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## Whiting Field Names Air Traffic Controller of the Year

By Ens. Caroline Ready, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

NAS Whiting Field recently announced Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Justin Kersch as the Vice Admiral Robert B. Pirie Naval Air Traffic Controller (ATC) of the Year.

Kersch is the North Tower Branch chief/NA-TOPS instructor, a title normally held by a chief petty officer. He maintained regulations to control tower operations, operational continuity between watch teams, qualified personnel to individual operation positions, recommended personnel for supervisory positions, and provided technical assistance in the development of procedures. Kersch is also the assistant training branch chief/NATOPS Evaluator. He established and maintained on-the-job training programs, developed local course material, visual aids, training scenarios, and prepared tests to evaluate scheduled training.

Kersch managed six Sailors who conducted the annual review of the Facility Manual, the Air Operations

Manual and assisted with the rewrite of the NAS Whiting Field Air Traffic Control Facility Manual. He led to the safe completion of over 167,000 flight operations and 6,000 ground controlled approaches and was directly responsible for 7,250 training hours which resulted in 13 Facility Watch Supervisor designations, 33 supervisor designations, 80 air traffic control position qualifications and an increase of staffing by 40 percent.

Kersch represented NAS Whiting Field at the Command Navy Region Southeast level, where he won and will continue on to the national level at Commander Navy Installations Command.

When asked what advice he would give other Sailors, Kersch said, "First and foremost do what you are told. If you are assigned a task, get it done to the best of your ability. Additionally, you need to always stay engaged, make small goals and keep plugging away. Always keep your eye on the target." - *Cont. on Page 6*



AC1 Kersch is named Air Traffic Controller of the year at NAS Whiting Field. Photo by Ens. Tom Nessler

Cover Photo: Mrs. Jawana Jackson of the Jackson Foundation Museum in Selma Ala. is presented with a bouquet of flowers from Chief McDougle on Feb. 13 at the African American History Month Luncheon. During the luncheon Mrs. Jackson shared first hand stories and experiences growing up around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other influential figures during the civil rights movement. Photo by Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff.

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# VP-8 Fighting Tigers Rescue Fishermen Lost at Sea for 8 Days in South Pacific

By Lt. j.g. Danielle Tatchio

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (NNS) -- Crewmembers assigned to the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) rescued three fishermen Feb. 20, whose vessel was adrift in the South Pacific for eight days.

The 19-foot skiff was first reported missing Feb. 12, after it failed to return from a fishing expedition near Chuuk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia. According to the report, the boat carried food and water, but no safety equipment or radios. Assets from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam searched for the vessel for several days before requesting assistance from the U.S. Navy.

The “Fighting Tigers” aircrew and maintenance team were tasked to support the search and rescue (SAR) operation, repositioning on short notice from Kadena Air Base, Japan to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The crew flew the Navy’s newest maritime patrol aircraft,



Official U.S. Navy file photo of a P-8A Poseidon

generally include medical supplies, food, water, communications and signaling equipment, but can be configured with additional supplies depending on the mission type.

The three survivors were picked up by a nearby police vessel a few hours after being *- Cont. on page 6*

## SGLI Beneficiaries Remain in Place as Navy Transitions to New Online System

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Sailors and families who log into the Servicemember’s Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Online Enrollment System (SOES) for the first time may be surprised when they see there is no beneficiary information listed.

“Your SGLI coverage is still in place,” said Ann Stewart, director, Pay and Personnel Department, Navy Personnel Command. “Sailors who log into SOES for the first time will have to input their beneficiary information manually. That is why there is no information the first time you use the system. But rest assured, that that form you previously filled out to designate your SGLI beneficiaries remains valid, until you register with the SOES.”

The Navy announced the launch of online SGLI enrollment in NAVADMIN 085/17 in April 2017 as part of a Department of Defense and Veterans Administra-

tion joint effort, to allow active duty and eligible reserve and National Guard members to review their group and family coverage online. SOES is the online replacement for the paper form SGLI Election and Certificate, SGLV 8286. The new system eliminates unclear designations and missing or incomplete forms -- problems identified with the paper-based system -- and ensures all insurance holders receive the latest information about changes affecting their coverage.

The goal is for all Navy members to provide beneficiary name(s), share(s) of proceeds and certify their record with a digital signature by April 2018.

