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## NASWF Achieves Tree City USA Designation for 18th Year

By Jay Cope, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

For the 18th consecutive year, Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field has achieved designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for its dedication to conservation and urban renewal. The base planted a Live Oak tree to recognize its completion of the requirements and to celebrate the accomplishment Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the command building for the base.

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

The ceremony is only the final step in the process. Throughout the year, the NAS Whiting Field Natural Resources team has to: ensure an allocated cost is directed toward forestry projects (this has to exceed \$2 per person on the base), maintain an Urban Forestry Ordinance, and have a board with regular meetings. All of the requirements serve to raise the awareness of how important trees are to our society. Not only do they provide a natural beauty, but trees



Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field Commanding Officer, Public Works Officer Leaf Ballast, and Environmental Programs Manager Ron Cherry left shovels full of dirt to help plant a live oak tree. The tree planting ceremony was the final step in the Tree City USA certification process. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

also give shade, help to lower temperatures in urban areas, increase the oxygen level in their areas, and help to cleanse pollutants from groundwater and the air.

Base forestry programs in 2009 nearly reached

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## Lipscomb to Turn Over Command of VT-2 to McGuire



Cmdr. Warren Lipscomb

Cmdr. Timothy M. McGuire, USCG, will assume the duties of Commanding Officer, Training Squadron TWO (VT-2) from Commander Warren N. Lipscomb, III, USN Dec. 18. The Change of Command ceremony, a time-honored Navy tradition, will take place in the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Auditorium at 11 a.m. Col. John S. Walsh, Commodore of Training Air Wing FIVE will be the guest speaker for the event.

Training Squadron TWO is one of the three primary flight training squadrons based at NAS Whiting Field, in Milton, FL. It is a sign of the joint nature of the squadron for a Coast Guard officer to assume command from a Naval officer. Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and several



Cmdr. Timothy McGuire

allied nations aviators receive training at NAS Whiting Field. VT-2 alternates commanding officers from Navy to Coast Guard every two year cycle. The next VT-2 Executive Officer will be Commander John C. Hensel, II, USN.

During Lipscomb's 30-month tour as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer, the VT-2 Doerbirds flew more than 57,000 mishap-free flight hours producing 564, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and international flight training graduates. Under his tenure, overall student production was increased on average 3 percent of assigned mission, making VT-2 the top squadron in operations efficiency. His leadership and

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# NATTC Det Milton Officers Receive PAMO Pin

By Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs



Chief Warrant Officer Three John Linzer, Lt. Cmdr. Don Hartsell, Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Chown, and Lt. Mike Phillips stand together shortly after receiving their Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer warfare designators. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

## TRICARE Notes

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE FLU THIS WINTER

With fall giving away to winter, all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or spreading it to others should be vaccinated.

Ask your primary care manager if you need a flu vaccine, which he or she may provide for you. Military treatment facilities may also offer flu vaccines.

TRICARE covers flu shots for beneficiaries age 6 months and older, and FluMistR, the nasal-spray flu vaccine. The use of FluMist is limited to health people ages 2 through 49 years who are not pregnant.

For more information about TRICARE's flu coverage, go to <http://www.tricare.mil/faqs/> and search for "flu" or go to our Health and Wellness page at <http://www.humana-military.com/south/bene/health-wellness/Healthandwellnesst est.asp>.

Aviation Maintenance Officers have a new way to be recognized for their professionalism and knowledge with the availability of a new warfare pin. Ten Aviation Maintenance Officers from Naval Air Station Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field were among the second group of sailors Navy-wide to receive the Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer wings on Dec. 10.

Four officers from the Center of Naval Aviation Technical Training Detachment Milton, Lt. Cmdr Jeff Chown, Lt. Cmdr Don Hartsell, Lt. Mike Phillips, and Chief Warrant Officer John Linzer, were among those to receive their wings.

"At the end of the day, if the planes aren't running to the point where they are safely in the air, lives are in danger," Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny, Commander Naval Education and Training Command said. "Without the maintainers, we don't fly. It's a pretty simple rule."

