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# Training Squadron THREE Receives CNATRA Training Excellence Awards



Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore, Capt. Mark Murray receives Goldthwaite award at the National Museum of Naval Aviation May 5. U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

Cover Photo: Training Squadron THREE receives the Goldthwaite award at the National Museum of Naval Aviation May 5. Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Admiral Dell Bull presented the award. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.

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By: Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Training Squadron THREE's unparalleled dedication and superior performance was recognized recently with the presentation of two Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) awards. The squadron received both the Training Excellence Award for Primary Flight Training and the Vice Admiral Robert Goldthwaite award for overall training excellence.

The Goldthwaite award honors the outstanding achievements of units engaged in the flight training of student military aviators and student naval flight officers. This accolade is presented to the squadron that has demonstrated the best safety record, training efficiency, quality of training, innovation programs, and community involvement during the preceding calendar year.

VT-3 extended its safety record to 29 years without a class "A" mishap and safely conducted detachment operations to Roswell International Air Center in Roswell, New Mexico for 21 days during the year. The Red Knights executed the detachment with 20 aircraft resulting in 1,751 mishap free flight hours and 1,225 sorties.

"Winning the Vice Admiral Goldthwaite Award is a testament to the work ethic and dedication of our active duty instructors, reserve instructors and civilian staff. The Red Knights measure success based upon the success of our student aviators after they leave the squadron and continue to advanced training and ultimately the fleet." VT-3 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Jade Lepke stated.

The Red Knights of VT-3 earned the CNATRA Training Excellence Award (Primary Squadron), one of several awards presented to the best aviation training within its competitive category. The Training Excellence Award is a prerequisite qualifier to be considered for the Goldthwaite award.

When Lepke addressed his team following the announcement, he deflected all the praise to their efforts.

"Each of you makes a difference every day, our people – the civilian and military instructors, both reserve and active duty alike, are the true heartbeat of the squadron. Thank you all for your dedication to excellence on every front!" Lepke said.

The Red Knights received the Goldthwaite award for the third time. The awards were presented at the National Museum of Naval Aviation Thursday, May 5 by Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Admiral Dell Bull.

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# 'New to the Navy' Mobile App Upgraded

By: Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The "New to the Navy" mobile application is a one-stop resource for answers to many of the frequently asked pay and personnel questions Sailors may have, and now it's even better.

On April 29, the Navy updated the app providing more in-depth information, streamlining content location, and making overall performance improvements.

Information additions include a new tab category "Links and References," which contains information and links Legal Services and Voluntary Education (VOLED). The Legal Services section covers the types of legal assistance and support the Judge Advocate General provides, such as wills, notary, etc. The VOLED section provides links to the Navy College Program website, the Web Tuition Assistance site, and much more. The update also adds pertinent information for reserve pay and personnel content.

Additional new content consists of updated checklists and content changes. There is a section for Sailors to know what to do when they want to get married while on leave, and what to do when they're getting ready to move to a new command. There are also updates to the list of the Navy's common terms and acronyms to help new Sailors and family members learn to navigate the service's alphabet soup.

The application is available now on all mobile plat-



New Navy Sailors now have an application for their mobile devices that can help provide information on a slew of commonly asked questions. The app informs on topics such as pay, advancement, sponsor program, duty stations and family programs. U.S. Navy file photo.

forms via their respective application stores:

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/opsec/id1031272509?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tracen.newtothenavyguide&hl=en>

For more information about Pay and Personnel Support visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/paypers/Pages/default2.aspx>.

## This Day in Naval History

### May 16

1919 - Three Curtiss NC seaplanes leave from Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland, Canada for the first trans-atlantic flight. Only NC 4 makes the flight successfully reaching the Azores on May 17.

### May 17

1973 - Capt. Robin Lindsay Catherine Quigley becomes the first woman to hold a major Navy command when she assumes command of U.S. Navy Service School, San Diego, Calif.

### May 18

1969 - Apollo 10 is launched with Cmdr. John W. Young as command module pilot and Cmdr. Eugene Cernan as the lunar module pilot. The mission is a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

### May 19

1944 - USS England (DE 635) sinks Japanese submarine I 16, the first of five submarines the destroyer sinks in a weeks time.

### May 20

1844 - The frigate Constitution, commanded by John Percival, sails from New York to depart on her 32,279 mile round-the-world cruise.



