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CAE expands contract with CNATRA to include contractor instructor pilots

Special to the Skyline

CAE USA announced the completion of their first contractor-flown live-flight instruction in the T-45 Goshawk for the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) on July 15. The live-flight instruction is an expansion of CAE's CNATRA Contract Instruction Services (CIS) supporting training to the United States Navy.

The contractor instructor pilots employed by CAE are now civilians and are all former Navy or Marine Corps T-45 qualified instructors.

The contract modification puts CAE instructor pilots in the cockpit providing live-flying instructional services increasing the USN's sortic capacity for increased pilot production. CAE's live-flight training sortics support the Advanced Strike Syllabus at both Training Wing ONE (TW-1) in Meridian and Training Wing TWO (TW-2) in Kingsville, Texas.

"In an effort to produce and meet Naval aviation's future fleet requirements, we are pleased to enter into this partnership through the Contract Instructor Pilot (CIP) program, which will provide qualified, experienced Navy and Marine Corps trained pilots to our strike training squadrons," says Rear Admiral Robert Westendorff, former Chief of Naval Air Training.

Awarded in 2018, CNATRA CIS is a 5-year contract providing classroom and simulator instructors for the T-6 and T-45 platforms to support primary, intermediate and advanced pilot training for the U.S. Navy at five naval air stations including NAS Whiting Field, NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Meridian, NAS Kingsville and NAS Pensacola.

"The expansion of live-flight training with CNATRA CIS is part of the continued collaboration with the U.S. Navy to elevate safety, efficiency and readiness of our future naval aviators," says Daniel Gelston, President, CAE Defense & Security. "Leveraging our expert cadre of instructor pilots and decades of experience at our training centers worldwide, CAE continues to enhance training and mission readiness for our DoD customers."



Photo by Penny Randall

Jeff Caralle, left, Neal Kuyatt, 1st Lt. Kentner Fry, a student naval aviator in training; Braden Cummins, CAE USA civilian contractor instructor pilot; Leonard Genna; Brandon Ray, Meridian site manager for CAE USA; and Keith Taylor, CAE USA Director, Navy Business Development Team pose for a picture after a recent flight flown with a civilian contractor instructor pilot through the new program with Commander, Naval Aviation Training (CNATRA). CAE USA officials were onboard Naval Air Station Meridian July 25 to meet with Training Air Wing One leadership. Seven former active duty or reserve U.S. Navy and Marine Corps instructor pilots are the first to be employed through CAE USA.

NMRTU Change of Charge



Photo by Penny Randall

Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Meridian (Clinic) held a change of charge ceremony, Aug. 3 to welcome CDR Edward Brinston as the new officer-incharge. He is pictured with CAPT Grace Key, Dental Corps Executive Officer.

Defense official says sanctions nearly stall Russian offensive in Ukraine

By David Vergun

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

Fighting continues in the east and south of Ukraine as Russian advances slow to a crawl, grind to a halt in some places, or are slowly reversed in areas like Kherson, a senior Defense Department official said recently.

Russia is failing on the battlefield and suffering domestic failures at home, the official said. The Ukrainians have become very effective in finding and killing Russian command and control nodes and destroying swaths of Russian materiel, the official said.

"Even as Russia is talking the big

talk, even as Russia is menacing the Ukrainian population, the Ukrainians continue to bravely advance. They're making tremendous use of the \$8.2 billion in equipment we've provided, thus far," the official said.

The menace to Ukrainian civilians includes air strikes in the Ukrainian cities of Odesa and near Kyiv over the past week, the official noted.

Also, the National Intelligence Council released a "chilling report" that described at least 18 so-called filtration camps where Ukrainians are subjected to inhumane conditions, including abuse and, in some cases, executions, the official said.

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Bring your Daughters and Sons to Work Day



Children of NAS Meridian's Public Works employees participated in the Bring Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day program, Aug. 2. The group viewed a T-45 Goshwak at the hangar; toured the Fire Station; and watched a Military Working Dog Demonstration. They then spent the rest of the day with parents learning about jobs at Public Works.

Photo by Penny Randall

Five French aviators earn 'Wings of Gold' in July pinning ceremony

There was a naval aviator designation ceremony July 29 onboard Naval Air Station Meridian.

Five French naval aviators received their "Wings of Gold" during the ceremony. The naval aviator designation ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy regulations, but has emerged as an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It marks the culmination of nearly two years of specialized training, which has prepared these officers for the rigorous demands of aerial combat and carrier operations -- earning each the title of "Naval Aviator" and the right to wear the coveted "Wings of Gold."







