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Aviation Commerce Park One Step Closer to Reality

-Project Expected to Greatly Increase Local Economic Development

By Santa Rosa County Public Affairs Officer Joy Tsobuka



The above graphic shows a proposed runway addition in red as well as the aviation park's expected location, identified by the right arrow. The agreement allowing limited use of the Whiting Field runways was recently signed by the Assistant Under Secretary of the Navy.

On June 1, Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Santa Rosa County received approval authority from the Office of the Assistant Under Secretary of the Navy to negotiate a limited use agreement to allow the county to use taxiways and runways located at South Field, NASWF. This approval comes after six years of negotiations and partnering by the county, NAS Whiting Field, Naval Southeast Command in Jacksonville and ultimately the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Limited access to and use of the runways and taxiways will permit tenants in the proposed park to use a 6,000 foot runway to bring aircraft requiring maintenance to and from the park.

Santa Rosa County Commission Chair and District 3 Commissioner Don Salter comments, "With this announcement, the county can begin work to finalize an agreement with NAS Whiting Field that will make the Whiting Aviation Park a reality and help bring new, well paying jobs

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Navy's Top Officer Testifies Before Congress

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Rebekah Blowers, Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) testified before the Subcommittee on Defense, Senate Committee of Appropriations; the House Subcommittee on Defense, Committee on Appropriations; and the Senate Armed Services Committee June 2-4 about his priorities for fiscal year 2010.

Adm. Gary Roughead, CNO, informed Congress that his top priorities continue to be building tomorrow's Navy, remaining ready to fight today and developing and supporting Sailors and Navy civilians. He said the Navy has made significant progress in all three of those areas in the last year.

"Sustaining our Navy's maritime dominance requires the right balance of capability and capacity for the challenges of today and those we are likely to face in the future. It demands our Navy remain agile and ready," CNO said.

Roughead stated that the Navy needs a stable shipbuilding program that provides the right balance for the fleet while preserving the nation's industrial base. He said that 10 new ships have joined the fleet during the last year and that



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead, left, along with Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee during the defense authorization request for the fiscal year 2010 budget request. (U. S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tiffini Jones Vanderwyst.

he remains committed to a carrier force of 11 for the next three decades.

"In our drive to build the future fleet, I continue to demand that we accurately articulate requirements and remain disciplined in our processes," Roughead said. "As I

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to the residents of Santa Rosa County. As we move forward with finalizing the agreement and eventual construction of the park, the protection of the base's mission will continue to be our number one priority."

The proposed Whiting Aviation Park has the same potential of the extremely successful Bob Sikes Industrial Air Park located in Crestview, where a similar joint use agreement is in place with the U.S. Air Force. The air park employs hundreds of residents in the fields of aviation maintenance and the retrofitting of military aircraft.

Since the inception of the proposed Whiting Aviation Park, numerous aviation companies have expressed a strong desire to relocate or expand their facilities to the park.

Once negotiations with NAS Whiting Field are finalized and the limited use agreement contract is signed, the next step in the proposed aviation park will be to meet with potential lessees to discuss possible lease agreements and their infrastructure needs including utilities, tarmac, taxiway and hangers. At that time, the county will then be able to further explore the many possible funding opportunities including State of Florida Economic Develop Infrastructure Grants, public/private partnerships and economic development bonds.

This announcement marks a major milestone in the relationship that has been developed over the years between NAS Whiting Field and Santa Rosa County. Crucial to that relationship is the Joint Land Use Study which was developed jointly by the Navy and the county and adopted in 2004. As a result, thousands of acres around the base and six Navy Outlying Landing Fields in the county have been acquired or otherwise protected from encroachment which could have adversely impacted the NAS Whiting Field flight training mission. These efforts are known throughout the Navy as the "Santa Rosa Model" and have been recommended to other Navy installations around the country as to how to prevent base encroachment.

Navy Expands PTS for E-6 Sailors

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Personnel expanded the Navy's Perform to Serve (PTS) program to include all Sailors, E-6 and below, with 14 years or less of service, beginning June 1 as described in NAVADMIN 161/09.

"The Perform to Serve program is an essential tool that allows us to provide stable and predictable manning to the fleet. It will allow us to keep a balanced force based on experience, skill sets and seniority matched to requirements," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, Chief of Naval Personnel.

