

# Okaloosa County News Release

## **NWF Regional Airport Assists the USO with Military Student Exodus** *It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas at the Airport*

The Northwest Florida Regional Airport (NWFRA) and USO are already hustling and bustling with set up for local military students traveling home for Christmas. The largest movement of students will be Saturday, December 20. The USO and NWFRA set up an extended lounge to accommodate students beginning Friday, December 19 and will run operations 24 hours until December 23. The extra space will provide sleeping, movie viewing, showers and more substantial food offerings for young military members that get delayed or stranded at VPS.

The USO is accepting donations of individually packaged snacks and drinks, to host a large number of our military families. Call ahead, 850-609-4738, and a USO volunteer will come out to the curb to retrieve donations.

Experience the festive atmosphere at the NWF Regional Airport, enjoy holiday performances, or take a family photo the magnificent Christmas tree at the airport. You may park in the cell phone lot for brief photos or to enjoy the entertainment. NWFRA would like to thank the following community members for providing entertainment:

December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM Niceville High School Opus One Choir  
December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM Ruckel Middle School Chorus  
December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM First Baptist Church Niceville Hand bell Choir and Vocal Choir  
December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM Meigs Middle School Band and Chorus  
December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM Rocky Bayou Christian MS Concert Band  
December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM Rocky Bayou Christian HS Jazz Band

Helen Back Pizza, a great supporter of our military, will validate parking when you dine with them as well. Remember to use the cell phone lot when picking up arriving passengers, allowing you to wait for a call at no cost for parking. "Please call if you have any questions or we can serve you better," says Airports Director Sunil Harmon. Call 24 hours a day, 850-651.7166.

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