

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

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Issue/description: 4. MILITARY AFFAIRS. Issues of concern to military and civilian workers at local bases; military retirees; the military's impact on our area's economy and lifestyle; military dependents, etc.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	04/03/09	10:01PM/2 minutes	News	*
2. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	04/07/09	10:07PM/2 minutes	News	**
3. Straughn & Company	04/19/09	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	***

* We interviewed state senator Don Gaetz of Niceville, who announced that \$180 million in stimulus money would be coming to Northwest Florida, with \$88 million for infrastructure and transportation projects that will support the incoming Army 7th Special Forces group and the Air Force's F-35 strike fighter's transportation needs. Military bases and base facilities will get an additional \$91 million funneled through the Department of Defense.

** The National Economic Stimulus and Recovery Plan will pump millions of dollars into our region, with the biggest ticket items at local military bases. Bill Pearson reported on how some \$11 million will be spent at NAS Pensacola.

*** Today's guest was U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller from Florida's first district. In discussing military affairs, he remarked that we are still fighting 2 wars, and should fully support those efforts instead of cutting military budgets. He feels we cannot negotiate with Iran, and that all countries should put pressure on both Iran and North Korea to stop their nuclear efforts. He addressed the F-35 controversy in Valparaiso, saying that the full contingent of F-35s will definitely be stationed at Eglin Air Force Base as an international training center, and the Air Force will work closely with the city of Valparaiso to settle this issue. He said Washington is entertaining several ideas on how to police our borders with Mexico to prevent illegal immigration, but that the use of our military is not anticipated, although we might use the National Guard in this effort. He also spoke about the Emerald Coast Honor Flights ... the 4th one is upcoming ... and his pride in our area for supporting these WWII heroes.

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4. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	04/22/09	10:02PM/2 minutes	News	****

**** The first of the Air Force's F-35s landed at Eglin Air Force Base today for a 3-day stay, and was welcomed by Air Force officials and members of the Niceville City Council. Colonel Arnie Bunch at Eglin said the Air Force has already made a commitment to Valparaiso that the F-35s will not operate on the runway that affects the city, except in cases of emergency.

5. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	04/23/09	10:07PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** The first of the Air Force's F-35s made its first flight over Northwest Florida today in a public demonstration. Pilot Joe Smith said the F-35 is a state-of-the-art aircraft, with more capabilities than the F-22. We also showed the F-35 simulator where pilots must train before actually flying the aircraft.

6. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	05/06/09	10:02PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** WEAR Public Service Director and News co-anchor Sue Straughn once again accompanied local World War II veterans on their special "Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C., to visit the National WWII Memorial. We reported on the day's activities, and the special meaning of the visit to both the veterans, their families, and grateful local citizens.

7. In Focus	05/10/09	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** Our topic for this week was the upcoming Escarosa Independence Weekend, and event to honor wounded veterans, to be held the weekend of May 16. Our guests were Robin Griffith, a retired Marine Corporal who is helping organize the local event, and Ted Lauzen, an organizer with the movement. The event will treat wounded veterans to a variety of events, including a bicycle ride and a concert. The event will also raise funds to financially help some of the wounded vets.

8. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	06/09/09	10:01PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** In an effort to prevent civilian encroachment on military bases, Governor Crist today approved a \$5.1 million land deal for the purchase of about 2,000 acres surrounding Milton's Whiting Field NAS. The purchase includes 1400 environmentally-sensitive acres, and 600 acres that will be used as a recreational area. The state waived any right to sue because of any of the military's aircraft operations at Whiting Field.

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9. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	06/10/09	10:03PM/2 minutes	News	*****

***** Okaloosa County reporter Laura Hussey interviewed Florida Senator Bill Nelson about his opposition to a congressional committee's recommendation to open some of the waters of the Easter Gulf of Mexico to oil drilling. The Senator opposes the move because it would jeopardize training missions from Eglin Air Force Base and other training bases in the area. She also interviewed Okaloosa County Commissioner John Jannazo, a former pilot who trained over the Gulf Ranges as an F-15 pilot. He also opposes the action, saying that any manned oil platforms will interfere with the live weapons and training missions. He favored use of new technology for extracting oil and gas without manned platforms.

10. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	06/18/09	10:07PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** We reported on Governor Crist's visit to Eglin Air Force Base today to sign a new law to protect Florida's military bases from closure. The law establishes the "Florida Council on Military Base and Mission Support", a 9-member body that will use the full authority of the state government to preserve and strengthen the military's presence in Florida, and protect the state's 21 bases. The group will effectively serve as a lobbying agency for Florida's military interests in Washington.