making a difference in the community is exemplified in our tremendous strides toward achieving our desired goal – promoting our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment!"

More than 70 members of NAS Whiting Field's team participated in programs designed to help youths in the local community. These programs included: United Way Day of Caring, Escambia County Sea Cadets, Men in Action of Milton Florida, Civil Air Patrol, Early Learning Coalition, and more. The team supported these organization with more than 5,300 hours of volunteer service.

The award is managed by Commander Navy Installations Command and is presented to commands in eight categories. NAS Whiting Field was named the winner in the Medium Ashore category.

"Well done and thank you for your continued support and partnership with the surrounding communities, and your ongoing support of the Navy's Community Service Program," Vice Adm. R. L. Thomas stated in the message announcing the awards. "Please accept my gratitude for the commitment and caring you have shown in your local communities...I am certain your actions are sincerely appreciated by all" ✍

### Usage Information

Total Used  
1,765,503 kWh

|                        | 1 Year Ago | Last Month | This Month |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total kWh Used         | 1,808,444  | 1,758,515  | 1,765,503  |
| Average Daily kWh      | 58,337     | 58,726     | 56,952     |
| Days In Billing Period | 31         | 31         | 31         |

### Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remains an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the month of Feb. 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.

## Bainbridge

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in some fashion. The NAS Whiting Field's team participated in a wide array of events such as: United Way Day of Caring, Earth Day, Drug Education for Youth, Blackwater River Cleanup, Adopt-a-Highway, Covenant Hospice Veterans' Day recognition, and many others.

Organizations which benefitted from the volunteer hours provided by command personnel included: Escambia County Sea Cadets, Men in Action of Milton Florida, Civil Air Patrol, Early Learning Coalition, Bay Area Food Bank, United Way, Longleaf Alliance, and more.

The award is managed by Commander Navy Installations Command and NAS Whiting Field was selected from a final field of 16 nominees from various regions and fleets across the globe.

"Your participation with and continued support of our Navy communities is sincerely appreciated and makes a great difference in the lives of those around you. Well done!" Vice Adm. R. L. Thomas stated in the message announcing the awards.

## Summerdale

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NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau and Baldwin County, Alabama Commissioner Chris Elliott cut the ribbon officially reopening NOLF Summerdale after more than 10 years of being closed to aircraft landings at the site. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

interest in aviation, and engendered a true excitement in the military.

"It is absolutely the most patriotic thing we have going here in Baldwin County," he said following the ceremony. "It is an awesome aircraft, and the mission of training NAS Whiting Field performs is incredibly important. We are proud to have you back!"

NAS Whiting Field has not utilized NOLF Summerdale regularly since 2005, but with the recent P-266 construction on the facility completed, training flights can now recommence. Construction was necessitated by the installation's planned replacement of the venerable T-34 Turbomentor aircraft with the T-6B Texan II. The T-6B required longer runways and NOLF Barin and NOLF Summerdale were selected as the airfields best able to accommodate the extensions during a lengthy scoping process in 2010.

The construction effort included the purchase of privately owned land, dwellings and structures necessary for the construction of runway extensions, reestablishing clear zones and realigning nearby roadways. Each runway was extended by 1,150 feet, providing total runway lengths of 4,000 feet. Additionally, 500 foot overruns were provided at the end of each runway to comply with Navy and FAA Safety requirements. The construction at NOLF Summerdale represents one half of a \$36.5M Military Construction (MILCON) project to revitalize and extend NOLF's Barin and Summerdale.

"The completion of NOLF Summerdale represents a significant increase in flight safety and scheduling flexibility for Training Air Wing FIVE to complete their primary flight training mission. With nearly 70 percent of all primary flight training flown out of NAS Whiting Field, the addition

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# Murray to assume command of TRAWING-5



Col. Gary Kling  
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TRAWING-5

Col. Gary Kling will turn over command of Training Air Wing FIVE Friday, Mar. 18 during a change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station Pensacola's Naval Aviation Museum at 11 a.m.

