



## NASWF top civilians of the year recognized

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

During a recent command safety stand-down in the base auditorium, Executive Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis gave a quick shout out to two civilian employees congratulating them on their accomplishments. For Steve Terrell and Anthony Breaux, it was the first acknowledgement of their selection as Civilian and Junior Civilian of the Year for Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

The recognition rightfully showcases a year of hard work for the two employees and expresses the base's appreciation of their efforts. It was the first time either had been picked for the awards.



Steven Terrell

Terrell serves as one of the operations department's Operations Duty Officer, where he coordinates flight operations at both north and south fields at NAS Whiting Field as well as at seven Navy Outlying Fields across two states and five counties. Such coordination entails supervising emergency response support, mitigating aircraft hazards

and responding to unauthorized use of the airfields. A mission he performs exceptionally well according to his supervisor.

"Due to his extensive experience and constant vigilance as an ODO, Mr. Terrell often discovers prospective issues and situations before they impact



Anthony Breaux

the operations and mission at NAS Whiting Field...[He] is an invaluable asset to the NAS Whiting Field team and is a solid performer who has greatly contributed to the base's accomplishments!" Cmdr. Joseph Hutchinson, NAS Whiting Field operations officer stated in his nomination.

Additionally, Terrell helped to facilitate the \$12.5 million airfield lighting and signage renovation project; assisted in the training of more than 700 military aviators during the year; coordinated access for personnel and equipment for a \$450,000 drainage project and ensured safe airfield opera-

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## NAS Whiting Field prepares for Military Saves



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin signs the Military Saves Week proclamation in his office Feb. 15, 2012. The annual campaign serves to bring awareness to the importance of financial awareness for military families. Coughlin will sign the 2013 proclamation Feb. 5. U.S. Navy file photo.

By Ensign Robert Luers, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) on military installations worldwide will be participating in the 2012 Military Saves Week Campaign, Feb. 25-02 Mar.

Although Military Saves is a nationwide campaign, NASWF is doing its part to help in the efforts to save, according to Eugene Jackson, Financial Readiness program manager at Whiting Field.

"This year's Military Saves Week Campaign is all about getting in the mindset of setting a goal, making a plan, and saving automatically," he said.

"Start Small, Think Big," and "Build Wealth, Not Debt" are both national slogans for financial readiness by the Military Saves campaign, a branch of the larger America Saves campaign. Military Saves is intended to persuade, motivate, and encourage military families and civilian employees to save money every month. It was also instituted

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# Regional JAG informs about jurisdiction for family law

*- Six weeks not long enough to train Chiefs for their roles in the fleet*

LTJG Emil Marcinkas, JAGC, USN

Where to file for divorce or other matters related to family law is often very confusing. Before judging the merits of a case, a court must be satisfied that it has personal jurisdiction (power over the parties in the suit) and subject matter jurisdiction (power to handle the matter at issue).

Personal jurisdiction is determined by the parties' domicile, the state where a party resides and intends to remain indefinitely. Generally the law of the state in which the petitioner is domiciled at the time of filing governs, unless the petitioner consents to filing in or is compelled to file in another state.

Many servicemembers have ties to multiple states. In order to determine domicile, the following are important considerations: the location of real property, the state where one is registered to vote, the state where one's vehicles are licensed and registered, and the state listed on a LES for state income tax withholding purposes.

Every state has its own specific requirements to establish personal jurisdiction. In order to file for divorce in Florida, the petitioner must have lived in Florida for six months immediately prior to filing. Alabama, Mississippi,



and Texas require that at least one party be a resident of the state for six months prior to filing. Louisiana requires that the petitioner be a resident of the state for twelve months prior to filing.

In the event that both spouses live in separate states, either party may file in their respective state, provided that they meet the jurisdictional requirements. Some states offer residency exceptions to servicemembers who are stationed there, allowing them to file

a petition for divorce in their jurisdiction, even if they are not a legal resident. If a party is not satisfied with where the petition has been filed they can initiate a proceeding to challenge a state's jurisdiction.