While the SOES enables active duty and eligible reserve members to manage their group and family coverage online, there are some Sailors who shouldn’t use the system. Sailors who already have a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account created by a Regional Legal Service Office *- Cont. on page 7*

## Tower Books and Café Opens Library at NAS Whiting Field

By Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

The NAS Whiting Field Tower Books and Café celebrates the grand opening Friday, March 2, the birthday of children’s author Dr. Seuss. The ceremony will begin at 0900 with a ribbon and cake cutting. Following the ceremony, children can make ‘Cat in the Hat’ hats and enjoy cupcakes while reading the Cat in the Hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss.

Tower Books and Café has a selection of over 5,000 books and audiobooks for all active duty, retired, civilian, and military dependents. Patrons can check out up to 20 books at a time for three weeks by using a DoD ID instead of a library card.

Unlike the Dewey Decimal System traditional libraries use, the books are organized by subject similar to a book store.

“It should be easier to find what you’re looking for without having to ask for help,” said Supervisory Librarian Francie North. “We want to make it as user friendly as possible.”

Non-fiction books are organized by subjects and further divided into sub-categories. The library has a wide selection of fiction, graphic novels, and more than 400 audiobooks available to check out for a four week period.

If the library doesn’t have what you’re searching for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department also

has an off-site library source, the “Navy MWR Digital Library,” which is available online. They offer foreign languages, genealogy, current events, children’s resources, eBooks and audiobooks.

Tower Books and Café features a kids room filled with over 2,000 new and classic children’s books, and hosts many events for kids and families such as the Lego Club.



Tower Books and Cafe’s childrens room has a collection of over 2,000 childrens books. The library hosts story times and other events for children and their families. Photo by Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff



Tower Books and Cafe’s library features over 5,000 books available to DoD ID holders. Photo by Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

“The Lego club meets up to three times a month and is geared for children elementary age and younger, and parent participation is encouraged,” said North.

The library plans to host many other children’s events and activities including a weekly story time, a monthly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) themed after school program, and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

“This is the first time NAS Whiting Field has had an actual library on base since around 2013,” said Leonard Nordmann, MWR Marketing Manager.

The café still has study spaces available and continue to serve “Starbucks coffee, soups, sandwiches and other sweet treats!” said Nordmann.

“Guests are welcome to take a book from the shelf to read while they’re in the café as long as they return it to the desk or check it out before they leave,” mentioned North.

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## MWR Hosts 6th Annual Travel Expo at NAS Whiting Field

By Ens. Caroline Ready, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

The sixth annual Travel Expo, hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), was held onboard NAS Whiting Field Feb. 8.

More than 300 attendees were treated to displays from a variety of travel and recreation destinations from across the Southeast. The Travel Expo was held in the Atrium with over 40 vendors in attendance, including NAS Whiting Field's very own MWR, Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy Exchange, and the Commissary. Vendors distributed information, brochures and promotional items, including space ice cream, stuffed animals, sunglasses, and more.



Vendors enjoy speaking with attendees at MWR's sixth annual Travel Expo onboard NAS Whiting Field on Feb. 8. Photo by Ens. Luke Rague, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

Cynthia Myers, the MWR Community Recreation Manager, was in charge of the organization and execution of the Travel Expo.

"The purpose of the Travel Expo is to create awareness of reduced-rate leisure travel options available to active duty, retired, civilian employees, and military spouses," said Myers. "Each year, vendors from around the country come to showcase what they offer through the MWR Community Recreation Office. This year, our vendors provided over \$5,000.00 in door prizes and lots of destination travel information."

Travel Expo visitors were given a 'passport' which they had stamped at each vendor display. Once



A flight student from NAS Whiting Field is speaking with one of our vendors as part of her journey to collect stamps for her 'passport' during the Travel Expo on Feb. 8. Photo by Ens. Caroline Ready, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

passports were completed, visitors turned them in as an entry for a chance to win one of the numerous, travel-related prizes. The winners were announced at the event.

First time vendors

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### Whiting Warriors Bench Press and Deadlift Challenge

Men & Women

**March 12 to 18**

**0600** Bench Press  
**1800** Deadlift

A 1 minute timed bench press and deadlift challenge. Bench Press and Deadlift repetitions will be totaled for final score.

