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Whiting Field Celebrates African-American History



Reverend Frederick Smith speaks to the audience gathered for the base's African-American Heritage celebration. Smith spoke of the lengths that we have come as a nation, but reminded the audience that there is still a long way to go before Dr. Martin Luther King's dream is realized. U. S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

"Realizing the Dream" was a vibrant theme during the Naval Air Station Whiting Field African-American History Month celebration, Wednesday Feb. 25 at the base's Wing's Club. The event celebrated the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as the work of other black Americans who have furthered the Civil Rights cause.

More than 100 people gathered together for lunch to hear Reverend Frederick Smith speak about King's dream and where we still need to go.

"In 1963, Martin Luther King gave us the dream. He spoke about brighter days ahead. He dreamed of something possible even though he couldn't see it, he still believed it," said Smith. "...When you stop dreaming

you stop living. There is no hope. We must appreciate and understand the differences in all of us. Individuals must rise above the concerns of individuals and must have broad concerns for our brothers and sisters regardless of color."

Capt. Enrique Sadsad, Commanding Officer of NAS Whiting Field offered the opening remarks and welcome to the guests - as well as emphasizing the importance of these events.

"This event is a milestone for me as commanding officer. We need to remember and cherish what people have done to get us here today as a nation," said Sadsad.

Smith spoke to that past by reminding the audience of Whiting Field's own segregated past. A time,

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Troy U Begins Classes

Troy University will begin teaching courses at Whiting Field during the Spring Term.



American National Government, Organizational Behavior, and U. S. History to 1877 will be offered.

Classes will be taught via VTC, however future classes may be taught live if class sizes will support. Troy University requires at least 10 students registered to bring an instructor on-site. The Spring classes will be taught in Bldg. 1471(old Ops bldg) but will move to the new Atrium Bldg once it is complete.

If you have never utilized Tuition Assistance (TA), you will need to have a TA brief prior to it being approved. Registration is in progress and classes begin March 16. Call 981-0333 for more information.

Student's Heroic Actions Save a Life

- Dunn Awarded Commendation Medal

One of the most horrifying scenarios someone could imagine on a Saturday afternoon at the shooting range is a worried individual asking if there is a doctor present, however, that is what Ens. Patrick Dunn dealt with during his trip to the range and his actions saved the life of the injured man earning him the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Col. John S. Walsh, Training Wing Five Commander presented the medal to Dunn Jan. 23, 2009. The award cited his initiative and selfless heroic actions in preventing the loss of life, thereby reflecting credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. With the man now recovering from the Nov 22 incident, Dunn's actions turned a tragedy into a story of heroism.

Dunn and several friends were shooting at the local Escambia River Muzzleloader Range when an individual ran over and asked if there was a doctor present. Identifying himself as an EMT, Dunn rushed to the scene to discover a middle-aged man rolling back and forth on the ground. The man had been accidentally shot through the back and was in



Col. Scott Walsh, Commander Training Air Wing FIVE presents the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Ens. Patrick Dunn for his lifesaving actions Nov. 22, 2009. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

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From the Captain's Chair:



Capt. Enrique Sadsad
NAS Whiting Field
Commanding Officer

We just recently observed Military Saves Week here at NAS Whiting Field, and I hope many of you took the opportunity to speak with Eugene Jackson, our Fleet and Family Support Center Financial Educator as he set up camp at various areas around the base with literature about the campaign.

While the annual observance of Military Saves Week is over, it is really a year-long effort to encourage all the members of our Navy team to save for their futures.

The secret to long-term financial fitness lies in setting aside something for your future every month.

Americans as a whole have been very poor savers during the past few years. Various reports show that we had a negative savings rate in 2005 and 2006, meaning we spent more than we earned. That's the first time that had happened since the early part of the Great Depression. Back then, it was a necessary evil to purchase items required to survive. Three and four years ago, that was certainly not the case.

Wealth and income are not the same things. People who have modest incomes are certainly capable of acquiring wealth in the hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars simply by living within their means and maintaining a dedicated savings program.

There is help out there. Fleet and Family holds classes year round on various programs to help educate our team about living financially fit. Eugene is a resource you can tap as are the command financial specialists. This is not about telling you how or on what to spend your hard-earned money, but about giving you the tools to keep that money to invest in your future.