Capt. Mark Murray will assume command of the Navy's largest training wing and assume the title of Commodore during the event. This tour will culminate

Kling's 28 years of service.

Kling graduated from Arizona State University in 1987 and was an honor graduate at The Basic School.



Capt. Mark Murray  
Deputy Commodore  
TRAWING-5

He was designated a Naval Aviator in the spring of 1990. He is a graduate of Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1). Kling served as a F/A Instructor pilot at MAWTS-1 in 1995. He has flown with VMFA-232, VMFA-134 and MAG-11. In Apr. 2004 Kling served as the Division Air Officer during Operation Iraqi

Freedom II. Following a tour at the Pentagon, Kling assumed command of Headquarters and Headquar-

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## First Aid

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to assist in any way possible. Being a prior enlisted master at arms and having had first responder training I felt I could be of some use if needed," Mobley said.

Arriving on the scene Mobley attempted to get the man's attention and asked those nearby if he had been conscious. Using his training Mobley assessed the man's ABC's (Airway, Breathing, and Circulation) and once he determined they were stable, ran back to his car to get additional first aid equipment. The man later identified as Felix Vega had suffered a gash on the back of his head as well as some lacerations on his left shoulder. Mobley used sterile gauze dressing from his kit for the gash on the back of Vega's head and applied pressure.

"With so much training and practice I just fell into a rhythm, checking his ABC's, applying first aid. Afterwards I was more shaken but in the moment I was focused thanks to the training I was provided."

Mobley stayed at the scene to help answer questions and assist the police and EMS while Vega was being loaded into the ambulance.

"I talked to Lt. Jason Dillon, Corry Station

Staff Chaplain, and the last time we spoke Dillon said he had a torn ACL in his right knee and had broken his neck requiring one of his vertebrae to be fused. Vega is progressing and expected to make a lengthy but full recovery" ✈



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## SECURITY CORNER



**By: Stacy McFadden, NAS Whiting Field Security**

Distracted driving is a dangerous habit. Each year, thousands of people are killed and hundreds of thousands are injured in accidents caused by distracted drivers. NAS Whiting Field Cell Phone policy prohibits motor vehicle operators driving onboard the installation from using cell phones and texting while operating a vehicle on the base. Hands-free devices are mandatory and walkie-talkie cell phones are

not considered hands-free.

Distractions include texting, talking on the phone, eating, and engaging in other activities that take your attention away from the road.

Why are these behaviors so dangerous? Sending or reading a text message, for example, takes your eyes off the road for just under 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that would be like driving the length of a football field while blindfolded.

Learn more about distracted driving and become part of the solution: <http://www.dmvflorida.org/cell-phone-distractions.shtml>

## Summerdale

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An aerial photograph of NOLF Summerdale which stopped being utilized for flight training in 2005; re-opened following a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday Mar. 14. U.S. Navy File Photo.

of NOLF Summerdale gives a significant increase in airfield training opportunities.”

Cmdr. Eric Seib, NAS Whiting Field’s Operations Officer stated. “The addition of NOLF Summerdale reduces airspace congestion thus increasing

flight safety over the other NOLF’s that support primary flight training. The completion of P266 represents a major milestone in potential student Naval aviator throughput at NAS Whiting Field.”

NAS Whiting Field’s complex is the busiest Naval aviation facility in the world and serves as the “Backbone of Naval Aviation.” Training Air Wing FIVE, the major tenant command on the base, regularly accomplishes more than 1.1 million flight operations per year and flies more than 150,000 flight hours. This comprises 14 percent of all Navy and Marine Corps flight hours worldwide.

More than 700 student military aviators completed their primary flight training through Training Air Wing FIVE in 2015. This comprises approximately two-thirds of all primary Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviators. TRAWING-5 also trains all helicopter pilots for the three maritime services. NOLF Summerdale will be one of five outlying fields that NAS Whiting Field and Training Air Wing FIVE use to complete their T-6B aviator training mission.

