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Vehicle decals no longer required July 1



Base decals like the one above will no longer be necessary to access Naval installations beginning July 1. Identifications will continue to be checked upon entrance, and vehicle registration with security will still be required. However, scraping the stickers off July 1 is recommended. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

Long a standard sign of permission to enter military bases, vehicle stickers for the windshields of cars are soon to become a thing of the past.

“On July first, take your decals off” Paul Long, deputy director, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Security Department, instructed.

Commander Navy Installations Command recently promulgated a navy-wide instruction to negate the need for base decals. However, this order does not eliminate the need to register personal vehicles with base security.

“All new ‘check-ins’ will register any and all vehicles to be driven on board with Pass & ID. Pass & ID will complete CLEOC entries for owner and vehicles” Long said.

The CLEOC system of registration that is currently in use will continue to be the method of accounting for vehicles. This system helps track base personnel by maintaining a record of license plates regardless of state of issue.

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NASWF frocks 22 Sailors to new ranks

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field recognized the achievements of soon-to-be-advanced Sailors during a frocking ceremony Friday, May 31. More than 20 Sailors were all smiles as they were able to wear the new collar devices for the first time.

The frocking ceremony is a Navy tradition that provides the selected Sailors an opportunity to wear the uniform and take on the responsibilities of their new rank before they are formally advanced. Second Class Petty Officers were frocked to First Class, Third Class Petty Officers were frocked to Second Class and Airmen were frocked to Third Class.

Each Sailor received a frocking letter from Capt. Matthew Coughlin, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, which reads in part, "Your appointment carries with it the obligation that you exercise increased authority and willingly accept greater responsibility. Occupying now a position of greater authority, you must strive with a renewed



Newly pinned Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Keesha Page receives her frocking letter from Capt. Matthew Coughlin. The frocking ceremony is the first time Sailors are able to wear the uniform of their new rank after selection for advancement. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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Disaster guide is now available from SR County

- Fifty-six page guide updates what to do before, during and after

Santa Rosa County Division of Emergency Management's latest all-hazards disaster guide is now available online at [www.santarosa.fl.gov <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/news/factsheet/2013%20Disaster%20Guide.pdf>](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/news/factsheet/2013%20Disaster%20Guide.pdf) (click here <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/news/factsheet/2013%20Disaster%20Guide.pdf>) for a direct link) and starting the week of June 3 at county offices and libraries, local chambers of commerce, and local retailers including Walmart, Winn Dixie and Publix. This year's 56-page guide includes new and updated information on what to do before, during and after a wide variety of disasters that could impact our area. Churches, civic groups, and businesses may request multiple copies at no charge for distribution as supplies allow by calling Santa Rosa County Emergency Management at (850) 983-5360.

With hurricane season beginning Saturday, June 1, emergency management would like to remind citizens that the key to reducing the impact of a disaster on you and your family is to have a plan, get a kit and stay informed. Follow-



ing the tips found in the latest disaster guide will reduce the stress of last minute preparations and can save lives, money, and help reduce damage to homes, boats and businesses. Residents are also encouraged to learn what hurricane evacuation zone they live in by visiting www.santarosa.fl.gov/gis <<http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/gis>> before a storm threatens Santa Rosa County.

New for the 2013 hurricane season is the use of the terms "recommended" and "mandatory" when evacuation orders are issued. If

Santa Rosa County falls in the hurricane cone of probability, citizens should take the following actions if an evacuation is issued by emergency management for their hurricane evacuation zone:

* Recommended evacuation - residents in the called evacuations zones are encouraged to seek refuge on their own initiative and independently find accommodations in a safe area, ideally with family or friends living in an area not within the called evacuation zone(s).

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TRICARE Notes

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- **By Mail: MetLife TRICARE Dental Program, PO Box 14181, Lexington, KY 40512**
- **Email: dental@metnotices.com**

This Week in Naval History

June 10

1854 - U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., holds first formal graduation exercises. Previous classes graduated without ceremony.

1943 - Operation Husky, Allied landing on Sicily.

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1853 - Five Navy ships leave Norfolk, Va., on three-year exploring expedition to survey the far Pacific.

1927 - USS Memphis arrives at Washington, D.C., with Charles Lindbergh and his plane, Spirit of St. Louis, after his non-stop flight across the Atlantic.

1953 - Navy ships evacuate 20,000 Koreans from West Coast Islands to safety south of 17th parallel.

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1948 - The Women's Armed Forces Integration Act provides for enlistment and appointment of women in the Naval Reserve.

1970 - After earthquake in Peru, USS Guam (LPH 9) begins 11 days of relief flights to transport medical teams and supplies, as well as rescue victims.

June 14

1777 - John Paul Jones takes command of Ranger.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display_history.asp

News and Notes

There is an App for That - Commander, Navy Installations Command Family Emergency Response Team and the CNIC Marketing and Multimedia Development Branch have designed a new Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) app for iPhones. It is a free disaster readiness based App for Sailors and their families that is streamlined, easy to use and covers all that is needed to be prepared for a disaster. To access the NFAAS application, go to <https://navyfamily.navy.mil> from your I-phone.

