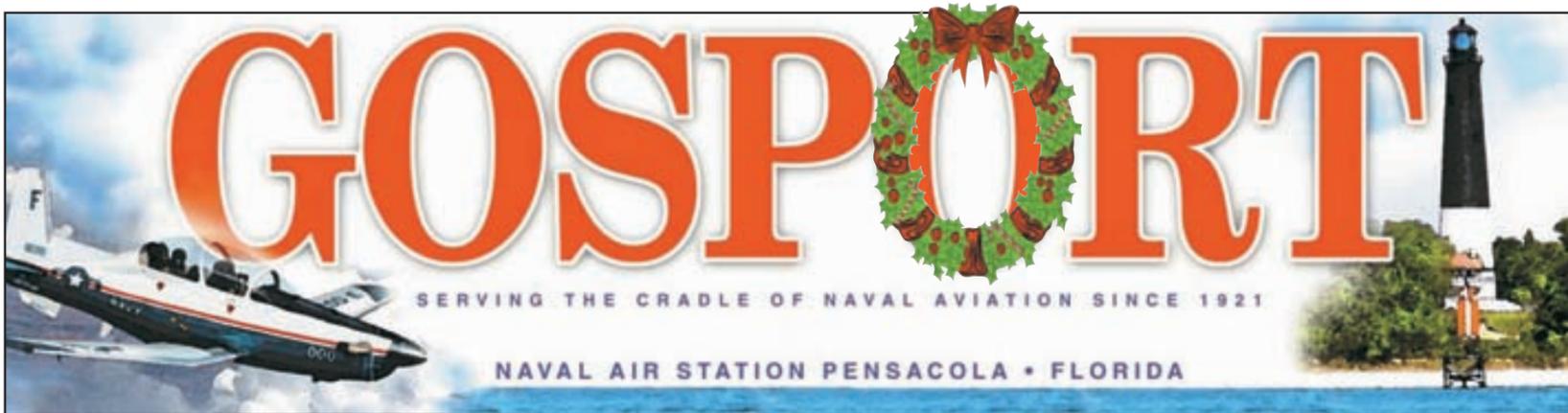


Last Gosport for the year ... Today's issue of your homebase newspaper marks the last edition of the year. Per our contract with the printer, Ballinger Publishing, we produce 50 issues annually, so the December holiday period is the time the Gosport staff takes a break and regroups for the next year. Staffing will be light over the next two weeks but on most non-holidays, someone will be in the Gosport editorial offices in Bldg. 624. All classified ads submitted after Dec. 11 will appear in our next issue, Jan. 8, 2010. On behalf of NASP Commanding Officer, Capt. Bill Reavey, the NASP Public Affairs staff, and Ballinger Publishing, we wish you all very safe and happy holidays.



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EscaRosa CFC applauds federal community

*2009 fundraising concludes with
donations up 11 percent over 2008*

By **Trista Swuager**
CFC Assistant

EscaRosa CFC held a victory celebration luncheon Dec. 10 at the NASP Mustin Beach Officers' Club with Capt. Kent L. Miller, commanding officer of Naval Aviation Technical Training Center (NATTC) and Ron Denson, CFC director, leading the celebration.

"iCan, Now More than Ever" was the theme for this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and the EscaRosa federal employees, both military and civilian, certainly proved those words to be true.

"In a time of national economic hardship, (federal employees) came together to raise more than \$821,831 for

many worthy charities, locally, nationally and internationally, reflecting an extraordinary increase of 11 percent over 2008's contributions," Denson said. Even though this is not the highest amount ever raised, it is the highest local increase since the aftermath of 9/11.

"The overwhelming success of the 2009 CFC can be attributed to many dedicated individuals and organizations, all of whom deserve special thanks," Denson added.

Rear Adm. Joseph F. Kilkenny, Commander of Naval Education and Training command (NETC), presented the Admiral's Cup to the Center for Information Dominance (CID) for raising

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Young Marines remember fallen service members at Christmas ... Pvt. Stanley R. Zack, 9, was among the members of the Young Marines of Pensacola who helped lay wreaths at Barrancas National Cemetery at Naval Air Station Pensacola Dec. 12. More than 2,300 wreaths were laid at the cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America project. Photo by Anne Thrower
For more photos see page 4

New PAMO warfare designation pinned on officers at NAS Pensacola

By **AEAA Brinn Hefron**
Gosport Staff Writer

Eleven officers from the aviation maintenance field were pinned with their Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) warfare insignia Dec. 10. These officers were



the first in the Pensacola region to be pinned with this warfare designator.

Naval Education and Training Command's (NETC) Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

He emphasized the trust aviators place in maintenance personnel. "When a 22-year-old plane captain tells me my plane is down, it's down," Adm. Kilkenny said. "There's isn't any discussion. We're asking him to make a decision based on the facts that he has. ... If the planes aren't up and running to the level that we need them to be, then people's lives are

in jeopardy. Not only the people who have to fly them, but numerous other people on the ground."

Participating officers should start the personnel qualification standard (PQS) during their first assignment as a PAMO. The requirements can be found under

See **PAMO** on page 2

Driving while using a cell phone consequences increased

By **AEAA Brinn Hefron**
Gosport Staff Writer

While cell phone usage while driving has decreased aboard NAS Pensacola, it has not altogether stopped. Because of this problem, NASP Commanding Officer Capt. Bill Reavey has increased the punishment for using a cell phone — including texting — while driving.

Safety is one of the main concerns for NAS Pensacola. According to Deputy Security Director Dick Wright, two years ago cell phone usage while

driving peaked, at which point Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) initiated a distracted driving policy. Wright said, "We will be cracking down on cell phone usage while driving aboard NAS Pensacola."

The new consequences include six points on a driver's record and a 30-day suspension of driving privileges. This suspension is only applicable to military personnel, however all others in violation of this policy can be punished.

See **Cell phone penalties** on page 2



2nd Lt. Joshua Canatsey, 2nd Lt. Matthew Watson, Master Gunner Sgt. Roberto Rivera and 2nd Lt. Brandon Allen showcase some of the toys donated during a recent community toy drive.

USMC's Toys for Tots wraps up for 2009

Story, photo
by **2nd Lt Daniel Tadross**
MATSG-21 PAO

Christmas is looking considerably brighter for more than 7,000 local children thanks to the efforts of Reserve Marines of 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Training Support Group (MAWTSG) and the active-duty Marines of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 (MATSG-21). Thanks to their tireless devotion and the help of the local community, more than 12,000 toys have been delivered at the Salvation Army on Q Street. A multitude of local business have been vital

to this year's drive, including Toys R Us and Wal-Mart. Toys R Us opened their doors on several occasions for toy drives and as a result donated more than \$10,000 in toys. Wal-Mart made their facilities available for Marines to collect donations and in a one-day toy drive helped collect more than \$5,000 in toys.

The community this year has been especially generous. Among the thousands of individual volunteers many groups have pulled together to donate. A special education class at Gulf Breeze Middle School took a trip

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NASP holiday gate closures

"We will close the NASP West Gate and Corry Gate Seven for the two holiday weekends," said Dick Wright, NAS Pensacola Deputy Security Director. "We will close the gates Dec. 24, at 9:30 p.m. and reopen Dec. 28 at 5:30 a.m. for Christmas and then close again Dec. 31 9:30 p.m., and reopen Jan. 4 at 5:30 a.m.

"The NEX Mall gate will not be manned, however we will maintain a heavy police presence in the mall and throughout Corry Village housing. Access to Corry Station and NAS Pensacola will be through the respective main gates. We will post our digital signs at the West Gate and at Gate Seven in advance."