As Undersecretary of Defense Dr. David S. Chu wrote, "We know that financial readiness affects military readiness by reducing stress that can distract from the mission. Military Saves supports our troops and their families by involving all levels of leadership in an intentional, sustained effort to create a culture that encourages our members to save and build wealth and avoid the downward spiral of debt."

We are here to help. Call FFSC at 623-7177 if you have questions or need help taking that first step toward a sounder financial future.

College Advancement Points Still Available to Sailors

By Susan Lawson, Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- The Navy's efforts to attract, recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women ranks high among its strategic initiatives, and key among those is education.

Sailors with college degrees from accredited institutions were eligible, beginning in August 2008, to submit their academic transcripts to the Navy College Office for an increase in advancement points.

"Navy leaders have long recognized that a strong educational foundation enhances a Sailor's technical skills, leadership traits, critical thinking skills, and their ability to adapt and overcome the ever-present challenges associated with working in the dynamic maritime environment. The recent changes in advancement policy sets the correct tone for Sailors to Stay Navy and continue their education," Master Chief(SW) Gretchen Boals, command master chief at the Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD).

In November 2007, the Chief of Naval Personnel released Naval Administration (NAVADMIN) message 301/07, which stated enlisted Sailors preparing for advancement to pay grades E-4 through E-6 will now be awarded two points for an accredited associate's degree and four points for an accredited baccalaureate degree or higher.

Sailors preparing for advancement to chief petty officer are also eligible to receive advancement points based on the same
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FELLOW EMPLOYEES NEED HELP

Ms. Eva Leatherwood, Equal Employment Specialist at CNRSE FDD Pensacola office, has been approved for the Leave Recipient Program. Leatherwood will be required to be out of work until approximately April 6, 2009 and has exhausted all of her leave.

Ms. Erica Milton, Program Analyst of CNRSE Family Readiness Program at NAS Jacksonville, has been approved for the Leave Recipient Program. Ms. Milton will be required to be out of work for approximately six to eight weeks and will exhaust all of her leave very soon.

Anyone wishing to donate annual leave under this program may contact Jim Harbaugh at CNRSE DSN 942-0041, or Commercial (904)542-0041. Thank you for your participation.

The following forms would need to be completed by the donor - OPM 630-A Inside Agency (Anyone employed in Department of Navy) or OPM 630-B Outside Agency (Employed other than Department of Navy).

News and Notes

Cockpit Demonstration - Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II Cockpit Demonstrator will be available for military personnel from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 9, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Sikes Hall (Bldg 2957), located at 7426 USS Lexington Circle onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Attendees will receive an overview of the F-35 Lightning II, followed by an opportunity to view or "fly" the demonstrator.

Advancement Exams - The Navy advancement exams for E4, E5 and E6 candidates will occur on the following schedule: E6 - Mar. 5; E5 - Mar. 12; and E4 - Mar. 19. The E4 and E6 tests will be held in the Wings Club Ballroom while the E5 exam will happen in Sikes Hall. All participants must have the uniform of the day on with their military ID card. No cell phones or watches are allowed during the examination.

Disney for the Troops - Disney parks celebrate the U. S. military with free multi-day admissions to theme parks in 2009. Disney is granting active duty, reserve members on active duty, and military retirees a free five-day hopper pass. This includes members of the U. S. Coast Guard and National Guard. Eligible patrons may also purchase up to five additional five-day (non-hopper) passes for \$99 each. Tickets are valid up through June 12 for the California park and until Dec. 23 for the Florida parks. See www.disneyworld.com/military or your ITT office for more information.

Riverwalk Arts Festival - Historic Downtown Milton will host the 21st Annual Riverwalk Arts Festival March 14-15 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.. The event will feature fine art, folk art, multi-cultural music, and other entertainment. There will also be festival foods and childrens games. The event is sponsored by the Santa Rosa Arts and Culture foundation in partnership with the City of Milton. Call 850-623-8493 or 3117 or see www.sracf.org for details.

Bonnie Raitt in Concert - Tickets are on sale now for Bonnie Raitt's concert at the Pensacola Civic Center. Originally scheduled for performance at the Saenger Theatre, the March 11 concert was moved in case the Theatre renovations were not completed. Tickets already purchased for the Saenger Theatre may be exchanged at the Civic Center Box Office if purchased from a Ticketmaster



Retaining Our Best and Brightest

SKC Kenneth Negrón repeats the oath of enlistment Tuesday, Feb 24 at the CNATT Detachment Milton onboard NAS Whiting Field. Negrón reenlisted for four years and is scheduled to go on an IA in March of this year. Photo courtesy of CNATT Det. Milton.



