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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: June 6, 2005

TIME: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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SUBJECT: Briefing and tour of The Naval Air Depot, (NADEP), North Island

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MEETING SUMMARY:

Captain Trainer provided an extensive briefing of NADEP North Island. The Naval Air Depot, North Island is a major tenant at Naval Base Coronado and is the west coast naval aircraft depot specializing in the support of aircraft and related systems. Through partnership with industry, other government agencies and supporting aerospace organizations, the Depot, North Island repairs and overhauls aviation systems.

Naval Air Depot, North Island performs depot level repairs and modification on more than 250 aircraft per year. Performing repairs and overhauls on AH-1, CH-53, C-2, E-2, EA-6, F/A-18, S-3, SH/HH/MH-60 and UH/HH-1 aircraft. (See Briefing materials used NI - 1).

The main points of the brief highlight the many improvements and efficiencies being made within the NADEP. In addition to the North Island NADEP brief Captain Trainer reviewed a Naval Air brief on the proposed Fleet Readiness Centers. (NI - 2) and (NI - 3).

After our brief we took a tour of NADEP North Island and viewed many of the presentations shown in (NI - 4). For example as we toured we discussed the goal of reducing cycle time the theory of constraints, Lean/5S and Six Sigma contained within the Airspeed program. (NI-5). Building 250 Indirect and Direct work hours are below standard, overall workload is down. The E-2 program has a long rebuild (5-6 years) due to the extensive work indirect and direct labor hours are up turnaround time is down. The amount of work has increased by 34%. Many of the problems discussed were due to rust or metal cracks which require additional time above that provided within the standard.

Additionally, we discussed improvements within the maintenance of the F/A – 18 Hornets and the program at North Island for replacing the center support of the aircraft called the replacement of the Center Barrel of the aircraft. (See NI – 6 page 9)

We also visited an Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department. (AIMD). The Facility had 2700 Square Feet of space and worked on electronic components gyro's etc. Chief Dooly explained the improvements that have allowed him to reduce turnaround time to one day increase quality and reduce the number of personnel needed to perform the work.

In discussing repair of T700 motors the improvements made have allowed for a reduction of from 74 days to 41 day turnaround with 6 -12 day's expected in the future. The facility has excess capacity and can handle more engines.

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