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NHA Fleet Fly-In Completes Training Mission

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

More than thirty Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard helicopters from across the country arrived to Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field Oct. 20 for the 20th annual Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) Fleet Fly-In. The event is one of just two national gatherings held by the organization each year.

The Fleet Fly-In has grown from just a few aircraft to a multi-day event including several helicopter communities and almost every type of helicopter in the sea service inventory.

Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard aircraft from around the country make their way to NAS Whiting Field every year to take part in helicopter community discussions. This event serves to give the flight students in advanced helicopter training their first taste of which aircraft they may be flying after they complete training.



Two TH-57 Sea Ranger helicopters appear to stand guard for an SH-53 Sea Stallion which is at Naval Air Station Whiting Field for the Naval Helicopter Association Fleet Fly-In. The annual event brings helicopters from all the sea services to Whiting Field for three days of briefs, social events and student flying. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Robert Hooper, III.

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Santa Rosa County Recognizes Oct. 22 as Sadsad Day



The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners presents Capt. Enrique Sadsad, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, with a copy of the proclamation naming Oct. 22 as his day. Photo courtesy of Joy Tsobuka.

Editor's Note: The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners proclaimed Oct. 22 as Capt. Enrique L. Sadsad Day in the county. Here is a copy of the proclamation to that effect.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Captain Enrique L. (Rick) Sadsad has

served as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Whiting Field since August of 2007 and is leaving to assume a command position at Naval Support Activity Bahrain; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sadsad is a "Mustang Officer," enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1977 as an Aviation Machinist Mate; and in 1984 upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS) was commissioned a Naval Flight Officer successfully completing progressively more responsible and demanding command positions with commensurate promotions in rank; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sadsad's military and community accomplishments are distinguished and many, the most recent of which is his national recognition as the 2009 Military Leader of the Year by the Association of Defense Communities for his outstanding leadership in building and sustaining partnerships and relationships in the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is most grateful for Captain Sadsad's determined leadership in championing the Limited Access Use Agreement between the U.S. Navy and Santa Rosa County which provides "through

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Whiting Field Brings Save-A-Life Tour to the Base

Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Kramer Entertainment are teaming up to try and save some lives – and it could be yours.

The National Save-A-Life tour stops at Whiting Field tomorrow and Friday to present an educational presentation about the dangers of drinking and driving. Using a multi-faceted approach, the tour tries to bring home the tragic possibilities inherent in driving while under the influence.

According to the organization’s website, “the Save-A-Life tour brings a shocking approach to alcohol awareness with a tragic video, personal stories of the loss of loved ones by peers, and a sobering drinking and driving simulation experience. This tour has earned itself national acclaim from colleges, universities, high schools, and military events nationwide.”

The event kicks off with a message for Executive Officer Cmdr. Lynne Chapman, and is followed by the Save-

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Students line up to take a turn at the driving simulators during a previous Save-A-Life tour event. The simulator shows the driver how difficult it is to drive while impaired due to the use of alcohol or drugs. The tour comes to NAS Whiting Field’s Atrium Building Oct. 29 & 30. Photo from www.savealife.com.

A Halloween-themed poster with a black background and a white, ornate border. The background features a dark, spooky house with a full moon and a large, red, cartoonish devil character with horns and a wide grin. The text is in various colors and fonts: 'OCTOBER 31ST AT ACES' in blue, 'BAR OPENS AT 4, PARTY STARTS AT 8' in orange, 'HALLOWEEN PARTY' in large blue letters, 'COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, COSTUME CONTEST AND MORE!' in orange, and '\$5.00 COVER CHARGE FOR SNACKS' in orange. There are also images of people in costumes and a yellow moon with a bat flying in front of it.

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News and Notes

Haunted House Walking and Trolley Tours - The Pensacola Historical Society hosts its annual Haunted House and Trolley Tours Oct. 30, and 31. Walking tours leave every 30 minutes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Trolley Tours leave at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. All tours will leave from the Pensacola Historical Museum and will last one hour. Tours go on rain or shine! Walking Tour tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Trolley Tour tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Call 595-1559 for details.

Job Fair - Workforce EscaRosa Employ Florida, Hire Vets First and Jobs Plus are sponsoring the 3rd Annual Northwest Florida Veterans & Military Hiring Fair. The event specifically targets Veterans, Active Duty Military and their family members and more than 40 employers will attend. The fair will take place Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Days Inn conference center at 8700 Navarre Parkway in Navarre, Fla. Check out www.employflorida.com for more information.