75 Years of Experience

Training Air Wing FIVE Commodore Col. Scott Walsh presented 25 year Length of Service Awards to Amy Romero, Marsha McKinley, and David Gagnon recently at the CTW-5 headquarters bldg. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE

outlet or at the Saenger Theatre Box Office. Tickets purchased online may be exchanged by calling Ticketmaster at 800-653-8000.

March Badness - Tickets are on sale for the fight card featuring Roy Jones, Jr. March 21 at the Pensacola Civic Center. Jones will square off against Light Heavyweight contender Omar Sheika. IBF number 2 Cruiserweight B. J. Flores will be featured on the card along with three Mixed Martial Arts contests. Tickets range from \$28 to \$128 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations and the Pensacola Civic Center Box Office.

Military Discount - Recanati's Italian Restaurant's two locations, on Avalon Highway and Berryhill Road, now offers anyone with a military ID a 10 percent discount on foods purchased. All items delivered to the base will receive the same discount with a \$10 minimum purchase. Call 850-626-2778 for information.

Fishin' With a Mission - The United Way of Santa Rosa County will host their "Fishin' With a Mission" bass tournament and family festival April 11 at Carpenter's Park. Registration begins Feb. 17 at the United Way offices at 6576 Caroline St or 6479 Highway 90 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Top prize is anticipated to be \$3,000. Call 623-4507 or check out bassfishing@unitedwaysrc.org. Rusty Whitfield will be the premiere performer for the family day at the park.

Youth Soccer and Baseball - Registrations are being taken at the Naval Air Station Pensacola Youth Center until March 15 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bldg 3690 for youth Spring Soccer and Baseball. Cost is \$40 per child which includes shirt, shorts and socks for soccer and shirt, hat and socks for baseball. Soccer will have four divisions for ages 4 to 15 while baseball will have three groups for children between the ages of 4 and 11. For more information call 452-3810 or 452-2417.

On Golden Pond - The play, "On Golden Pond," made famous by the movie with Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, will be presented by the Panhandle Community Theatre March 26, 27 and 28 at the Milton High School auditorium. Cost is \$12 with a portion of the proceeds to be presented to the Pace H. S. and Milton H. S. drama departments. The play is a fun, sentimental look at growing older and the importance of family. Call (850) 450-2566 to make reservations or for more details.

Upcoming Events

Mar 13, 1300 - HT-18 Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Mar 18, 0730 - Tenant Command Meeting - Bldg 1401

Mar 20, 1400 - VT-3 Change of Command - Atrium

Mar 27, 1300 - HT-28 Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Mar 28, 1000 - NMCRS 5K Run/Walk - NASWF

Mar 31 to Apr 5, All Day - SRC Fair - Fairgrounds

Apr 2 All Day - RADM Alexander (CNRSE) Visit

Apr 9 1300 - HT-28 Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Raising Financially Fit Kids - Tuesday, March 10, from 10 am – 12 noon

Every parent desires to raise children who are healthy, happy, and capable of managing life as an adult in an increasingly complex world. This complex world includes the world of money. Most children learn from a variety of places, but studies show that the single most important place where children learn about money is in the home and the most important teachers are their parents. Attend this class to learn techniques to raise Financially Fit Kids. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Time Management - Wednesday, March 11, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

At the end of the day, do you ask yourself “where did the day go?” and feel like you have accomplished very little on your list of “things to do?” If you answered “yes” to these questions, this class is for you. The information provided in this class will provide you with tools that will help you make the most of your busy and demanding days. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Job Search Strategies - Monday, March 16, from 8:00 – 10:00 am

Are you new to the area and having a hard time finding employment in this tough economy? In this informative class, we will give you several techniques and resources that will help you with your job. Bring a copy of your resume if you would like our Work and Family Life Staff to review it after the class.

