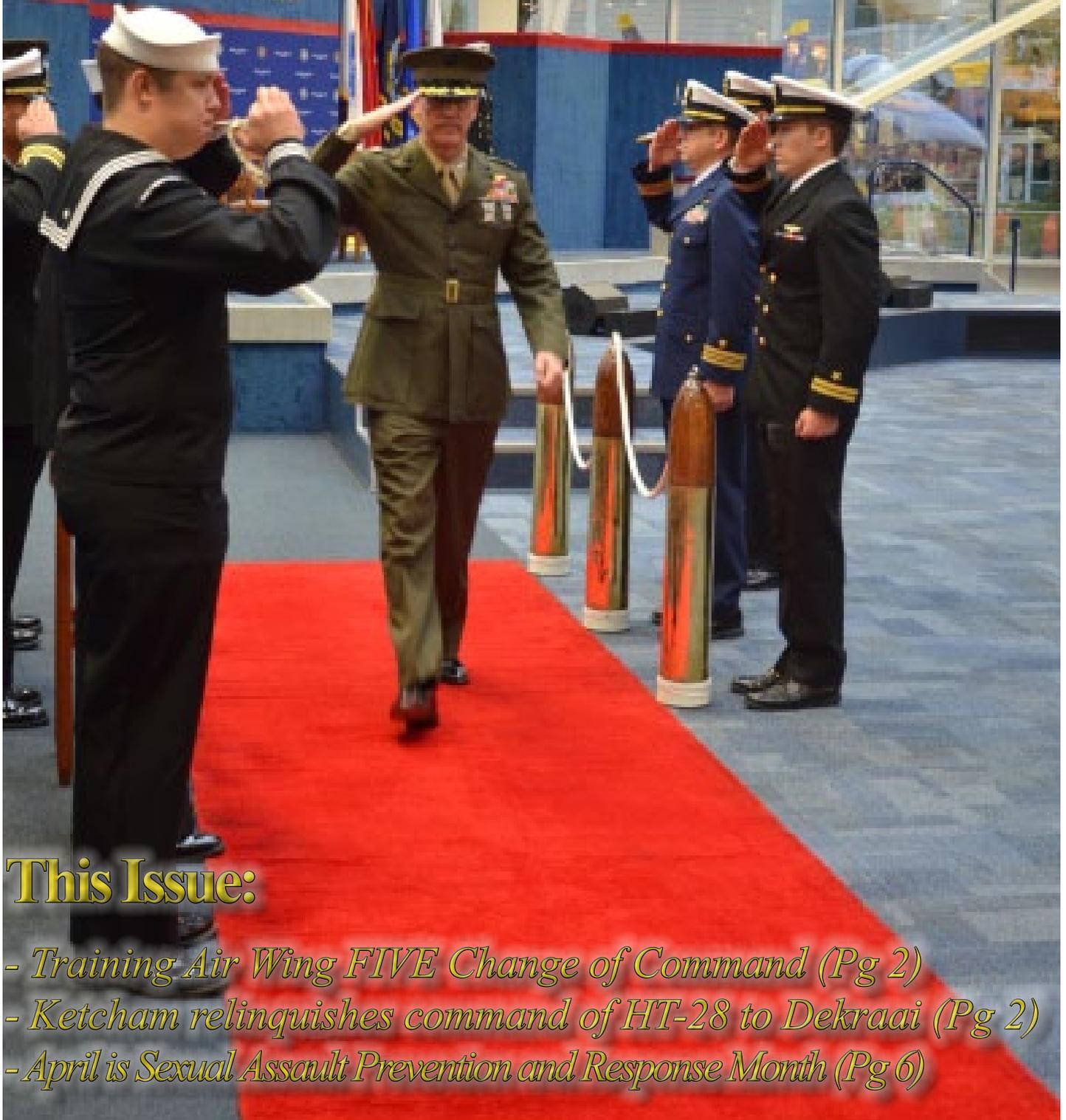


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## Kling Relinquishes Command of Training Air Wing FIVE to Murray

By: Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, Public Affairs Staff

Training Air Wing FIVE observed a change in leadership Mar 19 as Col. Gary Kling, USMC turned over command of the training wing to Capt. Mark Murray, USN, previously the Deputy Commodore.

Kling served as the wing's commodore since Sep 2014, during which time TRAWING FIVE completed more than 140,500 sorties and 225,000 flight hours. Under Kling's leadership, 1,222 students were delivered to advanced aviation training, and 824 new naval aviators were designated for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied nations. Kling ensured that Training Air Wing FIVE maintained its reputation of safety, quality, and speed of training during his time in command.

During the ceremony, Kling was awarded the Legion of Merit for excellence in his 29 years of service in the



The Marine Color Guard presents colors at the change of command ceremony Mar. 18 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.

Marine Corps. The commendation was presented to him by Brigadier General Christopher Mahoney, USMC, Deputy Commander, US Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. Mahoney also served as the event's guest speaker, lending some remarks about Kling's service following the presentation of the Legion of Merit. He then passed the stage to Kling.