Color Guard - The NASWF Color Guard is looking to fill their ranks with highly motivated Petty Officer Second Classes and below. The organization acts on behalf of the Navy and NASWF to project the honor and pride inherent in military service. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Michael Scott via email at michael.p.scott@navy.mil

Energy Savers - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Works Department recognizes the following buildings for their efforts on energy conservation as compared to 2012 costs for the same time frame. Building 3148 -Fitness Center, Building 2981 - VT2/VT6, and Building 1406 - South Field Hangar earned the honors for May.

Fun Run - The 4th annual Blueberry Bash 5K Fun Run will be held June 22 at 7:30 a.m. at ARC Santa Rosa. The ARC facility will serve as the beginning and ending point of the race. Register by May 31 to ensure receiving a tee-shirt for the event. Registration is \$25 until May 31 and \$30 after. Registration closes June 20.

Riverfest - The City of Milton will sponsor their Riverfest celebration July 4 in Historic Downtown Milton. The event will include arts, crafts, retail vendors, concessions and will finish with a fireworks display over the river. The day's events include the Firecracker Bike Show, the Freedom Car Show, the Great Mill Town Duck Race, and music by Franklin's Tower Band. There will also be a Veterans Salute at 6:30 p.m. The week prior to the celebration, the annual search for the pirates treasure will begin. The search will kick off Tuesday, June 25 at the Blackwater Bistor and there will be a daily clue June 26 - July 3. The grand prize is



Tennis Time

Finalists Nate Antonio & Cmdr. Jason Struck (Training Squadron TWO) prepare to compete against Rusty Bradberry & Ensign Matt McDonald in the doubles finals for the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Captain's Cup Tennis Tournament held at the University of West Florida. The VT-2 team took top honors, 6-4, 6-1. Photo by Nate Antonio.

valued at more than \$1,000. Pirate swag prizes will be awarded to the first clue solver daily. Call 623-2339 or visit www.src-chamber.com for additional information.

Legal Notices

At a general court-martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, a Hospitalman was found guilty of assault and driving under the influence. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 446 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NS Mayport, a Fireman was found guilty of larceny. The military judge sentenced the Accused to five months confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, an Airman was found guilty of unauthorized absence and wrongfully using oxycodone, a Scheduled II controlled substance. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 94 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of fraternization and living with a married woman who was not his wife. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 45 days hard labor without confinement, 45 days restriction, reduction in rate to E-4, forfeiture of \$1000.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

At a special court-martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of committing indecent conduct. The military judge sentenced the Accused to 110 days confinement, reduction in rate to E-3, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Usage Information

Total Used

1,995,430 kWh

	1 Year Ago	Last Month	This Month
Total kWh Used	2,372,382	1,848,045	1,995,430
Average Daily kWh	76,528	61,602	64,369
Days In Billing Period	31	30	31

Energy Conservation

Conserving energy remain an important goal in the operation of Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Steps taken during the past year by Public Works continue to pay dividends in our energy conservation programs. As can be seen in the above graphic from the May power bill, NAS Whiting Field saved 376,952 kilowatts of power from last year's bill. However, the power bill was still more than \$150,000 for the month. Please help decrease usage even more by remembering to turn off lights, shut down computers and printers, and limit usage of non-essential equipment.

Upcoming Events

June 14, 0900 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

June 21, 1300 - Cmdr. Jonathan Lewis Retirement - Atrium

June 28, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

July 4 - Independence Day

July 12, 1000 - NW Florida Blood Drive - NEX Parking Lot

July 12, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

VA Representative - Friday, June 14 & 28 from 8 a.m. to Noon. (Call 850-623-7177 for appointment)

Personal Finance 101 - Thursday, June 13 from 9 to 11 a.m.

This class will cover the basics of personal finance, it will cover topics such as, Developing a Spending Plan, Saving & Investing, The Thrift Savings Plan, Credit Management, and Consumer Awareness. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Resume Writing - Monday, June 17 & 24 from 8 to 10 a.m. and June 24 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.

Budget for Baby - Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

You'll discover local resource information, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities and have fun while attending. All ranks and branches are welcome to attend the class. Eligible clients will also receive Baby's first sea bag (featuring a handmade blanket). Class will be in the Atrium Bldg., Suite 169, class room A & B (same building as ITT and NMCRS office - across from FFSC). Call 850-452-2300 to save a seat.

Money & The Move - Wednesday, June 26 from 1 to 3 p.m.

A Permanent change of Station (PCS) 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 a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Furlough & Your Finances - Thursday, June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This class will give you the tips and strategies you need to survive periods of unemployment and/or underemployment. Maintaining your credit rating and how to deal with creditors during this period will be focused on as well. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 850-623-7177.

Commissaries to close one extra day per week due to furloughs

FORT LEE, Va. – When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a week on Mondays, said the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency. The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any day stores are routinely closed. The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays would also close the next normal day of operation. Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1. Like most DOD activities, DeCA is mandated by the Department to furlough its civil service employees. Furlough notices are scheduled to be delivered to DeCA employees between May 28 and June 5.

DeCA has 247 commissaries with more than 16,000



employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories. Furloughs will impact all of DeCA's more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

"We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons," said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA's director and CEO. "Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose

20 percent of their pay.

"We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners."