Anger Management - Wednesday, March 18, from 1:-00 – 2:00 pm

Is anger affecting your health, your relationships or your work performance? Learn to understand the causes and effects of unhealthy anger and how to express and release that anger in a healthy way! Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Your Insurance Needs - Thursday, March 19, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

A 60 – 90 minute interactive program suitable for all audiences, designed to develop knowledge and skills that will enable participants to make informed consumer decisions on the basic types of insurance, and to determine their personal need for life insurance. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Navy Solicits “Spirit of Hope” Award Nominations

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy is looking for an individual or organization that embodies the core values of the men and women of the military: duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment, and integrity for nomination for the Spirit of Hope awards.

Since 2005, the Navy has nominated one outstanding individual or support organization that epitomizes the values of the late Bob Hope to receive the distinguished Spirit of Hope Award.

“The individual or organization nominated must have contributed selflessly to the improvement of Sailors’ quality of life for an extended period of time,” said Millie King, program analyst, Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch, Chief of Naval Personnel who is coordinating Navy’s nominations. “Nominations should describe extraordinary achievement

and contributions during 2008.”

Originally commissioned by the USO, the Spirit of Hope Award was inspired by Bob Hope’s dedication to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Since 1997, the award has been formally presented by the Wiegand Foundation, Inc. in an annual ceremony held in the Washington area. The Spirit of Hope Award is open to active duty, Reserve, veteran and civilian Navy employees or organizations. Members of the civilian community or nongovernmental organizations supporting the Navy and embodying Navy core values are also eligible.

James H. Gaff, Jr., a World War II Normandy invasion Navy landing craft coxswain, was the Navy’s first nominee and recipient of the award in 2005. Gaff spent a lifetime working with the Navy League in Florida to make it a model organization.

The Navy’s most recent recipient for 2007 was Chief Aviation Support

Equipment Technician Giovanni D. Balinigit nominated by Fleet Readiness Center Southwest. He was recognized for his coordination of numerous volunteer efforts and the countless community service hours he has dedicated throughout his Navy career, significantly contributing to Sailor’s quality of life.

“These individuals followed in the footsteps of Mr. Hope’s service to the spiritual, social, welfare, education, and entertainment needs of our Sailors,” said King.

Nomination packages for the 2008 award must be submitted by commands no later than April 30 to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) through OPNAV 135D. Detailed information can be found in NAVADMIN 032/09 or visiting www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/CommunitySupportProgramPolicies/the+spirit+of+hope+award.htm.

Advancement Points

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point structure as E-4-E-6 paygrades, while Sailors preparing for E-7 through E-9 selection boards will be given favorable consideration for their academic degrees based on the recent updates to selection board guidelines. Both prior service and in-service degrees are recognized, and similar to awards, academic degrees count for multiple advancement cycles.

During the first cycle to award education points, September 2008, Navy enlisted force stabilization officials noted a slightly larger impact during the advancement cycle than they had anticipated. Of the 89,210 test takers, 2,264 reported a post-secondary degree. The tally surpassed the projected number of degrees reported for the advancement cycle by 731.

There were 21,663 Sailors advanced during the fall 2008 cycle, and from that number, 766 held a college degree. Of those with degrees, 33.8 percent advanced, 33.2 percent would have advanced regardless of education points, and 8 percent would not have advanced if it were not for education points.

“Here at CPPD, we support the learning and development needs of all Sailors, which is why we are thrilled that E3-E5 Sailors are now being recognized and promoted for both their professional and academic successes,” said Boals.

“CPPD is committed to offering academic support in the format that best meets the needs of the Sailor through counseling and academic advisement, the Navy’s College Program for Afloat College Education, Tuition Assistance, and the College Level Examination Program, among others. Before even considering an academic program, every Sailor’s first stop must be their local Navy College office,” said Boals.

CPPD and the Navy College Program are responsible for a variety of education programs, including but not limited to the administration of the 52 Navy College offices located around the world, as well as the operations of the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education, Academic Skills Testing, and United States Military Apprenticeship Program.

Sailors interested in starting on a degree can start by visiting the Navy College Web site at <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>.

Acadia Mill to Hold Open House

West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. is happy to announce that the Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, located in Milton, Florida, will be hosting its annual open house event on Saturday March 7th, 2009 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend this free event showcasing the history and archaeology of Arcadia Mill’s significant past as well as the culture of Northwest Florida. Guided tours of the site and educational activities for both adults and children will be provided by the Arcadia Mill Staff throughout the day.