Kling, who retired the day following the change of command, said of his time as commodore "I couldn't have  
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*Cover Photo: Col. Gary L. Kling, USMC departs after turning over command of Training Air Wing FIVE to Capt. Mark R. Murray on March 18. Col. Kling was retired the next day after 29 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.*

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## Dekraai Relieves Ketcham during HT-28 Change of Command Ceremony

By: Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT (HT-28) observed a change in leadership Thursday, Mar. 24 when Lt. Col. Cory E. Dekraai, USMC, formally relieved Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Ketcham, USN, as the commanding officer. Retired Navy Rear Adm. Timothy L. Heely served as the guest speaker for the ceremony. Commodore Training Air Wing FIVE Capt. Mark Murray presided for the event held at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Auditorium.

The ceremony is a proud Navy tradition where the heart of the ceremony is the formal reading of the orders by the relieving officer and the officer to be relieved in the presence of the HT-28 team. The MATSG-21 Color Guard started off the ceremony with the parade of colors, followed by Ketcham taking the podium to introduce his former commanding  
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## IKE Carrier Strike Group Conducts Missile Exercise

By: Lt.j.g. Christian Asaban, USS San Jacinto (CG-56)

ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group (IKECSG) completed a multi-ship, live-fire exercise with the Standard Missile (SM-2), March 15.

The dynamic exercise was part of the strike group's final preparation for the composition training unit exercise (COMPTUEX) that certifies all strike groups prior to deployment.

The exercise, led by the carrier strike group's Air and Missile Defense Commander and San Jacinto Commanding Officer, Capt. Dennis Velez, also served to demonstrate the Navy's continued efforts to train for today's warfighting environment.

"We have always worked to evolve our training, including live firing exercises against high speed targets during and shortly after the Cold War," said Velez. "And here we are once again adapting and demonstrating our tactical proficiency. With this shoot specifically, we're seeing our Sailors operate their weapons systems successfully against advanced threats in contested battlespace environments."

The six combatants--USS San Jacinto (CG 56), USS



ATLANTIC OCEAN (Mar. 15) In this still capture from video, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), USS Nitze (DDG 94), USS Stout (DDG 55), USS Mason (DDG 87), launch Standard Missiles 2 (SM-2) at twice the speed of sound to destroy an advanced high-speed target during a live fire test of the ships' Aegis weapons systems. Official U.S. Navy Photo.

Monterey (CG 61), USS Mason (DDG 87), USS Roosevelt (DDG 81), USS Stout (DDG 55) and USS Nitze (DDG 94)--practiced a number of advanced tactical techniques and procedures including cooperative tracking before firing Standard Missiles (SM-2) at the inbound targets. All six ships scored kills as measured by the missile and target instrumentation, including two direct hits. This demonstrates a successful ramp-up in an era of continued complexity and tactical relevance in the employment of the Aegis weapons system against high-end threats.

SM-2 is an integral part of the layered defense that protects the world's naval assets and gives warfighters a greater reach in the battlespace. SM-2 variants have successfully intercepted targets, proving their lethality against subsonic, supersonic, low- and high-altitude, high-maneuvering, diving, sea-skimming, anti-ship cruise missiles fighters, bombers and helicopters in an advanced electronic countermeasures environment.

IKECSG is comprised of the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, Carrier Air Wing 3, USS San Jacinto (CG 56), USS Monterey (CG 61) and the ships of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 26--USS Stout (DDG 55), USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), USS Mason (DDG 87) and USS Nitze (DDG 94).

### *This Day in Naval History*

#### **Mar. 21**

1917 - Loretta Walsh becomes the first woman Navy petty officer when sworn in as chief yeoman.

#### **Mar. 22**

1915 - "Naval Aviator" replaces the title "Navy Air Pilot" for officers who become qualified as aviators.

#### **Mar. 23**

1965 - Navy Lt. Cmdr. John W. Young is a pilot on Gemini III, the first 2-manned spacecraft that completes three orbits in four hours, 53 minutes at an altitude of 224 km. He is joined by Air Force Lt. Col. Virgil Grissom, command pilot.

#### **Mar. 24**

1903 - Adm. George Dewey is commissioned Admiral of the Navy, the only person to hold this rank. Upon his death Jan. 16, 1917, Congress deactivates the rank.

#### **Mar. 25**

2007 - Congress designates March 25 each year as National Medal of Honor Day. The day is significant as it is the day the first Medal of Honor was presented in 1863.



### **Gemini III - The Molly Brown**

A U.S. Coast Guard Sikorsky HH-52A Seaguard helicopter over the Gemini 3 space capsule flown by astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young after it splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean, 23 March 1965. The aircraft carrier USS Intrepid (CVS-11) recovered the craft and crew. Grissom and Young flew three low Earth orbits in their spacecraft, which they nicknamed Molly Brown. This was the ninth manned U.S. spaceflight, and the 17th world human spaceflight.

# With You All the Way! Tour Comes to Local Schools

By: Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff



Julie Frost, a professional, singer, dancer, and actress, poses with kids during the Back to School Pep Rally for Military Kids to prepare students age's five to twelve for the upcoming school year.

The Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), United Services Organization (USO), and the Trevor Romain Company are teaming up to support military kids in the local area through their educational "With You All the Way! Tour." The tour is coming to local schools during the month of May to assist military kids and their classmates in becoming happier, healthier, and more confident. The School Liaison Office is helping coordinate the tour and will address the unique challenges of military life facing military children.

Since 2010 the "With You All the Way! Tour" has visited over 100,000 military kids in more than 13 countries developing valuable strategies for both military kids and families facing the challenge of military life, and also sharing an important message emphasizing the caring for one another. The mission of the tour is to deliver proven strategies to prepare every military child for the unique challenges they face, so that they can positively impact themselves, their families, and their communities.

"This program is really good for the entire school community. It is designed and paid by the USO for military children but the whole school gets to participate as well" Christopher Hendrix, NAS Whiting Field School Liaison Officer said.

The tour is mainly organized and put together by the Trevor Romain Company. The company is

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# Prepare-A-Thon Begins in April

By: Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, Public Affairs Staff

Throughout April and into May, NAS Whiting Field will be participating in "America's Prepare-A-Thon," a grassroots program run by FEMA that aims to ensure that Americans are prepared to handle emergencies in their communities. The Prepare-A-Thon consists of six weeks, each with its own preparation theme. Topics such as hurricanes, wildfires, and tornadoes are covered, among others.

In conjunction with the Prepare-A-Thon, all personnel stationed at NAS Whiting Field, including civilians, should update their contact information in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) annually. This is the primary way for the Navy to contact personnel with instructions in case of an emergency. Additionally, NAS Whiting Field will provide tips and articles via social media and base emails. Please take the time to like NAS Whiting Field's Facebook page, at [facebook.com/naswhitingfield/](https://facebook.com/naswhitingfield/), for the latest local emergency preparation information.

Although the Prepare-A-Thon covers many potential disasters, hurricanes are the largest threat facing the Pensacola area. Many servicemembers stationed at NAS Whiting Field are not originally from areas that see hurricanes on a regular basis, if at all. The Safety Stand-down in April aims to provide information on emergency preparedness with a specific focus on the threats Whiting Field may face, such as flooding.

"We try to use images and stuff people relate to. We target the five counties that support us, including the OLFs"

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**Ec-nomics**

**MYTH - Always select the lowest wattage light bulbs as possible.**

**REALITY - The efficiency of incandescent light bulbs, as well as many other types of light bulbs, increases as the wattage increases. In areas where bright light is needed, it may be more efficient to use one larger bulb than several smaller bulbs. For example, one 100-watt light bulb provides 1,750 lumens of light, approximately the same amount of light as 2 60-watt bulbs (1,780 lumens) but the two smaller bulbs consume 20 percent (20 watts) more electricity.**

# 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 released 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 p.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline for filing taxes is Monday, Apr. 18.

## Chief Petty Officer Association Fish Fry

On Thursday Apr. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Chief Petty Officer's Association will be having a fish fry sale. They will be providing fish (Regular and Spicy), hushpuppies, and fries or coleslaw for \$8. The fish fry will be held in front of the atrium building. Come visit the SAPR Awareness Tree in front of the Atrium as well.

## Warrior to Soul Mate

W2SM is an educational program that provides hope and renewal to relationships impacted by military service, deployments and war. It provides a safe and healing environment for Veterans, Reservists and National Guard to renew and reconnect with their significant other. A W2SM workshop is scheduled for Pensacola on Apr. 2-3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. To register and for more information call Chaplain Jo Kirkendall, Chaplain Service, at (228) 523-5730.

## 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 pur-



## Stress Management for First Responders

Donna Collins teaches a "Stress Management for First Responders" Class at the Fleet and Family Support Center. This one of a kind class focuses on principles of stress management that are specific to first responders, and will be available to all such personnel at the FFSC. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.

chase/reserve your seats.

## Flicks on the Field Outdoor Movie Series

Back by popular demand, Santa Rosa County's "Flicks on the Field" returns in Apr. for its second year. The free community event, sponsored by the Santa Rosa County Parks Department, offers newly released family movies on a 43-foot screen starting at 7 p.m. on the fields of the PARA Football Complex located at 3536 Limbaugh Lane in Pace. This year's lineup includes:

\**Kung Fu Panda 3 tentative (G) - Apr. 2*

\**Disney's Good Dinosaur (G) - Apr. 9*

\**Peanuts The Movie (G) - Apr. 16*

\**Minions (G) - Apr. 23*

\**Jurassic World (PG 13) - Apr. 30*

Contact [flicksonthefield@gmail.com](mailto:flicksonthefield@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/FlicksOnTheField](http://www.facebook.com/FlicksOnTheField). For more information on Santa Rosa County parks, visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov/parks](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/parks)

## 1st Annual MHS Band Crawfish Festival

The Milton High School Band is putting on a crawfish festival Apr. 16 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with admission being only \$5. Children 5 and under are free. There will be live bands, local vendors, great food, and of course crawfish. All proceeds go to new instruments and equipment for the band.