As sequestration continues, commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store's operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com, clicking on the "Locations" tab, then "Alphabetical Listing," finding their store and clicking on "local store information."

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Whiting Park is preferred destination for summer fun

By Ensign Emily Hegarty, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The heat of summer has finally arrived, and that means heading out to the local waterways for some family fun. Whether your preference is fishing, cooking out on the local sand bars, swimming, water skiing, or canoeing, Whiting Park is a secluded gem well equipped to meet your recreational needs.

Located on the Blackwater River in East Milton, about 9 miles south of Whiting Field, Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Whiting Park includes a wading area, playground, basketball and volleyball courts, and horseshoes, ensuring everyone will find something suited to their favorite summer activities.

From paddle boards to paddle boats, campers to canoes, and tackle rods to tents, Whiting Park offers an extensive array of outdoor activity rentals.

"Other than Hobie themselves, we have one of the largest fleets in the region, if not the South East," boasted Don Inman, NASWF MWR Recreation Program manager, while expressing his pride for the vast selection of Hobie Kayaks and other watercraft that Whiting Park maintains.

Inman stated that he is excited about the recent changes occurring at Whiting Park, most notably the reintroduction of ski boats, which are expected to be available for rental before the end of June. Rates will range between \$25-35/hr, depending on the renter's status. In order to rent a ski boat, patrons must have a boater safety certification prior to renting, and will be required to watch a short training video and listen to a quick brief before taking the boat out. Boater



These jon boats are just a few of the rentals available from Whiting Park to explore the pristine Blackwater River. Whiting Park is kicking summer off with some expanded hours and additional options for people who want to hit the river. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Emily Hegarty

safety certifications can be obtained at www.boatus.com or www.boat-ed.com/florida.

MWR has also expanded rental options to offer patrons greater flexibility. Whiting Park now provides hourly pricing options as well as half day (4 hour) and full day (8 hour) rentals for many of their products. Inman noted that while certain rentals experienced a slight increase in price at the hourly rate, fees are similar to previous rates when comparing half and full day rates.

Ensign Nicole Leonard, Training Squadron SIX, who recently rented paddle boards from Whiting Park, found

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HT-18 recognized for superior safety programs



HT-18 Safety Officer, Major Daniel Rubel, and Assistant Safety Officer, Lt. Jonathan Kane, stand in front of their award-winning safety wall. This was one element that contributed to their nomination for the 2013 Grampaw Pettibone Media Award. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

By Ensign Joelle Olson, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commander Naval Safety Center presented the CNO Aviation Safety Award and 'Grampaw Pettibone' Media Award to Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN in recognition of their outstanding, multi-faceted safety program. Safety awards are given to recognize operational excellence, exemplary safety contributions and to further the Naval Aviation Safety Program.

HT-18 stood out from their CNATRA counter-parts as reviewed through the a wide variety of safety oriented categories: Safety Philosophy, Command Safety Assessment, Fatigue Awareness Study, Operational Risk Management Program, Human, Aviation Safety Awareness Program (ASAP), Pre-Mishap Drills, Liberty Safety, Safety/NATOPS programs, and many others.

"We are proud that we have a truly pervasive safety

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DECA

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Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DeCA's plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DeCA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store. Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who deliver products daily to DeCA's commissaries.

Store staffs overseas include a mix of U.S. and local national employees. Because they are not U.S. government employees, local national employees are not subject to this furlough actions. Select locations overseas will open if they have an adequate local national staff. However, if an overseas store is closed, its local national staff will report to work and perform other store-related duties.

In January, DOD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs. In line with that direction, DeCA later executed the

following budget-cutting measures:

- A hiring freeze on all outside hires
- Curtailment of official travel for all conferences, training and any other events and activities considered non-critical to the agency's mission
- Cancellation of the agency's May Worldwide Case Lot Sales for all commissaries. Instead, stores are conducting smaller-scale events such as outdoor sidewalk sales
- Curtailment of all overtime and compensatory time unless deemed mission-critical
- Review of contract services to restrict any increases
- Curtailment of all monetary awards unless legally required
- Postponement of all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

"We are in this together," Jeu said, "and though limited in our ability by circumstances we cannot control, I assure you we will do all we can to mitigate the impact of sequestration on our patrons, employees and industry partners, and on our mission."



Congrats to AMO Class 13-060

Front Row: L to R: Lt. Cmdr. Samuel Bornino, USN; Ensign Wayne Zanni, USN; 1st Lt. Richard Diana, USMC; Lt.j.g. Bradley Peterson, USN; 2nd Lt. David McInnis, USMC; 2nd Lt. Dustin Haislip, USMC; Capt. Katherine Erb, USN, CO, CNATT; Rear Adm. Cindy Jaynes, USN, COMFRC; 2nd Lt. Stephanie Lomeli, USMC; Ensign Matthew Wissmann, USN; LT.j.g. Thomas Cooper, USN; LT.j.g. Kyle Lupo, USN; Lt. Kuo, Po-Fu, Taiwan Navy; Lt. Tseng, Yo-Wei, Taiwan Navy; and PO2 Shi, Yao-Wei, Taiwan Navy.
Back Row: Lt. Brian Eberle, USN; 2nd Lt. Steven Whitaker, USMC; LT.j.g. Ryan Kobeski, USN; LT.j.g. Kevin Jack, USN; 2nd Lt. Adam Van Wagenen, USMC; 1st Lt. Sidney Norwood, USMC; Capt. Louis Prosperie III, USMC; Capt. Lance Massey, USN, CO, 33rd Maintenance Group; Capt. Matthew Rostine, USMC; Ensign Brian Yee, USN; 1st Lt. Jacob Wolff, USMC; Ensign Aaron Comins, USN; 2nd Lt. Charles Quattrochi III, USMC; and Lt. Cmdr. Vencent Logan, USN, OIC, CNATT Det Milton.