Florida House of Representatives Speaker onboard NASP ... NASP CO Capt. Bill Reavey greets Florida House of Representatives Speaker Larry Cretul during a Dec. 11 visit to NAS Pensacola. Mr. Cretul received an NAS Pensacola mission and current status brief plus a windshield tour of the base during the visit. Photo by Mike O'Connor

THIS WEEK IN NAVAL HISTORY

December 18

1944 — Adm. William Halsey's Third Fleet encounters typhoon northeast of Samar. Destroyers USS Hull, USS Monaghan and USS Spence sink, while 21 other ships are damaged.

1965 — River Patrol Force established in Vietnam.

1965 — Helicopters from HS-11 on USS Wasp (CVS 18) pick up crew and capsule of Gemini 7, after picking up the crew and capsule of Gemini 6 two days earlier.

1967 — Operation Preakness II begins in Mekong Delta.

1972 — Mining and bombing of North Vietnam resumes with Operation Linebacker II.

December 19

1870 — After a month at sea in a 22-foot boat, Coxswain William Halford, the lone survivor of five, reaches Hawaii to seek help for crew of USS Saginaw, wrecked near Midway Island. Rescuers reach the 88 Saginaw survivors Jan. 4, 1871.

December 20

1822 — Congress authorizes the 14-ship West Indies squadron to suppress piracy in the Caribbean.

1941 — Adm. Ernest J. King designated Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet in charge of all operating naval fleets and coastal frontier forces, reporting directly to the president.

1989 — Operation Just Cause begins in Panama.

1998 — Operation Desert Fox in Iraq ends.

December 21

1861 — Congress authorizes the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, for naval personnel.

1943 — USS Grayling (SS 208) sinks fourth Japanese ship since Dec. 18.

1968 — Launch of Apollo 8 with Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. as command module pilot. During the mission Lovell was one of the first two people to see the far side of the moon.

December 22

1775 — Congress commissions first naval officers: Esek Hopkins, Commander in Chief of the Fleet, Captains Dudley Saltonstall, Abraham Whipple, Nicolas Biddle and John Hopkins. Lts. included John Paul Jones.

1942 — Sue Dauser takes oath of office as Superintendent of Navy Nurse Corps, becoming first woman with the relative rank of captain in U.S. Navy.

1944 — Commissioning of first two African-American WAVES officers, Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances F. Wills.

December 23

1910 — Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson becomes first naval officer sent to flight training.

1941 — Gallant defenders of Wake Island (Sailors, Marines, volunteer civilian contractors, and Army Air Force radio detachment) surrender.

December 24

1950 — Under cover of naval gunfire support, Task Force 90 completes a 14-day evacuation of 100,000 troops and equipment and 91,000 refugees from Hungnam, North Korea.

Naval historical data excerpted from U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command's Web site. For complete listings, visit www.history.navy.mil/wars/dates.htm.

Reduced hours at NHP pharmacy

Naval Hospital Pensacola (NHP)'s outpatient, primary-care clinics will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve hours.

The hospital's pharmacy windows will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the NEX Pharmacy Refill Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinics, pharmacy and refill center will be closed on the Friday of Christmas and New Year's Day.

On Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, the pharmacy will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the week running up to the new year, Dec. 28-30, the pharmacy hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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the highest amount ever at Corry Station: \$82,100.66, 216 percent above their original goal of \$38,000.

NASP Commanding Officer Capt. Bill Reavey presented the Captain's Cup to Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) and Capt. Miller presented the final traveling trophy, the Campaign Chairperson's Cup, to Naval Operational Medicine Institute

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OPNAV instruction 1214.11.

In order to be approved an officer must complete a minimum of 24 months at both an organizational level maintenance and at an intermediate level maintenance, complete at least one operational deployment of at least 90 days while assigned in an aviation maintenance officer billet.

After completion of these requirements, officers must demonstrate a specific and professional knowledge that is relevant to aviation maintenance during an oral examination. The final approval is through Commander Naval Air Forces, Aircraft Maintenance Policy Officer.

Cell phone penalties from page 1

"Civilians can be ticketed for violating the cell phone policy. Non-base connected civilians will receive a U.S. District Court violation which will result in a federal court visit and a fine (if convicted)," said Wright. "All-base affiliated civilians will receive an Armed Forces Traffic violation which will result in suspension of driving privileges onboard all Pensacola Navy facilities."

Another point to mention is that cell phone use off base is prohibited while driving a government vehicle.

Cell phone usage will result in a traffic stop, as it is a primary

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traffic offense. Also, any Bluetooth devices that sit on the ear, blocking the aural canal are not authorized. According to Wright, any device that is hands free only, such as OnStar or Sync or any other device which does not require the use of hands for dialing or activating is authorized.

This policy applies to all NASP facilities, including Corry Station, Corry housing annex, Navy Exchange and Commissary Mall, Saufley Field and Blue Angel Navy Recreation area.

The increased punishment comes on the heels of an executive order signed by President Barack Obama on Oct. 1, 2009



North Pensacola Optimist Club surprises service members with donation ... Marine Sgt. William Whitbeck (left) selects a tree, Dec. 15 and ATAN Ian Larson (right) helps carry it to his truck. "It's very nice to be able to come out here and get a free tree," said Whitbeck, who served two tours in Iraq, once in 2004 and again in 2006. NASP's Command Master Chief Mike Dollen thanked the optimist club. "I think it's a great gift for Sailors, Marines and Airmen, especially IAs (individual augmentee) from Iraq and Afghanistan." Five trees were set aside for IAs, individuals who have served overseas apart from their traditional command. Photo by AEAA Brinn Hefron

(NOMI).

The CFC Volunteer of the Year (Menard Award) was presented to Stan Harper from the Whiting Field Navy Exchange. In all, more than 51 of the 78 military, civilian DoD, USPS, and other federal employee offices exceeded their goals and were presented with a command gold certificate.

"I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to all the federal employees who took part in this year's campaign," Denson told the

audience. "I applaud each and every person who put their time and effort into this program," he said. "I would also like to thank the federal offices who allowed CFC staff to visit their workplace and educate their employees about CFC."

"We have found that a clear understanding of the program puts donors at ease, which we all need, now more than ever. And thanks again to the EscaRosa federal community for choosing to make a huge difference in the lives of others."

Only 365 officers have qualified to wear this warfare insignia to date.

Those officers that are included are aerospace maintenance duty officers, aviation maintenance limited duty officers and aviation maintenance chief warrant officers.

The actual warfare device is gold and silver metal showing the silver eagle and shield superimposed over gold aviation wings with a gold banner depicting aero maintenance.

This designation recognized the aviation ground officers who support the Navy's aviation mission and war fighting capabilities. As Kilkenny said, "Without the maintainers we don't fly."

that prohibits text messaging while driving.

According to this order, recent deadly crashes involving drivers distracted by text messaging while behind the wheel highlight a growing danger on our roads.

This order prohibits text messaging while operating by federal employees a government-owned vehicle, or when driving a privately owned vehicle on official government business, or when using electronic equipment supplied by the government while driving.

The prohibition of cell phone usage while driving is to help save lives, reduce injuries and set an example for others.

"The community has really rallied around this drive," said Rivera, and as a result the Marines have collected more than 200 bikes, and more than \$25,000 in toy donations for local children.



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Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.: A Bicentennial Defense Community
Commanding Officer — **Capt. William Reavey Jr.**
Public Affairs Officer — **Harry C. White**

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in 1856 and at night still shines for Sailors 27 miles out at sea.

