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# NASWF begins planning for next 20 years

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Naval Air Station Whiting Field began laying the foundation for the future of the base in December with the first steps toward establishing the next Master Plan. Working with the consulting group, Parsons, the air station is setting the path for the installation's next 20 years.

The Master Plan is the roadmap the base will use in planning the facilities, functions, capabilities and land use needed to fulfill NAS Whiting Field's support mission, now and in the future.

Parsons sent a team of managers, planners and graphic artists to kick-off the nearly year-long process. They initiated the program with a meeting, Dec. 5, to explain the procedures, their vision, and the priorities used in determining the final plan. They followed the meeting with two weeks of interviews with department personnel and stakeholders across the base and county to gain insight into the mission, requirements, needed assets, and condition of facilities.

This in-depth investigation into how Whiting Field

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Fire Chief Frank Barrows looks at a map of Naval Air Station Whiting Field following the kick-off meeting for the Master Plan as a Parsons team member takes notes. The planning document is being formulated by Parsons under a public works contract, and will help guide installation planning for the next 20 years. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

# VT-2 takes 2011 NASWF Captain's Cup



MWR's Todd Mooneyham joins VT-2 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Hensel and VT-2 Instructor Pilot Lt. Col. Darwin Prewitt as NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presents the 2011 Captain's Cup to the victorious Squadron. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign James Hedman.

By Ensign James Hedman, NASWhiting Field Public Affairs

Training Squadron TWO was recognized as the winner of the 2011 Naval Air Station Whiting Field Captain's Cup athletic challenge on Jan. 3, 2012. Runners up included the Security Department and Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN.

The Captain's Cup is a base-wide intramural sports competition that consists of a variety of events, with teams earning points based on participation and sequential placing. At the end of the year, all of the points are tallied up and a trophy is presented to the winning team. This year, VT-2 came out champions.

The story of the challenge, though, was VT-2's utter domination of the Cup. The squadron's first place finish was a result of its colossal point tally (501, to be exact) that thwarted other teams' chances at the top spot.

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# Navy adjusts SRB Plan to retain skilled Sailors

From Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy released an updated Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan Jan. 6 in NAVADMIN 013/12.

SRB is a special incentive pay to help meet critical skill reenlistment benchmarks. The intent of the SRB is to reward those who attain special training in skills most critical to current needs and mission requirements. While the Navy has 31 overmanned ratings there are 91 specific critical skills that use SRB to help meet critical skill needs.

"The SRB program provides a needed incentive to our top performing Sailors with critical skills," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, military personnel plans and policy. "We will continue to monitor our bonus programs



to maximize retention behavior in our most critical skills within the constraints of our budget."

Enlisted Community Managers continuously monitor the health of their community and make recommendations to leadership, as required, to maintain acceptable manning levels.

From the 91 skill/zone combinations detailed in NAVADMIN 253/11, this update includes reductions for eight skills, four skills elimination, 31 skills award levels increase and 11 skills added to the

list.

The plan also continues the quota management policy established in NAVADMIN 166/11, whereby re-

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## This Week in Naval History

### Jan. 11

- 1863 - CSS Alabama sinks USS Hatteras off Galveston.
- 1944 - Aircraft from USS Block Island make first aircraft rocket attack on German submarine.

### Jan. 12

- 1813 - US Frigate Chesapeake captures British Volunteer.
- 1953 - Landings tested on board USS Antietam, first angled deck carrier.

### Jan. 13

- 1865 - Amphibious attack on Fort Fisher, NC.
- 1964 - USS Manley evacuates 54 American and 36 allied nationals after Zanzibar government is overthrown.

### Jan. 14

- 1863 - Navy General Order 4, Emancipation Proclamation.

Eco-nomics

### Choose the Right Contractor

To choose which project to tackle first, it may help to try perform your own energy audit, or, if some of these improvements prove to be a little ambitious for you, hire an expert. But how do you get someone who shares your values?

Green building pros are setting up shop all across the country, so they're getting easier to find. The Department of Energy certifies Energy Star home performance contractors, who are trained to improve energy efficiency in residential homes.

Be careful: many state and federal incentives require that the work be done by a certified contractor -- so check the rules before hiring anyone.

Ask potential contractors about their interest in and experience with going green, and find out if they are approved for work that qualifies for a green home label.

See [www.thedailygreen.com](http://www.thedailygreen.com) for more tips.

# News and Notes

**Carnival Cruise Specials** – The Information Tickets and Travel (ITT) office at Naval Air Station Whiting Field has “Pack and Go” opportunities for heavily discounted cruise specials. These include: a four-day cruise for two ~ Leaves 2/2/12 from New Orleans and sails to Western Caribbean ~ \$771.92 for interior and a four-day cruise for two ~ Leaves 1/26/2012 from Jacksonville, Fla. and sails to Freeport/Nassau ~ \$729.90 for interior. As “Pack and Go” opportunities, these are limited and must be fully paid at booking. Call the ITT office at x7032 for details.