Frocking

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Front Row: Master-at-Arms 1st Class Erica Roten, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Kyle Krause, Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Mark Grenda, Aviation boatswain's Mate 1st Class Edwards Forbes, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Fernando Diaz.

Second Row: Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class James Scott, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Erin Pitts, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Kee-sha Page, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Justin Morgan, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Lauren Haavisto, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Kevin Beckford, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Eric Aning.

Third Row: Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Darren Williams, Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Joseph Smith, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Preston Miller, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Jeremy Merki, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class David Knight, and Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Logan Hays. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

dedication toward the valued ideal of service with honor."

Sailors from NAS Whiting Field selected for advancement including: Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Fernando Diaz, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Edwards Forbes, Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Mark Grenda, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Christopher Jacobs, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Kyle Krause, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Erica Roten, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Eric Aning, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Kevin Beckford, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Lauren Haavisto, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Justin Morgan, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Keesha Page, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Erin Pitts, Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class James Scott, Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Bernard Ugalde, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Logan Hays, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class David Knight, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Jeremy Merki, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Preston Miller, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Christina Ramirez, Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Joseph Smith, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Takiyah Watson, and Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Darren Williams.

"This is an august group of Sailors who have worked hard to get to this point, and they should be very proud of their accomplishments," Coughlin stated to the family and shipmates in attendance. "It is difficult to stay in today's Navy, and there are a lot of phenomenal Sailors who didn't get promoted today. Keep fighting to get there. I want to see you all on this stage someday."

Whiting Park

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the rates reasonable as well.

"I was impressed with how much they had to offer for such reasonable prices," she noted, adding that she plans to rent from Whiting Park again.

As well as expanding rental options, MWR extended Whiting Park's Thursday operating hours, which now span from 1200-2000. In addition to Thursdays, Whiting Park is open Fridays through Mondays 0700 – 2000, including holidays. Whiting Park is pleased to be able to offer full rental services during all open hours. The park is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Emphasizing the return of the ski boats, Inman hopes to see an increase in awareness of all the programs that MWR has to offer. "There's a lot going on during the weekends, and it's really family oriented," he notes, while mentioning that Whiting Park also offers pavilions perfect for families or hosting parties.

In addition to the various rentals available through MWR at their Whiting Park location, MWR's on base Outdoor

Adventure Program office offers numerous non-power rentals, including a greater variety of camp gear, as well as bicycles, campers, sleeping bags, canteens, cookers, and even auto gear to help with the transport of kayaks, bikes, and canoes. While the two programs function separately, they offer common equipment and work in tandem by keeping stock of each other's supplies and directing patrons to the appropriate outlet for their rentals needs, explained Bill Engle, a Recreation Aid at Whiting Park. As well as rental offerings, MWR's Outdoor Adventure Program organizes trips and educational programs focused on exploring the natural beauty of the Southeast United States through a variety of different outdoor activities.

Reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance for pavilions, pontoons and ski boats, canoes, kayaks and campers. Whiting Park offers rentals to active duty and retired military members as well as DoD employees. Civilians and family members are permitted to access Whiting Park with their sponsors. For additional information please see MWR at building 1475 or call 850-623-2383.

Battle of Midway



The three person color guard team raises the flag for morning colors during the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

– in particular, those carriers that were missed at Pearl Harbor.

U.S. forces, still bruised from the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor a mere seven months earlier, prepared to confront the Japanese navy at Midway—and folks the Japanese came prepared to win. They committed 4 large carriers, 2 light carriers, over 300 aircraft, 11 battleships, 14 cruisers, 16 submarines, 42 destroyers and more than 30 supporting ships, including transports carrying over 5,000 troops to take this crucial island. Make no doubt about it, Japanese strategists expected to draw the U.S. Pacific Fleet from Pearl Harbor into a decisive battle. A battle where they believed they could smash the American fleet, forcing our nation to a negotiated peace.

In our defense, we sent three carriers – Enterprise, Hornet, and the battle-damaged Yorktown – 8 cruisers, 16 destroyers, 19 submarines and a total of 360 aircraft, including 234 carrier-based fighters and small bombers. Of the 126 aircraft stationed at Midway, most of their pilots had never before flown a single combat mission.



Naval Air Station Whiting Field Executive Officer Cmdr. Gregory Gray welcomes the attendees to the Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony at the base's flagpole in front of Bldg. 1401. The event recognized the significance of the battle in turning the tide of WWII. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Editor's Note: Naval Air Station Whiting Field celebrated the anniversary of the American forces' World War II victory at Midway, Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the base's flagpole. The battle 71 years ago was one of the most decisive battles of the war, and in fact, shifted the momentum of the Pacific Theater toward the American Navy. Here are some abbreviated comments from Executive Officer Cmdr. Gregory Gray's presentation.