## Family Fun Day

Sponsored by MWR and Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) there will be a Family Fun Day Apr. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be bounce houses, arts and crafts, yard games, food and more.

## Tour

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named after Trevor Romain, a best-selling author and illustrator of an award winning series of self-help books for children and motivational speaker. For more than 20 years, Trevor has traveled to schools, hospitals, summer camps and military bases worldwide, delivering inspirational self-help messages to hundreds of thousands of school-age children.

The With You All the Way! Tour has primarily centered on kids in the Third through Fifth grades in the past. This new program focuses on Kindergarten through Second grade children. It has the same theme and message but has been restructured to appeal to the younger audience. To help speak to the younger kids the Trevor Romain Company hired Julie Frost, a professional singer and actress who starred as Nemo in Disney's "Finding Nemo the Musical." Having grown up a military kid herself, Frost is excited to share her songs and stories with other military kids around the world.

"The With You All the Way Tour is an encouraging event to make sure the military kids feel welcomed, secure, and that they celebrate the fact their parents are serving in the military. The overall outcome is a really positive one for the whole school and everyone involved" Hendrix said.

The With You All the Way! Tour will be coming to Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa County schools during the first two weeks of May. The schools and dates are as follows:

- Monday May 2 – Holley-Navarre Primary School
  - Tuesday May 3 – Plugh Elementary School and Florosa Elementary School
  - Wednesday May 4 - Pea Ridge Elementary School
  - Thursday May 5 - West Navarre Primary School
  - Monday May 9 – Berryhill Elementary School
  - Tuesday May 10 – Pensacola Blue Angel Elementary and Myrtle Grove Elementary
  - Wednesday May 11 – Hellen Caro Elem and Pleasant Grove Elementary
  - Thursday May 12- S.S. Dixon Primary School
- For more information about the tour visit their website at <http://www.comfortcrew.org/withyououtour.html> or contact Christopher Hendrix, NAS Whiting Field School Liaison Officer, at 850-665-6105

## SAAPM Begins at NAS Whiting Field

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field is going to see an abundance of teal over the next several weeks as the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team promotes their annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month campaign.

The SAAPM program is one part of the SAPR team's efforts to promote and foster a Navy that is respectful toward everyone and intolerant of sexual assault. Throughout April Dora Ford, the installation's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator will emphasize the message – "Eliminate Sexual Assaults. Know your part. Do your part!"

"SAAPM is an in your face month. We will be posting messages all over the base. From ribbons on the trees, to yard signs, posters, table tents, activities and more, We will have displays everywhere," she said. "There won't be a command, squadron or agency that doesn't participate in some fashion."

Ford has set up April as a month to keep people involved. She desires to do more than just inform. Ford wants to keep people active in the process.

"It is important that we not only raise awareness of the issue, but we need to engage them in the process. Just like in a real life event, knowing that you can intervene isn't enough. You have to be willing to act. Well, we don't want people to sit on the sidelines during April. We want them to take action and be a part of the program," Ford stated.

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### 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     | 56,728     | 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 Mar. 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.

# TW-5 COC

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Col. Gary Kling passes the TW-5 command pennant to Capt. Mark Murray in Navy tradition symbolizing the change of command. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

been more blessed to have such a great team.” He went on to individually recognize the commanding officers of each squadron at Whiting Field, as well as the support he received from the oncoming commodore.

Kling also dedicated a significant portion of his speech to his appreciation of the Instructor Pilots under his command. “It is tireless, exacting, patience-draining work that requires focus, attention to detail and some shots of adrenaline to the heart,” he said. The sincerity of his words was obvious, despite his lighthearted tone and the jokes sprinkled throughout the speech.

Stepping down to the front of the stage, Kling was joined by Murray. Both Kling and Murray stood at attention as the command flag was brought forward by Chief Davis, USN, of HT-8. Kling was presented the Training Air Wing FIVE command flag, then turned and presented the flag to Murray. This is to symbolize Kling handing off his command to Murray. Murray’s wife, Ashley, pinned on his command pin, and Murray addressed the group for the first time as commodore.

“I’ve had the privilege to work alongside Col Kling for the last 18 months. I’ve studied him closely and consider myself blessed to have served with this incredible Marine, Aviator, Husband and Father. I’m far better for the experience,” said Murray of his time as Deputy Commodore.

Both Kling and Murray mentioned during their remarks that not only were they team members on base, but next-door neighbors and friends at home – a dynamic that they agreed greatly improved their leadership of Training Air Wing FIVE.

Murray stressed the importance of others, especial-

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# HT-28 COC

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officer and mentor.

Heely thanked Ketcham for inviting him and expressed how it was such an “honor to be present.” As a retiree, he joked about how he was nervous coming to speak as he would be that “old guy in a suit.” However, he became more serious as he spoke about the challenges of holding command.

“Taking command is always tough and is one of those jobs that the rewards are not easily measured. The process of taking command is extremely rigorous and for those wanting to add more stripes to your sleeves know that people are looking at you, to see if you are able, fit, and the right person to take command... These two men here have certainly gone through the rigor of a much tighter process than I have so they deserve all the praise due to them” Heely said.