**Males will bench press and deadlift 80% of bodyweight.**

**Females will bench press 65lbs and deadlift 95lbs.**

Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place male and female age groups! Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place male and female receive a trophy!  
• 18-40 • 41-50 • 51 and up

**MWR** Fitness Center: 850-623-7412  
www.navy.mwr.whitingfield.com

## Air Traffic Controller of the Year - Cont. from page 2

The target for Kersch isn't recognition. Growing as a Sailor under great leaders is what has truly benefited his career.

"I just hope that I can do a good job at whatever task is assigned. Making rank or getting awards is inconsequential. I just want to look back at the end of my career and know that I tried my best."

Commanding Officer NAS Whiting Field, Capt. Paul Bowdich, recognized Kersch as a role model to emulate.

"His loyalty, hands-on approach to mentorship and genuine concern for his shipmate's quality of life, set the highest standards and are in keeping with the true spirit of the NAS Whiting Field Team," said Bowdich. "He continues to produce exceptional results across the spectrum and is an excellent example of one of the finest Air Traffic Controllers the Navy has to offer."

The Vice Admiral Robert B. Pirie Naval ATC of the Year is "symbolic of the outstanding contributions to operational readiness and safety of flight made by individual Navy and Marine Corps air traffic controllers," according to NAVAIR 00-80T-114.

**Give me 5**

**Fuel your body for top performance!**  
Join our March Incentive and eat **Five-A-Day ... five fruits and vegetables, that is!**

Simply eat a combination of five fruits and vegetables daily through the month of March and we'll reward you at month's end...it's a no brainer! We'll get you signed up at the front desk and you'll be on your way to a healthier you 😊

... I took the challenge

**Sign-up at the Fitness Center**

**MWR Fitness Center: 850-623-7412**  
[www.navymwrwhitingfield.com](http://www.navymwrwhitingfield.com)

## Lost at Sea - Cont. from page 3

located by VP-8.

"It was incredibly rewarding to be a part of saving lives - it's what everyone joins the Navy to do," said Lt. Miles Schumacher, tactical coordinator of the VP-8 aircrew. "This aircraft allows for a massive step forward in the ability of SAR units to search large areas quickly and effectively, and we were excited to have the SAR kit loaded and be able to prove its effectiveness. We successfully demonstrated the capability of the MPRA community to react quickly and effectively to operational requirements in the farthest corners of the globe. Hopefully, this is just the first of many successful rescues by P-8A Poseidon aircrews."

Patrol Squadron Eight is currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility conducting theater and national level tasking in support of U.S. 7th Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Pacific Command.

## Tower Books -Cont. from page 4

Tower Books and Café is located on USS Long Island St. and the building is open Monday-Friday 0600-1800. Café services are from 0600-1600 and library services are available from 0800-1800.

For more information on upcoming events or registration for the LEGO club, visit [www.navymwrwhitingfield.com/events](http://www.navymwrwhitingfield.com/events) or call the library at 850-623-7057.

### Fitness Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		0500 Group Run		0500 Group Run		
	1145-1245 Strength Fusion Yoga	1000-1045 Stroller Fitness	1145-1245 Strength Fusion Yoga	1145-1230 Yoga	1000-1045 Stroller Fitness	
	1615-1700 Chaos SPIN	1615-1700 Circuit	1615-1700 Sunset Yoga	1615-1700 SPIN	1215-1300 Chaos SPIN	

**Strength Fusion Yoga:** Intense core-focused 'Mat Class' which blends Pilates, Sports Conditioning, and Yoga.

**Circuit:** A form of sports training involving performing different exercises in rotation. It targets strength building and muscular endurance.

**Yoga:** Exercises that use slow movements and stretching. It's great for increased strength, flexibility and balance.

**Sunset Yoga:** This yoga class is focused on de-stressing your life at a lower intensity than our Yoga class.

**Stroller Fitness (Whiting Pines Community Center):** Full body workout for mom/dad and fun for baby(s) too. There is no age requirement, as long as your child will stay in the stroller for the entire hour long class.

**SPIN:** Indoor cycling class designed to reduce body fat while increasing lean body mass.

**Chaos SPIN:** Cardio Intervals on the Bike with Upper Body and Core work on the floor. A great class for Beginning Spinners or those who prefer a shorter ride.