Good morning. Thank you very much for joining me out here underneath our nation's flag to commemorate one of the great turning points in our history -- the Battle of Midway!

It is important because the victory at Midway was the first ray of brightness in what had been a discouraging time for our Pacific Fleet and our nation. It changed the very course of the war.

Coming off the attack at Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Fleet was struggling and barely holding its own. Japanese forces were rapidly pushing southward to isolate Australia, and Admiral Yamamoto was leading his carrier striking force east to search out and destroy the remainder of the Pacific Fleet



Master-at-Arms 1st Class Erica Roten lays a wreath at the base of the flagpole commemorating the sacrifices of the veterans who fought and died 71-years ago during the Battle of Midway. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Despite overwhelming odds, our forces had a significant advantage. A military intelligence breakthrough gave us knowledge of the attack in advance. Our breaking of the Japanese code and discovering their intentions at Midway enabled Admiral Nimitz to plan for this pivotal battle. But even with that, we still had no guarantee of victory. It was our Sailors and Marines, our Midway veterans - with their unwavering courage, fighting spirit, and sheer determination - that halted the Japanese advance! To this day, the battle of midway is one of the greatest naval victories in our history, abruptly ending Japan's eastward progress and turning the tide of the war in the Pacific.

It's a victory that wouldn't have been possible if not for the overwhelming courage and great sacrifices by the men on and around midway that fateful day.

And as we look back at this great naval success, let us never forget that the significance of the battle of midway was far greater than just a hard fought battle. It was a much needed emotional lift and momentum shift, an exhilarating and motivating morale boost that finally demonstrated that American forces had what it took to defeat the Japanese forces. The story of June 4, 1942, and of our nation's proud struggle in the Pacific, is not just a story of ships and aircraft, strategies, and courageous warfighters. It's also a story of a generation of Americans who had a "rendezvous with destiny."

So let us all honor those midway veterans who sacrificed their lives, those who have been lost in the intervening years, and those around the world who are commemorating this historical event today. We salute you for your service and your sacrifice.

Farewells and Attaboys



Above Left: Air Traffic Control Officer Lt. Chris Mitchell presents Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Takiyah Watson with her frocking letter June 7.

Above: Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Capt. James Fisher presents the Instructor of the Quarter award to Lt. Mark Wernly from Training Squadron SIX.

Above Right: Newly frocked Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Christina Ramirez receives her frocking letter from Air Traffic Control Officer Lt. Chris Mitchell.



Left: Lt. David Vandyke receives the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin at the May 24 award ceremony for the base. He received the award just before he transferred later in the day.

Right: Capt. James Fisher serves as the guest speaker for the Milton Memorial Day ceremony, May 25.



Below Right: Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew Coughlin presents the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Master Chief Master-at-Arms Pete Cady during the May 24 awards ceremony.

Below Left: Christian and Brady, the two sons of Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Robert Roy place a brick in the Veterans' Memorial Plaza in his honor (Below).



Fleet and Family has counseling/advice for furloughs

Editor's Note: The letters have been issued and for many civilian employees, the likelihood of being furloughed is hitting home like a Randy Johnson fastball. For some, the prospect of 11 furlough days may be just a blip on the radar, but for others, it constitutes a full-blown fiscal emergency. The Fleet and Family Support

Center has been and will continue to offer counseling and formal classes on how to prepare for and weather the 20 percent decrease in salary many civilian employees will see in their paychecks beginning July 8 through the end of the fiscal year. Here are some snippets from the training they can provide in the class next offered June 27.

Most Americans now realize that in order for Congress to balance our budget, we need to decrease spending and increase revenue/income. The same will apply to us individually, though we don't have the option of printing more money.

What makes this [furloughs] manageable: 1) This is time-limited. You aren't forced to cut 20 percent forever, just for three months. 2) This isn't a 20% pay cut. Instead, it is a cut in hours of work which means you have an extra 8 hours/week to implement your changes. 3) Most everyone can save ten percent through managing their behavior and we will show you how. 4) Many can either borrow from themselves or someone else to get additional cash to meet non-discretionary needs like rent and utilities. 5) Everyone in the nation – including your kids, your creditors, and your neighbors -- already knows our budgets are shrinking, which makes communication possible and easy.

Themes: 1) Risk Management. Whether we are discussing budgeting or borrowing, we will focus on balancing risk. Every action has consequences beyond the immediate result and we'll identify those risks for you. As mentioned earlier, you will be managing this in a way that makes sense for you. 2) Reframing. Term used in counseling to discuss how we can turn a situation around by viewing it differently. We won't be making lemonade, but we can approach this knowing a workable solution is possible and that the changes we make can have long term benefits beyond just the financial. 3)



Importance of communication. Family, creditors, and our employees (lawn service, handymen, etc.) become our partners. They have a vested interest in our financial health if they want us to continue to pay them long term.

