

# The Nerve

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*This Week — August 23rd, 2016*

## Colby D. Grelle

*Lieutenant, U.S. Navy*



Colby is a native of Jasper, Alabama. He is a 2006 graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture.

After completing U.S. Navy Flight School while stationed at NAS Pensacola, FL, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK, NAS Meridian, MS. Colby earned his wings of gold in October 2008, receiving the

GOLDEN STICK AWARD for graduating at the top of his flight school class as well as the prestigious CNATRA Distinguished Graduate Award for graduating in the top 5% of all Naval Aviators.

In 2010 Colby began his career in Strike-Fighter Squadron THREE ONE stationed at NAS Oceana, VA. The Fighting 31 Tomcatters, more affectionately known as the Felix the Cat squadron, currently fly the Boeing F/A-18E Super Hornet. Between November 2010 & December 2013, Colby flew 650 hours, 154 arrestments ("traps") in the Super Hornet as well as 20 combat sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn from aboard the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77). He was selected as one of 10 Naval Aviators to represent the United States Navy during Exercise Nautical Artist 2011 in Tabouk, Saudi Arabia. Colby is a Strike Fighter Weapons and Tactics qualified (SFWT) Level IV Combat Division Lead, SFWT Level III Section Lead Instructor, Training Qualified Landing Signal Officer, and served as the Avionics/Armament Division Officer and Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS)



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 30th**

**Whitney Jamison**

Big Brothers Big Sisters

**September 6th**

**Gary Andrew**

Rotary District Governor

Subject Matter Expert.

Since Jan 2014, Colby has been a Boeing T-45C Instructor Pilot at Training Squadron NINE (VT-9), NAS Meridian, MS where he trains future Naval Aviators in multiple stages of Intermediate and Advanced Strike Training. He is a NATOPS Check Pilot, Standardization Pilot, Head Landing Signal Officer, Carrier Qualification Stage Manager and Lead Safe Pilot, as well as an Out-of-Controlled Flight Instructor.

During his 10 years of service in the United States Navy Colby has flown more than 1,800 flight hours, and amassed more than 225 arrested land-

-ings at all hours of the day and night in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans as well as the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf.

Colby's Awards and Achievements include the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Golden Stick Award, and CNATRA (Chief of Naval Air Training) Distinguished Graduate Award.

His service to organizations and the community include being ordained as a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Meridian (Meridian, MS), Assistant Coach at Meridian Youth Soccer Organization (Meridian, MS), Assistant Coach at Northeast Recreation Baseball (Meridian, MS), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Member, as well as United States Naval Academy Alumni Association Member.

Colby's interests in his spare time are coaching youth sports, building/fabricating/repairing projects with his son, boating, waterskiing, and wakeboarding. Colby is married to Dr. Katherine (Katie) Grelle, M.D., who completed her undergraduate studies and Family Medicine Residency at the University of Alabama. They have 2 children Coleman (7) & Connelly (2). Colby and his family are in the process of relocating to Tuscaloosa, where Katie practices family medicine at Med Center South, Tuscaloosa, as well as joining Dr. Caroline Day-Teasdale in a practice in Northport.



## *Last Week — August 16th, 2016*

### **Announcements:**

- Rotarians attended the United Way of West Alabama's 2016 Campaign Kickoff.
- The Kickoff was at the Bryant Conference Center on the UA Campus.
- The Campaign Goal is the highest it's ever been at \$3,600,000. Past UA President Dr. Witt said that Jackie Wuska had his retirement account hostage in case they don't meet this goal.



*United Way Campaign Chairman, Dr. Robert Witt, speaking to the UWWA Kickoff this past Tuesday, August 16th, 2016.*



## *This Day in History - August 16th*

- 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, the Battle of Bennington took place. New England's minutemen routed the British regulars.
- 1812 - Detroit fell to Indian and British troops in the War of 1812.
- 1829 - The "Siamese twins," Chang and Eng Bunker, arrived in Boston, MA. They had come to the Western world to be exhibited. They were 18 years old and joined at the waist.
- 1842 - In New York City, the U.S. government took over operations of the City Despatch Post. This was the first congressionally authorized local postage delivery.
- 1858 - A telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to U.S. President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.
- 1861 - U.S. President Lincoln prohibited the Union states from trading with the states of the Confederacy.
- 1923 - Carnegie Steel Corporation put into place the eight-hour workday for its employees.
- 1930 - The first British Empire Games were held at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The event is now called the British Commonwealth Games.
- 1937 - Harvard University became the first school to have graduate courses in traffic engineering and administration.
- 1954 - Sports Illustrated was published for the first time. It was claimed that 250,000 subscriptions had been sold before the first issue came off of the presses.
- 1954 - Jack Paar replaced Walter Cronkite as host of "The Morning Show" on CBS-TV.
- 1960 - Cyprus was granted independence by Britain.
- 1960 - The free-fall world record was set by Joseph Kittinger. He fell more than 16 miles (about 84,000 feet) before opening his parachute over New Mexico.
- 1978 - Xerox was fined for excluding Smith-Corona Mfg. from the copier market. The fine was \$25.6 million.
- 1984 - The U.S. Jaycees voted to admit women to full membership in the organization.
- 1995 - Voters in Bermuda rejected independence from Great Britain.
- 1999 - In Russia, Vladimir V. Putin was confirmed as prime minister by the lower house of parliament.

### **ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY**

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
  - Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
  - Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

*Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*