The NAVADMIN expands PTS to include Zone C Sailors with 10 to 14 years of service. Therefore, all E-6 and below Zone C Sailors with an End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) date on or after Feb. 1, 2010 must submit a PTS application regardless of their reenlistment intentions. However, Zone C Sailors selected for or already advanced to chief petty officer are exempt.

According to statistics from the Center for Career Development, in 2008 almost 90 percent of Sailors who applied for PTS remained in their current rating. Quality Sailors who hold ratings in overmanned fields may be offered reenlistment in an undermanned rating. However, Sailors with a poor performance history may not be granted permission to reenlist.

Sailors should consult their career counselors about 15 months prior to their EAOS to complete the required paperwork regardless of reenlistment intentions, or to get more information.

The Rewards of Volunteering for NMCRS

The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is now open for walk-ins and appointments from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Jun. 9. The program needs dedicated volunteers and below is a letter from NMCRS asking for help. The new office at Whiting Field is in Bldg. 1417 room 160.

Have you ever considered volunteering with Navy Marine Relief Society, a non profit charitable organization with 250 offices ashore and afloat Navy and Marine Corp bases? The goal of NMCRS is to help provide financial, educational, and other assistance to active duty service members and their families.

By working as few as four hours a week, you can make a world of difference by assisting active duty military and their families with their financial need. If you feel you have the talent to share or the willingness to learn how to counsel those in need, then NMCRS may be the right option for you. The Pensacola team is in need of case workers to volunteer a few hours a week to support our military with financial assistance. The many opportunities also provided to you for joining the Pensacola team is to develop new skills, improve existing talents, make new friends, and stay in touch with old friends.

There are many service members who need someone in their life to help them succeed. If you join NMCRS, you will be trained to provide the support and knowledge to help those service members. I hope you will join those already volunteering to make this year a better and brighter one for those serving in our Military. **YOU CAN BE THAT CASE WORKER!**

"After having been a military wife for 20 years, I realized it was time to give back to my fellow military family. That is exactly what NMCRS strives to do. Every donated dollar goes right back to help service members and their family in times of financial need and more."

You can read about these and other programs and volunteer opportunities offered by NMCRS by visiting www.nmcrs.org. For more information on how to get started with the Pensacola team, please call Stephanie Scott at 452-2300

News and Notes

Commissary Happenings - Throughout the summer, the commissary will hold monthly sidewalk sales with prices up to 70 percent off normal costs. This month's sale will be June 18 & 19. Products are expected to include products such as: cereals, granola, fiber bars, box potatoes, Mexican foods, soups, sodas and more.

The commissary also is now stocking salads for the health conscious consumer. Caesar, Waldorf, Garden and Chicken salads with dressings are available.

DEFY Sign Ups - For everyone's convenience, Staff and Youth applications for the 2009 DEFY Program, as well as flyers about the program, are now available to download from the new NAS Whiting Field website at: <http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/WhitingField/index.htm>. Please contact HM1 Clara Davis at the Branch Health Clinic at 452-8970 ext 120 or clara.davis@med.navy.mil.

Shutting Down the Pumps - The Navy Exchange will turn off the fuel pumps beginning 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 5. They will be remain inoperable through Wed, June 10. McKinney Petro will be here on the morning of Mon, June 8, to start installation of the dispensers. Barring any unforeseen problems, the pumps will reopen for business as usual Thurs, June 11. Contact Linda Larrabee, NEX General Manager, at 850-623-0118 with any questions.

Farmers' Market - The Riverwalk Farmers' Market will be held behind the Santa Rosa County Courthouse Thursdays, Saturdays and Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The event is on N. Willing St. in Milton and artists and crafters may purchase one-day slots for \$10. Call 626-6246 or visit 222.mainstreetmilton.org for details.

Zoo Tots - The Zoo Northwest Florida on Gulf Breeze Parkway offers a train ride, story time and animal encounters for children 5 and under Tuesdays. Punch cards for eight visits are \$40 for adult with toddler, and \$7 for individual sessions. Call 932-2229 for more information.