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Nothing to fear, but don't take H1N1 lightly

By Cmdr. Jack Wyland, MC
Director of Public Health at Naval Hospital Pensacola

First seen in early 2009, H1N1, also known as swine flu, actually contains components of pig, bird and human viruses. While H1N1 should not be taken lightly, it is also nothing to fear. It has many similarities with the seasonal flu which we deal with each year.

Like seasonal flu, most cases of H1N1 are mild and require nothing more than rest, hydration and possibly over-the-counter symptomatic medications.

A small percentage of H1N1 cases develop into severe illness — and deaths have occurred, but are rare.

The vast majority of severe cases have occurred in people with a condition associated with increased risk such as pregnancy, weakened immune systems, diabetes, heart or kidney disease and asthma.

Children, especially those under 2, are also at increased risk.

Compared to seasonal flu, which more commonly occurs in people over the age of 65, this age group appears to have some prior immunity to H1N1 — thus less likely to catch H1N1 — but they remain at increased risk for severe illness if they do.

Prescription antiviral medications are often used in severe or high-risk cases but prophylactic treatment is now considered in only rare instances.

Your physician should be familiar with when these medications are needed.

Both H1N1 and seasonal flu are much easier to prevent on paper than in actual practice.

If everyone were to get vaccinated and practice good hygiene, the spread of disease would be significantly curtailed. Infected people can spread the virus with a cough or sneeze.

The H1N1 virus is believed to remain infectious on untreated objects for a few hours. If someone touches an object with the virus on it and then touches his mouth or nose, he can become infected.

When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

Using your hands as was taught in the past may spread the virus when you later touch something — and remember to wash your hands often with soap and water or use an antibacterial hand gel.

Good hygiene remains important at all times because infected people may spread the virus from one day before they even feel sick all the way out to one week after they feel better (possibly longer in children).

Symptoms of H1N1 are similar to the seasonal flu, but tend to come on more rapidly, often over only a few hours. They

can include a dry cough, chest discomfort, aches and pains, headache, stomach upset, chills and fatigue.

Congestion and sore throat occur less often. Fever is common, but not present in all cases.

STAY HOME: If you think you have the flu, stay home unless you have an urgent need that cannot wait until you feel better. You can call your doctor for advice. You can return to your normal routine when 24 hours has elapsed since you had a fever (while off fever reducing medications).

Persons who have come into contact with someone with H1N1 can continue their normal routine unless they experience symptoms themselves, at which time they should also stay home.

Anyone with a condition (mentioned above) that puts them at increased risk or those who believe they may be experiencing severe symptoms

should contact their physician without delay.

Like seasonal flu, the absolute best way to prevent H1N1 is to get vaccinated. Certain military and civilian facilities are now giving the H1N1 vaccine to those at increased risk.

As availability increases over the next few weeks, everyone will be able to receive it. Your physician's office should be aware of where H1N1 vaccine is currently available. Be smart and stay healthy.

Seasonal flu vaccines are currently available at NH Pensacola.

The H1N1 vaccine from the Defense Department's stockpile was tentatively scheduled to arrive by mid-December.

More than 100 H1N1 vaccines, from the Health and Human Services stockpile, were made available to NH Pensacola for its designated high-risk patients in early November.

Moving during the holidays? Some helpful advice

By Carissa Bergosh
School Liaison Officer for NASP

Most children and their families get excited about moving to a new community. It is an opportunity to start afresh, make new friends, explore different scenery and maybe get your own bedroom.

But the other side of moving for children is leaving friends and starting in a new school. While you may be concerned about housing, a job and new clothes due to a climate change, your children hone in on what will have the greatest impact on them — school.

Roughly 16 million American fami-

lies move each year. And the adjustment can be hard on kids. One of the keys to making it easier is time.

Psychologist Gary Santavicca says: "In general, the more preparation you have, the easier a transition is." So, he says, start talking about the move as early as possible. And include the kids.

Have them get online to learn about the new city's zoo, their new school or the nearest park. "Different things to help them feel like they're helping to make it happen, and it's a family project," he says.

Totally preventing moving anxiety may not be possible, but attempts to do so can benefit all in the family — not

just the children.

Consider three key elements: reliability, routine and relationships. By promoting these three elements, you'll experience a more positive move for everyone.

Check with the school liaison officer at the new installation for names of students at the school who would be willing to become e-mail buddies. You can get in touch with the SLO at your new installation by calling the SLO at your current installation or Googling "Navy School Liaison Officer." The school liaison officer may be able to put you in contact with the school's counselor who can provide information about specific

information.

So as you approach the first day, establish a regular bedtime routine and morning routine. Make sure that he has clothes that are appropriate for the school's dress code.

The school counselor can help the teachers receiving your children to build strategies for establishing positive relationships with them. By sharing information about your children before they arrive will give the teacher and the class time to prepare a welcoming atmosphere.

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More than 2,300 Christmas wreaths laid at Barrancas National Cemetery



The Young Marines of Pensacola helped lay 350 wreaths at Barrancas National Cemetery Dec. 12 as part of the Wreaths Across America project. (above) Pvt. Devan M. Finney, 12, takes a wreath from the truck.

Story, photos by Anne Thrower
Gosport Staff Writer

It may have been cold and dreary but that didn't stop people — including the local Young Marines of Pensacola — from laying wreaths at Barrancas National Cemetery Dec. 12. More than 2,300 wreaths were laid on grave sites at the cemetery onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola — double the number from last year.

The wreaths are part of the Wreaths Across America project. Last year about 1,000 were placed at Barrancas.

Each year a different section is designated to receive the wreaths since there are roughly 38,000 grave sites at the cemetery.

A group of 46 Young Marines and

12 staff members put 350 wreaths in place.

Marine Capt. Kenneth Morrow, who serves as the commanding officer of the group, said he couldn't be prouder. "They learn and do so much from and for the community, it is amazing," he said.

Buster Hartford, who organizes the annual event at NASP, said this year's support was much better than expected.

"It's kind of amazing that even the way the economy is today, people still want to honor the veterans," Hartford said. "It's quite heart-

"It's kind of amazing that even the way the economy is today, people still want to honor the veterans"

— Buster Hartford

warming." The ceremony that followed the wreath laying coincided with the laying of the wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreaths were laid at 350 sites nationwide and around the world.



(right) Pvt. Jeremiah A. Renfro, 12, stands at attention waiting to lay his wreath



(above) Pvt. Alex P. Durden, 10, listens to Gunnery Sgt. Pete Belanger as he explains when the appropriate time to salute will occur. (left) Service members and other adults also helped lay more than 2,300 wreaths, double the number from last year. The event coincided with the laying of the wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery.



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NCIS crime reduction program targets sexual assault prevention

By MC1(SW/AW) Kristen Allen
Naval Criminal Investigative Service Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Crime Reduction Program (CRP) focused its first quarter campaign of the 2010 fiscal year on sexual assault prevention.

NCIS planned to use command briefings and community outreach events to educate Sailors and Marines about the risks of victimization and the repercussions of criminal sexual behavior, with emphasis on alcohol-facilitated sexual assaults and bystander intervention.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus hosted the first Department of the Navy (DoN) Sexual Assault Prevention Summit at the Washington Navy Yard in September, where senior military and civilian DON leaders interacted with subject matter experts to develop effective prevention strategies designed to eliminate sexual assault in the Navy and Marine Corps. NCIS is incorporating information from this conference in its sexual assault prevention campaign.

Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 6495.01 defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or a situation in which the victim does not or cannot consent.

NCIS Special Agent Patty Lyons, the family and sexual violence agent at Quantico, Va., said more than 75 percent of her cases are sexual assault cases. She said it's important to focus on sexual assault prevention because many Sailors and Marines don't know the impact that comes with a sex crime conviction.

"Many of these young men and women don't understand that if convicted of a sex crime, most will have to register as a sex

offender for the rest of their lives," said Lyons, who has worked sexual assault cases for 20 years as a Marine criminal investigator, Marine special agent, and an NCIS agent.

Lyons said the majority of her cases involve alcohol, acquaintances, and coworkers. More than 80 percent of rape victims know their assailant. NCIS statistics show most military sexual assaults occur in barracks, off-base apartments, and rented hotel rooms, and most of those incidents involve alcohol consumption by the victim, suspect, or both parties.

"When drinking, Sailors and Marines should use the buddy system and make sure that their buddy isn't drinking too much," said Lyons.

Other NCIS tips to help prevent sexual assaults include drinking responsibly, knowing personal drinking limits, knowing a partner's age, and agreeing not to leave parties or bars with "new" friends.

Special Agent Carrie Nelson, CRP coordinator, said another key factor in pre-

venting sexual assaults is bystander intervention.

"It is simply standing up and doing the right thing. It's intervening on your buddy's behalf when you see him or her taking advantage of someone too intoxicated to understand what's happening. It's making sure your shipmate gets home safely. It's preventing an assault before it happens," said Nelson. "Bystander intervention is an obligation that every one of us shares. It is our duty to step up and stop someone from becoming a perpetrator or a victim."

Some examples of bystander intervention include making up an excuse to get someone away from a risky situation,

pointing out disrespectful behavior, recommending to a bartender or party host that someone has had too much to drink, trying to keep someone from going to an isolated location, and maybe even calling the police.

Nelson pointed out that the most effective intervention often involves taking action before a crime can occur. She added it is important for bystanders to always keep themselves safe, know options that are available, attempt to have other people assist, and avoid violence.

Lyons said victims of sexual assault should report the incident immediately, as valuable evidence can be obtained.

"So many folks don't want to have the stigma of 'I'm one of them,'" said Lyons. "The reality of it is sexual assault is one of those crimes that will only increase if the suspect isn't caught. If someone gets away with it once, they will normally try it again and again."

Onboard NAS Pensacola, anyone interested in contacting NCIS concerning sexual assault can call the NASP office at 452-4211. NCIS Special Agent Chris Ahr gives briefs to base commands on sexual assault preventative measures and welcomes questions service members may have. "(NCIS) is firmly behind the DoD and Navy and Marine Corps mission," Ahr said. "We take it as one of our most serious offenses and take a proactive approach to prevent these things from happening. Our goal is awareness and prevention and we take these (holiday) times to really spearhead that and make a concerted effort to prevent future incidents from happening."

The Department of Defense (DoD) has two sexual assault reporting policies: restricted and unrestricted. Under restricted reporting, a victim may only notify a victim advocate, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), healthcare provider, and chaplain. Law enforcement is not notified and an investigation will not be initiated. Victims will be provided a victim advocate and will sign a statement of reporting preference.

With unrestricted reporting, an official law enforcement investigation is initiated, victims will be provided a victim advocate, a SARC will monitor their care, and victims will be updated monthly on the status of the investigation. Once a victim decides on unrestricted reporting, they can't go back and change it to restricted reporting.

Victims of sexual assault or people with information about a sexual assault can call the NCIS Hotline at 1 (877) 579-3648, or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1 (800) 656-4673, which will connect the caller to a local rape crisis center. Personnel stationed overseas may utilize the NCIS hotline, contact their local NCIS office, or e-mail ncistipline@ncis.navy.mil.

The CRP, launched in October 2008 and spearheaded by NCIS, is an awareness and education program that unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors and Marines about common threats to their safety. The CRP has successfully completed four awareness campaigns focusing on domestic violence, identity theft, child abuse and narcotics abuse.

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Inventor of 'Dilbert Dunker' visits NAS Whiting Field

By **Ens. Joanna Clark**
Naval Air Station Whiting Field

With an unsavory reputation for discomfort and the look of a middle-ages torture device, the "Dilbert Dunker" might not be the first choice for a happy look down memory lane.

However, the device is credited with possibly saving thousands of aviators' lives and the inventor of the training contraption is justifiably proud of his progeny.

Wilfred Kaneb, who currently resides in Ontario, Canada, began designing and building the dunker in 1943.

He was tasked with the duty of creating a mechanism to simulate engine failure at takeoff from a carrier, as many pilots who crashed in this scenario during World War II did not survive.

"The Army colonel said somebody

has got to teach them what it is like to be drowning," Kaneb recollected. "It took us between six months to a year to design and build it."

Kaneb visited Naval Air Station Whiting Field recently to see one of only four Dunkers created.

On display at the base's atrium with other pieces of naval aviation history, this Dilbert Dunker was used for water survival training at both Naval Air Station Pensacola and NAS Whidbey Island.

The dunker is a piece of history to many aviators at NAS Whiting Field, including Commanding Officer, Capt. Pete Hall and Executive Officer Cmdr. Anne Chapman.

More than 8,000 aviators have trained on the Dilbert Dunker. The device was removed from service as the Naval Operational Medicine Institute at NASP replaced it with the Aircrew Water Survival Training Facility a few years ago.

"We have a little bit of our history in here," Chapman said. "I mean, I rode in here." Hall added, referring to the Dilbert Dunker, "If you think of all the people who have gone through this one, all the astronauts, the people who went to the moon... They all had to go through Pensacola, through this one."

Four of these devices surfaced in the fleet, all hand made and tested by Kaneb and a small team of engineers.

Because there was no assembly line to build these machines, they had to be individually tested, and they didn't always work on the first try.



Capt. Pete Hall, (right) Commanding officer at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, chats with Wilfred Kaneb, the inventor of the Dilbert Dunker. Photo by Ens. Miles Hooper

Testing these devices could not have been pleasant, as many would gather from the dunker's film debut in "An Officer and a Gentleman."

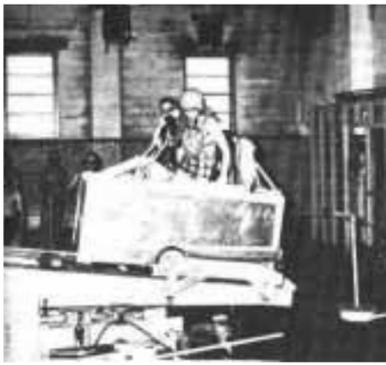
The flight candidate would be strapped into a mock cockpit, place his hands on the throttle and stick and be lifted in a cart a few meters out of the water.

The cart would then come crashing into the water, flip up-side-down, and the candidate would then (with "water in every sinus") have to orient himself

and escape from the pilot seat.

"We tested a lot of airplanes (Dilbert Dunkers)," Kaneb said. "I liked it, though, because it was worth it."

Many will tell you that, although it was not a pleasant experience to traverse the path of this mechanism in action, if they were to go down in an aircraft they would be grateful they had the training. Capt. Hall stated, reminiscing his water survival training, "I know it gave me the confidence to get out of the water."



The Dilbert Dunker. Photo courtesy of <http://nasgi.org>

Avoiding stress during holidays

From **National Naval Medical Center Public Affairs**

BETHESDA, Md. — The holiday season may be a time to celebrate with friends and family, but for those who won't have an opportunity to see their loved ones, it may be a time of increased stress and hardship.