ENS Remi Badouix

ENS Romain Costagutta

ENS Arnaud Fontes





ENS Yoann Renaud

ENS Adrien Schmitt

Golden Stick



Photo by Adam Prince

Roger Burke, left, President of the Mississippi Council of the Navy League presents ENS Yoann Renaud, French navy, with the Golden Stick award during a winging ceremony in the chapel onboard NAS Meridian, July 29. The Golden Stick is presented to the student with the highest composite score during flight training.

NSF Graduation



Photo by Adam Prince

MA1 Darius Cummings, instructor, Captain Jason Kelley, Security Guard Crystal Reaves and Security Guard Nikki Taylor pose for a group photo during a Navy Security Guard Force graduation ceremony in the administration building onboard NAS Meridian, July 29.

Boom Deployment Training



Photo by JP Beaudoui

Public Works (PW) Environmental FRP — with assistance from NAS Meridian Fire Department — conduct a boom deployment training as part of HAZMAT material cleanup equipment and procedures familiarization. In addition to maintaining proficiency, PW Environmental team is continuously striving to improve NAS Meridian's response readiness.

Sidewalk Replacement



Photo by Matt Copeland

Public Works Carpenter Work Lead Scott Knuth, Plumber Chris Robinson and Maintenance Mechanic Andy Miles replace a sidewalk at the Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) administration building. This sidewalk is used by the NTTC staff when traversing between school houses. It was removed in order to support a waterline replacement project and is now being repaired.

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Local Happenings

AUGUST

5: Moonlight Run from 7-11 p.m. at Northeast Park in Meridian. Kid's Fun Run 8 p.m.; 5K Run 8:15 p.m.; 2 Mile Walk 8:20 p.m. Register Online: https://time2run.raceentry.com/meridian-moonlight- run/race-information. Make checks payable to: City of Meridian. Mail to: Meridian Parks & Recreation Attn: Moonlight Run, P.O. Box 1430, Meridian, MS 39302. Fees range from \$20-25; call 601-485-1802.

5: Worship Night at 6 p.m. at 15th Avenue Baptist Church. For information, call 601-485-4113.

14-16: "Into the Woods" from 2-5 p.m. at the Meridian Little Theatre. MLT's teen division FRONT & CENTER will perform Stephen Sondheim's magical "Into the Woods." This epic adventure musical incorporates plots and characters of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales and features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 students; call 601-482-6371.

19: MS Congress AQHA Intro. Show & Open Horse Show at 5 p.m. at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center. This is an annual, openhorse show and is AQHA and APHA approved -- open to all breeds. Contact Magen Allen at 228-860-3682 or Christi Hall at 601-613-5135 for more info.

21: American Legion Legacy Run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center. This five-day, 1150-mile, crosscountry motorcycle ride raises awareness and funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Proceeds support the children of fallen military personnel and the children of disabled veterans who served in the post 9/11 era. Free to public; call 601-352-4986.

SEPTEMBER -

8: Full Moon on 5th from 6-9 p.m. at Dumont Plaza on 5th Street between 22nd and 23rd Ave. Join the Arts and Community Events Society for a magical night in Downtown Meridian. String lights and two giant, illuminated moons set the mood for a unique block party that you don't want to miss.

10: CowKids Youth Rodeo is an all day event at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center. CowKids Youth Rodeo is a ministry based, non-profit organization established to give children an opportunity to experience the sport of rodeo. For information, email Cokidsyouth@ gmail.com.

23: EMBDC Golf Classic from 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the Northwood Country Club. More details to come. Entry fee \$125; call 601-693-1306.

Navy installs new groundwater monitoring wells around Red Hill

In the ongoing effort to ensure water safety at Red Hill and the surrounding area, the Navy has installed two of 10 new planned groundwater monitoring wells near the location of the Nov. 20, 2021, fuel spill at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The installation of these new wells and resulting expanded monitoring capability will help in making informed and environmentally protective decisions.

The Navy is working with the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other stakeholders to install the new monitoring wells, referred to as plume delineation wells, in the immediate vicinity of Red Hill to test for the presence of contaminants and to evaluate potential impacts to the local aquifer.

The remaining eight plume delineation wells are in the process of permitting and drilling, with completion expected in April 2023. The next two plume delineation wells will be

completed in August, while the remaining six wells are in the permit and drilling process and expected to be completed within the next 10 months.