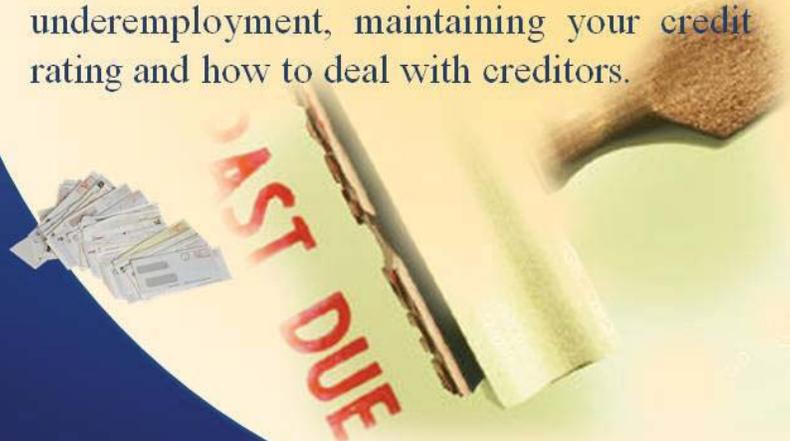
Process of this workshop: 1) Budgeting. Critical and essential that we know where our money is currently going so we can make informed choices about change. 2) Making informed choices and changing our spending behavior to save money. We'll help you find at least 10%. 3) Calculating the gap, and learning how to bridge the gap by increasing the money in the total pot. Decreasing savings, increasing credit limits, getting payment holidays, taking loans from yourself or others: all are ways of increasing our cash flow. We'll discuss risks/benefits of each.



Furlough & Your Finances

*June 27, 2013
1:00 to 3:00 pm
FFSC Conference Room*

This class will give you tips and strategies to survive periods of unemployment and/or underemployment, maintaining your credit rating and how to deal with creditors.



Decals

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J. Nisewonger, gate guard, compared registering vehicles on base to the state laws of registration. "I believe if you want access to base and work here, you need to be registered here" he said. "They [registration procedures] are in place to ensure proper safety standards are observed and so individuals can be located in the event of vehicle damage or theft."

Once the decal requirement is lifted on July 1, Long assures that business will continue as usual. Credentials will still be verified via CAC card, and if anything, this new process should speed up entry though the gate.

"We're vetting the person, not the vehicle. Those base decals aren't cheap; we're saving the base thousands of dollars [by eliminating them]" Long stated.

Long shared that both NAS Pensacola and the Air Force have already successfully implemented these changes and no increase in incidents have been reported. Gate guards and base police will remain at a heightened state of alertness to suspicious vehicles and ensure no unauthorized personnel will be granted base access.

"There will be no slow down for base entry. Credentials are shown with ID cards; nothing's different. (Moreover) Contractors never had decals, why should active duty and their families?" Long argued.

To ensure this change is being implemented, physical security will be following up with Pass & ID to cross reference the number of vehicles on base matches that of the electronic record. And as always, commanding officers and executive officers will ensure cooperation. Those who neglect to register their vehicles will be issued citations.

"This [instruction] needs enforced; people need to make a real effort" Long stated.

The decision to remove base-affiliated stickers from all vehicles not only saves money but it may also help protect service members from random acts of terrorism. From an anti-terrorism stand point, decals and other conspicuous armed forces markings can pose a threat for individuals that are being targeted by anti-military extremist groups.

"I'm glad they're [decals] going away" Master-at-Arms 1st Class Erica Roten said. "When we do anti-terrorism drills we look to see if people have decals...they identify individuals as targets."

Stacy McFadden, Pass and Identification Office Clerk reminds service members that, even with the removal of base decals, the responsibility of personal security off-base is still in their hands.

"People saw base decals as being a threat. I see other stuff like people with Navy or Marine Corps vanity plates, wings and 'Married to a Sailor' stickers on cars with out of state plates make them stand out" he said.

"It kills me when I see people with those [armed forces] stickers out in town" Roten agreed. "Blend in, don't make yourself a target."

While Milton and Pensacola boast low threat-levels and tend to be very supportive of their service men and women, awareness of the existence of ill-natured individuals should always be observed.



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HT-18

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culture through our commanding officer's routine precedence...All students and IPs (Instructor Pilots) are resonating. Unlike combat, we always feel we have the flexibility to stop and proceed in the safest manner." Major Daniel Rubel, HT-18 Safety Officer said.

Rubel emphasized that the many considerations accounted for before any flight or evolution ensure each of the sons, daughters, wives, and 'hubbies' in his care are well taken care of.

"There are a number of ways we stair-step our evolutions to get everyone on the same page, we do not leave the briefing spaces until we are all clear on all operations" he explained.

Observing weather minimums, performing proper maintenance checks, utilizing effective communication, safety, and training each serve as 'stair-steps' that lead up to, and through, every exercise of this exemplary training squadron. Rubel's enthusiasm for the program was apparent as he beamed with pride when he said:

"We're very proud of the work Lt. Cmdr Ally Shuler, former safety officer, and her team did, and hope to make it [CNO Safety Award] again this year."

Lt. Jonathon Kane, assistant safety officer, identified a few incentives HT-18 offers individuals that perpetuate its culture of safety which include superman inspired patches and superstar-style parking.