"The holidays increase stress, both in positive and negative ways, so it's a more challenging time for some people," said Cmdr. James West, the behavioral health department head here at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC).

"For someone having depression, the holidays can be very difficult, particularly for young service members. This might be the first holiday they had to

spend away from family. That can be traumatic."

Signs of depression include feeling sad every day with a lost of interest in pleasurable activities, West said.

Some people may experience sleep disruption, loss of energy, loss of appetite and feelings of guilt. In extreme cases of depression, some people may exhibit suicidal thoughts or actions. These are manifested in threatening to hurt oneself, talking or writing about death, uncontrolled anger, increased drug and alcohol use and dramatic mood changes.

It is important to reconnect with friends, family, community or church groups to reduce the stress of the holidays, West said.

"These give a great deal

of support and strength. The holidays can be a very positive, uplifting time to re-establish these connections," he said.

One way to ease the burden of loneliness is to focus on having social support systems, West said.

Jenny Charson, marketing director for NNMC's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) center, recommends getting involved with any of the programs that are offered regularly on base such as weekend outings at reduced costs, movie nights and a free dinner every night before a scheduled pay day.

These events target enlisted personnel, primarily E-1 through E-6. Staying healthy and fit is a great way to remain positive, Charson said.

MCPON: Now that we have momentum, we should push Facebook even further

From **Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — One week after his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mcpn, surpassed 10,000 "fans," Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West used the Web site to announce his intent to further leverage social media as a significant communications device.

West, in a note he posted to Facebook in early December, said he anticipates another thousand fans by Christmas, and that the response he's received from Sailors and Navy families has been surprising and encouraging. He also said that the real value of social media is the opportunity to share ideas.

"We started out tentatively and that's fine. But, now that we have momentum, I believe we should push it even further. I want to start putting your best ideas on our page," West wrote. "Is your command doing something like that? If so, let us know. We want to introduce that idea to the fleet and leverage it for the good of all Sailors."

West unveiled his public Facebook page June 25 and has been aggressive in tackling subjects Sailors around the Navy tell him they are most concerned with.

"We've discussed the wear policy for the NWU and your feedback made its way to our CNO. We've discussed women aboard submarines and the debates on that subject have been enlightening and well-spoken. Almost every decision or new policy released or considered in the last half-year has been brought up here and discussed. I find that is immensely gratifying, and I hope it continues."

MCPON wrote that he hopes for even more interaction in the coming months, but pointed that it has never been his intent to use Facebook, or any form of social media, to subvert a Sailor's standard chain of command. West said that many times the responses he provides to Sailors' questions are short and to the point.

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/mcpn/.

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Submissions should include the organization's name, the event, what the event is for, who benefits from the event, time, date, location and point of contact.

Secondary gates closed at NASP/Corry for holiday weekends

NASP's west (back) gate and Corry Station's gate seven will be closed for the holiday weekends.

The gates will close at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 and reopen at 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 28.

They will close again at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 and reopen at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 4.

The NEX mall gate will not be manned. Access to NASP and Corry Station will be through the front (main) gates.

Naval hospital and pharmacy holiday hours announced

Outpatient and primary-care clinics at Naval Hospital Pensacola will close at noon Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

On Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 pharmacy windows at the hospital will be open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; the NEX pharmacy refill center will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The clinics, pharmacy and refill center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. On Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 the hospital pharmacy will be open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The pharmacy hours Dec. 28-30 will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Commissary holiday hours planned

The commissary will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24. The store will be

closed Dec. 25 and reopen at 8 a.m. Dec. 26. The commissary will be closed Jan. 1.

Seasonal flu vaccines still available

The seasonal flu vaccine is still available for eligible veterans at any Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System facility, including the facility in Pensacola.

Veterans can also visit facilities in Mobile, Ala.; Eglin AFB; Biloxi, Miss.; and Panama City. The H1N1 vaccine is not yet available at VAGCVHCS facilities.

For information visit www.biloxi.va.gov or call Jerron Barnett at 912-2380 or 501-3731.

Santa has arrived at the NEX

The NEX has several activities planned during the next few weeks.

Santa has arrived at the NEX and will be available to listen to children's requests on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. near the mall entrance.

On Dec. 26 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Northwest Florida Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at the NEX in front of Home Gallery. Each donation can save three lives.

O'Club Christmas brunch Dec. 20

There will be a holiday brunch with Santa at the Mustin Beach Officers' Club Dec. 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The event is open to all hands and the general public. Santa arrives at noon with complimentary photographs.

The cost is \$21.75 per adult and \$12.75 per child 10 years of age and under.

To make required reservations

contact the O'Club at 453-1840.

Pet pictures at vet clinic today

Have your pet's photograph taken with Santa for no cost at the vet clinic Dec. 18 from 3:30-6 p.m. For information contact the vet clinic at 452-3530.

Embry Riddle registration under way

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University registration is now under way until Jan. 17.

Students can register from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, at NASP and Bldg. 1417, Room 163 at NAS Whiting Field Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. New student orientation will be Jan. 9; 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in Bldg. 634. All offices will be closed Dec. 23-Jan. 3. For information e-mail pensacola.center@erau.edu or contact Carol Monroe at 458-1098.

Noah's accepting toy donations

Donate a toy to a child in need at Noah's Ark Self Storage, 451 E. Cervantes St., Pensacola, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. All toys will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 19. For information call 433-5437 or 438-0445

HarborWalk parade today in Destin

Due to weather, The HarborWalk Village's Christmas Music Spectacular in Destin has been rescheduled for Dec. 18 beginning at 5 p.m.

For information contact Jamie Marie Hall 585-5451 or info@harborwalk-destin.com.

Choral society auditions Jan. 9

Auditions for the Choral Society of Pensacola will be held Jan. 9 in Room 801 at Pensacola Junior College's Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, 100 College Blvd. Auditions will be 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Auditions on other days can be made by special appointment. For information call 484-1810.

Lacrosse coaches/players needed

Gulf Breeze Sports Association is looking for lacrosse coaches and any interested youth players. Practices will begin the first week of January. For information contact Lt. Cmdr. Joe Costello at 281-7158.

Snowbird concerts planned

The National Naval Aviation Museum's snowbird concert series will have the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra playing Feb. 2, Glenn Miller Orchestra playing Feb. 18 and Orlando Jazz playing Feb. 27. Also snowbird discount days will be Jan. 12 and Feb. 9. For information, call 453-2389.

PJC auditions

Pensacola Junior College invites community actors to audition for the drama "Doubt."

Cold-reading auditions are Jan. 11-12 at 7 p.m. at the Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, Bldg 8, on the main campus. Three female roles are open for auditions — Sister Aloysius (age range 50-60), Sister James (in her 20s) and Mrs. Muller (African-American in her late 30s).

PJC presents "Doubt" on Feb. 26-28 and March 5-7.