Just prior to leaving the podium, Heely congratulated Ketcham for his service as commanding officer, and to Dekraai for achieving command. After wishing both men and those in attendance good fortune Heely turned the podium over to Ketcham.

“Good luck to everyone and these two gentlemen especially. Be proud and strive hard for you are really part of something amazingly fulfilling and life changing.”

During the change of command, Ketcham was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for his tenure as commanding officer of HT-28 from 2014 to 2016. During those eighteen months, Ketcham oversaw over 55,000 flight hours, 22,000 sorties, and winged 290 Navy, Marine Corp, Coast Guard, and Allied Navy Aviators. Under Ketcham’s command HT-28 saw an increase of sixteen percent in production while obtaining and surpassing fiscal year 15 goals. His

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Cmdr. Jeffrey Ketcham reads his orders during the Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT Change of Command held at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Auditorium Mar. 24. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, Public Affairs Staff.

# NAS Whiting Field Volunteers Help Cleanup Local Community

By: Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

While being recognized for his outstanding community service on Feb. 25 Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class David D. Hernandez encountered an opportunity to assist a veteran in need of help following the recent storms that hit the Florida Panhandle.

Retired Navy Capt. Walt Reese sat at Hernandez's table during the Margaret Flowers award ceremony and discussed how the storm had left his yard a mess. Hearing the extent of the work needed to be done to help Reese decided to do what he could to help in any way possible.

Reese joined the Navy in May 1943 with a career spanning through World War II, the Korean War,

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The team of Chiefs and First Class Petty Officers, organized by ABH1 David Hernandez, cleaned up the front lawn of Retired Navy Capt. Walt Reese after it was damaged during the recent storms. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci. Public Affairs Staff.

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# Commissaries highlight Month of Military Child

By: Sallie Cauthers, DeCA marketing and mass media specialist

FORT LEE, Va. – Savings, giveaways and nutritional tours for the entire family are on tap for April as commissaries worldwide observe Month of the Military Child.

“We know military family life is made better thanks to the commissary benefit, and we’re all about providing our customers with great values, especially for children during April,” said Tracie Russ, the Defense Commissary Agency’s sales director.

DeCA’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and brokers – are collaborating with commissaries 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 the following promotions:

- All commissaries take Month of the Military Child as a time to highlight healthy lifestyles. The “5-2-1-0” message is prominent: Eat five fruits and vegetables every day; limit recreational screen time to two hours or less daily; get one hour or more of physical activity every day and avoid all drinks with sugar. Check with your commissary to find out about possible tours highlighting the nutritional value of fresh fruits and vegetables and recipes.

- Keebler’s 17th Annual Hollow Tree promotion features savings on discounted Keebler products March 28 - April 10 at all stores. There are also coupons for free milk with the purchase of four packages of Keebler cookies or Keebler Rite Bite packages.

- Eleven camps, two ways to win. Now through April 10, nearly 100 commissaries have a chance to win a football ProCamp for their installation. Eleven winning stateside installations will host a free, two-day football camp for military children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Camp participants learn from and play with NFL players such as Andre Roberts (Washington Redskins), Cortez Allen (Pittsburgh Steelers), Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona Cardinals), Steve Smith (Baltimore Ravens) and Rob Gronkowski (New England Patriots). Installations qualify for a camp based on their commissary sales of select items such as Tide, Bounty, Charmin, Pantene, Crest and Gillette.

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## SECURITY CORNER



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

*I am in the military in another state and my spouse is with me, but she is not in the military. The vehicle we have is registered in my spouse's name.*

***Is insurance from Florida required?***

No. You will be required to provide a copy of the member's out-of-state military orders along with a statement stating the vehicle is with you at each renewal.

***I am in the military assigned out-of-state and my vehicle will be stored in Florida until I return. Must I maintain my Florida insurance policy?***

Yes. As long as the vehicle remains in Florida with a valid tag and registration you will be required to maintain coverage. However, you may surrender your tag and registration to the nearest Florida driver license office or tag agency until you return to Florida, if you do not want to maintain the Florida insurance coverage.

***I am in the military on active duty outside the United***

***States. Am I required to have Florida coverage on my Florida registered vehicle?***

No, as long as your name is on the registration as owner or co-owner, and your car is with you. You will be required to provide a copy of your out-of-state military orders to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and a statement stating the vehicle is with you.

***I live outside Florida for six months a year. When not in Florida, my vehicle is in storage and will not be used. Must I maintain automobile insurance?***

Yes. Any vehicle holding a valid Florida license plate and registration must be covered by a Florida insurance policy throughout the entire registration period. When you leave Florida, you may surrender your license plate and registration at the nearest driver license or Tax Collector office to avoid maintaining your policy. You can always register your vehicle upon your return to Florida, at which time you can provide proof of Florida insurance.