## Cases Involving Child Custody

The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA), which is enforced in every state except Massachusetts, establishes "exclusive and continuing" jurisdiction for child custody litigation to the child's "home state"; all suits where child custody is an issue need to be brought in the child's "home state." A child's "home state" is established when he/she has lived in that particular state for six consecutive months. If the child is less than six

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## Usage Information

### Total Used

1,809,095 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	1,895,744	1,733,421	1,809,095
Average Daily kWh	81,153	57,781	58,358
Days In Billing Period	31	30	31

## Power Corner

Conserving energy continues to be one of the Navy's and Naval Air Station Whiting Field's prime objectives, so each month the Whiting Tower will display the energy usage comparisons for the base between comparable timeframes of 2011 and 2012. As you can see, for December 2012, the base consumed 86,649 fewer kilowatt hours of power than in 2011.

## This Week in Naval History

### Jan. 22

1800 - Capt. Thomas Tingey is ordered to duty as the first superintendent of the Washington Navy Yard.

1944 - During Operation Shingle, Amphibious Task Force 81, under the command of Rear Adm. F.J. Lowry, lands the Army's VI Corps at Anzio, Italy.

### Jan. 23

1960 - The Bathyscaph Trieste descends to the deepest part of the ocean -- the Marianas Trench.

1991 - Navy A-6 Intruders sink an Iraqi tanker and accompanying hovercraft that were monitoring allied air activity over the northern Persian Gulf.

### Jan. 24

1942 - During the World War II Battle of Makassar Strait, U.S. destroyers attack a Japanese convoy in the first naval surface action in the Pacific.

1991 - Helicopters from USS Leftwich (DD 984) and USS Nicholas (FFG 47) recapture the first Kuwaiti territory from Iraqi forces.

[http://www.navy.mil/search/display\\_history.asp](http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp)

# News and Notes

**Senior Bowl** - Beginning Jan. 23 and leading into the Jan. 26 game, Mobile will be hosting their annual Senior Bowl activities. This year's game will include a pre-game Memorial for CG 6535 that crashed into Mobile Bay last Feb. Tickets are \$10 or \$20 dollars through the Senior Bowl Ticket Office at 888-736-BOWL. See [www.seniorbowl.com](http://www.seniorbowl.com) for additional information.

**PREP Marriage Communication/Enrichment Workshop** - PREP is a workshop for couples, married or engaged, that helps develop communication skills within a relationship and that provides valuable marriage enrichment information. The next workshop will be offered on Thursday, February 14, 2013 (registration ends COB Monday, February 11, 2013). For more information or to register, please contact the Chaplain's Office at 623-7211.

**Ice Flyers** - NAS Whiting Field ITT carries discounted tickets for all Ice Flyers home games. There are a limited number of discount tickets available for each game - Center Ice \$14.50 and Corner \$11.50 - no taxes added.

Thursday Jan. 24, 2013 Pensacola Columbus 6:05 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 26, 2013 Pensacola Louisiana 7:05 p.m.

For more information call 850-665-6250 or 850-623-7032.

**Scholarship Opportunities** - This is the time of year when parents and students begin to think about paying for college. Most college scholarships will be awarded during the next three months. The High Five Scholarships website has more scholarships than any other source with over \$45 billion in total awards. High Five also gives students free SAT and ACT strategy guides and online practice tests that are graded by a real person and include a free test consultation with a test expert. See <http://www.highfivescholarships.com> for details or contact Chris Hendrix, the NASWF School Liaison officer at 850-665-6105.

**Love Is In the Air** - Panhandle Community Theatre Presents



## Reserved Conversations

Chief of Naval Reserve Vice Adm. Robin Braun stands with Training Air Wing FIVE Deputy Commodore Capt. Michael Fisher, Training Air Wing FIVE Reserve Component Commander Cmdr. Jay Vannice, RC Operational Support Officer Cmdr. Christopher Orlowski, and Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. James Grace. Braun visited Naval Air Station Whiting Field as part of a regional outreach tour to speak with reserve officers under her command. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.



## TAW-5 Greets a VIP

Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Robert Milstead, Jr., is greeted by Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. James Grace as he visited Naval Air Station Whiting Field Friday, Jan. 11. Milstead served as the guest speaker for the winging ceremony that placed 34 new helicopter pilots into the fleet. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

a A Mardi Gras/Valentine's themed evening of song, romance and food! This is a reader's theatre-type event with heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts. Members of the Gulf Coast Chorale will be performing love songs. Dramatic readings of romantic favorites including the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet; Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "How Do I Love Thee"; "She Walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron; "If" by Rudyard Kipling; "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann and other offerings written by local authors. Directed by Lauren Sutton, the festivities will run February 8-9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. The seating is limited, so please call early for reservations at (850) 324-9279.