"This is an important step in our ongoing work to provide safe drinking water and protect the aquifer and the environment," said Rear Adm. Steve Barnett, Navy Region Hawaii commander. "We are aligned with the Hawaii Department of Health and other stakeholders in this effort and remain committed to informing the public of actions that are taking place while we work on completing requirements for the defueling plan."

The Navy has taken initial samples from the completed wells, designated P-01 and P-02, and will share all validated sampling results with DOH and EPA. Samples are being sent to an independent, certified laboratory on the mainland.

-- From Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

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USS Fort Lauderdale commissions

The U.S. Navy commissioned its newest Amphibious Transport Dock ship USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) July 30, 2022, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"To the Sailors and Marines who will serve aboard USS Fort Lauderdale, thank you and your families in advance for the service you will fulfill and sacrifices you may endure," Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, who spoke at the event, said. "The moment you bring this Amphibious Transport Dock to life, you will strengthen the integrated deterrence capability of our entire Joint Force."

Guest speakers for the event also included President of Ingalls Shipbuilding Kari Wilkinson; Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Eric Smith; Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantlis; and principal speaker, U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida's 23rd

"It is such an honor to be involved in the commissioning of the USS Ft. Lauderdale. It's another chapter to the momentous history, friendship, and respect that the city has with the U.S. Navy," said U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz. "As Chair of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, my support for our military is unwavering. I will always stand by our service members and veterans, and honor those who continue to serve."

Ship sponsor Meredith A. Berger gave the first order to "man our ship and bring her to

"The Navy names ships for people, places, and ideas that are special. The Navy certainly picked a special place when naming the USS Fort Lauderdale," she said. "I am honored to be the sponsor for this incredible ship."

-- From Commander, Naval Surface Forces

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Navy accepts delivery of USNS John Lewis

The Navy accepted delivery of the lead ship of its new class of fleet replenishment oilers, USNS John Lewis (T-AO 205), July 27.

T-AO 205's delivery follows the completion of Acceptance Trials with the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey to test the readiness and capability of the craft and to validate requirements.

"USNS John Lewis will provide much needed capability to the fleet as the primary fuel pipeline at sea," said John Lighthammer, program manager, Auxiliary and Special Mission Shipbuilding Program Office. "This is the first of a 20-ship class providing the Sailors and merchant mariners another tool to support at-sea operations."

The new John Lewis-class T-AOs will be operated by Military Sealift Command to provide diesel fuel and lubricating oil, and small quantities of fresh and frozen provisions, stores, and potable water to Navy ships at sea, and jet fuel for aircraft. The new T-AOs will add capacity to the Navy's Combat Logistics Force and become the cornerstone of the fuel delivery system.

NASSCO is currently in production on USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO 206), USNS Earl Warren (T-AO 207), and USNS Robert F. Kennedy (T-AO 208). The future USNS Lucy Stone (T-AO 209) and USNS Sojourner Truth (T-AO 210) are under contract.

-- From Team Ships Public Affairs

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For Rent: 2BD/1.5BA single family home in Dalewood - fully renovated. Pets allowed. Pet deposit \$300. \$1,300 rent

per month. Call 973-876-5006.

For Rent: 2BA/1BA on the water at Dalewood \$600 per month. Call 601-683-6038.

For Sale By Owner: 3BD/3BA brick home with sunroom, large fenced in yard. Convenient to shopping and base. \$139K. Call 601-513-3395 or 601-227-1870

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To submit an item to the "Sale...Or" column, e-mail adam.prince@navy.mil. Deadline is the Thursday prior to publication.

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NAS Meridian Sailors of the Quarter



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Blue Jacket of the Quarter Security

NAS Meridian Civilians of the Quarter



Michael Mengarelli

Senior Civilian of the Quarter Security



Michael Phillips

Junior Civilian of the Quarter Fire and Emergency Services

U.S. drone strike kills al-Qaida leader in Kabul

By Jim Garamone

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

Ayman al-Zawahiri, one of the perpetrators of the 9-11 attacks that killed almost 3,000 people in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, was killed by U.S. drone missiles in Afghanistan's capital, President Joe Biden announced yesterday.