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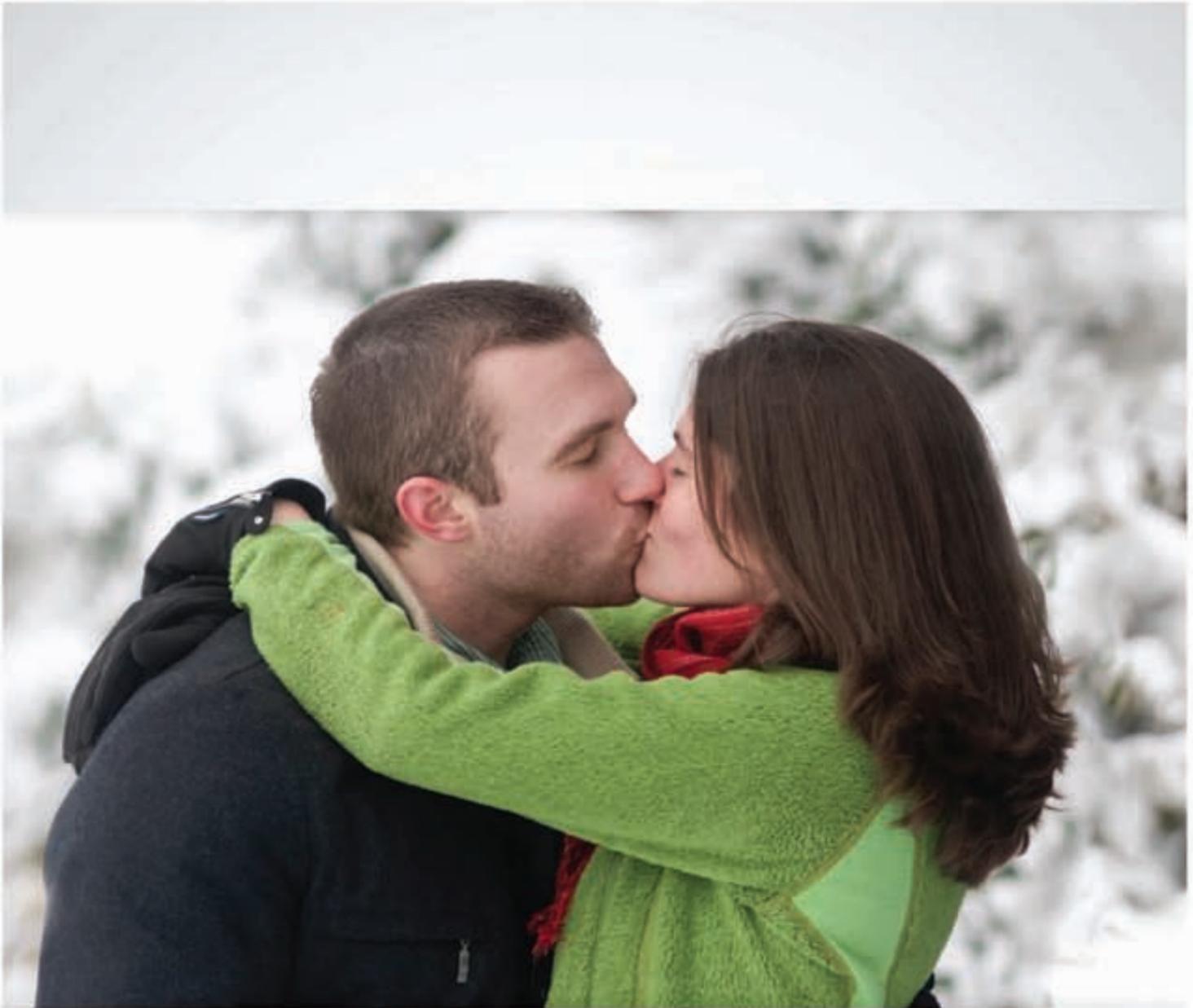
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Santa Claus catches helo to NAS Whiting Field; see page B2 Spotlight

'Twas the Night before Christmas...

'Twas the night before Christmas,
 when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
 Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
 So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
 With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes — how they twinkled! his dimples — how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

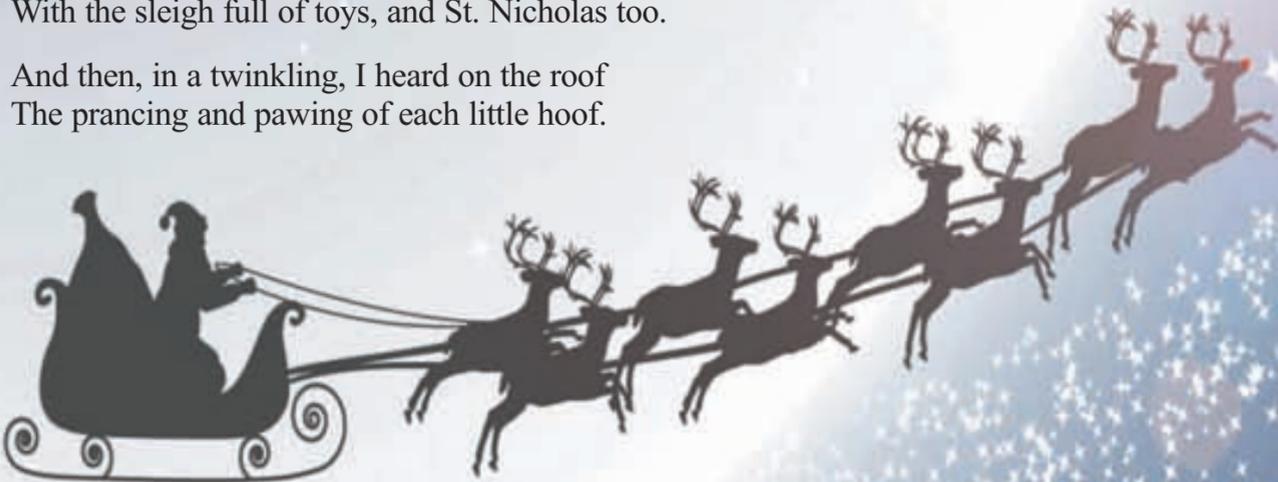
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly,
 That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

by Clement Clarke Moore



First published anonymously in 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," also known as "The Night Before Christmas," helped create the modern-day conception of Santa Claus.

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Misheard in Christmas Carols

"Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly..."
 "On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me..."
 "Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire..."
 "He's makin' a list, of chicken and rice..."
 "Olive, the other reindeer..."
 "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, you'll go down in Listerine..."

Seasonal chuckles and Ho-Ho-Ho's

What happened when Santa's cat swallowed a ball of yarn? She had mittens.
 Why did Frosty go to live in the middle of the ocean? Because snow man is an island.
 One Christmas, Phil and Will built a skating rink in the middle of a pasture. A shepard leading his flock decided to take a shortcut across the rink. The sheep, however, were afraid of the ice and wouldn't cross it. Desperate, the shepard began tugging them to the other side. "Look at that," Phil remarked to Will. "That guy is trying to pull the wool over our ice!"
How poor were you? When I was young, my family was so poor that for Christmas we got batteries with a note attached saying, "Toy not included."

Sailors wearing new ranks at NASWF

Story, photos by Jay Cope
NASWF PAO

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field recognized the accomplishments of soon-to-be-advanced Sailors during a frocking ceremony Dec. 10-11. The new third class petty officers were recognized in front of their peers Dec. 10 and the second and first class petty officers Dec. 11.

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.

"This is a happy event," said Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer.

"It's nice to be able to reward the efforts of good Sailors and to see the results of their hard work."

Twelve Sailors from NAS Whiting Field were selected for advancement including: AC1 Christopher Duffie; AC2 Joshua Barbier, Ashley Coleman, Eric Rhodes and Adriana AyaLabarcellos; AC3 Timothy Egerdahl, Glory Peak and Jermaine Roby; AB1 Leonardo Treggi; AB2 Larry Barron, Gilbert June, and Andrew

McDougle. Each Sailor received a frocking letter from Hall 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 dedication toward the valued ideal of service with honor."