**MWR Fitness** ~ Fitness Specialists Available ~  
**NAS Whiting Field Fitness Center**  
850-623-7412

**Hours of Operation**  
Mon-Fri: 0430-2100  
Sat & Sun: 0800-1600  
Holiday: 0800-1600

## SGLI Beneficiaries - Cont. from page 3

(RLSO) attorney should not use SOES to update their SGLI designations. Sailors with a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account who have registered with SOES should see their RLSO to reinstate their trust and/or account. Sailors interested in creating a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account should also see their RLSO and not use the SOES.

Here's how to input beneficiary information in SOES:

1. Visit [www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect).
2. Sign into milConnect on this page with your command access card (CAC). The green button is located in the upper right corner.
3. After signing in, you will be sent back to the milConnect front page. The menu bar will now display multiple options, one of which is 'BENEFITS.'
4. Click on the 'BENEFITS' drop-down menu and click on 'LIFE INSURANCE (SOES-SGLI Online Enrollment System).'
5. On the following page, scroll down to the blue continue button and click it (you may have to do so twice).
6. The following page provides you with your current Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) information that must be verified. When finished reviewing, click continue.
7. The following page is where you can make your ben-

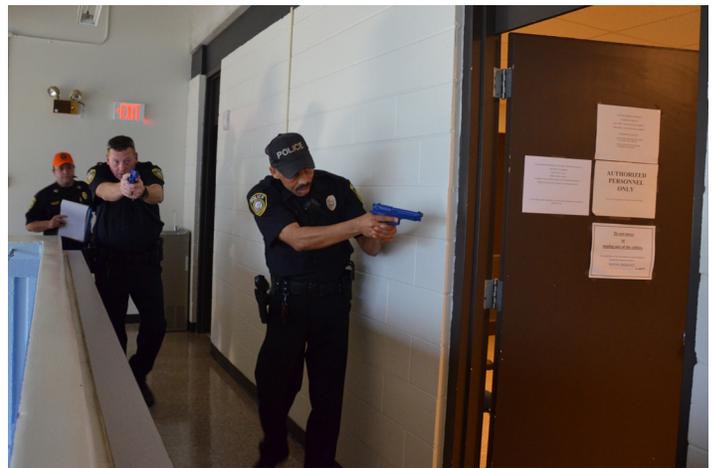
eficiary selections. If this is your first time logging in, you will not see any beneficiary information listed. This does not mean you are not covered. You remain covered if you have previously filled out and signed an SGLI paper form. Please input your beneficiary selections into SOES.

8. After making your selections, click on the 'YOUR COVERAGE' tab and select the blue 'CONFIRM AND CERTIFY' button in the bottom right.
9. The next screen will ask you to make some legal declarations. Review and check the appropriate boxes and click 'CONTINUE.'
10. You will be asked if you want to print a preview of the document. This is an uncertified copy for review. A certified copy is available at the end of the process. Click to continue.
11. Next, you will be asked for an electronic signature. Provide your full name and email address and click to continue.
12. The system will provide you an effective date for your SGLI election.
13. Print or email your certified document by navigating to the "Print/Save Certificate" tab.

For more information, take the online training course available at: [www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/training/SOES/SOES.htm](http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/training/SOES/SOES.htm) 



ATTT leader Raymond Paris and Opposition Force Ian Conway discuss exercise details while preparing to begin the Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield security exercise on Feb. 7. This annual exercise is conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command on all continental United States naval installations. Photo by Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff



Base Police Officers, Timothy Hatcher and Kenneth Sandusky, clear rooms before engaging the suspect in response to an active-shooter scenario onboard NAS Whiting Field on Feb. 7 as part of Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield. Photo by Ens. Nick Spaleny, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

## Travel Expo - Cont. from page 5

included Dollywood and OWA. Other vendors that attended were Gatorland, Busch Gardens, La Quinta Inns and Suites, Wild Adventures Theme Park, Resort Quest, National Naval Aviation Museum, Disney World, Discover DeKalb, Shades of Green, Kennedy Space Center, Legoland Florida Resort, USS Alabama, Medieval Times, Universal Studios, Blue Heron Adventure, WonderWorks, Alpine Helen and more.

Karie Barrett, the Dollywood representative, traveled from the Tennessee side of the Smokey Mountains to attend the Travel Expo.

“We have been voted the friendliest park in the world ten years in a row,” said Barrett. “We’re very proud about that! Dollywood consists of a small theme park which includes four rollercoasters, 30 rides, the world’s fastest wood-launch rollercoaster and eight theaters on the park with mini shows throughout the day.”