**Candlelight Tour of Fort Pickens** - Fort Pickens, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, will host a candlelight tour featuring costumed interpreters along the route. Volunteers will share the Civil War history of the fort at various stations. Attendees must pay park entry fee and have a reservation to enjoy the event. The tour begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Call 850-934-2600 for information.

**Third Annual Kids and Kritters Parade** - Featuring the theme Howdy Paw-dner, the 3rd annual Kids and Kritters Parade will take place in the Casino Beach parking lot Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. There is no charge for kids who wish to participate, but they must be in costume and bring their own throws. The entry fee for Kritters is \$5 and all animals must be well-behaved and on a short leash. Entrants are encouraged to decorate strollers and wagons as mini-Mardi-Gras floats. Registration begins at 1 p.m. Call 850-748-6878 for details.

**Dealt a Deadly Hand** - The Dream Players Theatre will present the dinner/murder mystery "Dealt a Deadly Hand: Murder at the Emerald Coast royale Casino," Feb. 14-16 at Camelot Junction in Milton and on Feb. 26 at Helen Back Pizza in Pensacola. Show costs range from \$35 to \$45 per person and includes a four-course dinner with the show. Seats are sold by reservation only. Call 850-225-8892 to reserve a seat or to obtain additional details.

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 25, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Feb. 18 - President George Washington's Birthday Observed

Feb. 8, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Feb. 18-22 - 2013 Solid Curtain Exercise

Feb. 8, 1830 - Navy League SOY and IOY Banquet - Atrium

Mar. 21, 1000 - Training Air Wing FIVE Change of Command

# Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

**VA Representative - Friday, Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)**

**Home Buying - Thursday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Are you in the market for a new home? We can help! From finding the best agent, to negotiating price, types of mortgage loans, and how to get the best interest rates, we can help! Find out how to buy a home and maintain your lifestyle! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

**Resume Writing - Monday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 - 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 a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

**Welcome to Whiting - Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Welcome to northwest Florida, NAS Whiting Field, Training Air Wing Five, and the world of aviation training! Find out what challenges and rewards are in store for you and your flight student and how you can enjoy and thrive in the military lifestyle. Learn about the local culture, recreational opportunities, and support services available to you, while meeting other spouses and command staff! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

**Car Buying - Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Many people begin the car buying process by visiting a dealership, which should be one of the last things you do. Come find out how to research and compare for the best prices, when and how to negotiate your trade-in, how insurance fits in, and your best option for financing. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.



## 2013 Gulf Coast Military Mardi Gras Ball

<b>When:</b>	Friday, 01 February 2013 6:30 P.M. – Happy Hour 7:30 P.M. – Dinner Begins	<b>Price per person...</b>	
<b>Where:</b>	Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel 64 South Water Street Downtown Mobile	<b>E1 thru E4</b>	\$25
<b>Dress:</b>	<b>Military Personnel:</b> Dinner Dress Blue* <i>*O-3 &amp; Below may wear: Service Dress Blue (SDB Coat, No Cover)</i> <b>Civilian Guests:</b> Men: Tuxedo Women: Evening Gown or Tea-Length Cocktail Dress (Mid-Calf)	<b>E5 and E6</b>	\$35
<b>Buffet:</b>	Chicken Marsala, Broiled Flounder with Lemon Caper Sauce, Kobe Beef Meatloaf, 3 Cold Salads, Steamed Vegetables, Yukon Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Rolls, Desserts	<b>E-7 thru E-9; GS-10 and below</b>	\$50
		<b>CWO2 thru O-3</b>	\$55
		<b>O-4; GS-11 and higher</b>	\$60
		<b>O-5 and higher</b>	\$65
		<b>Civilian guests, CG Auxiliary and Contract Employees</b>	\$50
		<b>CGES &amp; NAF Employees</b>	\$50
		* Retirees pay at grade of retirement * Spouse of member is same price as military member	
<b>Questions:</b>		<b>AMTCS Kit Harris</b>	(251) 441-6175
<b>militarymardigras.com</b>		<b>LCDR Mick Scott</b>	(251) 441-6189

# Military saves

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to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings.

“This year is going to be bigger and better than last year because we have more key players that are ready to assist in the cause,” Jackson stated enthusiastically.

There are in fact five key contributors to this year’s Whiting Field saves week to include Fleet and Family Services, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, MWR, Public Affairs, and perhaps the most important command leadership.