In addition, visitors will be able to see a number of local heritage crafters, artists, living historians, re-enactors, and musicians demonstrating their crafts and skills. The event is free and open to the public and is part of West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. and the University of West Florida’s celebration of Florida Archaeology Month.

For more information, please call 626-3084.

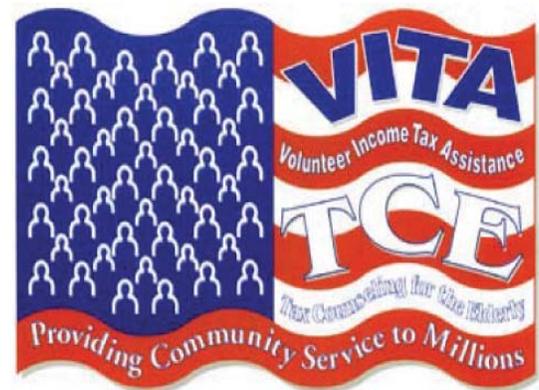
Weekly Tri-Care Notice

AHLTA DENTAL ACHIEVES FULL DEPLOYMENT “GREEN LIGHT,” BECOMES FIRST INTEGRATED DENTAL, MEDICAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

The next generation of AHLTA, the military’s electronic health record (HER), integrates an electronic dental charting capability and will soon be available to military providers across the enterprise. Fielding the integrated medical and dental HER represents a major milestone in healthcare information sharing. For the first time in the Military Health System (MHS), dental providers will have fully electronic dental charting tools complimented by point-of-care access to complete medical records, test results and images.

Transparency of health information among medical and dental provider groups can prevent missed care opportunities before adverse events occur, and reinforce health promotion and disease prevention activities. Use of the integrated record in dental care will support early identification and documentation of oral symptoms which may indicate the presence of systematic health conditions. Through AHLTA, dental providers can document a patient’s screening results in the integrated record, making that information accessible to the patient’s primary care provider, and can even arrange a medical consultation when necessary.

AHLTA is an enterprise-wide clinical information system that generates, maintains, stores and provides secure online access to comprehensive medical and dental patient records. The medical component of AHLTA has been in use worldwide in military fixed and deployed facilities since December 2006. A total of 381 dental facilities and 11,500 users will receive the new integrated version of AHLTA in the two-year deployment period. Initial training will be provided through a suite of Web-based, instructor-led and on-the-job training tools.



NAS WHITING FIELD

TAX CENTER

VITA is the ONLY FREE Tax Preparation Service on base!

Location: Bldg. 2992 Supply Dept Rm. 21

Call: 623-7232

Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NAS WHITING FIELD TRAFFIC SAFETY TRAINING SCHEDULE

MARCH 2009

- 25 Mar - 0800 – 1600 - American Automobile Association-Driver Improvement Program
- 26 Mar – 0730-1400 - Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course
- 27 Mar – 0730-1600 - Motorcycle Safety Foundation Military Sport Bike Course
- 28 & 29 Mar – 0730-1600 - Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course

CLASS INFORMATION

Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC) is mandatory for all active duty personnel who ride on or off base and all DoD civilians who ride sports bikes on base. The MSRC also meets the requirement for the three year re-qualification to receive a decal for base access. To qualify for the MSRC you must have completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved Basic Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course.

The Basic Rider Course (BRC) is a 15 hour course designed for beginners or personnel who have not rode in a long period of time. It also meets the State of Florida requirement for a motorcycle endorsement on your license. The BRC is mandatory for active duty personnel who ride on and off base and all DoD civilians who ride on base.

The Experienced Rider Course (ERC) is a one day course and is designed for refresher training. The course meets the requirement for the three year requirement, except for personnel who ride sports bikes. Sports bike riders must complete the MSRC every three years.

American Automobile Association – Driver Improvement Program -This course is required for all Military and DOD civilians who operate government vehicles as part of their duties except emergency vehicle operators. DOD dependents and retired personnel may also attend on a space available basis. It is also mandatory for anyone involved in a at fault vehicle mishap with a government vehicle. The course is taught by a certified AAA-Driver Improvement instructor and is approximately 6 to 8 hours in length. Personnel who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion which can be used to receive discounts on their insurance premiums, depending on their insurance company. It also meets the Navy requirement for Driver Improvement training for persons age 26 and under. Enroll at www.navymotorcyclerider.com or contact Michael McMillan at (850) 452-3674.