Kilkenny, who served as the guest speaker of the ceremony, recollected memories of his days as a young Naval Flight Officer and collateral Maintenance Officer.

"We're writing a new chapter today in Naval Aviation. This is showing you how significant your contributions are to Naval Aviation," he said. "There was many a day or night in my career where my maintenance officer bailed me out."

The warfare insignia is similar in appearance to the wings of gold that Navy Pilots and Naval Flight Officers wear, with a silver eagle and shield superimposed. A gold banner on the bottom of the wings indicates Aero Maintenance.

According to OPNAVINST. 1412.11, The Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer Qualification And Designation Program, the officer must complete a personal qualification standard, pass an oral board, and have completed 24 months in both an organizational and intermediate level maintenance activity with one deployment in an operational billet of at least 90 days to earn these wings.

## VT-2 Change of Command

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commitment to safety inspired the squadron to earn the 2008 Chief of Naval Operations Naval Aviation Safety Award. His next tour of duty will be serving as Air Boss aboard USS ESSEX (LHD-2), "The Iron Gator," based in Sasebo, Japan.

Lipscomb's career spans over 19 years and includes deployments around the world in the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf, Red and Adriatic Seas, Sea of Japan, Strait of

Malacca, and Philippine Sea. He has completed shore tours at the Pentagon, Naval Test Pilot School, Naval War College and Whiting Field. He logged hours in greater than 30 fixed and rotary wing aircraft and has held qualifications in the SH-2F, SH-60B/R, MH-60S, HH-65, TH-6B, T-34C and C-12. Commander Lipscomb's career has earned him multiple awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commen-

dation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit commendations.

McGuire assumes command after his tour as the Executive Officer for the unit. He was commissioned in July 1981, has been with VT-2 since September 2008 and has accumulated in excess of 5,700 hours in various fleet aircraft including the CH-53 A/E, HH-65 A as well as the HU-25 A/B/C.

## News and Notes

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

**Zoo Lights on Display** - Throughout the month of December, Pensacola Beach will display holiday lights from the Zoo of Northwest Florida. More than three dozen displays are included. Come between 5 and 9 p.m. for the free event. Call 932-1500 for more information.

**Embry Riddle Registrations** - The Pensacola Campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is holding registration for the January Term from December 1- January 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays in Bldg. 634, Suite 033, 250 Chambers Avenue, NAS Pensacola and on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1417, Room 163 on NAS Whiting Field. Add and drop for a full refund will be held January 11-17, 2010. New Student Orientation will be held Saturday, January 9, 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 634, Suite 033. Everyone is encouraged to register early. All ERAU offices will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 3.

**Lacrosse in the South** - The City of Gulf Breeze Sports Association is looking for lacrosse coaches for the upcoming Spring lacrosse season and any interested youth players (NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED). We should have enough participants to field



## Don't Drink and Drive

Be safe during your holiday travels and come back safe!



The Tow to Go program is a collaboration between Budweiser and AAA to help inebriated drivers get home safely and without danger to others. To use the FREE Tow to Go program, call 1-800-AAA-HELP or review the website [http://www.aasouth.com/acs\\_news/tow\\_to\\_go.asp](http://www.aasouth.com/acs_news/tow_to_go.asp)



### Recognizing the Top Performers

**Capt. Pete Hall, NAS Whiting Field commanding officer, presents Lt. Robin Brooks, the base security officer, with a Navy Commendation Medal for his accomplishments during his tour, Dec. 14. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.**

3 boys teams (U11, U15, High School JV) and 2 girls teams (U11, U15). Signups are currently underway and practices will begin the first week of January. Please see the following website for further information or contact LCDR Joe Costello (VT-3) at (850) 281-7158.

**Rudolph's Holiday Stroll** - Let Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer guide you through the Seville neighborhood on a brisk evening stroll 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 - 20. Neighbors compete to decorate their houses for the season, and you'll meet many holiday characters. The one-hour walking tour begins at the courthouse and is a great way to see the neighborhood up close with a tour guide, songs and stories. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Cost: \$10.50 for adults; \$6.50 for kids.