Applebees Veterans Day Event - In recognition of service to our country, all veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat free at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this Veterans Day. All U.S. veterans and active duty military with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's nationwide on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, or photograph in uniform or wearing uniform. For additional details, visit: www.applebees.com/vetsday

Latin Festival - Latino Gulf Coast Media Inc. and WSRE are sponsoring *Festival Latino* Oct. 31 at Bayview Park from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Fall Festival at Historic P-Cola - Historic Pensacola Village will host a Fall Festival Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The village will be open free to the public. The Fall Festival will focus on Pensacola's Spanish history with living history interpretation and continuous tours of the 1805 Lavalle House, a Spanish colonial period home. Scavenger Hunts will be available for children and local archaeologists will conduct tours at the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum. Also, the Museum of Commerce, Museum of Industry, Julee Cottage, Manuel Barrios Cottage, T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum and the Pensacola Historical Museum will be open for self-guided tours and visitation. Historic Pensacola Village is a house museum and museum complex in the heart of Downtown Pensacola.

Military Discount - Arby's, the fast food giant famous for classic roast beef sandwiches, is offering a discount on all menu items for military personnel. Presenting a military ID, active, retired, spouse, reserve, or otherwise, gains a 10 percent discount every day except Wednesday, when the discount increases to 20 percent.

"A Nightmare on Willing Street" - Main Street Milton presents "A Nightmare on Willing Street" Oct. 28-31 at 7 p.m. The 3rd annual Haunting of Historic Downtown Milton remains family friendly until 8 p.m. when the true terror begins. The walk through a frightful two-story historic building along the chilling Blackwater River. will have you quivering in suspense. Make sure to get your tickets early, skip the line through www.13thfloorhaun



Fair winds and Following Seas

Cmdr. Leif Bergey, Chief of Staff for Training Air Wing FIVE receives the Meritorious Service Medal (Third Award) for his service to the Wing. Bergey retired Oct. 16 and the award culminated a distinguished 20-year Naval career. The citation for the medal read in part: "Displaying outstanding leadership, superior managerial expertise, and extraordinary personal initiative, Commander Bergey expertly guided the largest TRAWING in the Naval Air Training Command to unprecedented levels of excellence and productivity..." Photo courtesy of Training Air Wing FIVE.

tedhouse.com/admission.html, and get your VIP tickets today for \$5 a person! VIP tickets on sale at Copper Possum Antiques, Old Post Office Antiques and Clarks Lock and Safe. Admission tickets also on sale at the door.

Santa Rosa County Honors Veterans - Santa Rosa County residents are encouraged to attend the 2009 Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony sponsored by the Community/Veterans Coordinating Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The annual parade will kick off the festivities honoring those who have served our country at 9:30 a.m., beginning at Milton High School and ending at the Santa Rosa County Veterans Plaza at 5178 Willing Street, Milton. The Veterans Day Ceremony will follow the parade at 11 a.m. in front of the Santa Rosa County Veterans Plaza. Colonel Chris "Caveman" Holzworth will serve as both the parade grand marshal and ceremony guest speaker. The day's events will conclude with a Veterans Day Picnic hosted by Santa Rosa County 4-H, also at the Santa Rosa County Veterans Memorial Plaza. Organizations who would like to participate in the parade are asked to contact Ralph Nesenson at (850) 626-7292 or (850)313-6637 or the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce at (850)623-2339.

Lifeguard Season at Navarre Beach Ends - Lifeguard season ends on Navarre Beach on Sunday, Nov. 1. Residents and visitors are asked to exercise caution and use common sense when enjoying Navarre's beaches, including heeding the warnings of beach flags. Flags noting the beach conditions will continue to be posted by county staff. The public beaches, including the areas next to the Navarre Beach Pier and the gulf side beaches of Navarre Beach Park, are guarded each year from generally from March 1 to October 31. The date was extended this year to accommodate the entire weekend. To date, lifeguards made 50 rescues in the 2009 lifeguard season with no drownings.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 29, 0900 - CDC Halloween Party - Sikes Hall
Oct. 29, 0900 - Save-A-Life Tour - Atrium
Oct. 29, 1630 - Wine and Conversation - Ace's Bar

Oct. 31, 1600 - Halloween Party - Aces Lounge
Nov. 5, 1000 - NASWF Change of Command - Atrium
Nov. 6, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

Resume Writing - Monday, November 2, 1000 - 1200

This class will assist you in creating an effective resume. Learn how to handle sticky resume situations like military-to-civilian transition, age, employment gaps, layoffs, and career change. For more information, call 623-7177.

Ten Steps to a Federal Job - Monday, November 2, 1600 - 1800

"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 attend this class 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.