**Era of Iron Men and Wooden Ships**  
Painting by Anton Otto Fischer, depicting Guerriere's masts going over the side as Constitution rakes her from ahead. Courtesy Miss Katrina S. Fischer. U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command print.

# Iverson Relinquishes Command of VT-6 to Roberts

By: Ensign Benjamin Ziemski, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Training Squadron SIX observed a change in leadership Friday, Apr. 29, when Lt. Col. Richard C. Roberts, USMC formally relieved Cmdr. Wade A. Iverson, USN, as the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Whiting Field based squadron. Capt. Matthew Coughlin, USN (ret), a former NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, served as the guest speaker for the event.

The ceremony is a proud Navy tradition where the assembled officers, staff and crew may witness the official transfer of authority from one officer to another.

Surrounded by the proud displays of Naval aviation history apparent throughout the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, the location was specifically chosen by Iverson to reflect the early push that directed his Navy career. Coughlin, who served with Iverson years earlier, reflected on that motivation.

"There's a reason this ceremony is here today. At this location, [Iverson] found his inner desire to be a Naval Aviator. Wade wasn't like his peers, he carried himself a different way, peers quickly migrated to him, I like to say he 'got it,'" Coughlin said as he related examples of Iverson's positive influence and leadership. "If this guy sticks around long enough, he's going to command something."

Receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Capt. Mark Murray during the ceremony, Iverson's leadership of the unit showcased his desire for excellence. During his three years as executive and then commanding officer of VT-6, Iverson oversaw over 49,000 flight hours, and passed 272 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied Naval aviators on to advanced flight training. Under Iverson's command the squadron saw an increase of 20 percent in production while obtaining fiscal year 2015 goals. His dedication to succeed led the command to develop a squadron culture based on safety and quality in training, not just of aviators, but of naval officers.

After receiving the award, Iverson stepped to the lectern for the final time as commanding officer to thank those in attendance as well as the color guard, side boys, former squadron mates, and mentors. Speaking specifically to the student aviators, he addressed the importance of officership as an aviator.

"I wanted to be a Naval aviator, not just a pilot, and there's a difference," he said. "The officer and the flyer, that's what makes us who we are," he said before reminding the audience of the value the squadron and training wing bring to the Navy and nation. "This wing is the greatest in



Training Squadron SIX Commanding Officer Cmdr. Wade Iverson presents a flag that was flown above all his duty stations to his son. Iverson turned over command of the squadron Apr. 29 to Lt. Col Richard C. Roberts, USMC during a ceremony at the Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola. The ceremony also served as Iverson's retirement from military service after more than 20 years. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.

CNATRA and it's been an honor to be a part of it. No matter what community [aviators], go to... it all starts here. The VTs are the first ones."

Iverson concluded his remarks reluctantly, and then read the orders which formally released him from command. He and Roberts moved to the front of the stage where Len Agnello, a civilian logistician for the squadron met them with the command pennant. Iverson received the flag, turned smartly, and presented the squadron's colors to

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# Military Appreciation Month Proclaimed by Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners



NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau and Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Mark Murry receive a Military Appreciation Month proclamation from the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners Monday, May 9. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Military Appreciation Month was officially kicked-off by the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners when they read the proclamation during the May 9 regularly scheduled board meeting.

As the first item on the agenda, Chairman Lane

Lynchard passed the honor to Commissioner Don Salter to read the proclamation to the assembled guests, including approximately 20 military members.

"Whereas the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community." Salter read from the document.

Following the proclamation, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau and Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Capt. Mark Murray thanked the board and expressed their appreciation for the commissioners' support.

"Santa Rosa County is an amazing place to live and work as a military person," Bahlau stated. "We are truly fortunate to be in an area that is concerned for and cares about the welfare of their service members."

All the commissioners stepped down from their seats to the main floor and called forward all the military personnel in the audience to formally present the proclamation to Bahlau.

"We want to say thank you to all our military personnel," Lynchard said. "Words really cannot express what your service means to the county and the country."



## A Wet and Wild Opening Day

Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Morale Welfare and Recreation Department hosted a Luau Celebration for the grand opening of the installation's pool. Pool season began May 7 with food and beverages, swimming, games; paddle board races, gigantic checkers, last kid standing-hula hooping, block-balance relay races and corn hole. Lenny Nordmann presented medals to the winners for the competition games. All participants were given hula skirts, leis and flower wristbands. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office.