The ceremony was held at the base's operations department auditorium.



Santa drops in at NAS Whiting Field – in a TH-57 helo... Helicopter Squadron Eight Commanding Officer Cmdr. Michael Fisher and Maj. Adam McArthur pilot the squadron's Executive Officer Cmdr. Hans Sholley, dressed as Santa Claus, to visit NAS Whiting Field's Child Development Center Dec. 11. Santa brought candy and presents to the children. Photos by Jay Cope



NAS Whiting Field's E-5/6 frockees Dec. 11 with CO Capt. Pete Hall (right, front).

NASWF named Tree City USA for 18th year

Story, photo by Jay Cope
NASWF PAO

For the 18th consecutive year, Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field has achieved designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for its dedication to conservation and urban renewal. The base planted a live oak tree to recognize its completion of the requirements and to celebrate the accomplishment Dec. 10.

The Arbor Day Foundation presented a proclamation and banner to the command to recognize the achievement. Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer read the proclamation to the assembled Whiting Field team members and the skipper threw in the first shovelful of dirt along with Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr. Leaf Ballast and Environmental Program Manager Ron Cherry.

The ceremony is only the final step in the process. Throughout the year, the NAS Whiting Field Natural Resources team has to: ensure an allocated cost is directed toward forestry projects (this has to exceed \$2 per person on

the base), maintain an Urban Forestry Ordinance, and have a board with regular meetings. All of the requirements serve to raise the awareness of how important trees are to our society. Not only do they provide a natural beauty, but trees also give shade, help to lower temperatures in urban areas, increase the oxygen level in their areas, and help to cleanse pollutants from groundwater and the air.

Base forestry programs in 2009 nearly reached \$90,000 of maintenance for existing woodlands and more than 300 pine seedlings were planted with the help of local Boy Scouts. Similar seedlings will continue to be planted in 2010. The amount invested in maintenance was approximately 10 times the necessary amount to qualify for the program.

"Whiting Field will continue to annually celebrate Tree Awareness Week..." Hall said as he read the proclamation, "and recognize the importance of preserving and managing our trees throughout the year, improving our environment and demonstrating our responsibility as public lands stewards."

(Left) Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr. Leaf Ballast, and Environmental Manager Ron Cherry lift shovelfuls of dirt to help plant the Live Oak tree for the Tree City USA ceremony.



NASP Child Development Center 'Winter Wonderland' festival

By Patrice Ryan
CDC Training and Curriculum Specialist

The Child Development Center (CDC) at NAS Pensacola held a Winter Wonderland festival Dec. 11, with more than 175 people attending.

Activities included Christmas ornament painting; cookie decorating; picture frame and pine cone

Christmas tree construction; face painting; snow globe making; and decoration of reindeer antlers and gingerbread houses.



(Above) Emma Coffey, 5, is delighted by the gingerbread house her dad Brian Coffey is making, (left) Carter Wilson, 4, sports new reindeer antlers. Photos courtesy of CDC

Hot chocolate and cotton candy were on hand for the festival participants and Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance.

CDC's thanks go out to the Marine volunteers from AMS-1 whose efforts helped make the event successful.

Cub Scouts, families and service members clean Lake Frederick

By Crysta Baker
Special to Gosport

Cub Scouts Pack 632 in conjunction with Air Operations cleaned the area around Lake Frederick Nov. 21.

The NASP Air Operations department, led by Lt. Gary Lane, scheduled the clean up to assist the Scouts in earning the scouting "Leave No Trace" award as well as teaching the boys about the ecosystems of northwest Florida.

The "Leave No Trace" award is awarded to the Cub Scouts for proving that they understand how to protect the outdoors by following front-country guidelines.

Seven Cub Scouts came out to Lake Frederick, along with parents, siblings and volunteer service members from Air Operations. Several large bags of trash were removed from the area. Even though the weather forecast was rain, the Scouts' spirits weren't dampened.



Cub Scouts, their families, and service members pause for a group photo Nov. 21 after the Lake Frederick clean up.

Holiday schedule at Naval Air Station Pensacola

At Naval Air Station Pensacola there will be two services on Christmas Eve in the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel onboard NASP. A Catholic children's Mass will take place at 4:30 p.m. and a Protestant candlelight service will take place at 6 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be Christmas Masses at 8:30 a.m. at the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel and 11 a.m. at the Corry Station Chapel.

The Protestant community will be having "Christmas at Home" in the J.B. McKamey Center at 3 p.m. for service members who are at the base.

The event will include food, games and football. The event traditionally attracts more than 100 military members.

Also planned is a New Year's Eve Mass at 4:30 p.m. at the Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel and a New Year's Day service at 8:30 a.m. at the same chapel.

The following is a partial list of Christmas holiday hours for NASP facilities.

The commissary will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 24. The store will be closed Dec. 25 and will reopen at the regular time, 8 a.m., on Dec. 26.

The commissary will be closed on New Year's Day.

The NEX Pensacola Complex on Highway 98 will be open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 24 and closed on Dec. 25.

The complex will be open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Dec. 26 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 27.

From Dec. 28-30, the complex will be open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. On Dec. 31, the mall will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Jan. 1 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The NEX at Aviation Plaza will go to holiday hours Dec. 19-Jan. 3.

Those hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

MWR fitness centers will have the following hours:

Radford Fitness Center will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Portside Fitness Center will be open noon-6 p.m. Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day. Portside will be open noon-6 p.m. New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.

Wenzel Fitness Center will be open Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's day from noon-6 p.m.

The Wellness Center will be open Christmas Eve from 4:45 a.m.-1 p.m. and New Year's Eve from 4:45 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The indoor fitness swim area will be closed Dec. 19-Jan. 4. MWR aquatics will be closed Dec. 19 through the holiday period.

A.C. Read Golf Shop will be closed Dec. 25. Tee times on Dec. 24 and 31 and

Jan. 1 will be 7 a.m.-11 a.m. and will close at 1 p.m.

The Oak's Restaurant will be open 6 a.m.-noon on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. The restaurant will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Portside cinema will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Bayou Grande Marina and Sherman Cove Marina will be closed Dec. 22-31 and Jan. 1-6 p.m.

The Corry and NASP Child Development Centers and NASP Youth Center will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

MWR's Auto Skills Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Crosswinds will be closed Dec. 21-31 and Jan. 1-4. ITT will be closed Dec. 23-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 3.

Oak Grove Park will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Host on duty.

The Bowling Alley will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.

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 • 10:15 a.m. Worship Service*
 • 6 p.m. Contemporary Service**
 Tuesday
 • 9 a.m., Women's Bible Study***
 Wednesday
 • 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 • 6 p.m. Bible Study***

Roman Catholic

Saturday
 • 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance****
 • 4:30 p.m. Mass*
 Sunday
 • 8:30 a.m. Mass*
 Monday and Thursday
 • Noon Mass****
 Friday
 • 11 a.m. Mass****

Corry Station Protestant

Sunday
 • 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study (chapel conference room)
 • 9 a.m. Chapel Choir (sanctuary)
 • 10 a.m. Worship Service
 • 11:30 a.m. Fellowship
 • 7:30 p.m. Praise and Worship
 Thursday
 • 5:30 p.m., Bible Study and dinner (fellowship hall)

Roman Catholic

Sunday
 • Noon Mass
 Tuesday
 • 11 a.m. Mass (small chapel)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday
 • 10:30 a.m.**
 Wednesday
 • 7-8:30 p.m., Bible Study (Corry)

*Naval Aviation Memorial Chapel
 **All Faiths Chapel
 ***J.B. McKamey Center
 ****Lady of Loreto Chapel

Free tickets to GMAC Bowl for active duty, retirees and DoD; other games on big screen

By Anne Thrower
 Gosport Staff Writer

Those staying in the Pensacola area for the start of 2010 won't have to go far to enjoy football and other New Year's activities.

