

Boots on the Ground hits area bases

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Key leadership from the Naval Aviation Readiness Integrated Improvement Program (NAVRRIIP) toured facilities at NAS Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport last week as part of the "Boots on the Ground" (BOG) project.

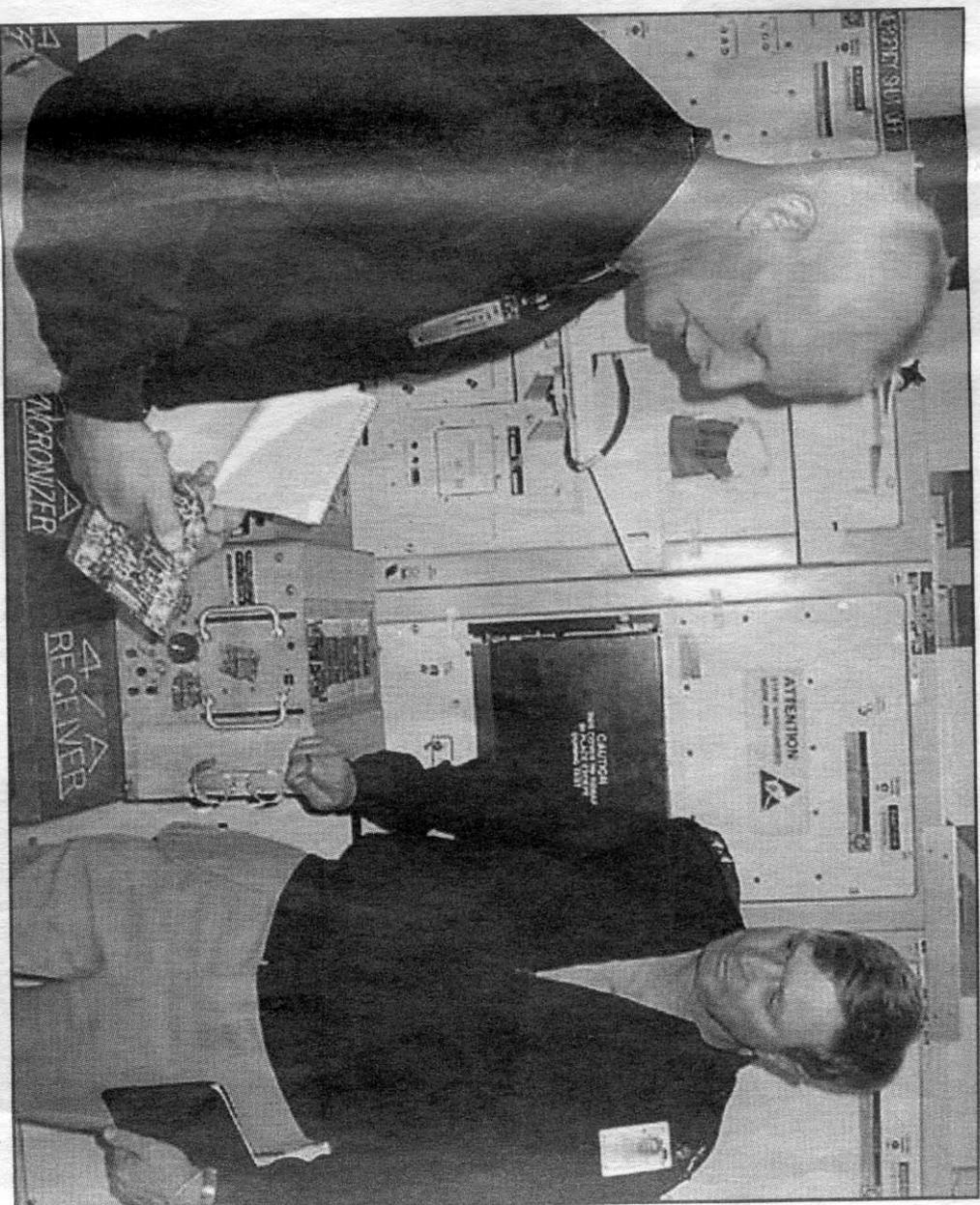
Flag officers attending the BOG included Rear Adm. Wally Massenburg, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) assistant commander for Logistics; Rear Adm. Mike Finley, commander, Naval Inventory Control Point and Rear Adm. Steve Heilman NAVAIR assistant commander for Industrial Operations.

While at Naval Station Mayport, the team looked at the H-60 T-700 Modular Engine, the H-60 Transmission System and the H-60 ARQ-44 two-way voice and data transmission system "Data Link." After touring Mayport, they headed over to NAS Jacksonville where they received firsthand accounts of readiness problems from military and civilian maintainers at Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment (AIMD).

The team reviewed the S-3B Flight Control Systems leading edge flaps and associated structures, the H-60 Automatic Flight Control System, and the S-3B AN/AP-137 Radar System.

"These Sailors deserve everything we can possibly get to them," explained Massenburg. "What we've failed to do in the past 10 years is to get them the tools. This is part of what we want to do here with the BOG project."

Each of the admirals has a leadership role as a part of the Naval Aviation Readiness Improvement Team (NAVRIT). NAVRIT is a cross-Navy implementation team directing NAVRIIP, a systemic approach to improving naval aviation non-deployed readiness through integrated requirements, supplier and budget



AIMD's Chief Warrant Officer Dennis Jones describes some components of S-3 aircraft radar equipment to Rear Adm. Wally Massenburg, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) assistant commander for Logistics, during a Naval Aviation Readiness Integrated Improvement Program (NAVRRIIP) visit May 21.

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solutions.

"BOG is a product that delivers many attributes to improve non-deployed readiness. It gives the Type Wing Commodore another strong,

cross-functional tool to manage and optimize available resources," Massenburg said. "It supports the Fleet and is exactly why this is such an exciting opportunity for us all."