**NMCRS
2009 FUND DRIVE
5K RUN/WALK
SPONSORED BY VT-3**

**March 28, 2009
at 10:00 AM
NAS WHITING FIELD***

Transportation can be arranged for those traveling from NAS Pensacola/Corry Station to NAS Whiting

ABOUT VT-3

NMCRS OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Printable Registration Form

PARTICIPATING COMMANDS

CONTACT US

Entry fee:

\$15.00 minimum donation per person

Prizes:

Trophies will be presented to the 1st place winners from each age group.

Age Groups:

- Under 18
- 18-30
- 30+

Bring the child's membership tag checkout immediately following.

Air Jumpers will be set up for the kids to enjoy!

Water bottles and t-shirts will be provided to first 200 participants who complete the race.

Donations are used to provide interest-free loans and/or grants to service members*, both active and retired, and their families when in financial need or faced with an emergency situation. *(regardless of Rank/Rate/Branch of Service)

* Pre-registration is highly encouraged.

* Check in will start at 08:15 at the pavilion parking lot

* All individuals with base access/decals are invited to participate

FFSC to Host TSP Seminar

Military and civilian personnel have an exciting opportunity to learn more about the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and its benefits from an expert in the program.

Paula Gradwell, TSP Program Liaison Specialist from the TSP National Office in Washington, DC., will be here at Naval Air Station Whiting Field on March 10, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hall of Heroes (Base Auditorium) to present a Thrift Saving Plan Seminar to those who are interested. She will be discussing the following topics: Increasing awareness and participation, Participation Rates, What is the TSP, TSP Benefits, Contribution Rules, Investment options, Distribution Rules, Loan program, In-service withdrawals, Post-service withdrawals, and Death benefits.

The TSP is a retirement savings plan for civilians who are employed by the United States Government and members of the uniformed services. Additional information about the program is available through the FFSC or online at www.tsp.gov.

Please call the Fleet & Family Support Center at 623-7177 if you plan to attend or need more information.

African-American History

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he said, when blacks and whites were separated in quarters, facilities, and even in use of a pool when black Sailors could only use the pool on certain days and then it would have to be drained and cleaned.

“We’ve come a long way,” he stated, “but we still have a long way to go.”

For Aviation Boatswain’s Mate First Class Bradley Johnson, who coordinated the event, Smith’s words “hit home,” and encouraged him to pursue other heritage events.

“I liked the way he broke down the dream. I am really looking forward now to taking on another project like this to learn something else new about another culture.”

Smith’s associations are representative of his passion for the Civil Rights cause. Following his 22-year Army career, he returned to Pensacola. He is an active and Life-Subscribing member of the NAACP and served as the first vice-president of the Santa Rosa branch. He and his wife perform mission work in Sumter, Miss., he is the director of vacation bible school for the African-American Santa Rosa county Fellowship of Churches and an Interim Pastor of Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

The program for the event highlighted the achievements of modern African-Americans such as Tiger Woods, Colin Powell, Oprah Winfrey, Robert Lawrence, and of course President Barack Obama. Smith repeated that the nation has advanced significantly in integrating African-American



Members of the Pace High School Band provide the musical entertainment during the lunch portion of the Naval Air Station Whiting Field African-American Heritage event. U. S. Navy photo by Jay Cope. icans since the 1960’s.

“Yes, we walk hand in hand daily,” he said. But then he advised the audience to look around the churches during services. “The most segregated day of the week is on Sunday.”

So Smith offered a charge to the guests. Don’t quit!

“There is no option to quit. We have come too far to give up. You will go through heartache, but you can never give up. It robs us of our future. Each one of us has an important part to play in realizing the dream.”

FFSC Holds Naming Contest

- *Newsletter to Receive New Moniker*

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s Fleet and Family Support Center is

looking for a few good names. The center would like to rename their newsletter and they are asking your help.

Submit your great idea along with your contact information to the FFSC in person; e-mail to shelley.lutz.ctr@navy.mil; or enter by Phone at (850) 623-7177 by March 16, 2009.

The winning submission will receive: dinner for two (\$40 voucher) at Texas Roadhouse or Chili’s (winner’s choice); plus: one free round of golf and golf cart; three free games of bowling and one pair rental shoes; one free lunch at Wings Club; and one free day of pontoon boat rental courtesy of NASWF MWR facilities.