## Santa Rosa County Honors First Responders During National EMS Week

In honor of both EMS week and the county's week-long PrepareAthon!, the public is invited to tour Lifeguard Ambulance Service's facility during their open house on Thursday, May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m., at 4340 Avalon Blvd. in Milton.

## Southern Raceway Military Appreciation Night

Saturday, May 21, all military free entry with ID. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:30 p.m. Call 850-623-6222 for details.

## Transition, Goal, Plans Success Workshop

Transition Goals, Plans, Success (TGPS) is the Navy's transition program - redesigned to ensure you and your family are better prepared for your transition from military to civilian life. Workshop will be held 13-17 June, from 0730-1600 each day. Contact NCC Thurman Winkler at 850-623-7761 or thurman.l.winkler1@navy.mil.

## Pace Patriot Pride Crossfit Murph Hero WOD

On Saturday, May 28th at 7:00 a.m. Pace Patriot Pride Crossfit will hold their annual Murph Hero WOD (Workout of the Day) to honor Lt. Michael P. Murphy. We are an official host and have invited any interested community members to join us. A \$10 donation will be collected from each person, with all funds going directly to the Murph Scholarship Foundation.

## Georgia Aquarium

For a limited time, FREE General Admission each Monday for active military members. Discount tickets for family members, retirees, & DoD available at the MWR Community Recreation Ticket Office. please contact 850-665-6250 for any additional information.

## Bands on the Blackwater

Bands on the Blackwater free concert the evening of May 13, featuring Ms. Chloe Channell. Come out and enjoy the music and fun for all ages.

## Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform a benefit concert on June 18, 2016 at 8:30 pm at Pemberton Place, located between Georgia Aquarium and World of Coca-Cola. Gates open at 6:30 pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

## Big Kahuna's Water Park

Big Kahuna's Water Park Destin tickets now available at MWR Ticket & Travel office. Adults \$35.75 and under 4' \$30.50. Opens May 14th. Call 850-665-6250 for more information.

## Riverfront Festival

The Bagdad Waterfront's Florida Partnership, Inc. invites the public to the Grand Opening and Riverfront Festival at the Bagdad Historic Mill Site Park, Monday, May 16 at 10 a.m. The event is FREE. Events include Free Boat Tours, Kayak Run, Paddleboard Races, Boat Building, Antique Cars and Tractors, Food, Live Music, Children's Games, Railroad Exhibits, and Craft Vendors.

## Florida A&M Alumni Banquet

The Pensacola Chapter of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association is hosting a banquet on June 4 at 12 p.m. at St. John Divine Missionary Baptist Church. Tickets are \$35 and



## Honoring the Best of the Best

Training Air Wing FIVE recognized their top Instructors of the Quarter for the third quarter for FY 2016. We recognize all the squadron nominees. Bravo Zulu to all the selectees. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Benjamin Ziemski.

can be obtained by contacting, Reginald Todd, at (850)458-3480 or rltodd84@yahoo.com.

## Carnival Cruise Line Military Appreciation Month

Great Military rates, \$25 non-refundable onboard credit per person, \$50 non-refundable onboard credit per stateroom and 2 category upgrade AND, bring up to two additional cabins at the same Military rates (extra cabins must sail on the same sailing as military guest). Booking window: May 2 - May 31. Sailing window: August 1, 2016 - April 30, 2018.

## 50% Off Busch Gardens for Veterans

Waves of Honor SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment is offering 50% off regular ticket prices through May 31, 2016 at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. Includes active, retired, and honorably separated servicemembers. Limited to 6 per eligible individual. Offer available at the Ticket & Travel Office or for more information please call 850-665-6250.

## NEX Student "A-OK Program"

The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500. The next drawing will be held at the end of May 2016. Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. To enter, stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility.

## "Boots 2 Business" Workshop Rescheduled

The "Boots 2 Business" Workshop has been re-scheduled for 16 & 17 May 2016, due to low numbers of students.. We need at least 10 students to put on the workshop, If we don't have at least ten students this time, the workshop will be cancelled. To sign up, call 850-623-7177.

## Community Center Public Forum

Milton Parks and Recreation Department seeks the public's input on expanding the Guy Thompson Community Center to ensure it meets Milton's future needs. The Meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Guy Thompson Community Center.