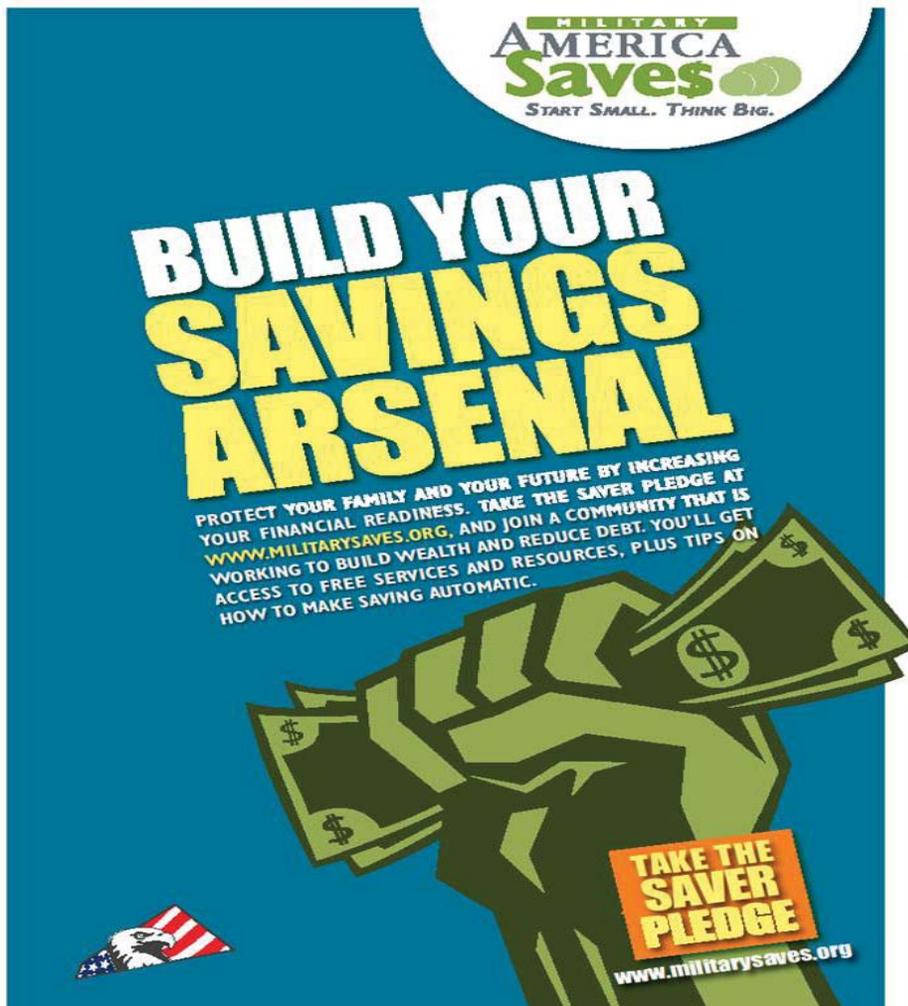
The week is planned to have various activities, prizes, and seminars in support of the campaign. One such activity being planned for the first time is a 5k poker run organized by MWR. The event is still in its planning stages, but will likely emulate motorcycle poker runs in that Whiting Field team members will be encouraged to visit financially oriented institutions on base to receive a playing card. The person who has the best poker hand at the end of the event will win a prize.

Military Saves encourages saving a portion of each paycheck, developing a personal financial plan, and establishing good credit. It is also used to inform on various other programs such as Thrift Savings Plan, Savings Deposit Program, and Service-members Group Life Insurance.

“You can’t afford not too. You

need to take care of your personal mission first, so take the pledge,” Mr. Jackson affirmed.

For event information about the 2012 Military Saves Week Campaign visit <http://www.militarysaves.org>, FFCSs local installation offices and [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).



