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## McMillan Honored by Army Aviation Groups

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Aviation Center and the Army Aviation Association of America recognized a lifetime of service to military aviation with the presentation of the Order of Saint Michaels Award Bronze Medal to a member of the Training Air Wing FIVE team Oct 22.

This award, established in 1990, recognizes individuals who have "contributed significantly to the promotion of Army aviation in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers."

Scotty McMillan, the Academic Department Head for Training Air Wing FIVE since December 2008, stated the nomination was for work he accomplished with the 8th U.S. Army helicopter training program in Korea from August 1992 to December 2008. With more than 50 years of combined

active duty and civil service, he feels this honor recognizes his "longevity within the aviation community."

McMillan became interested in military aviation when he was six years old when he would watch military aircraft land down the street from his house in Lakewood, California. He was a member of the first Army Warrant Officer fixed wing class in 1963. Switching to rotary wing aircraft in 1973, he flew numerous models and spent three tours deployed in Thailand and Vietnam.

Although he recalls his time in Southeast Asia as the most memorable moments of his career, he seems to enjoy what he does now the best.

"I have been an instructor pilot in both fixed wing and rotary aircraft, and now I am an instrument instructor for the TH-57 simulators" he stated. "I love teaching more than anything else."



Scotty McMillan displays his Order of Saint Michaels Award in his office at Training Air Wing FIVE's Training Department. McMillan received the award Oct. 22 and has accumulated more than 50 years of combined active duty and civil service. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark

## NASWF Environmental to Help Recycle Electronics

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

NAS Whiting Field's Environmental Division is hosting an electronic waste collection event. This event will give all NAS Whiting Field personnel an opportunity to recycle many of their household electronics for free.

Terri Mason, Whiting Field Environmental Specialist, stressed the importance of providing base personnel with responsible choices for disposing their old electronics.

"We want military and DOD members to be aware that they have options instead of throwing them into the trash," she said.

The event will take place Nov. 19 to correspond with Recycling Day for NAS Whiting Field, which is Nov. 15. Base personnel are encouraged to take their unwanted household electronics to the NEX parking lot between 6:30 a.m.

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## "Marty" Martin Smoke Management Conference Held at Whiting Field

By Randy Roy, NAS Whiting Field Community Liaison

Naval Air Station Whiting Field was honored to host the 24th Annual Smoke Management Conference on the Nov. 12. This was the first year the conference was held under its new name "The Walter 'Marty' Martin Smoke Management Conference".

The Division of Forestry received approval late last year to rename the conference in respect of Marty Martin's many years of dedication and strong commitment in developing partnerships to coordinate prescribed burns. Martin retired as the NAS Whiting Field community liaison February 2008 and passed away later that year.

This year's theme was "Establishing a Team-Focused Vision in Developing Partnerships."

There were several partners and presenters at this

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# Navy Personnel Command Moving Sailors Despite Budget Constraint

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW) Maria Yager,  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy Personnel Command (NPC) has released Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to keep the fleet moving, despite the lack of a fiscal year (FY) 2010 budget, Navy officials announced Nov. 16.

“Until the National Defense Appropriations Bill has been signed by the President, the entire Department of Defense is operating under a continuing resolution authority (CRA). For Navy Personnel Command (NPC), this means that PCS funding is allocated in small increments,” said Rear Adm. Don Quinn, commander, NPC.

NPC spends more than \$600 million annually on PCS moves, but has only received a fraction of the funds requested in its FY 2010 budget. The command has had to prioritize which moves can be funded. While operating under the CRA, PCS orders are released as funding becomes available each month.

NPC has been able to release orders for Sailors transferring in November and most of December using CRA funds received in October. New funds received in November should allow NPC to release orders for Sailors detaching through March.

The goal is to minimize impacts to fleet readiness, career timing and families. The priority moves are global war on terrorism support assignments, career milestone billets, critical readiness fills (those that minimize gaps at sea for deployed units and those working up to deploy), and moves that keep the training pipelines moving.

“We fully recognize that advance notification time for



Chief Storekeeper Abraham Racela, assigned to Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), from San Diego, unpacks dishes after moving into the Pacific Beacon bachelor housing at Naval Base San Diego. Pacific Beacon is the largest-private venture bachelor housing project in the United States for single Sailors, E-4 through E-9. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Rialyn Rodrigo/Released)

PCS orders is necessary for stability, planning, and quality of life. We are doing our best to provide Sailors with as much lead time as possible in the current fiscal situation,” said Quinn.