"We are always on the lookout for conspicuous acts of gallantry" Rubel affirmed.

The safety office regularly hands out award patches to such conspicuous "Safety Pros". Moreover, the Safety Pro Award rewards individuals with a week of parking in the CO's parking spot if they are associated with a qualifying safe act.

"A former student, Ensign Chelsea Rheame, caught a bolt improperly installed and when she reported it, maintenance later found six others [helicopters] with similar conditions" Kane said of one safety pro award recipient.

All individuals have access to an anonymous online survey to report such instances. The ASAP is utilized by students and instructor pilots after each flight to report unsafe practices.

"There was one [ASAP] report about non-compatible NVG (night vision goggle) lighting...We brought it up to the TRAWING-5 Safety Counsel and they were able to find a solution with in the day" Kane reported.

It is a requirement that all members of the flight crew fill out ASAPs so the commanding officer can ensure his standards are being upheld at all times. This forum also

re-enforces the importance of crew resource management by allowing all ranks to provide feed back.

"Students and instructors do a great job with ASAPs...The fact that we have to [participate] is mandated, but the thoroughness of what our 'Eagles' are reporting makes it so special" Rubel clarified.

ASAPs act as 'after action reports' and are hung on the media board for public review and procedure improvement where applicable. HT-18's creative presentation of new ideas, to include the use of humor and multi-media displays, is what earned them this year's Grampaw Pettibone Media Award.

"In addition to an outstanding safety record, commands and ships selected must have aggressive aviation safety programs that contribute new ideas in mishap prevention for the general benefit of Naval Aviation." RADM G.E. Mayer, Special Assistant for Safety Matters, stated in the instruction detailing the award standards.

The safety team keeps their squadron's current in

training with periodic 'safety stand-downs', an all-hands briefing of updates to all aspects of safety, not just aviation. In the interim, Kane provides his squadron with an interactive 'safety wall' that consists of a flat screen TV projecting a power point display, large bulletin board, and two 'any mouse' (anonymous comment boxes) located about the squadron.

"We're standing on the shoulders of safety giants!" he said in reference to the former safety team of Shuler, Capt Ryan White, former aviation safety officer,

and Lt. Bruce Plummer, former ground safety officer, whose steadfast dedication to HT-18 made their award possible.

Kane has spent the last month improving on White's award winning wall of safety.

"Humor catches people's attention. That's why we wear Hawaiian shirts to safety stand-downs!" Kane offered light-heartedly. "This board mentions the 'safety pros', and uses scrolling stories, pictures, and humor to keep you involved."

As squadron members walk the halls between the briefing spaces, ready rooms, and administrative offices, they can readily view the latest ASAP reportings, updated instructions, or simply enjoy a safety-related comic. The variation of concepts and information the safety officers capitalize on makes this eye-catching media a truly award worthy representation of HT-18's clear safety precedence.

Evidence of their contribution to the Navy and Marine Corp's economy of operations through safety can be found in the May-June 2013 edition of 'Approach' Magazine.

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Hagel reminds Sailors to be safe this summer



Secretary of Defense
Chuck Hagel

Editor's Note: We are now in the early part of the 100 Days of Summer, and it is time to re-emphasize recreational, driving, and alcohol safety. This is a letter from new Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to remind everyone about the importance of thinking, planning and watching out for our Shipmates.

The summer months are often a high point of our year as we take a well-deserved vacation and spend time with family and friends. The summer allows for an opportunity to relax and refresh. However, many of the activities we pursue during our vacation time put us at risk for accidents that have potentially serious consequences.

As you drive to and from vacation destinations, remember that 81 percent of the non-combat fatalities in 2012 total took place over the summer. Last summer, 80 service members died in motor vehicle collisions; 27 in 4-wheel vehicles, 47 while riding motorcycles, 4 were pedestrians, and 2 were bicyclists. These fatalities occurred in spite of state laws and Department of Defense (DoD) policies requiring the use of seatbelts while in a car and protective gear while riding motorcycles and bicycles. An untold number of deaths resulted from fatigue - deaths preventable by proper trip planning and fatigue management while driving. All military leaders must emphasize how important it is for everyone in our DoD community to follow these simple precautions while traveling on our nation's roads.

Some of you will enjoy water activities such as swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, or water skiing. Sadly,

six service members died while participating in water-related activities last summer. It is important to follow swimming area rules and to be aware of the hidden dangers inherent in participating in water activities.

Alcohol is all too often a component in these tragic accidents. Recognize the risks and make good decisions. We all know that alcohol, even in small quantities, impairs our decision-making and is often a significant factor in many accidents. So before taking our first sip, we need to remember never to drink and drive. Plan ahead and always think before acting.

We all must do everything we can to be safer this summer. Each of us must do our part to keep everyone around us safe off-duty, as we do on-duty. Fundamental military lessons of working together, exercising leadership, focusing on the mission, and having the courage to say no to a risky situation are all essential to enjoying the summer and returning to your units.

I want to thank each of you for your service to this nation. You serve so that all Americans can be safe and free. I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.