Information Tickets and Travel New Home - Just a reminder that the MWR ITT Office has moved from the Bowl-



Welcome Home

LTJG Michelle Martinez returns home from a one-year tour in Iraq, to be welcomed back with a surprise party at Training Air Wing FIVE Student Control. Helping welcome her back is Patrick Whalen and Lt. Robert Lindsey Asst. Student Control Officer. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

ing Center and is now located in Building 1417, Room 182 (same building as the Atrium). Hours of operation are Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. New telephone number is 623-7032.

The Sounds of Summer - Quietwater Shell on Pensacola Beach will host music from The Smart Brothers, Friday night June 12; Knucklehead, Saturday, June 13; and Ronnie Levine Sunday, June 14. All concerts run from 6 to 8 p.m., and are free. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged for the outdoor concerts. Call 932-2257 for more information.

Fort Pickens Party - Join members of the Florida Trail Association for a day of hiking, biking, swimming and picnicking at Fort Pickens June 13 at 11 a.m.. Hamburgers will be available for \$5 and attendees should bring a covered dish. Call 932-0125 for details.

Mid-Summer Night Party - The St. Francis of Assissi Episcopal Church in Gulf Breeze will host their annual gala June 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.. Admission is \$20 and includes heavy appetizers, desserts, a silent auction and more fun. Chance and wine toss tickets are \$2. Call 932-6467 for more information.

UFOs? - Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Donald Ware discusses his UFO studies in a full presentation at the Santa Rosa Recreation Center June 14 at 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.. Ware has studied UFO's since 1952 when he witnessed seven alien vehicles over Washington D.C.. Visit www.unlimited-horizons.org for details.

Seagrass-planting on Dead Man's Island - Adults and children 8 and older are needed to join with members of Emerald Coastkeeper to plant vegetation on the unique, historic island. Volunteers should meet at the Wayside Boat Ramp in Gulf Breeze for the shuttle ride or kayak to the island. This event is scheduled for June 14 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Bands on the Beach By Dr. Breeze - Jazz, blues, and classic rock all provided at the free outdoor concert at the Gulfside Pavillion on Casino Beach June 16 at 7 p.m.. Dr. Breeze, a native of New Orleans, has been creating and playing music since he was 10 years old. No pets or glass containers allowed on the beach; lawn chairs and blankets welcome!



Onward and Upward

Lt. Cmdr. James Musgraves is promoted to Commander June 1 by Col. Scott Walsh, Commodore Trawing FIVE. His wife, Theresa, pinned his collar devices. Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

Upcoming Events

June 12, - 1100 ABCM Floyd Retirement Ceremony - Atrium

June 19, 0900 - South Field ATC Tower Ribbon Cutting

June 19, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

June 20, 0900 - Sea Cadet Recruit Training Grad - Atrium

June 24, 0730 - Military Update Breakfast - Wings Club

July 3, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Welcome to Whiting! - Every Thursday 1000 - 1200

If you are new to NAS Whiting Field or just want to learn more about the Milton – Pensacola area, this class is for you! Come find out about MWR and other recreational facilities, hurricane preparedness, the FFSC and other support services available! Children are welcome and this is a great opportunity to meet new friends! Join us at the Whiting Pines Community Center any Thursday or call the FFSC at 623-7177 for more information.

VA Appointments (Call to schedule) - Friday, June 19, 0800 – 1200

The Federal Application Process - Monday, June 15, 0800 - 1000

“Is it worth your while to invest your time and effort in searching and applying for a Federal Job?” If your answer is “yes”, then you need to attend this class in order to learn how to prepare the best application possible. You will learn how to read an announcement, analyze core competencies for language, analyze vacancy listings for keywords, and how to apply for jobs. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Credit Management - Tuesday, June 16, 0900 - 1100

The average American family has nine credit cards (1996 American Express Survey); three or four of those are used regularly; the average total balance on those cards is \$3,900 at the interest rate of 18%. Attend this class to find out ways to better manage your credit. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Anger Management - Wednesday, June 17, 1300 - 1400

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.

Home Buying - Tuesday, June 23, 0900 - 1100

A home is one of the most complicated and costly purchases you'll ever make. Getting the best deal at the time of purchase can reduce “life of the loan” by thousands of dollars. Let us show you how. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

BBB[®] OK to Continue Auto Line Program

Arlington, Va. (June 2, 2009) – The U.S. Court overseeing General Motor's bankruptcy has approved GM's request to continue honoring vehicle warranties, including GM's participation in the BBB AUTO LINE program for consumers that need help with any warranty-related dispute with the manufacturer.