**Flu Vaccines** - The Santa Rosa County Health Department is now offering the H1N1 Flu vaccine to all individuals over the age of six months, and is extending its hours of operation at all three clinic locations to provide additional opportunities to those who want the vaccine, on a walk-in basis only. Expanded hours of operation for the H1N1 vaccinations are as follows; **Milton Office** (850) 983-5200, 5527 Stewart Street, - Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. -- **Midway Office** (850) 934-4074, 5840 Gulf Breeze Highway - Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. -- **Jay Office** (850) 675-4211, 14122 Alabama Street, Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to noon. Please note: These offices will be closed for the following holidays; Christmas - December 24 - 27. Continue to review the website, <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdSantaRosa/index.htm> for up-to-date information.

**'Tow to Go'** - A Partnership Between AAA Auto Club South & Budweiser, Tow to Go provides rides to people who have celebrated past the point of being safe to drive. Since its inception in 1998, "Tow to Go" has safely removed more than 8,600 drunk drivers from the roads and is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. The service is FREE and open to both AAA members and non-members (100% confidential). Call 1-800-AAA-HELP (1-800-222-4357) -- the call will be directed to a ERS Call Center, and an AAA tow truck takes the vehicle and the driver safely home. The 2009 Tow to Go Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving to New Year's Day is Nov 26, 2009 through Jan 2, 2010. For additional information, please visit [http://www.aasouth.com/acs\\_news/tow\\_to\\_go.asp](http://www.aasouth.com/acs_news/tow_to_go.asp).

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 17, 1100 - NASWF Command Potluck - Atrium

Dec. 18, 1100 - VT-2 Change of Command - Atrium

Dec. 18, 1300 - Winging Ceremony - Auditorium

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party - Wings Club

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

# Fleet and Family Support Center Classes

## Anger Management - Wednesday, December 16, 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.

## Couple's Communication - Wednesday, December 16, 1800 - 2000

Are you newly married? Are you in a serious relationship? Have you been married a long time? If yes, then this workshop is for you. During this class, we will discuss the "Speaker/Listener Technique", a structured way to communicate effectively. This technique helps couples to talk about tough issues without resorting to fighting. Class will be held at the FFSC conference room. Participants must register in advance for all EVENING classes by calling the FFSC before noon on the day the class is being held. If the date and times listed are not convenient for you, you may call to schedule a time that fits better with your schedule. For more information, contact a Work and Family Life Specialist at 623-7177.

## VA Representative (Call for Appointment) - Friday, December 18, 0800 - 1200

## FFSC Helps Kids Deal with Separation from Deployments

The NASWF Fleet and Family Support Center held a Kids of Deployment Support Group on Dec. 7 with nine children and their parents in attendance. The support group provides opportunity for families of deployed military members to meet each other, interact with support staff and most of all, to stay connected with the absent parent and the installation while the service member is deployed. Each event is unique and involves positive, fun and educational activities. The activity for this night was "Cookies in a Jar". Each parent brought an ingredient to use in the project and actively participated in the activities.

After introductions and some welcoming activities staff diligently began explaining to the children about the mechanics of "cookies in a jar" and the need for accurate measuring.

How 2 half cups fit into 1 cup, a teaspoon versus a tablespoon and so on. They received a great math lesson and didn't even know it! They carefully measured out the proper amounts for the first ingredient and cautiously poured it into their quart jars. They continued to layer flour, brown sugar, white sugar, oats, chocolate chips and topped them off with generous portions of crispy rice cereal. After sealing and decorating with snowmen on top of the jar they added an instruction tag on how to make the cookies. Everyone had a wonderful time and all took great pleasure in the activities.

The next event will take place on Jan. 25 and will be held at the NASFW Gym. If you would like to sign up or wish to obtain more information contact the FFSC at 623-7177.

## BBB® Foundation releases Charity Giving Guide

**Pensacola, Fla. (Dec. 8, 2009)** – Your BBB Foundation serving northwest Florida released its second annual Charity Giving Guide to help donors make educated giving decisions this holiday season.

