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**MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

**DATE:** May 25, 2005

**TIME:** 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**MEETING WITH:**

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**SUBJECT:** Briefing and tour of NADEP Cherry Point

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**MEETING SUMMARY:** Col Gumbel provided an extensive briefing of NADEP Cherry Point (Briefing materials used Cherry Point CP - 1).

The main points of the brief highlight the many improvements and efficiencies being made within the Cherry point NADEP.

In addition to the NADEP brief Col. Gumbel reviewed a Naval Air brief on the proposed Fleet Readiness Centers. (CP – 2) and (CP – 3).

After our brief we took a tour of NADEP Cherry Point and viewed many of the presentations shown in (CP – 4). For example as we toured we discussed the goal of reducing cycle time (CP -4 page 2). The theory of constraints, Lean/5S and Six Sigma (CP -4 page 5).

Within our tour we viewed work on H-46. (CP -4 page 9).

Discussed improvements within T58-16 engines (CP -4 page 17). In discussions with Mr. James Best, supervisor, we were told that overall a 20 day reduction in turnaround time has been achieved

for these engine repairs. This reduction was due to both reductions in direct and indirect labor. Col. Gumbel cautioned that most of the reductions have been in indirect time.

We also toured the Machine shops (CP -4 page 21) and meet Ernie. Ernie recommended the "Ernie Gurney (CP -4 page 29) that reduced the time required to move equipment.

We walked through AV-8 assembly cell (CP -4 page 37) AV-8 (CP -4 page 41& 55). We also reviewed improvements in tool organization (CP -4 pages 42, 44 & 59).

Additionally we viewed first hand a Cobra being delivered from the gulf for repair. HML A 269 Serial 165366/40 ULN W5BCFC1. Normal repair standard we were told was 41 day's due to indirect savings this cobra would be back in 28 -33 days.

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