In FY 09, NPC issued approximately 72,600 funded PCS orders with an average cost of \$8,556 per move.



## TRICARE Notes

### TRANSFERRING TO A NEW TRICARE REGION WHILE PREGNANT

If you are a TRICARE Prime beneficiary and are moving to a new region during pregnancy, understanding your options can ensure a smooth transition and uninterrupted maternity care.

If you are moving to a TRICARE Prime Service Area, you should first decide whether to enroll in TRICARE Prime or use TRICARE Standard. If you choose to transfer your TRICARE Prime enrollment to your new region, you should do the following:

- Get all routine maternity care before moving
- Remain enrolled in your current region until the move is complete
- Obtain a referral from your primary care manager (PCM) in your old region if you need care en route.

- Fill out and submit a TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application and PCM Change Form (DD Form 2876) to your new regional contractor once the move is complete

- Make an appointment to see your new PCM as soon as possible to coordinate continued obstetric care

If you choose TRICARE Standard, you can see any TRICARE-authorized provider.



## News and Notes

**Free Recycling** - Naval Air Station Whiting Field's Environmental Division is sponsoring a free recycling event for electronics. The event is open to all NAS Whiting Field personnel and will take TVs, computers, computer hardware, VCRs, DVD players, stereos and other household electronics. No business or government electronics may be accepted. The collection will take place in the Whiting Field NEX parking lot Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Call 623-7268 ext. 3014 for details.

**Branch Health Clinic Upcoming Closings** -The following clinic closures will be observed during the rest of this week and the holiday season for the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Branch Health Clinic:

Friday, Nov. 20 at 1200 for power system/computer upgrades

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27-28 for Holiday/base closure

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25 and Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 for Holiday/base closures

**Commissary Hours of Operation** - The Naval Air Station Whiting Field Commissary will observe special hours of operation for Thanksgiving week: The store will be open Monday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The commissary will close Thursday and Friday Nov. 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday and will open Saturday Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 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.

**Golf Lessons** - A.C. Read golf Club is offering free golf lessons to authorized military dependents between the ages of 8 and 13. Registration is being held at the youth center, Bldg. 3690. Lessons will be provided between Nov. 3 and Dec. 19 on the following schedule. Ages 10 & 11 - Tuesdays 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Ages 8 & 9 - Thursdays 3 to 4:30 p.m.; and Ages 12 & 13 - Saturdays 10 to 11:30 a.m.. Call 452-2417 for more information.

**Christmas Productions** - The Panhandle Community Theatre will present two Christmas plays Dec. 4-6 & 11-13 at the Woodbine Storefront Playhouse in Pace. "The Gift of the Magi" and "Angels and All That Stuff" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$12. Call 450-2566 for reservations.

**Allied Forces Soccer** - The area military soccer team is reforming to provide service members at NAS Whiting Field, NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, and Naval Hospital the opportunity to



### Spirit of Giving

As a Navy spouse, Azenath Muok (third from the left standing) has had to deal with her share of deployments and other stresses that go with the military family lifestyle. Recently when her husband was deployed, she sent "Care Packages" to him on a regular basis. He let her know how much joy those packages of cookies and other items from home brought to him and often the rest of his unit. After he returned, she felt compelled to continue spreading cheer to deployed service-members, so she has convinced her nursing school classmates and the Student Nurses Association at Jefferson Davis Community College to contribute money, bake cookies and provide other goodies to include in care packages to deployed local troops. Pictured left to right are Dr. Angela Paul (seated) Athena LeMay, Niki Henderson, Azenath Muok, Beverly Folzman, and April Stanton. Photo courtesy of Fleet and Family Support Center.

play competitive and recreational soccer. The team previously won many league titles and made it to the Military Club National Championship game. All Active-Duty members from any service or international military program as well as dependents, contractors and government employees 18 and over are welcome to participate. Competitive, recreational and coed teams are planned. Tryouts and training will be Thursdays, 1700-1900 at Barrancas Field on NAS Pensacola near the USCG facility beginning in December. For more information or to sign-up, contact Lt. Cmdr. David Toellner at 382-5494 or kiwi\_soccer@yahoo.com

**Home School Support** - Chris Hendrix, the Schools Liaison Officer for NAS Whiting Field, will host a Home School Support Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in Building 1417, the Atrium, in one of the classrooms. This is open to all Active Duty and Civilian personnel and their families. He will discuss ways that he can assist you with your child's education needs, ways that you can collaborate or cooperate with others that are home schooling, and will present a free tutorial program that the Navy has offered for your use. Call 665-6105 for more details.