"During the holiday season, donors are often overwhelmed with requests for assistance," said Norman Wright, President/CEO of your BBB serving northwest Florida. "We hope that as donors are deciding which charities to support, they will use the Charity Giving Guide as a resource to help them make wise giving decisions and that charities will use the Standards for Charitable Accountability as a guide for 'best practices' in operating their organizations."

BBB has issued Wise Giving Reports on charities locally and has made them available free-of-charge for several years; however, the Charity Giving Guide is a summary



of the detailed reports of evaluations of all the charities in your BBB's local database.

BBB reviews local charities against BBB's 20 Standards for Charity Accountability. The Standards, developed over a three-year period with input from nonprofit representatives, IRS officials, foundation executives, donors and other stakeholder groups, provide an objective means to evaluate a charity's governance and oversight, measurement of effectiveness, finances and fundraising and informational materials, all evaluations that surveys have shown that donors are interested in knowing before making a donation.

To get your free 2009 Charity Giving Guide, visit [www.nwfl.bbb.org/CGG](http://www.nwfl.bbb.org/CGG), e-mail [info@nwfl.bbb.org](mailto:info@nwfl.bbb.org) or call 850.429.0002 or 800.729.9226.

# NAS Whiting Field and TRAWING-5 Happenings



Top Left: Naval Air Station Whiting Field Sailors stand with Capt. Pete Hall following their frocking to their new ranks, Dec. 10.. The Sailors are AC1 Christopher duffie, ABH1 Leonardo Treggi, AC2 Joshua Barbier, AC2 Ashley Coleman, ABH2 Larry Barron, ABH2 Gilbert June, ABH2 Andrew McDougle, AC2 Eric Rhodes, and AC2 Adriana AyaLabarcellos. Middle Left: The new Third Class Petty Officers were frocked one day earlier, Dec. 9. The Sailors with Hall are: AC3 Timothy Egerdahl, AC3 Glory Peak, and AC3 Jermaine Roby. Above Right: Col. Scott Walsh, Training Air Wing FIVE commander, presents a retirement certificate to Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Barker. He retired after more than 22 years of service Dec. 7. Middle Right: MA1 Lynn Hults takes the reenlistment oath, Dec. 7 from Brian Bossenberger in the Security classroom. He signed up for six more years. Below: Training Squadron TWO hosts Cody Brown, 10, for his Pilot of the Day events. Lt. Jeff Heilman takes him for a taxi ride around the airfield (below right) and Cmdr. Warren Lipscomb, III, takes a pose with Cody as he takes him to the flightline. U.S. Navy photos by Jay Cope, MA1 Russell Nunn, Training Air Wing FIVE, and Training Squadron TWO.





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# 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 24-26 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!!

# Skipper Responds to Captain's Call Questions

*Editor's Note: Capt. Pete Hall held his first Captain's Calls Dec. 9-11. Here are answers to some of the many questions he received.*

Thanks for the participation and dialogue during Captain's Call last week. Remember, we can't fix what we don't know about. Here are a few of your questions. In future editions of the Tower, I'll continue to answer more. Thanks, Skipper

**1. We need better communications to know when the last aircraft on deck is.**

Yes, we do. I'll talk with the Wing and we'll work to make our communications better and quicker. I do understand that this is a huge quality of life issue. Our job is to put aviators in the fleet. Your support directly affects that. Keeping the fields open provides much-needed flexibility for the Instructors and often they do not know that they don't need the field until they are actually done with their flight. That being said, we'll do all we can to get you off the OLF and home as soon as you are no longer needed.

**2. E-4's and below checking out on leave via a phone call versus checking in and out in person.**

With increased rank comes greater responsibility but also greater privileges. We allow E-5's to check in and out on leave via telephone because they have earned that privilege. Want to check out via phone? Study hard and promote!