BBB AUTO LINE is the world's largest out-of-court warranty dispute resolution program and has been administered for the past 30 years by the U.S. Better Business Bureau system for GM and most other major brands. BBB offers its BBB AUTO LINE service to consumers as an informal way to resolve any warranty disputes they might have regarding re-occurring problems with a vehicle that they believe may be a “lemon.”

“Both GM and the Court understand that it is absolutely necessary to honor warranties and this decision benefits consumers by ensuring they will continue to have a free and easy way to resolve warranty disputes with the assistance of BBB AUTO LINE,” said Steve Cox, BBB spokesperson.

BBB AUTO LINE follows Federal Trade Commission rules and applicable state lemon law procedures. Most eligible cases are resolved by a mediated settlement. For cases that go to arbitration, decisions are made by BBB's professional, vol-

unteer arbitrators. Essentially, consumers may accept or reject the arbitrator's decision, but the decision is binding on the manufacturer if accepted by the consumer. If the consumer does not accept the decision, the consumer is free to pursue any other remedies available under law.

The program's activities are transparent, with audit reports filed annually with the Federal Trade Commission. And according to the most recent audit of the program, 79 percent of participants would recommend the BBB AUTO LINE program to their friends and family who were experiencing automotive problems.

A complete list of participating BBB AUTO LINE manufacturers is available at the BBB Web site (www.bbb.org). Full information about BBB AUTO LINE is also available online, including program rules (in English and Spanish) and an easy to use online complaint form.

BBB AUTO LINE is administered by the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc. in Arlington, Va. Mediation centers are located in Arlington, California and Florida and arbitration case hearings are available through more than 116 BBB offices and branches in every major market in the U.S. and its territories.

NETg and SkillSoft eLearning Courses to be Removed from NKO

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Due to funding cuts for FY-10, nearly 4,000 eLearning courses intended for personal enrichment from vendors NETg and SkillSoft will no longer be available on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) as of Oct. 1, 2009.

The NETg and SkillSoft catalog available through Navy eLearning on NKO consists of courses that are primarily intended for personal enrichment. Courses include content on business and professional development, desktop computing and information

technology including test preparation for IT certifications.

“Unfortunately, the funding that supported this catalog of courses was part of a \$25 million cut during the FY-10 budget cycle,” said John Phillips, production requirements manager for the Naval Education and Training Command. “As a headquarters, we have received significant budget cuts and have had to make some hard choices on what programs to continue funding in the future. Although 4000 courses sound like a lot, they represent

only 4 percent of our annual eLearning course completions.”

No new enrollments for NETg or SkillSoft courses will be accepted beyond Sept. 15. All active enrollments must be completed by Sept. 30 of this year to be credited to an individual’s transcript. See NAVADMIN 154/09 for additional information .

For updated information on what courses are available on Navy eLearning, visit the NKO Web site at <https://www.nko.navy.mil>.

CNO Before Congress

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testified last year, effective procurement requires affordable and realistic programs to deliver a balanced future fleet.”

He then expressed to Congress how essential the Sailors, Navy civilians and their families are to the Navy maintaining its maritime dominance.

“Our talented and dedicated Sailors and Navy civilians are the critical component to the Navy’s maritime strategy. I am committed to providing the necessary resources and shaping our personnel policies to ensure our people are personally and professionally supported in their service to our nation,” said Roughead.

TRICARE NOTE

SUMMER WITH A SAFE SIZZLE

TRICARE wants its beneficiaries to be informed of potential risks and ways to protect yourself and your family. Here are some things to keep in mind: Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. To treat it, move to a cooler, less humid environment and keep the affected area dry.

Heat cramps may happen if you don’t drink enough fluids when exercising. Symptoms include painful muscle cramps of the limbs, stomach and back, as well as heavy sweating and extreme thirst. Stop all activity, sit quietly in a cool place and drink clear juice or a sports beverage.

Heat exhaustion is triggered by excessive sweating and inadequate fluid replacement, making the body unable to supply blood to the brain, skin and muscles. Treat with rest and cool non-alcoholic beverages in an air-conditioned place.