**Pet Fest 2009** - The Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce is featuring their annual pet festival Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Elementary School. The day's highlights include a demonstration by the City of Gulf Breeze Police Department's canine unit, exhibitions from Environmental Security and Best Paw Forward Training, pet contests, paw print art, a pet fashion show, pet spa, and a pet psychic. Admission is \$5 per dog. Call 932-7888 or visit [www.gulfbreezechamber.com](http://www.gulfbreezechamber.com) for more information..

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 19, 0630 - Electronics Recycling - NEX Parking Lot

Nov. 20, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Base Auditorium

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Nov. 28, TBD - Jay Christmas Festival

Dec. 5, 1700 - Milton Christmas Parade - Stewart Street

Dec. 12, 1800 - NASWF Christmas Party - Sikes Hall

# Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

## Deployment Support Group for Children - Wednesday, November 18, 1800 - 1930

Kids and youth ages 5-18 who are children of deployed service members are invited to meet for fun and fellowship! Creative activities engage the mind and promote conversation. Share experiences and feelings with others who are also dealing with the absence of a parent due to deployment. For more information, please contact the FFSC at 850-623-7177. Hope to see you there!

## VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, November 20, 0800 - 1200

## New Spouse Indoctrination - Monday, November 30, 0800 - 1200

Welcome to NW Florida, NAS Whiting Field, Training Wing Five, and the world of aviation training! Find out what challenges and rewards are in store for you and your flight student and how you can enjoy and thrive in the military lifestyle. Learn about the local culture, recreational opportunities, and support services available to you, while meeting other spouses and command staff! For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

## Ten Steps to a Federal Job - Monday, November 30, 1200 - 1400

“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.

# ARRA Project Brings AMI Metering to Southeast

**Jacksonville, Fla.** – Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast is bringing advanced metering to region installations saving approximately two percent of energy costs through energy monitoring and replacing many outdated systems with the latest technology.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC) has been forming the structure and requirements for an integrated Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) that will enable Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) bases, NAVFAC Southeast and NAVFAC headquarters to manage utility commodities more effectively and efficiently.

“AMI is one of the basic building blocks of the Smart Grid initiatives we have been reading so much about recently,” said Tom Grant with URS Corporation, the design contractor. Smart Grid is the wave of the future in building controls such as HVAC control. When the meter recognizes that peak charges are occurring the meter can tell the thermostat to increase by one degree in order to save on energy cost.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

program provided NFESC a way to secure funds that are now accelerating the implementation of the Navy’s AMI Program.

As a result, three Design-Build contracts were awarded in the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2009. These contracts were regional contracts targeting the Northwest, Southwest and Southeast.

“Here in the Southeast region Square D was awarded \$23 million in September 2009, to install a comprehensive AMI system throughout the Southeast at 12 bases to include 2,177 smart meters,” said Don Shaver, NAVFAC Southeast AMI program manager.

Shaver further stated that Naval Weapons Station Charleston, Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, and NAS Ft. Worth were not included in this initial ARRA funded AMI effort and that Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay was on the short list to be added to the ARRA list.

In addition, NFESC is utilizing non-ARRA funding to implement an AMI system in OCONUS locations such as Guam and in the Southeast at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# Early Learning Coalition Holds Special Event for Kids

The 3rd Annual Santa’s Secret Shoppe, sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Santa Rosa County, will be held from 1000-1400, Sat, 5 Dec 09, in the Santa Rosa County Auditorium located at 4530 Spikes Way, Milton.

This is a special event where Santa Rosa County children ages 3-12 may select Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Each child may select two gifts free of charge. Additional gifts are limited to two per child at \$.50 each. Gift-wrapping is included.

Santa Claus will be there with a free gift for each child. There will also be a bake sale and food vendors. For more information, please call the Early Learning Coalition of Santa Rosa County at (850) 983-5313.





**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

## Electronic Recycling

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and 8:30 a.m.

Items that will be accepted include televisions, computers and hardware, laptops, stereos, DVD players, VCRs, and video game consoles. Other items such as microwaves, phones (all types), batteries (all types), cameras and camcorders will not be accepted. Also, no government or business electronics will be accepted.