## Prepare-A-Thon

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Said Rudy Mendiola, NAS Whiting Field Emergency Manager

A hurricane preparation event will be held from Mar 28-Apr 1. The event aims to provide NAS Whiting Field with all of the information required to safely handle a hurricane emergency prior to the hurricane season, which begins in May.

Information will also be provided at Santa Rosa County Military Appreciation Picnic on May 13th. There will be a booth with materials explaining how to prepare for hurricanes, wildfires, and other emergencies in the local area.

"I encourage everyone at Whiting Field to participate in the Prepare-A-Thon, and to take it seriously. Hurricane season is right around the corner, and even though we haven't been hit in a few years, the threat is always there," said Capt. Bahlau, Commanding Officer of NAS Whiting Field.

Visit the FEMA website at <https://community.fema.gov/> for more information on how you can participate. Ready.gov, also operated by FEMA, is another useful resource when creating an emergency plan, no matter the time of year.

## TW-5 COC

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ly Kling, in the success he has enjoyed during his naval career. He also noted how his focus had evolved over twenty-five years of service.

"My perspective now is much different than it was 25 years ago when I stood in this same museum as a newly-commissioned Ensign. Some of it has to do with flying, but most of it is centered around the people [with] whom I've been privileged to work with throughout my career."

As the oncoming commanding officer, Capt. Murray will draw upon his experience as Deputy Commodore to continue the success of Training Air Wing FIVE. Prior to reporting to NAS Whiting Field, Murray flew the SH-60B with the HSL-44 "Swamp Foxes," HSL-37 "Easy Riders," and HSL-40 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). He also served as HT-18 Executive Officer from Nov 2007 to Feb 2009, and as the squadron's Commanding Officer from Feb 2009 to April 2010.

As far as the future of Training Air Wing FIVE, Murray maintained a tone of professional optimism. "I look forward to the opportunity to inspire excellence in all that we do as members of the Training Air Wing FIVE team."

## SAAPM

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Her plan is to host a series of events for NAS Whiting Field team members to attend and participate in the activities. These events include a 5K Obstacle Course, a Segway race, a Tug of War competition, a cookout, a bowling tournament, a coffee social, and more. However, that is only part of the process. Ford (PAO or NAWWF??) is instituting a “We’re Against Sexual Assault – Are You?” social media plan to encourage participants to take photographs of themselves and post to the NAS Whiting Field Facebook page to prove they are engaged. Photographs and comments should be posted to [www.facebook.com/naswhitingfield/](http://www.facebook.com/naswhitingfield/). They have even created a public service announcement that is on the NAS Whiting Field Facebook page.

The emphasis on taking action is a primary point that is necessary to drive home if the Navy ever wants to stop sexual assaults. Intervention truly is the key. The Secretary of the Navy’s office coined a new slogan, “Stepping Up and Stepping In” to stress the importance of action. Although great strides have been made in the past few years, according to Ford, sexual assault is still a problem in the military.

“The SAPR team emphasizes; it is our job, everybody’s job, to protect the vulnerable, not to take advantage of them,” she stressed.

In addition to the activities, other SAAPM events and campaigns throughout April will include: ‘It’s Time’ - a chance to take photographs with a clock to emphasize the SAPR Day of Action; Denim Day - a day to wear denim to show solidarity with victims of sexual assault; the Awareness Tree - a tree filled with teal ribbons; Teal Tuesdays; information booths; Sidewalk Talk; and more. In all, she has planned more than 20 activities or programs to support the SAAPM goals.

“The support from the base, the Training Wing, MWR, and everyone else has been tremendous,” Ford said. “Everyone is so willing to support the program’s goals. It makes the SAAPM program so effective when everybody gets on board.”

As people attend the various events one concept they will quickly realize is that the SAPR program is not about being the “sex police” as Ford puts it. The idea is to promote an environment of mutual respect and healthy relationships. Consent is the difference between sex and sexual assault. So how do you know if you have consent? Talk to your partner! The absence of “NO” is not consent.

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## CNRSE CMC: Happy 123rd Birthday, Chiefs!

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

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – As the 123rd birthday of the chief petty officer (CPO) approaches April 1, Navy Region Southeast Command Master Chief (SS/AW) Michael Jackson reflected on the role of the Chief’s Mess.

Jackson reported to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes in December 1984 from his hometown of Columbia, South Carolina. He began his career as a machinist’s mate on submarines in 1986 and was selected for CPO nearly 22 years ago in 1994. When he put on his anchors, he admits he didn’t feel ready for the responsibilities of a chief petty officer.

“It was something I didn’t think I was ready to do, just because my time-in-service was only eight years,” Jackson said. “Being advanced to the rank of chief petty officer is a big deal because of the enormous responsibility placed upon you. But I’ve always had the consistency of the CPO creed. And the great thing about the creed is that it is just as applicable today as it was when it was presented to me in September 1994.”

During that time when he was first selected, Jackson looked up to two chiefs whom he thought of as mentors. The first was an old-school crusty type who was tough and knew his job like the back of his hand. The other was slightly less technically skilled, but more empathetic and with better people skills. Jackson said he knew he wanted to be a mix of the two.