How to Survive the Holidays Financially - Tuesday, November 3, 1300 - 1500

It's that time of year when stores display holiday decorations, increase their inventory, and gear up to convince you to spend money. Attend this class to learn techniques to control your holiday spending. Class will be held in the FFSC conference room. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Parenting: 2-5 y.o. - Tuesday, November 3, 1800 - 2000

Unfortunately, children do not come with instruction manuals. This class will provide the tools to equip you with skills for raising responsible and well-adjusted children. This class is for parents who want to "brush up" on their skills or new parents who are not sure where to begin. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

Library Hours Modified

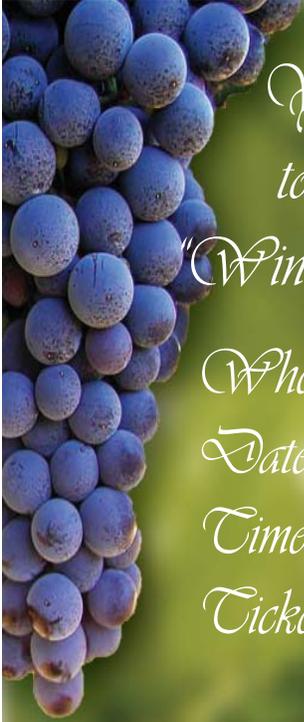
Due to declining county revenues and a reduction of 59 percent in the state's aid to Santa Rosa County Libraries, commissioners approved the county administrator's recommendation to reduce library hours by five hours per week at the October 22 committee meeting. The major affect of the declining revenues caused by the downturn in the economy, is reductions in staffing, including two fulltime positions and nine student positions or 215 hours per week.

Based on library usage statistics compiled over three years and over 700 surveys recently completed by library users, the following new library hours will be effective November 9 in hopes of meeting both residents' needs and the manpower required to operate the five county libraries:

The county library director, Linda Hendrix, explains, "Many factors must be considered in making changes to library hours. Our foremost library service goal is to provide the highest possible level of library service to the greatest number of our citizens, while also considering the welfare and safety of library employees, schedules for youth programs and community groups who use library space for their meetings."

Thanks to technology, the impact of reducing library hours is reduced by the availability of 24-hour, seven day a week access to library materials via the library's Website. The library offers access to more than 8,000 electronic sources. Students can find authoritative coverage for biography, literature, history, social sciences and the consumer can find auto repair, test preparation, investment services, health, online book clubs, downloadable audio books and downloadable DVDs. All it takes is a Santa Rosa County Library card, which can be obtained at any library or through the mail by registering via the Library Website at no cost.

Find further information at www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries.



*You are invited
to an evening of
"Wine and Conversation"*

*Where: Ace's Bar
Date: October 29th
Time: 1630 - 1900
Tickets: \$15.00*

*Tickets purchased after the 23rd or at the
door will be \$20.00.*

R. O. W. P. to Wings Club at 623-7311.

*Cost covers Wine sampling and light hors d'oeuvres
Cash bar open for beer and cocktails*

Fleet Fly-In

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Highlighting the event are the indoctrination flights where many student aviators received their first chance at the controls of a fleet aircraft.

“This is one of largest turn outs we’ve had in a long time,” said Cmdr. Michael Fisher, commanding officer Helicopter Training Squadron-EIGHT. “This is a great opportunity for the students to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It gets them focused on the big picture for the fleet and motivates them to have a goal and understand the importance of being behind the controls of a fleet aircraft. It helps to make them better pilots.”

The four-day Fleet Fly-In began Tuesday afternoon, as the helicopters landed at Whiting Field. Helicopters which participated in the Fleet Fly-Ins included the H-53 Sea Stallion, the various versions of the H-60 Seahawk, the MH-60S Knighthawk, MH-60R, Marine Corps H-53 Sea Stallion – including three from the presidential squadron, the H-46 Sea Knight, and more



One of Training Air Wing FIVE’s TH-57 training helicopters taxis past two Marine Presidential Unit helicopters during the 20th Annual Naval Helicopter Association Fleet Fly-In Oct. 23. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

2009 Christmas Party
Saturday December 12th
1800-2400 at Sikes Hall

Please join us
for a festive
evening of
**FUN, FOOD
DANCING
& PRIZES**

Sampling of Menu
Lumpia Rumaki Sliced Meat Trays
Chicken Tenders Bacon Wrapped Sea Scallops
And many other items ...

Tickets available through
division representatives and
Lori Howell in Admin, bldg 1401.

Ticket Prices:
E7/GS7 & above \$25.00 * E5/6/GS6 & below \$17.00 * E4 & below \$12.00

Students were afforded two windows of opportunity to fly in the fleet aircraft, but other opportunities through social and formal events enabled them to ask questions and learn from the more experienced pilots.

The event also included industry displays, briefs from community detailers for the students, static display aircraft, and social events with the fleet pilots.