Zawahiri was killed in an over-the-horizon operation in downtown Kabul, where he was residing as a guest of the Taliban. The house was struck by two Hellfire missiles in a precision, counterterrorism operation at 6:18 a.m. Kabul time on Sunday. Zawahiri was the only casualty. "We are confident through our intelligence sources and methods including multiple streams of intelligence — that we killed Zawahiri and no other individuals," a senior administration official said. "His death deals a significant blow to al-Qaida and will degrade the group's ability to operate, including against the U.S. homeland."

Zawahiri led the al-Qaida terror group following the death of Osama bin Laden on May 2, 2011, in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Zawahiri had served as bin Laden's deputy and helped plan terror attacks on the United States and Americans overseas, including the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000 that killed 17 sailors and wounded many others and the attacks on U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in August 1998 that killed 224 people and wounded more than 4,500. "He carved a trail of murder and violence against American citizens, American service members, American diplomats and American interests," Biden said in a statement.

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Staying within the budget is the new black

For decades, I've tried to be cool. Despite numerous desperate attempts to be fashionable, listen to hip music, take up trendy hobbies and become more aloof, I've learned that I just can't change who I am. Finally, in my 50s, I've decided to accept my lot in life and give in to my tendencies.

But no sooner did I embrace my lack of swag, when sud-

denly, without trying, I've become the epitome

No, I don't play acoustic guitar on my front porch swing. I've never run a marathon, snow boarded, or surfed. I only wear a waterproof sports watch so I don't have to take it off when I wash dishes. I've never eaten Kobe beef. I'm not well versed on Beaujolais wines. In fact, my signature recipes include Stuffed Meatloaf and Homemade Mac-n-cheese.

I can't walk in high heels, I wear cotton briefs, and I avoid chunky jewelry because it catches on stuff. I've always been a thrift and discount shopper, and I brag to family and friends about how little I spend on my clothing. I wear drug store make up and paint my own nails. Shopping malls give me a headache.

Our house is furnished with an eclectic combination of second hand purchases, inherited items, and one or two rehabbed dumpster treasures. We didn't pick this home decor out of financial necessity, but rather because I like old stuff, especially if it doesn't cost much. I guess you could say, it's a passion of mine.

The last outdoor concert I went to was Jimmy Buffet in 2000, but I was eight months pregnant and worried about second hand smoke. I have no tattoos or trendy body piercings, unless you count that second hole in my left ear that my roommate from college made for me using a potato and a sewing needle in

Although friends warned me it might appear that I'd "given up," I drove a minivan for most of my adult life. Not just any minivan, mind you - a used minivan that started out white, but after several military moves, became the

dull hue of stale bread, pitted with chips and bubbled with rust. There was a hole in the carpet where my left foot rested during endless daily car pools. Two air fresheners couldn't hide the lingering odor of post-practice sweaty teens, countless spilled drinks, road trip upchuck, and chicken nuggets lost between seats.

Until recently, a hip-happening mom wouldn't be caught dead in a minivan. Stylish moms overwhelmingly prefer SUVs, which project an image of sporty spontaneity and an adventuresome spirit. While a minivan says, "I drink home brewed coffee with powdered creamer every morning while taking the kids to school," an SUV screams, "Despite the fact that I only drive on suburban roads between The Gap, pee wee soccer practice and the Starbucks drive-thru, I need an all-terrain vehicle because I might drop everything, throw on a bikini and go kite surfing for the day."

Frankly, I'm just an ordinary middle-aged wife and mom, but here's the thing: I'm cool now because I'm frugal, pragmatic, and resourceful. I might not be on point, but I am definitely on budget.

In our current times with rampant inflation at a forty-year high of 9.1 percent and still rising, people everywhere have had to change their habits and their images. Families are tightening budgets, clipping coupons, and paying cash. The mom who used to look so stylish with her 11 mpg Range Rover, overpriced coffee, and designer handbag, is SO last season in today's unfortunate economic climate.

Nowadays, thriftiness and sustainability are the latest fads, virtues I've been practicing for years. Today's trendsetters shop at discount stores, Facebook Marketplace,

Craig's List, and estate sales. They know which groceries double coupons, which movies stream for free, and which restaurants run specials. They've cancelled expensive trips in favor of "staycations" and free experiences. They drive cars with good gas mileage.

The hottest style today is savvy spending, and staying within a budget is all the rage. For the first time in my life, I'm finally on trend. Try not to hate me because I'm so cool.

Lisa Smith Molinari's self syndicated columns appear on her blog, www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com and she recently co-authored Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life Follow Lisa@MolinariWrites.



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