“When I was looking at whom I measured myself against, those were the two whom I wanted to emulate. I always said to myself, ‘When I grow up, I want to be like them.’”

His emulations may have helped. Jackson’s career has brought him through five sea tours and six shore tours, including as the current Commander Navy Region Southeast CMC. He said he is constantly learning and looking for ways to improve, and he shares his advice on how to develop as Sailors and mentors.

“The best piece of advice I can give you is to be humble,” he said. “It may sound cliché, but it’s the truth. Understand the concept of servant leadership, which is serving your Sailors; that applies directly to your role as a chief petty officer and how influential you can be. The next thing is to get comfortable with being uncomfortable; every great leader always looks for way to improve.”

In addition to the multitude of mentors he has had along his journey, Jackson attributes his success to three main character traits.

“Humility, servant leadership, and being self-critical are my biggest traits, because I think those are what define me and how I operate,” he said. “I’ve always tried to be my own worst critic, and I’ve always taken pride in knowing that there’s always something to learn, and not just from people who are senior to me. I often learn a lot from our junior Sailors, and those who are

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## HT-28 COC

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Commodore Mark Murray exchanges salutes with Cmdr. Jeffrey Ketcham and Lt. Col. Cory Dekraai finalizing the change of command. U.S. Navy Photo by Lt. j.g. Andrew Bertucci, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

commitment to excellence led his command to develop a squadron culture based on safety and quality in training.

Ketcham stepped up to the lectern to speak to the HT-28 team one final time as their commanding officer. He thanked the people and the organizations who contributed to the “wonderful ceremony” to mark the occasion. Furthermore, he expressed his gratitude to Murray, the new Training Air Wing FIVE commodore and former Deputy Commodore, for his leadership and guidance. Lastly, when addressing the assembled instructors, he spoke of his admiration for a job well done.

“While producing quality leaders and future naval aviators these officers are entrusted with great responsibility and make decisions every day that have lifelong consequences on them and their crews. They do it without want for reward or recognition. They do it because they believe in that sacred duty to serve. They are a great source of inspiration and courage and are true professionals. It has been tremendously humbling over the past sixteen months serving as your commanding officer.” Ketcham said.

Ketcham’s remarks were followed by the traditional reading of the orders and the exchange of squadron colors. Ketcham and Dekraai stepped down to the front of the stage while the senior-most enlisted person, AWSC Logan Warner, from the squadron brought the command pennant and handed it to Ketcham. He, in turn, presented the flag to Dekraai, symbolically giving him command of the squadron. Dekraai handed the station back to Warner, and then stepped up to the podium to address the squadron for the first time as their new commanding officer.

Dekraai took to the podium to conclude the ceremony by first thanking those in attendance and for both families present for their sacrifice.

“I have worn the patches of all the south field squadrons whether student, instructor, Executive Officer, and now Commanding Officer and I can think of no better place to be” Dekraai said

## Volunteer

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and Vietnam. Having served in the aviation community for 30 years Reese has a deep respect and understanding for the training that goes on at NAS Whiting Field. Having recently turned 90 years old Reese was not able to do the work himself and is why he appreciated Hernandez’s efforts on his behalf.

“We all know Mr. Reese as a gentleman and up-standing citizen who served our country and our Navy for a very long time. We wanted to make sure give back to him and help in any way we could. He has been a big support to NAS Whiting Field and it is important to help those in need in our community,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez, along with ABH2 Richard Sharpe, organized the cleanup of the three trees removal and debris scattered across the front lawn with. Sharpe assisted the project by providing various tools and equipment such as a mower and wheelbarrow that greatly helped expedite to cleanup on Mar. 16. Hernandez organized a team of 10 Chief and 1st Class Petty Officers who throughout the morning were able to remove the fallen trees and debris.

“They have done an absolutely great job today. The Navy has been good to me and continues to thanks to Petty Officer Hernandez and these volunteers”

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## SAAPM

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Only an informed, sober, freely-given, ongoing, enthusiastic “Yes” is consent. If there is ANY question, or either partner is not 100% on board then they should not engage in any sexual acts.

“Communication is the key,” Ford states. “If you can’t have an upfront conversation with the other person about sex, then should you really be having sex with them?”

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. The SAPR team is here to support all victims and inform them of all the options available. The team wants the victims to know they have rights and it is their job to stand up and advocate for those rights. Sexual assault reports can be completely anonymous and confidential and the team encourages any affected party, victim or witnessing bystander to step forward and report a sexual crime. The goal is to support victims, raise awareness through education, and to prevent Marines and Sailors from becoming victims

## Commissary

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Customers can also vote for their installation at <https://the-familyunitpg.com>.

- Small Planet Foods is sponsoring “Live Green Together,” a stateside organic food event. From April 11-24, it features product sampling and great savings through coupons on Annie’s, Cascadian Farm, Muir Glen, Larabar and Food Should Taste Good items including ready-to-eat cereal, granola bars, salsa, pasta sauce, healthy snacks and frozen fruit.