Sadsad Day

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the fence” access to the 6000 ft. runway at south field on board NAS Whiting Field which will positively impact and enhance economic development opportunities for generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Santa Rosa County Commissioners, in recognition of the superior leadership provided by Captain Sadsad, both on base and in the community, does therefore proclaim October 22, 2009, as

Captain Enrique L. (Rick) Sadsad Day

in Santa Rosa County, Florida, and encourage all its citizens to gratefully congratulate Captain Sadsad on a job well done and wish him and his family Godspeed on his new assignment.

TRICARE Notes

EIGHT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VISITS ALLOWED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION

If you or a family member is dealing with stress, depression, grief or anxiety, help is available to you in times of need. All TRICARE beneficiaries except active duty service members may self-refer to a civilian network behavioral health care provider for the first eight outpatient health visits per fiscal year (1 OCT-30 SEP) without prior authorization.

Certain provider types always require a referral for behavioral health care services. To learn more about this requirement and your behavioral health care benefit, visit Humana Military's Behavioral Health section at <http://www.humana-military.com/south/bene/health-wellness/Behavioral-Health/BehavioralHealth.asp>.

TRICARE SUSPENDS NEED FOR H1N1 VACCINE REFERRALS

TRICARE: H1N1 Flu Vaccines - TRICARE covers the Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines as long as the vaccine is obtained from a TRICARE-authorized provider. To ensure TRICARE Prime enrollees can receive the vaccine as quickly as possible, TRICARE is suspending requirement for them to have a referral and authorization from their primary care manager allowing them to receive the H1N1 vaccine from any TRICARE-authorized provider, including non-network providers. The requirement is suspended through April 30, 2010.

This will allow TRICARE Prime enrollees to receive the H1N1 vaccine from any TRICARE-authorized provider without being subject to point-of-service charges for visiting a non-network provider. Please understand that pharmacists are not recognized by TRICARE as authorized providers to administer immunizations. For more information about the seasonal and H1N1 flu and to learn about preventing the flu, please visit the TRICARE Flu Resources Page.

Save-A-Life

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A-Life presentation. Only 75 people per hour can use the simulators, so departments are staggered throughout the day. Participation is mandatory for military personnel and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend sessions as available.

Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Eric Tomczack began the planning for the event and his relief Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Paul Jackson finished the scheduling. The event is sponsored by the Navy Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (NADAP).

"This is a really cool event. There have been a lot of positive reviews on the program," Jackson said.

Milton and Pace High Schools will be sending about 60 students to the training as well.

Thursday's schedule is: Kick-off at 8 a.m., high school students and Crash Division 9 a.m., high school students and Crash Division 10 a.m., Air Traffic Control/Medical/ Security at 11 a.m., Training Air Wing FIVE at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and stragglers and civilians at 3 p.m.

Friday's schedule is: Kick-off at 8 a.m., Crash Division at 9 a.m., Air Traffic Control/Medical/ Security at 10 a.m., Training Air Wing FIVE at 11 a.m., and stragglers and civilians at 1 and 2 p.m.

There will also be a cookout in front of atrium sponsored by First Class Mess with burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and chips available for purchase. The food will be available during much of the event.

"This is important for increased awareness for our Sailors. Some people think it is okay to drive when they think they aren't impaired. There are a lot of factors in how alcohol

Check out www.savealife.com for more details.

Naval Hospital P-Cola Closed

Naval Hospital Pensacola will be closed NOV 20-22 for scheduled power outage. If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest civilian Emergency Room since Naval Hospital ER will be closed.

Military and enrolled beneficiaries seeking non-emergency care may go to the Naval Branch Health Clinic at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) onboard NAS Pensacola.

NATTC hours are: Friday: 12 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 452-8970 ext 123 for info or directions.

The hospital will reopen Monday, November 23 at 7 a.m.

...And a Good Time Was Had By All



The NAS Whiting Field 66th Anniversary Celebration turned out to be a huge success with about 26,000 people attending the day's activities. Above Left: 2nd Lt. Ashley-Ann East of Training Squadron SIX takes a picture while Katrina Gardner,4, gives a big thumbs up for her turn in the cockpit of a T-34 Turbo Mentor. Above: Cody Collins, a Pace High School Grad and new lead singer for LONESTAR sings out to the crowd of more than 10,000 people. Left: John Bashore, 6, gets a little extra momentum to do his flips from Harley Bundy on the bungee cords in the kids play area. Below: Erica Rowe sings the national anthem while M. D. Evans from Emerald Coast Sky-dive flies the American flag in the background. Below Left: Lonestar played for more than an hour and one-half for the base event. The band will release its first album with Collins this spring. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope..