The others are NOLFs Barin, Evergreen, Brewton,  
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## Commissary

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panded from 300 products and 33 categories to nearly 500 items and 55 categories. Orange-tabbed products include beverages such as coffee, soft drinks and juices; dairy products including several cheeses, butter, canned and powdered milk; lunch meats, canned tuna and salmon; canned and frozen vegetables; canned fruit and soup; hot and cold cereals; bread; dry pasta and rice; pizza and entrees; peanut butter, jelly, honey and condiments; ice cream; cleaning supplies, disposable bags, laundry bleach and paper towels; pet foods; batteries; health and beauty care and more. Shoppers can see a list of Value Brands items at <http://www.commissaries.com/shopping/value-brands.cfm>.

### Stay connected to your commissary benefit

Visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) to learn more about the Defense Commissary Agency. Check out the latest news, find a store near you, see what’s on sale, create a shopping list, learn of food and product recalls, scan employment opportunities, read frequently asked questions, submit a customer comment form online through DeCA’s Your Action Line and more. Customers can also access the DeCA website to opt in for DeCA’s electronic newsletters, Commissary Connection and the Guard/Reserve On-Site Sales Schedule. All that’s needed is an email address.



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## Congratulations to TRAWING -5 Wingers



Top Row: Lt. Col. Rafford M. Coleman, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-18; 1st Lt. Markian D. Sich, USMC; Lt. j. g. Alessandro Tucci, ITNAVY, HT-8; ENS Michael T. Burgoyne, USN, HT-8; Lt. j. g. Riordan B. Stambaugh, USN, HT-8; ENS Casey B. O'Brien, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Bennett L. Thomas, USMC, HT-28; ENS David J. Soltisz, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Craig R. Pettigrew; LTJG Michelle Mocavero, ITNAVY, HT-18; Col. Gary A. Kling, Commodore Training Air Wing FIVE. Middle Row: Cmdr. John D. McBryde, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Lt. Synge O'Leary, USCG, HT-8; 1st Lt. Andrew A. Watson, USMC, HT-28; Lt. j. g. Joseph J. Ryan, USN, HT-28; Lt. j. g. Benjamin N. Roberts, USN, HT-18; ENS Matthew W. Nichols, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Joshua D. Liddle, USMC, HT-8; ENS Jeremy T. Aaron, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Cody S. Dickson, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j. g. Nathan R. Brock, USCG, HT-28; Cmdr. James J. Conatser, USN, Guest Speaker. Bottom Row: Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Ketcham, USN, Commanding Officer HT-28; Lt. j. g. Amanda R. Macaluso, USN, HT-8; ENS Meagan R. Mossberg, USN, HT-28; Lt. j. g. Carianna R. Rath, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Nicholas M. Marinello; ENS Joseph P. Delorenco, USN, HT-8; Lt. j. g. Zachary P. W. Tews, USN, HT-28; ENS Brian C. Colby II, USN, HT-8; Lt. j. g. Filippo Montagno, ITNAVY, HT-18; Lt. j. g. Guila Pavon Cordaro, ITNAVY, HT-18; ENS Maria F. Walsh, USN, HT-8

## Congratulations to TRAWING -5 Scholar



Congratulations to TRAWING-5's Academic Achievement Award presented at the TRAWING-5 headquarters building Feb. Photo courtesy of Training Air wing FIVE.

## Amnesty

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- \*five-gallon propane bottles
- \*computers and typewriters
- \*cathode ray televisions and computer monitors
- \*printers, copiers, fax machines, and DVD/DVR players
- \*fluorescent light bulbs
- \*fire extinguishers

Conditionally exempt small quantity generators including small businesses, schools and growers may dispose of hazardous waste at a reduced rate but must schedule a drop off time by calling (850) 981-7135 or (850) 983-4651 by noon Friday, Mar. 18.

Amnesty Day is not a recycle day, but a special day for disposal of HHW. Santa Rosa residents are reminded they can dispose of HHW at no charge year-round, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the HHW center at the entrance to the Central Landfill, 6337 Da Lisa Road in Milton. Amnesty Day is made possible by Santa Rosa County in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Okaloosa County Environmental Office.