## Santa Rosa County Chamber to Bring Military Appreciation Picnic to NAS Whiting Field



Members of the Santa Rosa Sheriffs Office cook burgers for participants of the 2014 Military Appreciation Picnic onboard NAS Whiting Field. U.S. Navy file photo.

After earning a slew of awards for community service and support, Naval Air Station Whiting Field service members were the recipients of the local community's generosity Friday, May 13 when the annual Military Appreciation Picnic was held on the installation.

Cancelled last year due to a Navy-wide increase in security posture that occurred right before the picnic was scheduled, everyone was excited to renew the long-standing tradition.

"It was heartbreaking to have to call off last year's event," Tracy Allen, the event coordinator, stated. "We look forward to showing our appreciation to the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen every year. It is a fun event and we are looking forward to bringing it back."

The picnic brings volunteers and business throughout the local area to NAS Whiting Field to showcase their support to the active duty, retired, DoD Civilians and family members who work on the base. The entire event is planned and supported by the community for the benefit of the Whiting Field team.

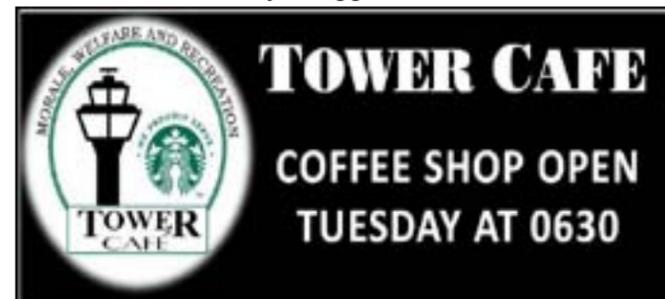
Organizations such as Lowes, Firehouse Subs, Santa Rosa Medical, Chick-Fil-A, and the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Department provided food, activities, and volunteer support to make the picnic a success. In the past more than 2,500 people attended the event.

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Live music for the event will be performed by Segars and Shumate, a local duet specializing in classic rock and acoustic music.

Kids enjoyed the bounce houses, crafts, games, and rides.

"The outpouring of support from the local community continues to amaze me," NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau said. "There isn't another base in the country that enjoys the relationship with their neighbors as much as Whiting Field. The base looks forward to the picnic every year, but it is just one of many, very much appreciated, expressions of Santa Rosa County's support for our installation."



## Fair Winds and Following Seas

Training Air Wing Five Commodore Capt. Mark Murray presents a certificate to Night Vision Device Lab representative, Wayne Forbush congratulating him on his retirement. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

# Blue Wahoos Visit for Annual Kids Baseball Camp

By: Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Pensacola Blue Wahoos mascot, Kazoo coaches a participant to run home plate during the simulated one-inning game that was part of the Wahoos' baseball camp at NAS Whiting Field. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

Nothing merges with the bright sunshine and warm breezes of Spring better than the early morning crack of the bat and the pop of baseballs hitting leather gloves. The Pensacola Blue Wahoos brought a little of America's pastime to NAS Whiting Field to conduct the second annual kids baseball clinic last Saturday.

Players from the Blue Wahoos baseball team visited NAS Whiting Field to teach youth baseball fundamentals, techniques and conduct a practice game. Lending their talents to the event were Wahoos pitchers Kyle McMyne, Nick Routt, Carlos Gonzalez, Alejandro Chacin, Barrett Astin Jimmy Moran.

Whiting Field kids sat wide-eyed in the bleachers as the players told the crowd of over 50 excited kids (and parents) their name, position and where they were from. The Wahoos team mascot, Kazoo was also there to warm-up with the kids, visit and help with the practice game.

Each player conducted skill stations that consisted of outfield drills, base running, fielding, throwing accuracy, run-down drills and the kids' favorite: hitting balls off the batting tee.

Highlighting this year's baseball camp was the simulated game, which featured the pitching skills of Astin. Sportsmanship was in the air as each kid took a turn at bat facing down Astin and racing to first trying for the ultimate achievement, to touch home plate.

The enjoyment of the event was made evident by the smiles on the kid's faces. "This was so fun, I almost got a home run against one of the Wahoos players, but I think he let me win during the game, and he helped me get to second base" said Evan, one of the kid participants.