HT-28 'Wings' their young Soaring Cardinals



The "Wingers" from Bennett C. Russell Elementary were recognized by Helicopter Training Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT recently for their academic success. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

By Ensign Joelle Olson, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Helicopter Training Squadron-TWENTYEIGHT performed a 'Winging' and Promotion Ceremony at Bennett C. Russell Elementary to recognize an elite group of fifth grade students. 26 'Soaring Cardinals' were presented accolades in recognition of their academic prowess over the 2012-2013 school year.

The program was designed to motivate students to consistently perform well. Each nine-week period, every fifth grade student has the opportunity to become indoctrinated into the Soaring Cardinals.

"The Soaring Cardinals are an Elite group of 5th graders." Carrie Ricksecker, Cardinals Liaison explained. "These in-

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Summer Religious Programs Schedule

Weekly Services:

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. A free lunch followed by a lesson and discussion. Guest speakers, non-denominational.

Chapel – Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. A Protestant service featuring traditional and contemporary music. Sermons by Lt. Hart and Cdr. Luff.

Mass – Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Traditional Catholic Mass led by Monsignor Steve Bosso.

CREDO Southeast Pro-grams NASWF Programs

Personal Growth Retreat – from Friday, June 21 at 1p.m. until Sunday, June 23 at 3 p.m. at St. Simon's Island, Ga..

Marriage Enrichment Retreat – from Friday at 7 p.m. until Sunday after lunch. June 28-30, Pensacola, Fla.. Aug. 9-11, St. Simon's Island, Ga. Aug. 23-25, Pensacola, Fla.

To register contact CREDO Southeast at 904-542-3923.

ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training – June 19-20 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration deadline: Monday, June 17th. Civilian attire (no uniforms).

How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk(ette) – Friday, Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All seminars will take place in NASWF Atrium Building Room 169. Please contact Chaplain Hart (jason.r.hart@navy.mil) , RP1 Yolanda Jordan (yolanda.jordan@navy.mil), or call the office at 850-623-7211 to sign up.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT

Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving



Florida - Section 316.305, Florida Statutes (also known as SB 52 - Ban on Texting While Driving Law) was signed 28 May 2013 by Florida Governor Rick Scott that takes effect October 01, 2013.

Summary of the law is as follows - The bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while manually typing or entering multiple

letters, numbers, symbols, or other text in a handheld wireless communication device, or sending or reading data in the device, for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication. The bill makes exceptions for emergency workers performing official duties, reporting emergencies or suspicious activities, and for receiving various types of navigation information, emergency traffic data, radio broadcasts, and autonomous vehicles. The bill also makes an exception for interpersonal communications that can be conducted without manually typing the message or without reading the message. The prohibition is enforceable as a secondary offense. You can read the bill in its entirety at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2013/52>. Go to the bottom of the page and click Chapter No. 2013-58 to open the PDF file.

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* Mandatory evacuation - residents in a specific zone must evacuate the area of danger. It is illegal to stay in a home under a mandatory evacuation order. During a mandatory evacuation, there will be no excessive force used to remove patrons, but next of kin or emergency contact information will be requested. Access to areas may be restricted for the sole purpose of property protection.

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management issues the annual free publication as a general guideline to follow when preparing for disasters. As seen in the past, hurricanes are not the only disasters that face residents. Santa Rosa County Emergency Management urges citizens to be prepared and have a plan for all potential disasters. The disaster guide is funded by an Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Base grant for public awareness and education.

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Cardinals

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dividuals earned 94.5 percent or better in their academics, displayed excellent behavior, and received a teacher recommendation.”

The 19 students who upheld the rigorous GPA over the entire year were promoted to Lieutenant. Those who entered after the second or third periods received a certificate appointing them to ‘Lieutenant Junior Grade’, or ‘Ensign,’ respectively. The pinning on of a set of miniature golden aviator wings serves as a special incentive to those who maintained their elite status over all three periods.

On the morning of May 23, a gathering was held to celebrate these scholars. It kicked off with Soaring Eagle Lt. Carter “Stone Cold” Lees, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner was beautifully sung by the Avalon Singing Ladies. Suzi Godwin, Principal, Bennett C. Russell Elementary then addressed the student body and parents on their accomplishments.

“Not only have you (students) soared academically, you’ve learned what it means to be respectful and responsible. You have learned to be good citizens in your classroom and in your community,” Godwin said.

Each ‘winger’ approached the stage by way of a red carpet adorned with three foot-tall wooden and brass-tipped bullets. As their name and call sign was announced, a ceremonial navy bell was ringed announcing the new ‘lieutenant’s passage through the mock-up quarterdeck. Ricksecker pinned each individual with a set of “wings of gold” and Cmdr. Christopher Pesile HT-28 commanding officer, pre-



The “Winging” ceremony for the Soaring Cardinals is a reason to celebrate. The partnership between Bennett C. Russell Elementary and HT-28 uses a military tradition to encourage scholarship. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joelle Olson.

sented their corresponding certificates. This event marked the culmination of HT-28 dedication to their sponsored school. Throughout the school year, HT-28’s representatives Lt. Adam Shredders, USN, and Capt. Andrew Casci, USMC, taught several lessons at Bennett C. Russell Elementary and even brought in a helicopter engine for display. They led a tour of Naval Air Station Whiting Field to include a helicopter simulator demonstration, night vision goggle lab, and a picnic.

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