**Wings Over America** - The Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation is currently accepting applicants for their 2012 college scholarships. The fund offers scholarships to dependent spouses and children of active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased servicemembers. The sponsors must have served in naval aviation and subordinate commands. More than 40 scholarships were awarded in 2011. Check [www.wingsoveramerica.us](http://www.wingsoveramerica.us) for qualification forms or to review eligibility requirements.

**Leave Donor Program** - A fellow DON civil service employee, Ms. Deloris Moffett, at the Base Communications Office in Pensacola, Fla., has been approved to become a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. For those interested in donating annual leave to Ms. Moffett, please complete Form OPM 630-A (attached) and forward to Ms. Karen Dickerson, email: [karen.dickerson@navy.mil](mailto:karen.dickerson@navy.mil). Ms. Dickerson can be reached at 904-542-4110 or DSN 942-4110.

**Barnam & Bailey Circus** - Thursday, January 12 through Saturday January 14 ~ only \$16.25 through the NAS Whiting Field ITT office - seating is in the ‘bowl’ area (100’s). Call the NAS Whiting Field Information Tickets and Travel Office at 850-623-7032 for details.

**Military Mardi Gras** - The Coast Guard ATC Mobile sponsored Gulf Coast Military Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Friday February 10 2012. It is open to all military branches. It will take place at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza in Downtown Mobile. Discounted rooms are available at the hotel, but they usually run out pretty quickly. Tickets and more information is available at [www.militarymardigras.com](http://www.militarymardigras.com)

**Health Notice** - The following information was released by Cynthia Smith, DoD Spokeswoman, Defense Press Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

“Dr. Jo Ann Rooney, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, advised the three exchange commanders and directed the Defense Commissary Agency to temporarily remove all dietary supplements containing the ingredient dimethylamylamine (DMAA, trademark name Geranamine) until more information is gathered. Dr. Rooney’s decision is a precautionary measure and in the interest of the health of service members and their families.”

**Christmas Tree Mulch For Free** - Many people in Santa Rosa recycled their Christmas trees this year and they have now been ground and the mulch is available on a first come, first serve basis at the Green-Up Nursery at 6758 Park Avenue in Milton. The mulch is located in the parking lot, and people must bring their own trailer, container or pick-up to get it along with a shovel or pitch fork to load with. Call the Santa Rosa Clean Community System at 623-1930 or visit [www.srclean.org](http://www.srclean.org) for details.

**Pensacola Beach Law Enforcement Polar Plunge** -



## Commanding Commendation

NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presents Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Charlotte Miller with a Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC) for her outstanding performance during the Fourth Quarter, 2011. Miller was the NASWF Blue Jacket of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign James Hedman.

1000, Saturday, 25 Feb 2012, behind Holiday Inn Beach Resort on Pensacola Beach. Entrance Fee will be for the price of a t-shirt: \$15.00 short sleeve / \$20.00 long sleeve / \$10.00 for children. The “Bear Logo” will be on the back of the shirt and 2012 will be on the front. Pre-registration is required so that the t-shirts can be pre-ordered. Please provide your name, contact information, number of t-shirts required (with sizes, to include adult or children) and colors (pink, black, white, green). POC: Ms. Kady Hall, (850) 983-5984, or Ms. Mattie Smith, (850) 981-7824.

**Harlem Globetrotters** - Sunday, January 22 ~ only \$18.50 - seating is the 100 thru 113 and same on other side. These rates are highly discounted group rates with a minimum number required to receive this discount. Call the NAS Whiting Field Information Tickets and Travel Office at 850-623-7032 for details.

**Steel Magnolias** - Panhandle Community Theatre will present Steel Magnolias Feb. 9-12 and 16-19 at the Storage Masters retail complex on Woodbine Road in Pace. This comedy-drama play centers around a small Louisiana town, six Southern women, a beauty parlor, Christianity, medical battles, relationships with men, and the underlying group-friendship among all six women and the bond they ultimately share. This hit play was made into a movie in 1989 starring Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton. Tickets are \$12. Call 850-221-7599 for reservations.

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 13, 1400 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan 27, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Feb. 23 - Presidents' Day Holiday

Feb. 23, 1100 - Navy League P-Cola Civic (Margaret Flowers)

Award Luncheon - New World Landing

# FFSC classes scheduled for January

## **Money and the Move - Thursday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

A permanent change of station move can be one of the most exciting adventures of your career as well as one of the best benefits. However, a PCS move can also become a financial disaster that can take months to recover from, if not properly prepared for. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact FFSC at 850-623-7177.