- Overseas Service Corporation and their partners present a stateside-only sale to heighten awareness of The Fisher House Foundation. A Fisher House is a “home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers. Look for special product pricing, coupons and mass displays in all stateside stores. A percentage of the sale’s proceeds will go to support the Fisher House.

“The best way we recognize our military children is making sure the products and values of their commissary make it worth the trip,” Russ said 🐦

## Birthday

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selected for chief each season.”

When Jackson thinks about the CPO birthday now, he reflects on the differences and preparedness new chiefs have that he didn’t when he was selected nearly 22 years ago.

“A chief of today is much better suited to enter the chief’s mess and lead to their potential than I was when I made chief,” Jackson said. “When I made chief, we went through what we called ‘initiation.’ Back then, in my personal opinion, I didn’t learn anything close to what the first classes are learning today. I’m almost jealous of the chief-select today because they receive year-round training in a continuing leadership pipeline. When I got pinned, we were expected to be ready and to be ‘the chief,’ but my generation was behind the power curve in terms of preparing Sailors. There wasn’t a lot of formal training.”

Despite the lack of formal training in the beginning, his leadership experience has helped to shape who he is and helped him get to his current duty station at Navy Region Southeast, where he is charged with leading more than 100,000 Sailors and civilians throughout the region.

“I want people to understand how privileged we are to be able to lead at this level, because I don’t take that for granted any day,” Jackson said 🐦

## Congratulations to the VT Solos

### VT-6

**Ensign Matthew K. Redd, USN**

**Ensign Martin D. Wilson, USN**

**Ensign Elise M. Luers, USN**

**Ensign Theodore J. Christensen, USN**

**2nd Lt. William R. Roberts, USMC**

**Ensign Tyler J. Welch, USN**

**2nd Lt. Sean M. Dolan, USMC**

**2nd Lt. Christian J. Link, USMC**

**2nd Lt. Patrick Maloney, USMC**

**Ensign Eloy H. Duran, USN**

**2nd Lt. Christopher D. Willis, USMC**

**Ensign Drew P. Ueno, USN**

**2nd Lt. Gavin L. Schelske, USMC**

**2nd Lt. John-Curtis I. Andrews, USMC**

**Ensign Gregory W. Turner, USN**

**Ensign Kyle J. Corbett, USN**

**2nd Lt. Kevin M. Bell, USMC**

**Ensign Andrew L. Gregory, USN**

**1st Lt. Caleb R. Gembarowski, USMC**

**Lt. j.g. Ibrahim Benrached, USN**

**Ensign Scott Crowder, USN**

**Ensign Michael Fuller, USN**

**1st Lt. Michael Hauer, USMC**

**2nd Lt. Andrew Sperry, USMC**

**Ensign James Dwight, USN**

### VT-3

**Ensign Brandon H. Meek, USN**

**2nd Lt. Johnathan Cechner, USMC**

**Ensign Gavyn G. Gonzales, USN**

**Ensign Christopher R. Piehl, USN**

**Ensign Stephen K. Poppe, USN**  
**2nd Lt. Nathaniel T. Swift, USMC**

**2nd Lt. Christopher Steinsvik, USMC**

**Ensign Jason N. Bruno, USN**

**2nd Lt. Timothy S. Potter, USMC**

**2nd Lt. Bo L. Joost, USMC**  
**2nd Lt. Patrick C. Heitkamp, USMC**

**Ensign Phillip A. Melzer, USN**  
**Ensign James M. Matern, USN**

**2nd Lt. Eric C. Clapp, USMC**

**Lt. j.g. Angela P. Ingram, USN**  
**Lt. j.g. Benjamin L. Putbrese, USN**

**2nd Lt. Alfredo E. Bouchot, USMC**

## Around the Base

# Congratulations to TRAWING -5 Scholars



Congratulations to TRAWING-5's Academic Achievement Award presented at the TRAWING-5 headquarters building for these Academic Achievers (Page 10 and 11) during the month of Jan. and Feb. 2016. U.S. Navy Photo courtesy of Training Airwing FIVE.



Top Row: Lt. Col. Cory E. Dekraai, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-28; ENS Brendan Egan, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Len Sloan, Jr., USMC, HT-28; 1st Lt. Paolo Deluca, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Andrew Herron, USN, HT-28; Capt. Robert V. Goodloe, USN (ret), Guest Speaker. Middle Row: Lt. Col. Rafford M. Coleman, USMC, Commanding Officer HT-18; Lt. j.g. Treston Taylor, USCG, HT-18; ENS McMillan Hastings, USN, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Diego Costa Giani, ITNAVY, HT-28; LT. Rocky Ward, USCG, HT-28; ENS Joshua Tassone, USN, HT-18; Capt. Mark Murray, USN, Commodore TRAWING-5. Bottom Row: Cmdr. John D. McBryde, USN, Commanding Officer HT-8; Lt. j.g. Nicholas English, USN, HT-8; ENS Lyndsey Peters, USN, HT-18; 1st Lt. Michael Spinello, USMC, HT-18; LT. Mark Amendolara, USCG, HT-28; LT. Corinne Swager, USCG, HT-8