**3. Can we have ESPN back at the barracks and OLF's?**

ESPN is available at the Q if you want to pay out of pocket for that service. As for the OLF's, no, the TV's are not broken. Unfortunately, the current cable contract just does not include ESPN, which was a 50% cost savings. Saving money is a good thing, but I hear your Outcry. Apparently, we don't have too many Divorce Court fans out at the OLF's. So, we will look into other Cable package options which include ESPN. This is obviously a huge QOL issue with the ABs and we'll do what we can to get the needed funding from the Region.

**4. Can we have the CDC stay open later to match shift / field hours?**

We'd love to! It's just a matter of money and manning. Beginning this week, the Chiefs will be polling their people to determine exactly what hours the CDC needs to be open. If we can demonstrate a legitimate need, then we can try to get additional funding to provide that service. Back in the spring, the CDC did conduct a base-wide survey asking how many people required evening child care. There was one response. Obviously, it is not financially viable for the CDC to employ personnel (minimum two) to provide child care services one person. If the Chiefs' poll shows the need, then we can pursue extended hours.

**5. Can we have hours at the liberty center match shift hours + a little so we can use the computers?**

The Liberty Center's current hours of operation are as follows: Mon-Thur: 0900-1900; Fri: 0900-2200; Sat: 1100-2200 and Sun: 1100-1900. The Center had numerous requests to open earlier, so this month they began opening on weekdays at 0900, vice 1100. Depending on demand, we can alter operating hours as required. The Center also offers trips to football games and other activities in the surrounding area. Recommend personnel visit the Center and utilize



Capt. Pete Hall responds to a question during his first Naval Air Station Whiting Field CO's call. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

the 'suggestion box' to voice concerns and recommendations. You may also make your recommendations in any of the MWR facility's suggestion boxes or email Ashley Platts at Ashley.platts@navy.mil.

**6. Paperwork is taking too long.** Yes, it is. But our Admin staff is undermanned and overworked. Fortunately, by the time the paperwork gets to the Executive suite, it is generally so well-researched and thoroughly staffed, that I can make a quick decision. This is usually a case of it being better to do things right the first time than to have to go answer the CO's questions. But, we'll try to speed it up and get things on and off each desk in the process as quickly as possible.

**7. POOW - Can we make this watch go away? Can we wear digital cammies? Can we make the hours better?**

POOW is not going away. Love it or leave it – standing watch is just part of being in the United States Navy. (I'll spare you my sea stories about all

the crummy watches I've stood, on the deck in freezing snow and driving rain, walking uphill both ways....). Anyway, the watch stays but yes, you can wear cammies. I think CMC has already made that change. We did look at changing the hours of the watches, but a three-shift rotation basically takes two people out of work the next day. The 12-On/12-Off rotation only takes one person out of work the next day. We simply do not have the manning to provide three people per day for the watch and then lose two people the next day for post-watch recovery. And you don't want to be the guy who gets off watch at 2300, gets to bed at 2400, and is back in the tower the next morning at 0600.

**8. Can CDO's sleep at the BEQ or, even better, at home?**

Nope. Sorry. Bad stuff always happens at 0200. And when bad stuff happens, the CDO is acting as the direct representative of the Commanding Officer and needs to be present to handle that bad stuff. SITREPS should be sent out within 5 minutes, which is not enough time to wake up, put on your khakis and drive in to base. The CDO used to sleep in the Q. But, when the cost of the CDO bunkroom went up from \$5.00 per night to \$40.00 per night, the command could no longer afford to pay for the room. Providing a CDO bunkroom within Bldg 1401 saves this command about \$15,000 per year. If the CDO would like to pay out of pocket to sleep in the Q instead of the Bunkroom, that is acceptable.

**9. Can PO3s get BAH and move out of the barracks?**

What? And leave this lovely installation? Actually, E-4s may already move off base, provided they can demonstrate they have the fiscal responsibility to pay for their rent, utilities and gas to get back and forth to work, plus eat occasionally. If you can do this, route a chit.