## Did You Know?

- *Fewer than 50% of Americans say they have a savings plan with specific goals.\**

- *54% of military families say that they have not set aside sufficient emergency funds to cover at least three months' worth of expenses\*\**

- *68% of military families express that they feel stress from their family's current financial condition\*\**

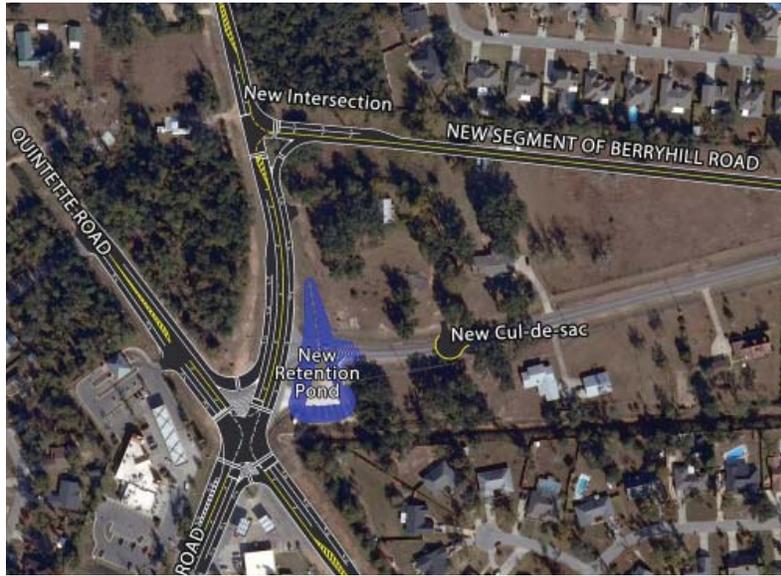
\*2012 Consumer Federation of America and the American Savings Education Council Annual Savings Survey

\*\*2012 Blue Star Families Military Family Lifestyle Report

# Berryhill Road section open to vehicle access

*- Construction near five points will continue to improve safety*

Construction on the Five Points intersection improvement project continues to move forward with the newly constructed segment of Berryhill Road opening on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The new segment realigns Berryhill Road from Ashmore Lane to Chumuckla Highway, moving the intersection approximately 500 feet north. The current Berryhill/Chumuckla intersection will permanently close on Jan. 22 for construction of a retention pond and cul-de-sac. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians should anticipate minor delays as the transition is made.



The above satellite image displays the section of Berryhill Road that has been shifted to the north to reduce traffic at the five points intersection. Image courtesy of Santa Rosa County.

provement project began in July 2012. Other project features include widening of the right turn and merge lanes on both Quintette Road and Chumuckla Highway. Once complete, the project will greatly improve safety and traffic flow to the area. The project is expected to be complete in early spring.

The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners approved the project in January 2011. The project is estimated to cost \$1.9 million and will be funded 50 percent, not to exceed \$1 million, by

the Florida Department of Transportation for construction, engineering and inspection. The county will match the 50 percent of project costs.

Construction on the Five Points intersection im-

## Chalkboard Minute



Chris Hendrix

There some recent changes to the Santa Rosa County School Calendar that parents should be aware of. Friday, Apr. 5, is an Early Release Day for Students. This was originally scheduled as a Student Holiday, but has been changed to a Half-Day.

Also, there are some adjustments to some school's graduation times. The Date of June 1 has not changed, but Gulf Breeze High school's graduation has been moved from 2:00 to 2:30, and Pace High school's time has been moved from 5:00 to 6:00.

For more information, please contact Chris Hendrix, the NASWF School Liaison officer at 850-665-6105 or email him at Christopher.p.hendri@navy.mil

## Family Law

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months old, then the child must have lived in the state since birth. Alternatively, if the child has not lived in any one state for six consecutive months, then the state which has the most "significant connections" with the child and at least one of the parents will be considered the "home state."

A state can lose jurisdiction if it is determined that the child or the parents no longer have a significant connection with the state. In order to modify an existing child support order, the parties would have to go back to the original state that issued the order or file in the child's new "home state." Once jurisdiction has been established and an order is finally entered, the Full Faith and Credit clause of the United States Constitution ensures that the order holds true in all states.

Identifying the proper jurisdiction for filing a legal petition is complicated, and will require examination of multiple factors. For assistance contact the nearest Region Legal Service Office legal assistance department.

Please visit us at [http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal\\_services/rlo/rlo\\_southeast.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/rlo/rlo_southeast.htm) for more information or for office locations.

# Civilians of the Year

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tions throughout the year.

Breaux, the Junior Civilian of the Year, works as the police training officer for NAS Whiting Field's security department. His duties encompass force protection and law enforcement training for the 122-member security force. Despite the challenges of a rotating schedule, constant manning of posts around the base, limited access to reserve personnel and auxiliary force team members, Breaux ensures that every person is trained to meet the department's requirements. This included enabling the weapon qualifications of more than 300 Sailors assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of the USS Arlington which will hold the designation of (LPD-24) based out of Pascagoula, Miss. He also volunteers with the Escambia High School Navy JROTC shooting team to help prepare the unit for their shooting competitions.