## **VA Representative - Friday, Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.**

## **Resume Writing - Monday Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon**

This class will assist you in efficiently creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs and career change. Learn to use your resume as a marketing tool. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact FFSC at 850-623-7177.

## **E-books Seminar - Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m.**

A new class designed to help you navigate the Navy Knowledge Online program and use the library of free e-books and audio books to your best advantage. It is recommended that you bring your laptop computer or e-reader with you.

## **Time Management - Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.**

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself, "where did the day go?" and feel like you have accomplished very little on your list of "things to do?" The information provided in this class will provide you with tools that will help you make the most of your busy and demanding days. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact FFSC at 850-623-7177.

**Join us for a day of exploring one of the few state parks in Florida with dry (air filled) caves and the only Florida state park to offer cave tours to the public. This cave has dazzling formations of limestone stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws, flowstones and draperies. Once we arrive at the park we will be taking a guided tour of the cave. The tour lasts for about 45 minutes and takes you along a path about 1600 feet long. There you can view a number of beautiful formations as they are explained by your tour guide. Once we are out of the cave we will eat lunch in the park and then we can explore the trails around the cave and check out the Blue Hole Spring.**

**For more information or to sign up please contact the Outdoor Adventure Program on board NAS Whiting Field at 850-623-7670 or email us at [Outdooradventure.wf@gmail.com](mailto:Outdooradventure.wf@gmail.com)**



**Florida Caverns State Park  
Guided Cave Tour  
February 4, 2012  
\$20.00 per person**

# Captain's Cup

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Security and HT-18 scored 198 and 140, respectively. The point differential between first and second place was the largest in the air station's Captain's Cup history.

"The secret is to merely participate in not only our big sports, such as flag football, softball, basketball, but also our smaller sports, such as horseshoes, volleyball, bench press, and racquetball," said MWR Captain's Cup Director Todd Mooneyham.

Mooneyham continued, "These sports are just a few of the 23 we offer here at Whiting Field in our Captain's Cup program."

VT-2 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Hensel praised all of his Doer Birds and noted that one in particular deserved special recognition.

"He rallied the troops whether it was a badminton contest, power lifting, or 5k... due to his significant successes on the field and perfect attendance record, we were recipients of the Commander's Cup."

Of course, Hensel was talking about Lt. Col. Darwin Prewitt, VT-2 Instructor Pilot and apparent Captain's Cup

ringer.

NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presented the trophy, a three-foot tall Stanley Cup look-alike that the squadron will get to keep for one year.

"I have to say, what you do is hard; to be able to balance your life and do this... It says a lot about your culture as a squadron and what you do... You should be proud of that," Coughlin said.

Additional competitions included beach volleyball, wiffleball, darts, table tennis, disc golf, a free-throw and three-point shootout, and punt, pass and kick.

**Be sure to check out NAS Whiting Field's Facebook fan page for additional information, photos and more -- <https://www.facebook.com/#!/naswhitingfield>**

## Weekly Spotlight - Lt. Michael Short

### Branch of service:

U.S. Navy

### Hometown:

Portland, Ore. and San Diego, Calif.

### Job titles:

International Military Student Officer, Squadron Diversity Coordinator, Instructor Pilot.

### Command:

Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT

### Years in service:

15 and counting.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I like the fact that my students are towards the end of the pipeline and when they leave TW-5/Whiting Field it will be with wings upon their chest.

### What is the best part of working for/with the Navy?

I have never worked for any other branch so it is hard to say. I enjoy working around the water and the maritime environment keeping the sea lane free and being able to take the fight to those who stand in the way.

### What do you envision yourself doing in 5 years?

Super JO tour in one of the fleet premier new HSM squadrons, and then operational department head where I plan to lead some of the great pilots that have been trained and winged here at Whiting Field.



# Whiting future

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functions is vital to creating a document that can stay relevant for 15-20 years, said Larry Fischer, the public works representative overseeing the Master Plan contract.

“They are going to be looking for problem areas and try to mitigate those impacts,” he stated. “Are there things we are doing now that we can do better? Yes! We want to make sure the American taxpayer gets the best bang for their buck.”

Following a break for the Christmas holiday season, Parsons will begin identifying land and facility use, start developing vision statements and goals, and establish initial proposals. Later milestones in the project will involve creating the rough draft of the plan, briefing the draft to base leadership, soliciting feedback on the document and incorporating the reviews to create the final document. The process is expected to be complete in November 2012.

“We will be incorporating existing, near term, mid-term and long term plans. Every investment into a specific area should match a corresponding capability,” Doug Huling, Parson’s project manager for the contract, said. “We need to align each area to the capability it supports. That’s the goal.”