All six Blue Wahoo players and Kazoo signed autographs on the souvenir baseball hats that were given to each child participant, and even signed some balls and gloves after the game. The players talked with the kids and gave them advice about the value of practice and working hard in school.

"Can we come again next year because I want to get more autographs of more of the players?" said Olivia Ford, to her mom as they left the ball fields.

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## VT-3 CNATRA Awards

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This award is named for Vice Admiral Robert Goldthwaite who contributed significantly to the Naval Air Training Command (NATRACOM) while serving as a flight instructor; Commander, Training Squadron (TRARON) THIRTEEN; Superintendent of Aviation Training; Chief of Naval Air Basic Training and CNATRA.

"These officers represent the finest instructors and leaders in the Naval Training Command. The Chief of Naval Air Training takes great pride in recognizing their achievements. Congratulations to all. Fly, Fight, Lead." Bull said in his congratulatory message announcing the award recipients.

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Pensacola Blue Wahoos run warm-up drills to start baseball camp before skill stations. The kids were separated into small groups and assigned a Wahoos player. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

## Blue Wahoos

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The Blue Wahoos are Pensacola's AA minor league baseball team, affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds organization. Since 2012, the team has played their home games at Blue Wahoos Stadium, located in the Vince J. Whibbs Sr. Community Maritime Park, in the heart of downtown Pensacola.

Nick Routt, a right-handed pitcher said, "It was so great to get out in the community, and be a part of helping those families in the military. Teaching the kids different aspects of the game of baseball was fun. Hopefully, their kids had a good time and they'll be out to see a few Blue Wahoos games." 🏆



Pensacola Blue Wahoos players toss balls up for the kids at one of the skill stations at the Blue Wahoos base ball camp. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.



Pensacola Blue Wahoos mascot, Kazoo signs autographs for the participants of the Blue Wahoos kids baseball camp. U.S. Navy Photo by Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.



Pensacola Blue Wahoos player talks with his assigned skill group about what their favorite positions were, and the importance of practicing and working hard. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.



Pensacola Blue Wahoos players sign autographs on hats that were given to all the participants at the camp, along with requests to sign gloves and baseballs. U.S. Navy Photo by Jamie Link, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs.

# Flight Operations Resume at NOLF Choctaw



F-35C Joint Strike Fighter like the one pictured above, started flying at Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Navy Outlying Landing Field Choctaw Monday May 9. The aircraft based at Eglin AFB will perform Fleet Carrier Landing Practices to prepare pilots for service on Naval aircraft carriers. U.S. Navy file photo

By: Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Whiting Field will be adding another chapter to its history of supporting Naval aviation training Monday, May 9 when the Joint Strike Fighter will begin operations at the installation's Navy Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Choctaw.

NOLF Choctaw has been closed to flight operations for the past nine months to enable runway improvements to the airfield. The construction project placed arresting gear at the facility to provide the safety features required for Fleet Carrier Landing Practices. Pilots who will be attached to carrier based squadrons are required to practice such landings on shore before deploying on the ship. This makes NOLF Choctaw one of only three East Coast outlying fields with such a capability and the closest to the F-35 Navy variant aircraft based at Eglin AFB.