**10. Can we get a PSD person on base?**

We've been working on it for two and a half years and will continue to work on it. I, for one, would really like to have a PSD person close enough to choke. Meanwhile, the Navy has implemented the Electronic Service Record (ESR) which allows Sailors to review their record online. If you need to make any corrections or insertions to your record, our ADMIN office can do that for you.

## Commands at NAS Whiting Field Recognized at CFC Luncheon



Stan Harper from the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy Exchange receives the Menard Award from Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command. Harper received the award as the outstanding Combined Federal Campaign volunteer for 2009. U.S. Navy photo by Michael O'Connor.

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

The EscaRosa Combined Federal Campaign reached the highest donation amount it has seen since 2001 and celebrated that achievement during their Victory Celebration Luncheon Dec. 10 at the Mustin Beach Officers Club at Naval Air Station Pensacola. The campaign raised \$821,831, an 11% increase over the 2008 contribution amount.

The campaign includes all federal (military and civilian) personnel from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, including Corry Station, NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Saufley Field, and the downtown offices.

Of the 51 offices from the campaign that earned the Command Gold Certificate, awarded to those commands that surpass their goal, 11 offices from NAS Whiting Field exceeded their donation amount from last year. These commands were Center for Naval Air and Technical Training Detachment Whiting Field, Defense Commissary Agency Whiting Field, Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT, Moral Welfare and Recreation Whiting Field, NASWF Medical/Dental (NHBC), NASWF Security, NASWF Inns & Suites, Navy Exchange

Whiting Field, Public Works Department Whiting Field, Training Air Wing FIVE, and Training Squadron SIX.

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**Kick off New Years Eve  
in style at the Wings Club  
Thursday, the thirty-first of December**

**Doors open at 7 p.m.  
DJ and dancing all night!**

**Reservations are required.  
Tickets prices are:**

**\$60 per couple or \$35 per single  
includes Hors D'Oueves, dancing and a bottle of champagne**

**R.S.V.P. Wings at 623-7311  
The pelican Drop will air live on a large screen.**

*No room packages available, please call the Gateway Inns and Suites  
at 623-7605 or 7606 to make reservations.*

**Cocktail attire**

The advertisement features a blue background with white snowflake patterns. On the left is a bottle of Moët & Chandon champagne, and on the right is a flute glass filled with champagne. The text is centered in a white, frost-like border.

# Congratulations TRAWING-5 Wingers and Scholars



Back Row: Ens. Brett Ballard, USN; Ens. Robert Winfield, USN; Ens. Nicolas Moreno, USN, Ens. Ian Braun, USN; 1st Lt. Christopher Fox, USMC; 1st Lt. Ronald Eavers II, USMC; and Lt.j.g. Scott Martin, USN  
 Third Row: Cmdr. Mark Murray, USN, CO HT-18; 1st Lt. James McBride, USMC; Lt.j.g. John St. Amant, USN; Lt.j.g. Alex Cutting, USN; 1st Lt. James Butland, USMC; 1st Benjamin Steed, USMC; Ens. Adam Schmidt, USN; and Cmdr. Hans Sholley, USN, XO HT-8  
 Second Row: Cmdr. Mathew Frost, USN, CO HT-8; 1st Lt. Steven Brickham, USMC; 1st Lt. Matthew Turner, USMC; Ens. Kevin Koenig, USN; 1st Lt. Ronald Dagenhart, USMC; Ens. Brian Lee, USN; 1st Lt. Brandon Kelly, USMC; and Lt.j.g. Simone Pitto, Italian Navy  
 Front row: Col. John Walsh, USMC, Commander TW-5; Ens. Robert Zierdon, USN; 1st Lt. Joseph McConnell, USMC; Lt.j.g. Kristen Smith, USN; 1st Lt. Sarah Smith, USMC; Ens. Stephen DeFazio, USN; Ens. Martin Setiawan, USN; and Master Chief Ray Adams, USN, CMC, HT-8.



Left Photo: Commodore Training Air Wing FIVE congratulates Lt. Rajiv P. Ravi of the Indian Navy for achieving Commodore's List status during flight training. He was presented the award Dec. 9.