Parsons was contracted by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast to update a Master Plan for the base since the last one was completed in 1989. This one is expected to help guide the base until 2035. The contract values at more than \$850,000 and was funded by Commander Navy Region Southeast.

According to Strain, the contract also includes an Installation Appearance Plan (IAP) requirement that will look at the base aesthetics and try to coordinate a more cohesive look for the base. The goal will be to enhance functionality while increasing the pleasant appearance NAS Whiting Field already maintains.

“It is about making the place look better,” Fischer said of the IAP. “The base looks pretty good already, but a fresh set of eyes always helps. They will try to look at new ideas, and it will be interesting to see what they come up with.”

But the Master Plan is the meat of the contract. Concepts that are likely to be reviewed include: encroachment protections, runway capacities and need, landscape design and appearance, support service consolidation, and capital investment planning. It is a large scale project that has to balance expected future needs versus facility capability. It is a helpful tool that is a living document that will change as circumstances evolve.

As public works looks to obtain military construction contracts to create new facilities or enhance existing ones, being able to show that the requirement is part of an overarching, comprehensive plan assists in gaining approval and funding, said Fischer.

The Parsons’ team is composed largely of community planners certified by the American Association of Community Planners and many of them have attended the Army Corps of Engineers’ Master Planning course. It brings experience to the table that is different from that available on base, and that hopefully will bring ideas to the forefront that can aid in meeting the current and future missions of NAS Whiting Field.

“We are able to look at the short term operationally, but we also have to look strategically at the long term functions of the base,” Capt. Matthew Coughlin, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer said. “This document is the foundation that we will build upon for the foreseeable future, and I am very interested in seeing their recommendations.”



## Better Late than Never

Capt. Matthew Coughlin frocks Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Classes Ray Clark, Adam Promersberger and Quintin Brooks to their new ranks Dec. 14 in the Bldg. 1401 conference room. The three Sailors had uncounted points that were discovered during a review of their records following the advancement exam results. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope.

# Navy SRB

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enlistment requests for SRB will be approved based on quota availability.

For updates to SRB eligible ratings/skills, visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlisted-careeradmin/pages/srb.aspx>.

As with Perform to Serve (PTS), eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their command career counselors, command master chiefs, and chain of command to discuss timing of reenlistment and procedures well before their end of active obligated service.

Command career counselors can use the Force Management System or the Officer Personnel Information System (OPINS) to submit an SRB request. For commands with limited internet access, career counselors should contact PERS-811 directly at (901) 874-2526/DSN 882, FAX (901) 874-2623/DSN 882.

For the complete list of SRB award levels and policy in NAVADMIN 013/12, visit [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

# USNA alumni present commissioning info

United States Naval Academy Alumni Association Pensacola Chapter will present an information symposium, Saturday, Jan. 21, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the National Naval Aviation Museum.

There is a special event for students, parents, teachers, counselors, coaches and any "youth influencer" - to get valuable, first-hand information about the incredible college opportunities available through a Service Academy or ROTC program. This event is intended to provide middle & high school students with information about: service academy and ROTC opportunities available; college application process; service academy nominations process; and impacts of high school course selection, sports participation, extra-curricular activities and leadership responsibilities on college applications.

Information presentation will be from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Blue Angel Atrium. Speakers include representatives from: USNA admissions, US Naval Academy Foundation, Navy ROTC Headquarters, and USNA Parents' Club of Pensacola.

**2012 Gulf Coast Military Mardi Gras Ball**

<b>When:</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 10 February 2012</b> 6:30 P.M. - Happy Hour 7:30 P.M. - Dinner Begins	<b>Price per person...</b>	
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel</b> 64 South Water Street Downtown Mobile	E1 thru E4	\$25
<b>Dress:</b>	<b>Military Personnel:</b> Dinner Dress Blue* *O-3 & Below may wear : Service Dress Blue (SDB Coat, No Cover) <b>Men:</b> Tuxedo <b>Women:</b> Evening Gown or Tea-Length Cocktail Dress (Mid-Calf)	E5 and E6	\$35
<b>Buffet:</b>	Chicken Picatta, Trout Almandine, Smoked Beef Brisket, 3 Cold Salads, Steamed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Rolls, Desserts	E-7 thru E-9; GS-10 and below	\$50
		CWO2 thru O-3	\$55
		O-4; GS-11 and higher	\$60
		O-5 and higher	\$65
		Civilian guests, CG Auxiliary and Contract Employees	\$50
		CGES & NAF Employees	\$50
		* Retirees pay at grade of retirement * Spouse of member is same price as military member	
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