Heat stroke occurs when the body’s sweat mechanism shuts down, making the skin hot and dry and depleting the body of fluids. Heat stroke is a medical emergency that demands immediate treatment by a medical professional.

When going out in the heat, here are tips to prevent heat illness or injury: wear sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, drink plenty of fluids, replace salt and minerals, and wear cool clothes.

He concluded his testimony by confirming his dedication to the Navy, its people and its capabilities. “The men and women, active and reserve, Sailor and civilian, of our Navy are extraordinarily capable, motivated, and dedicated to preserving our national security and prosperity,” CNO said. “We are fully committed to the current fight and to ensuring continued U.S. global leadership in a cooperative world.”

Navarre Hosts Recycling Festival

The community event for Navarre – “ReUse, ReCycle, Re-Vision” has scheduled a new date: Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be located in the front parking lot of St. Sylvester Catholic Church on Hwy. 98.

“On May 23, it rained in a downpour,” said Jones, “so, we have rescheduled this event for June 20, and will continue our efforts to inform and entertain the greater Navarre area as to benefits of reusing and recycling existing resources plus using more energy efficient or ‘green’ technology.”

Displays by local businesses or organizations who have recycling or energy saving technology for the community; Our separate: “Trash to Treasure” section

where the goods collected for the Navarre Fire Department Sale will be displayed and sold to benefit the purchase of new equipment for the Navarre fire house is coordinated by Laretta Aiken. You may contact her to donate any items for this sale by calling: 255-8032. Come early and find bargains!

Also, Tom and Jan of Island Time Entertainment, will be hosting ‘open Karaoke singing’ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The St. Sylvester Knights of Columbus will be our ‘chefs’ with hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks for sale. Bring the family and have a good time seeing wonderful artworks, great bargains at the garage sale and secure information to make your home or business more efficient.

Congrats to Our Newest Wingers



Above: First Row June 5 Winging - Cmdr. Mark Murray, USN; 1st Lt. Anne Armstrong, USMC; Lt. j.g. Anna Little, USN; Lt. j.g. James Wyatt, USN; 1st Lt. Robert Freitas, USMC; Lt. j.g. Mazin Alshahrani, RSNF; Lt. j.g. Nicholas Pietrzak, USN; and Lt. j.g. James Miller, JR., USN. **Second Row:** Cmdr. Omar Al-Rogi, RSNF; Cmdr. Christopher Heaney, USN; Lt. j.g. Jameson McCort, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Scheele, USMC; Lt. j.g. Andrew Hamblen, USN; Lt. j.g. Randall Slusher, USCG; Lt. j.g. James Carbaugh, USN; Lt. j.g. Joel Snedeker, USN; Lt. j.g. Daniel Holian, USN; and Capt. James Vandiver, USN. **Third Row:** Lt. Col. Clay Stackhouse, USMC; 1st Lt. Michael Caceres, USMC; Lt. j.g. Kristopher Huff, USN; Lt. j.g. Justin Wells, USN; Lt. j.g. Maurice Pruitt, USN; 1st Lt. Nicholas Arnold, USMC; 1st Lt. Brandon Pope, USMC; Lt. John Walters, USCG; and Rear Adm. Michael Mahon, USN.

Below: First Row May 22 Winging - Cmdr. Mark Murray, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Churchill, USMC; 1st Lt. Edward Smythe, USMC; Lt. j.g. Janis Huston, USN; 1st Lt. William Wilson, USMC; Ens. Christopher Wenzel, USN; Lt. Brian Schmidt, USCG; and Lt. Col. Mark Schrecker, USMC. **Second Row:** Cmdr. Christopher Heaney, USN; 1st Lt. Aaron Huffman, USMC; Lt. Edward DiPiero, USCG; Ens. Aaron Willmarth, USN; Ens. Michael Garcia, USN; Lt. j.g. Michael Umholtz, USN; and 1st Lt. Russell Stanton, USMC. **Third Row:** Lt. Col. C. A. Stackhouse, USMC; 1st Lt. William Lee, USMC; 1st Lt. Ryan Benes, USMC; Ens. Nicholas Haubrich, JR., USN; Ens. Kevin Meier, USN; 1st Lt. Benjamin Nickell, USMC; Lt. j.g. David Sanchez, USN; and Col. John Walsh, USMC. **Photos by Marc Bizzell.**