## Summerdale

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and Choctaw. Bahlau emphasized the need for NOLF Summerdale to augment the other NOLFs.

“The production of pilots for our national defense is just as important now as it was when Outlying Field Summerdale was first constructed in 1943,” NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau stated. “The completion of the runway extensions at Summerdale reestablishes a key asset for our mission and will help ensure years of safe, productive flight training for our student aviators.”

Navy Outlying Landing Field Summerdale has played an integral part in NAS Whiting Field’s military pilot training mission, dating back to its original construction date of 1943. During the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s this airfield supported training flights from both Training Air Wing FIVE at NAS Whiting Field and Training Air Wing SIX at NAS Pensacola in support of T-34 touch and goes. The last significant number of operations that occurred at NOLF Summerdale was in 2005, when Training Air Wing SIX at NAS Pensacola began their T-34 to T-6A transition. Since 2005 the airfield has served as a “Low Approach” only airfield due to the runway length restrictions.

Training Air Wing FIVE commenced full-time training flight operations Monday, March 14.

“The residents of Baldwin County and Summerdale are tremendous patriots and supporters of the military. It is a great place to fly, and we are happy to be back,” Bahlau stated. 🐦

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ters Squadron, MCAS Iwakuna, Japan. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the National War College and served in numerous staff assignments including the Deputy Chief of Staff to Joint Forces Command and as the Deputy Branch Head of HQMC Aviation Plans and Policy.

His inspirational leadership of three T-6B Primary Flight Training squadrons, three TH-57B/C Advanced Rotary-Wing Training squadrons and two Instructor Training Units culminated in the execution of more than 140,500 sorties and 225,000 flight hours delivering 1,222 graduates to advanced training and designating 824 Naval Aviators for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied nations. The Commander of the Chief of Naval Air Training’s (CNATRA) largest Air Wing, he directed and coordinated the efforts of more than 2,000 officers, enlisted, civilian, and contract personnel, consistently and safely executing the primary mission of training future military leaders and combat aviators. As the lead for CNATRA’s Primary and Rotary Task Groups, Colonel Kling was responsible for the production of more than 1,750 Primary Student Naval Aviators (SNAs) across five Primary training squadrons and the winging 824 aviators through three Advanced Rotary-Wing training squadrons 🐦

## Captain’s Cup Basketball Competition Heats Up

By: **Todd Mooneyham, NAS Whiting Field MWR**

Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s Captain’s Cup Basketball competition is in full swing with games every Monday and Wednesday evenings through Mar. 23 with playoffs beginning Mar. 28. Here are the roundups of February’s last games.

**17 Feb.**

HT-18 VS. VT-2

HT-18 was leading at the half 29-27, however, VT-2 came from behind to win big 62-45. VT-2 was led in scoring by Alec with 21 points and John with 20. A total of 11 three point shots were made throughout the game.

SNATHLETES VS. CHOCTAW

The Snathletes were up at the half 27-24 and added to their lead in the second half winning 57-39. The Snathletes were led in scoring by Shaak who raked up 24 points with 18 points being scored through six three point shots. A total of 17 three point shots were made throughout the game.

CRASH VS. STROKIN THREES

The Strokin Threes took the lead early being up at the half 37-28. They continued to turn up the heat and blew out Crash at the buzzer with 75-42. The Strokin Threes were led in scoring by John Ward-Adams with 31 points and 5 three pointers.

**22 Feb.**

OPS VS. ATC

OPS took the early lead in the first half 23-10. ATC woke up in the second and pulled out a win 48-47. ATC was led in scoring by Shepard with 17.

MED VS. SNATHLETES

The Snathletes were up 34-22 at the half and continued to pile up the buckets and win a close 61-56. They were led in scoring by Cozed with 15.

STROKIN THREES VS. VT-2

The Strokin Threes were up at the half 31-15 and stayed hot all night winning 74-39. The Strokin Threes were led in scoring by John Ward-Adams with 28 points. A total of 15 three point shots were made throughout the game 🐦

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