The OWA, an amusement park in Foley, Ala., opened July 2017 and was one of the closer vendors, located less than an hour and a half away.

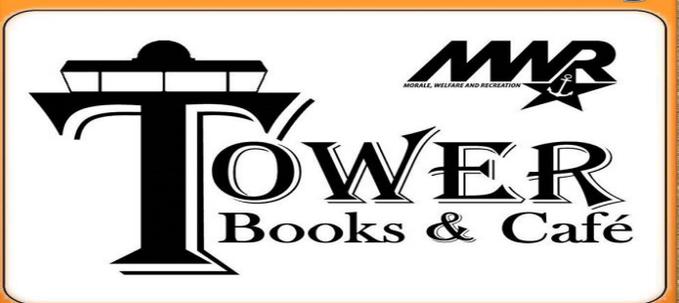
“We have a total of 21 rides and takes about four hours to experience the entire park,” said Stacey Stater, a representative from OWA. “We have Groovy Goat and Wahlburgers, those are our two signature restaurants that are open right now.”

The event is the MWR Travel Office marquee event for the year. 🍷



Security personnel patrol an event on NAS Whiting Field while under Condition “Charlie” as part of Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield on Wednesday Feb. 8. Photo By Ens. Luke Rague, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Staff

## Children’s Library



**Books** (MWR General Library) **Café**  
 Mon - Fri: 0800-1800 Mon - Fri: 0600-1600  
 Sat, Sun & Hol: Closed Sat, Sun & Hol: Closed

**Located on Long Island St.  
 in Building 2998  
 850-623-7057**

## *This Day in Naval History*

### February 22

1974 - Lt. j.g. Barbara Ann (Allen) Rainey becomes the first Navy-designated female aviator.

### February 23

1944 - In an overnight raid, Task Force 58 planes bomb the Japanese at Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam in the first raid of the Mariana Islands.

### February 24

1959 - USS Galveston (CLG 3) fired the first Talos surface-to-air missile.

### February 25

1933 - USS Ranger (CV 4), the US Navy’s first true aircraft carrier, is launched.



The first four Navy Women chosen for Flight Training Pose at Pensacola, Florida in March 1973. Lt. Barbara Allen became the first Navy woman to earn her wings on 22 February 1974. (left to right): Lt. j.g. Barbara Allen, Ensign Jane M. Skiles, Lt. j.g. Judith A. Neuffer and Ensign Kathleen L. McNary. The Naval flight officer program was opened to women six years later. NHHC Photograph Collection, NH 106751

## THE LANDING STRIP MORRIS



ley Street onto the newly paved section of the road. Traffic entering the base will shift north onto the current outbound lane. This lane shift is only in the area between Magda Village (RV Park) and Westgate Dr. Gate entry and exit remains the same. Traffic patterns beyond this area remain the same. Please use caution when approaching this area.

### JETRO

Japan-US Grass –Roots Business Partnership – March 5 at the Gulf Power Facility at One Energy Place. The FREE Forum will advocate the creation of new business through bi-directional investment, strengthening cooperative work

between Japan and U.S. companies, as well as business expansion in other countries. As an added event in this year's Grassroots Business Partnering Forum, Jetro will be allocated time for one-on-one consultations for interested companies. RSVP for Business Inquiry with JETRO: [ama@jetro.go.jp](mailto:ama@jetro.go.jp) and for more information, interested participants may contact JETRO Atlanta via email ([AMA@jetro.go.jp](mailto:AMA@jetro.go.jp)) or phone (1-404-681-0600).

Registration opens at 11:30am

Luncheon net-working: 12:00pm-13:00pm

Forum: 13:00 pm – 15:00 pm

Business Inquiry with JETRO: 15:00pm-17:00pm

### Command Climate Survey

Be on the lookout for the survey starting 19 Feb -2 March. This voluntary survey gives you the opportunity to provide inputs to improve our installation. It is designed to assess the "shared perceptions" of respondents about formal or informal policies and practices. 📄

**Whiting Warriors Bench Press and Deadlift Challenge** – March 12-18 starting at 0600-1800, Men and women will compete in a 1minute timed bench press and deadlift challenge. Bench Press and deadlift repetitions will be totaled for final score. Males will bench press and deadlift 80 percent of their bodyweight, women will bench press 65lbs and deadlift 96lbs. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for male and female age groups (18-40, 41-50, 51 and up).