The winner will be announced March 20.

Dunn’s Lifesaving Actions

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need of immediate medical attention.

“I just went into autopilot,” he said about when he initially saw the wounded man. “I didn’t panic I just knew I could help him and so I just got to work.”

Dunn took command of the situation and started directing people to do several tasks all while calmly assessing the situation of the victim. He sent one person to retrieve the medical kit from his car and had another person call 911. After directing the increasingly large crowd to step back he took vitals and found the entrance wound while relaying information to the 911 operator. With the information that Dunn was giving the operator they made the decision to send the Life Flight helicopter due to the severity of the injuries.

“I was most concerned with what little amount of blood was coming out of the wounds. It meant that he [the victim] had internal injuries causing the blood to flow into his abdomen. That was why we made the decision to get the helicopter.” Dunn soon found the exit wound and continued to further stabilized the accident victim by applying compression to both wounds to stop what little bleeding was occurring. He continued to monitor the victim’s vitals and treat him for shock as best he could given the environment and equipment present.

Once local emergency medical services arrived Dunn conducted a detailed turnover and even with professional medical services on the scene Dunn continued to assist in the treatment of the victim.

“Absolutely extraordinary! He was professional and calm to an unexpected event,” noted 2nd Lt. R.R. Morrison an onlooker to the event. “It was a surreal experience. He had plenty of preparation from his prior experience as an EMT and he reverted back to that mode.”

- SPORTS -

VT-3 Sponsoring NMCRS 5K Fun Run

Training Squadron THREE (VT-3) will hold a 5K run/walk Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. to benefit the Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive.

Check-in for the event will start at 8:15 a.m. at the soccer complex onboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field. The event is open to all persons who have authorized Whiting Field base access. Entry fee is \$15.00 minimum donation per person. Trophies will be presented to the 1st place winners from each age group: under 18, 18-30 and 30+. Water bottles and t-shirts will be provided to the first 200 participants.

Transportation can be arranged for those traveling from NAS Pensacola/Corry Station to NAS Whiting Field.

This will be a family event with a hamburgers/hot dog cookout immediately following the race/walk. Air jumpers will be set up for the kids to enjoy.

Donations to Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society are used to provide interest-free loans and/or grants to service members (active and retired) and their families when in financial need or faced with an emergency situation.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Krystal Herrera, Chair of Marketing, NMCRS via her email at krystal.herrera@nmcrs.org, or by phone 850-452-2300.



Wall Art

An artist from Training Squadron TWO works on their squadron logo on the wall at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field bowling alley. Each squadron has completed painting their logo in the facility and they are ready to be viewed if you haven't been there already. Even if you don't bowl, the center is open for lunch every Friday afternoon. U. S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

Standings

2009 Soccer

| Team | Won | Lost | Win % | Streak | RF | RA | GB |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|--------|----|----|-----|
| HT-28 | 8 | 1 | .889 | Won 3 | 39 | 20 | — |
| COAST GUARD | 5 | 4 | .556 | Lost 3 | 32 | 29 | 3.0 |
| HT-18 | 3 | 5 | .389 | Won 1 | 19 | 32 | 4.5 |
| VT-2 | 1 | 7 | .167 | Lost 2 | 12 | 21 | 6.5 |

Standings

Captian's Cup Basketball 2009

| Team | Won | Lost | Win % | Streak | RF | RA | GB |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| VT-3 | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | Won 8 | 426 | 283 | — |
| HT-28 | 5 | 3 | .625 | Lost 2 | 405 | 343 | 3.0 |
| ATC | 5 | 3 | .625 | Lost 1 | 379 | 383 | 3.0 |
| HT-8 | 5 | 3 | .625 | Lost 1 | 415 | 386 | 3.0 |
| VT-2 | 4 | 4 | .500 | Won 1 | 383 | 382 | 4.0 |
| HT-18 | 4 | 4 | .500 | Won 1 | 348 | 362 | 4.0 |
| COAST GUARD | 3 | 5 | .375 | Won 1 | 372 | 378 | 5.0 |
| MEDICAL | 1 | 7 | .125 | Won 1 | 298 | 405 | 7.0 |
| CRASH | 1 | 7 | .125 | Lost 7 | 281 | 385 | 7.0 |