This event provides base personnel the opportunity to recycle their old electronics according to federal law without the cost that is sometimes encountered otherwise. The electronics will be taken to Santa Rosa County Landfill and will then be recycled and scavenged for all reusable pieces.

“We want to remind everyone to erase their hard drives of any personal information prior to recycling them,” Mason added.

The timing of this event coincides with the fast approaching holiday season. With many families looking forward to replacing their old and outdated electronics, Mason reminds us that the hazard of throwing away these materials is sometimes overlooked. If disposed of improperly, these materials can leak mercury, cadmium, and lead into the water supply.

Any questions can be directed to Terri Mason at (850) 623-7286 ext. 3014 or [terri.mason@navy.mil](mailto:terri.mason@navy.mil).

## Smoke Conference

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year’s event. Welcoming remarks were made by Captain Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer and briefs were conducted by NASWF Air Operations, TW-5 Operations, Eglin Air Force Base, The Nature Conservancy, and Division of Forestry Representatives from Florida and Alabama.

This multi-partnered approach allows each entity to share resources and expertise in its efforts to conduct prescribed fires on conservation lands, private property, and DOD parcels. This coordinated partnership has resulted in the successful burn of more than 200,000 acres around Naval Air Station Whiting Field and its outlying landing field ... exceeding any other region’s effort in the entire country.



Members of area forestry, military and fire fighting agencies listen to presenters during the annual smoke conference, now named the Walter “Marty” Martin Smoke Management Conference. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.



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NAS Whiting Field

# Holiday Hours 2009

## FITNESS CENTER

Nov 26 0600-1400  
 Nov 27-29 1030-1800  
 Dec 21-23 1030-1800  
 Dec 24 1200-1800  
 Dec 25 CLOSED  
 Dec 26-31 1030-1800  
 Jan 1 CLOSED  
 Jan 2-3 1030-1800

## LIBERTY CENTER

Nov 26 CLOSED  
 Nov 27-29 1200-2000  
 Dec 21 1100-1900  
 Dec 22 0900-1900  
 Dec 23 1100-1900  
 Dec 24 0900-1700  
 Dec 25 CLOSED  
 Dec 26-31 1200-2000  
 Jan 1 CLOSED  
 Jan 2-3 1200-2000

## WINGS CLUB

Nov 26-29 CLOSED  
 Dec 21-23 0600-1500\*  
 Dec 24-27 CLOSED  
 Dec 28-30 0600-1500\*  
 Dec 31 CLOSED  
 Jan 1-3 CLOSED  
 \* (breakfast sandwiches available until 1000; lunch menu service 1000-1500)

## COFFEE SHOP

Nov 26-29 CLOSED  
 Dec 21-Jan 3 CLOSED

## INFORMATION TICKETS & TOURS

Nov 26-27 CLOSED  
 Dec 21-23 0900-1700  
 Dec 24-27 CLOSED  
 Dec 28-30 0900-1700

## WHITING PARK RECREATION AREA

Nov 26 CLOSED  
 Nov 27 0630-1700  
 Dec 21-22 0630-1700  
 Dec 23-25 CLOSED  
 Dec 26-29 0630-1700  
 Dec 30 CLOSED  
 Dec 31 0630-1700  
 Jan 1 CLOSED  
 Jan 2-3 0630-1700

## GOLF COURSE

Nov 26 CLOSED  
 Nov 27 0630-1700  
 (Snack bar 0630-1400)  
 Dec 21 0630-1700  
 (Snack bar closed)  
 Dec 22-23 0630-1700  
 (Snack bar 0630-1400)  
 Dec 25 CLOSED  
 Dec 26 0630-1700  
 (Snack bar closed)  
 Dec 27-Jan 3 0630-1700  
 (Snack bar 0630-1400)

## BOWLING CENTER

Nov 26-27 CLOSED  
 Dec 21 CLOSED  
 Dec 22-23 1500-2300  
 (Snack bar 1500-2130)  
 Dec 24-28 CLOSED  
 Dec 29-30 1500-2300  
 (Snack bar 1500-2130)  
 Dec 31 CLOSED  
 Jan 1 CLOSED  
 Jan 2 1500-2300  
 (Snack bar 1500-2130)  
 Jan 3 CLOSED

# Happy Holidays!!