Portside at Naval Air Station Pensacola will carry all the games on the big screen.

But active-duty military, retirees and Department of Defense civilians will also have the chance to see a live bowl game — the GMAC Bowl — in Mobile, Ala., on Jan. 6.

Tickets for the game between Central Michigan University and Troy State University are now available until they run out.

The free tickets will be limited to four per person.

Typically there are tickets available after the students return from Christmas leave, said Tonja Johnson-Brown, with the MWR Liberty program at NASP.

The tickets will be given away at NAS Liberty, Corry Liberty and ITT.

Limited transportation will be



available for students on base. But Johnson-Brown said most people opt to drive to Mobile.

This year's kickoff at Ladd Peebles Stadium is 6 p.m. The game will also be on the big screen at Portside.

Meanwhile, there will be five bowl games on the big screen on New Year's Day and five games on Jan. 2.

Bowl games will continue Jan 4-6, culminating with the national championship game between the University of Alabama and University of Texas at 7 p.m. on Jan. 7.

For those looking for something other than football, replicas of the Nina and Pinta will still be in Pensacola until Jan. 3 at Palafox Pier in downtown Pensacola.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children.

Children 4 and under are admitted free. The ships are open daily from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

There will be fireworks at midnight on Jan. 1 coming from the Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier.

There will also be fireworks in downtown Pensacola where a Pelican will drop at midnight.

The event starts at 5 p.m. and includes a children's pelican celebration at 8 p.m. For information, call 435-1695.

There will also be two Polar Bear activities in the area.

At Pensacola Beach the Polar Bear Plunge starts at Paradise Bar and Grill at 2 p.m. Participants can sign up at Paradise.

The \$5 fee benefits the chamber of commerce. There is no charge to cheer. Black-eyed peas will be served to the participants.

There will be a Polar Bear Dip at "high noon" at Florida-Bama Lounge & Package at the Florida/Alabama line.

All participants will also get black-eyed peas. The dip involves people joining hands and wading into the Gulf.

December Liberty Activities

The Liberty Program events target young, unaccompanied active-duty military. For a monthly calendar of activities at the main Liberty Center in the Portside Entertainment Complex or onboard Corry Station, call 452-2372 or visit their Web site at www.naspensacola.navy.mil/mwr/singsail/liberty.ht.

Free Christmas cards to mail home. Stamps and cards provided.

18-19 Liberty — Home for the holidays airport shuttles — See Liberty for details.

20-21 Liberty — Volunteer to help Truth For Youth. Departs NASP at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 20 and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 21; Departs Corry at 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 20 and 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 21.

"NAS Live" — The show airs at 6:30 p.m. on Cox Cable's Channel 6 or Mediacom's Channel 38.

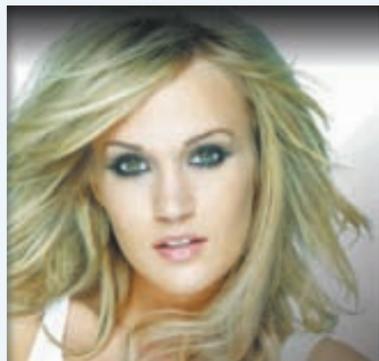
22 Liberty — Free mall shuttle leaves NASP at 5:30 p.m. and Corry at 5:45 p.m.

23 Liberty — Christmas movie "It's A Wonderful Life," 6 p.m., cookies and eggnog.

24 Liberty — Christmas stocking delivery, 2 p.m.

25 Liberty — Christmas sweet treats, 2 p.m.

26 Liberty — Free shuttle to National Naval Aviation Museum, leaves Corry at 11:45 a.m. and NASP at noon..



Underwood coming to Pensacola ... Country singer Carrie Underwood will perform in Pensacola May 5. Tickets go on sale today (Dec. 18) at 10 a.m. Ticket prices are \$55, \$45 and \$35. Tickets are available at the Pensacola Civic Center box office or through Ticketmaster outlets, call (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

USO seeking donations at airport locations

From Heidi Blair
 Director Florida Panhandle Region USO

The USO Pensacola Airport Welcome Center will be open for the thousands of military personnel heading home for the holidays.

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SUNDAY Disney's A Christmas Carol (PG) noon; Astro Boy (PG) 12:15; 2012 (PG13) 2, 5:30; Planet 51 (PG) 2:30; Sherlock Holmes (free) (PG13) 5; Paranormal Activity (R) 7:30

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Disney's A Christmas Carol (free) (PG) 3; Planet 51 (free) (PG) 3:15; Michael Jackson's This Is It (free) (PG) 5; 2012 (free) (PG13) 5:30; Paranormal Activity (free) (R) 7:30

WEDNESDAY Disney's A Christmas Carol (free) (PG) 3; Planet 51 (free) (PG) 3:15; The Box (free) (PG13) 5; 2012 (free) (PG13) 5:30; The Men Who Stare At Goats (R) 7:30

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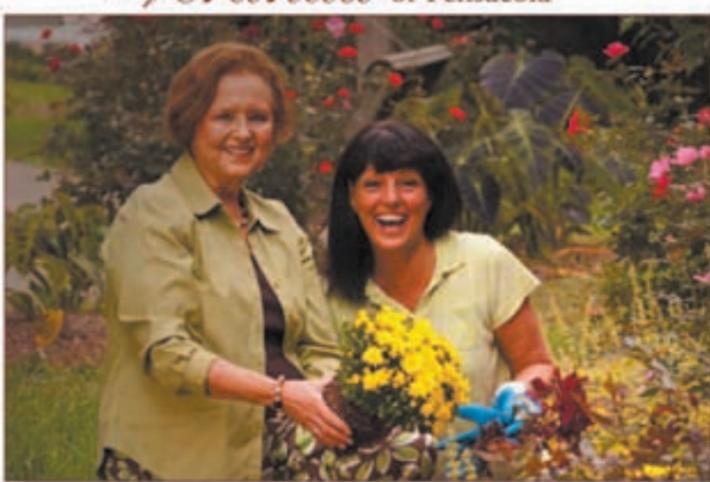
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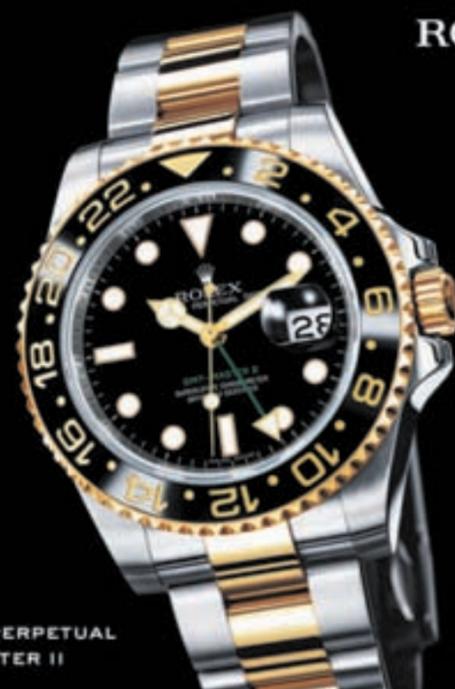


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