"Mr. Breaux is an accomplished professional and a recognized subject matter expert," Lt. David Vandyke, NAS Whiting Field's security officer said. "He readily volunteers

for additional assignments outside and above his position description and always performs above expectations."

The annual award recognizes government employees who excel within their departments, work to assist other departments, seek opportunities beyond the scope of their job descriptions, and promote NAS Whiting Field beyond the fence line of the base. All the candidates are nominated by their departments. The nomination packages are reviewed by the base awards board with final recommendations going to the commanding officer for selection. In addition to the honor of being the recipient of the award, there is a financial incentive as well.

"Through God all things are possible, Not expecting or looking for anything just doing your job pays off," Breaux said. "It's a wonderful thing to be selected as Whiting Field Junior Civilian of the year. I'm honor and blessed to received this award. I was always told, a little hard work and dedication goes a long way.

## SECURITY CHECKPOINT



Question: I'm active duty and have a rental vehicle for a week; do I need a pass for the vehicle?

Answer: No you don't. Just place the rental agreement on the vehicle dash and show your Government ID (Military, CAC, Retired or Dependent).

*Don't forget to visit us on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/naswhitingfield>*



## Single Sailor Program Trip

# New Orleans



DEPART: Feb 15

RETURN: Feb 18

Many Optional Activities available for purchase through ITT:

Audubon Aquarium  
French Quarter and Cemetery Tours  
Swamp Boat Tours and more!

Contact info: [mwrteam@gmail.com](mailto:mwrteam@gmail.com) / 623-7274



**\$200 per person** to cover hotel and transportation. Meals and optional activities will be responsibility of trip attendees.  
**\$100 non-refundable deposit** due by Feb 1!

*Liberty trips are limited to single or unaccompanied active-duty members. After Feb 1, any available spots for the trip will be open to all active-duty members.*

# Congrats to TRAWING-5 wingers and scholars



Front row: Lt. j.g. Thomas Madson, USN; Ensign Timothy Musmanno, USN; Lt. j.g. Eric Ruby, USN; Ensign Kerry Brady, USN; 1st Lt. Andrew Duwell, USMC; 1st Lt. Kahleel Richards, USMC; 1st Lt. Patrick Mchugh, USMC; Ensign Tony Leguia, USN; Lt. Jason Joll, USCG; 1st Lt. Erich Dehart, USMC; Ensign Andrew Powanda, USN; and Lt. Gen. Robert Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant

Middle row: Cmdr. Christopher Pesile, USN, CO HT-28; 1st Lt. William Wilhite, USMC; Lt. j.g. Aaron Stroud, USN; Lt. j.g. David Blue, USCG; Ensign Jordan Dennis, USN; Ensign Christopher Hoffmann, USN; Capt. Genevieve Studer, USMC; Ensign Zachary Bauer, USN; Ensign Nore Habib, USN; 1st Lt. Gregory Rollins, USMC; Ensign Wesley Sterrett, USN; Ensign Ian Flowers, USN; and Lt. Col. Robert White, USMC, CO HT-18

Back row: Cmdr. Paul Bowdich, USN, CO HT-8; Ensign Brian Paskey, USN; Ensign Robert King, USN; Ensign Brian Kidd, USN; Ensign Francis Atkinson, USN; 1st Lt. Kevin Fleischer, USMC; Ensign Brendan Hinz, USN; Ensign Michael Cofsky, USN; Ensign Bryan Collins, USN; 1st Lt. Branden Mcgaha, USMC; Ensign Matthew Weber, USN; Lt. j.g. Michael Watson, USN; 1st Lt. Jonathon Bouska, USMC; and Col. James Grace, USMC, CO CTW-5.



Left Photo: 2nd Lt. Benjamin M. Welicka, USAF; 2nd Lt. Zoe M. Kotnik, USAF; and Ensign Adam D. Card, USN hold their academic achievement awards presented Jan. 11 at the Training Air Wing FIVE headquarters building. Right Photo: 1st Lt. Matthew S. Andrews, USMC and 2nd Lt. Jonathon R. Marsh, USMC receive their academic awards Jan. 4.