### Five A Day Challenge at the Fitness Center

Fuel your body for top performance! Join in on our March Incentive and eat Five-A-Day; five fruits and vegetables, that is! ;) You eat healthy, get stronger and fitter, and we reward you for your efforts. It's a no brainer! Stop by the Fitness Center and we'll get you signed up and on your way to a healthier you.

### Keys to the Bahamas

Come enjoy a 7 night/8 day Eastern Caribbean Departure Port – Mobile, AL – Key West – Freeport Bahamas – Princess Cove Bahama – Nassau Bahamas – 3 full days at sea. Rates are for double occupancy cabins, and prices include port fees, taxes, on-board gratuities and cost is shown for 2 people. \$1,427.28 interior and \$1,597.28 Ocean View, quotes for Balcony Suites available upon request. Stop by or call MWR 850-665-6250.

### Children's Library at the Tower Books & Café

Books – Mon-Fri: 0800-1800

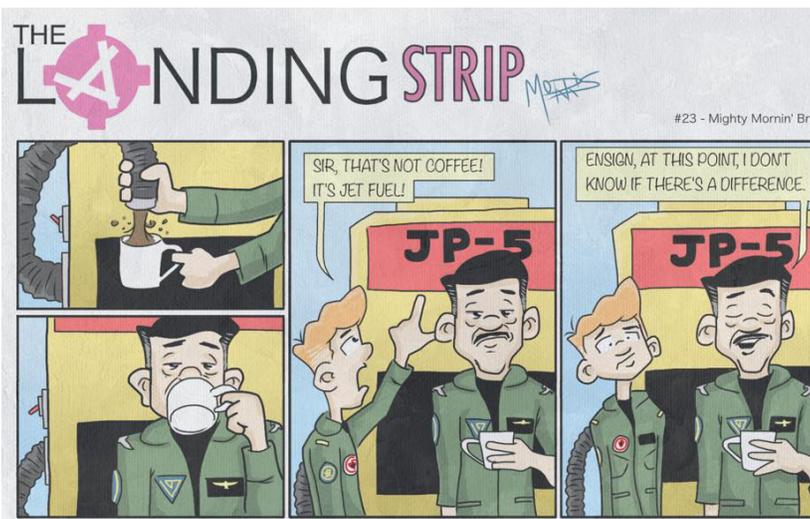
Sat, Sun, Holiday: Closed

Café – Mon-Fri-0600-1600

Sat, Sun, Hol: Closed

### West (Main) Gate Improvement Notice

Traffic exiting the base will shift north on Lang-



## Congratulations to TRAWING-5 Wingers



**Top Row:** Cdr Robert Dulin, USN, CO HT-28; 1st Lt. James Foley Jr., USMC, HT-28; Ens. Steven Camacho, USN, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Michael Dilenschneider, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. David Hasegan, USMC, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Lucas Pany, USN, HT-28; Ens. Sean O'Donnell, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Ryan Gibbons, USN, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Jackson Walters, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Bryan Kamens, USN, HT-8; Col David Morris, USMC, Commo-  
dore TW5

**Middle Row:** LtCol Aaron Brunk, USMC, CO HT-18; Lt. j.g. Kent Huang, USN, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Joseph Lyon IV, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Thomas Franklin, USMC, HT-18; Ens. Benjamin Camacho, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Travis Bryant, USMC, HT-28; Ens. Mark Hackworth, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Phillip Heironimus, USMC, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Alexander Dudek, USN, HT-8; 1st Lt. Matthew Nieuwsma, USMC, HT-18; Guest Speaker: Capt. David Walt, USN, CO HSM Wing Pacific

**Bottom Row:** Cdr Stephen Audelo, USN, CO HT-8; 1st Lt. Eric Viscardi, USMC, HT-28; 1st Lt. Lukas Ohman, USMC, HT-8; Lt. j.g. Philipp Storch, USN, HT-8; Lt. j.g. David Griffith, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Logan Dahle, USN, HT-28; Ens. Jack Oberman, USN, HT-28; Lt. j.g. Ian Macfarlane, USN, HT-28; 1st Lt. Daniel Page, USMC, HT-18; Lt. j.g. Christine Semones, USN, HT-18