Right Photo: Ens. Andrew M. Newman, USN; 2nd Lt. Michael B. Manna, USMC; and Ens. William B. Harvey IV, USN stand with their TRAWING-5 Academic Achievement awards Dec. 11 for their scholastic success during flight training at Naval Air Station Whiting Field..

# Santa Claus Says “Hello” to Child Development Center

By Ens. Joanna Clark, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Santa Claus visited the children at Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s Child Development Center in a Rolls Royce 250C-20J, 317 horse-power, hovering capable “sleigh”. Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT delivered Santa to the site in his TH-57 helicopter, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Cmdr. Michael Fisher, USN, the squadron’s Commanding Officer, and Maj. Adam McArthur, USMC played the role of Santa’s reindeer as they flew him across the base, landing him safely in a field across from the school.

The squadron’s Executive Officer, Cmdr. Hans Sholley, acted as Santa. Exiting the helicopter in Santa’s personalized helmet, he waved to the assembled children, said a few hellos and handed out some candy. Santa was then ushered in to each of the classrooms where the kids could meet with Santa. He also handed out a gift to each student.

The children were waiting eagerly for Santa to arrive. Joyce Gallagher, the Child and Youth Programs Lead for the center, explained that the children anticipate the fly-in each holiday season.

“We look forward to it every year. They [the children] usually start talking about it at the beginning of the week. Every year is a unique experience.”

The event is one of many throughout the year that the parents of the children are invited to attend. Florida Ortiz, the



Pilots from Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT help deliver Santa safely to the kids at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Child Development Center. Santa visited with the children, gave them candy, and handed out presents during his stay. For more Christmas photos see page 10. U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Joanna Clark.

center’s Operations Clerk, shed light on the idea that this is one of the memories the children and parents can share together.

“This is an experience not only for the child, but also for the parents that get to be a part.”

The Child Development Center offers enrichment and development programs to the children of civilian and military employees of NAS Whiting Field. The attending children’s ages ranged from six weeks to five years.

## Tree City USA

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Command staff and other ceremony attendees gather around the Tree City USA banner. U.S. Navy photo by Jay Cope.

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

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

## Combined Federal Campaign

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Training Air Wing FIVE exceeded their goal the most of any command in the campaign by raising 301% of their goal.

Stan Harper, campaign chairperson for NAS Whiting Field’s Navy Exchange, received the CFC Volunteer of the Year (Menard Award) for his efforts that not only exceeded his office’s goal, but also implemented a new canister and star program that allowed people shop-

ping at the Navy Exchange to donate in passing.

“I was caught off guard,” Harper said about receiving the award. “I was not expecting it. I took a lot of ideas from my past work with fundraising for the American Diabetes Association. It’s been a challenge with the economic downturn.”

The campaign allows federal employees to donate once per year to the charity of their choice or give a gen-

eral donation to all charities on a list of thousands of agencies and organizations found locally, nationally, and internationally. The program was established in 1961 by a Presidential Executive Order to save time in the office by avoiding individual charities interrupting the workday in throughout the year to ask for money and allowing all charities to be presented once per year.

## CNO Records Holiday Message

CNO Adm. Gary Roughead and his spouse Ellen wished Sailors, civilians and their families a warm holiday season and thanked them for their service and their continued effort as a global force for good.

To view the video, visit [www.navy.mil/navydata/featurePlay.asp?id=56](http://www.navy.mil/navydata/featurePlay.asp?id=56). For more news from the CNO or to view other holiday messages from SECNAV and MCPON, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).



### *Happy Holiday Happenings*

Above: Mary Marcoux, Child Development Center Director, raises Joshua to place his ornament on the tree during Naval Air Station Whiting Field's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, Dec. 10. Above Right: Jack, in his reindeer regalia, enjoys a cookie with some hot chocolate following the tree lighting ceremony. Below Right: Santa gives out some candy during his visit to the Child Development Center Dec. 10. He also visited each classroom and handed out presents. Below: PRI/DJI employees string up the Christmas lights on the NAS Whiting Field command building to prepare for the holidays.