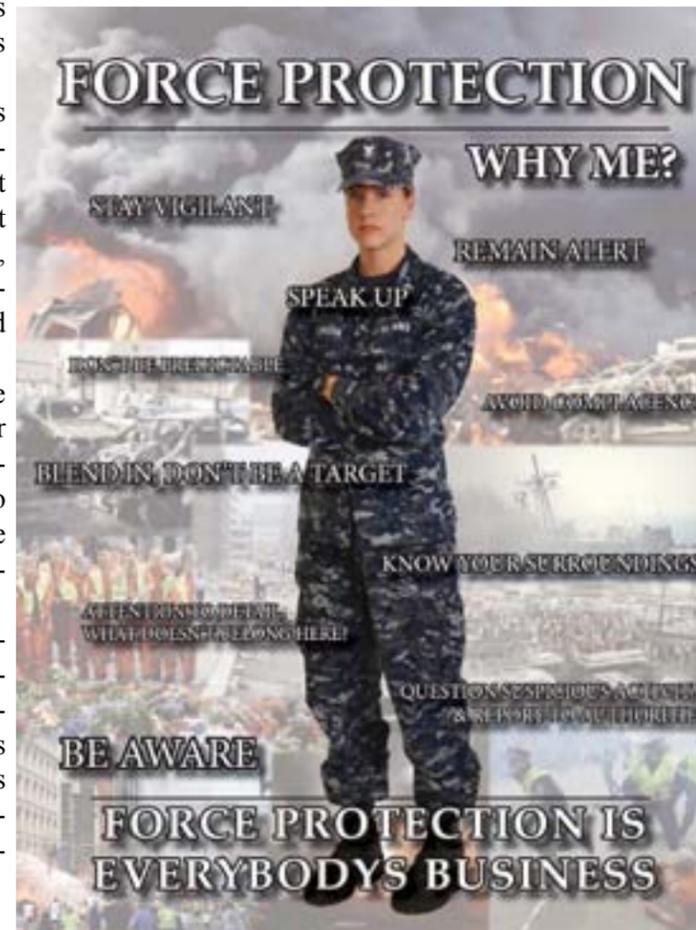
This increased safety capability at NOLF Choctaw now supports the requirements of the F-35 aircraft from Strike Fighter Squadron 101 (VFA-101) as well as Training Air

Wing FIVE T-6B Texan II training aircraft. NOLF Choctaw is one of twelve outlying landing fields managed by NAS Whiting Field, and one of five outlying landing fields which support the T-6B aircraft. The others are NOLFs Barin, Evergreen, Brewton, and Summerdale.

VFA-101 was reactivated and established as its current designation May 1, 2012 to serve as the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) for F-35C Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. The redesignation included a homeport change from NAS Oceana, Va. to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. As a FRS, VFA-101 trains and qualifies F-35C aircrew and maintenance professionals to operate safely and effectively as part of a Carrier Air Strike Group at sea.

"Fleet Carrier Landing Practices fulfill a vital role in the preparation of pilots to serve at the tip of the spear in defense of our nation," NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Todd Bahlau stated. "We are proud to contribute to VFA-101's mission and further expand the important role NAS Whiting Field performs in Naval aviation training."

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.



# SECURITY CORNER

Implementation of the Department of The Navy Policy eliminating the DOD Vehicle Decal Program: Effective as of 1 JULY 2013, decals (DD FORM 2220) is no longer a requirement for base access aboard Navy installations. Vehicles on a Navy installation must continue to be licensed, registered, inspected, and insured in accordance with state and local laws. Rental vehicles are considered privately owned vehicles for purposes of base entry and access control. The vehicle rental contract will suffice as proper licensing, registration, and proof of insurance for base access. Consolidated Law Enforcement Operations Center (CLEOC) will be used for all vehicle registration aboard Navy installations. Personnel with current decals will register vehicles in CLEOC upon expiration of their current decal and upon PCS transfer. All personnel permanently assigned (for 60 or more calendar days per calendar year) on a Navy installation will in-process and out-process at the Pass & ID office and present a valid ID card, valid vehicle registration, valid proof of insurance, driver license, and where required, emissions test results. Military personnel need their MSF card when registering motorcycles. Civilians only need the motorcycle endorsement on their license to register motorcycles (plus registration and insurance). Any questions about vehicle registration, please give Pass & ID a call at (850) 623-7205.



## Change of Command

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Capt Mark Murray, Commodore TRAWING 5 presents Cmdr. Wade Everson with the Meritorious Service Medal at Iverson's retirement ceremony and VT-6 change of command ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Ben Ziemski.

Roberts – symbolically passing command of the unit to their new commander. Roberts then spoke to the assembled VT-6 team for the first time as their commanding officer.

"If you believe VT-6 is a good squadron, commit yourself to making it great, if you believe it is great, commit yourself to making it the best, and if you think VT-6 is the best squadron there is, as I do, then help me maintain its reputation as the best," Roberts emphasized during his remarks.

Following Roberts' comments, Murray presided over Iverson's retirement from the Navy following 22 years of dedicated service.

### 7 TIPS FOR RUNNER SAFETY

1. Wear reflective belts to give more visibility. Especially during early morning and evening hours.
2. Always tell someone where you are going.
3. Bring your phone and an I.D. in case of emergencies.
4. Do not use headphones.
5. While running, face the traffic.
6. Stay alert at all times.
7. Hydrate.