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CNO emphasizes the realities of sequestration restraints on FY14 defense budget

The Chief of Naval Operations, Secretary of the Navy, and Commandant of the Marine Corps testified together April 25 before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) on the Department of the Navy budget request for fiscal year 2014.

The three Naval leader's testimony emphasized the realities of sequestration restraints on the fiscal year 2014 defense budget presented to congress earlier this month.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert delivered an opening statement that outlined the budget strategy and subsequent carryover from fiscal year 2013 as well as targeted the intended course for the next fiscal year. Greenert explained how Navy leadership has made key decisions in light of fiscal ambiguities, placing an emphasis on the characteristic of the Navy's forces mandate to operate forward where it matters, and that the Navy will be ready when it matters.

'We organize, man, train, and equip the Navy by viewing our decisions through three lenses, or tenets,' said Greenert. 'They are: Warfighting First, Operate Forward, and Be Ready. Regardless of the size of our budget or our fleet, these three tenets are the



Greenert

lenses through which we evaluate each decision.'

Greenert laid out the fiscal year 2013 budget strategy along with the carryover structure to show how the current appropriations bill allowed for further investment in our Navy operations and maintenance. Greenert stressed that while there are certain 'must pay' items that will be funded, there is also a commitment to conduct training and maintenance for forces next to deploy and prepare to meet the fiscal year 2014 Global Force Management Allocation Plan (GFMAP).

Greenert noted the aspects sequestration has played on the Navy's budget planning, stressing that budget shortfalls were sure to carry over into fiscal 2014. This setback would reduce the Navy surge capacity of

fully mission-capable carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups through fiscal year 2014.

'Taken together, our O&M and investment shortfalls leave us a \$9 billion carryover challenge for FY2014,' said Greenert.

He added however, continuing sequestration would grow the carryover challenge from \$9 billion to \$23 billion. All panel members present at the hearing addressed the overwhelming theme of sequestration negatively affecting ongoing and future operations across the Department of the Navy.

In his outlook for 2014, Greenert defined his strategy for Navy priorities. He maintained that the Navy would continue to forward deploy, and would continue near-term investments to address challenges in the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. Additionally, he stated that the Navy would continue to develop long-term capabilities to address warfighting challenges in both regions.

Overall, when looking at the 2014 budget, Greenert gave a clear view of what the Navy can expect for the investment of research and development in new technology, specifically when it comes to shipbuilding goals. With over \$44 billion being invested in ships, submarines, manned and unmanned aircraft, weapons, cyber, among other procurement items and programs to include the delivery of 300 ships by 2019, Greenert expects much greater interoperability and flexibility when it comes to the future of the fleet.

Greenert expressed his commitment to grow manpower by 4,600 Sailors, stating these new Sailors would, 'reduce our manning gaps at sea, enhance the Navy's cyber capabilities, and improve our waterfront training.'

Equally important were the CNO's focus on critical readiness and safety degraders such as sexual assault, suicide, operational tempo, and at-sea manning.

Greenert said this budget sets a course for the Navy to successfully meet the Strategic Defense Guidance laid out by the Department of Defense. Greenert closed his testimony remarks by recognizing the need for the removal of sequestration in order to fully execute the Navy mission.

'We again ask for your support in removing the burden of sequestration so that we can better train, better equip and deploy properly these brave men and women in our defense of our nation.' (By Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs Staff)

In Memoriam:

NAS Kingsville lost a dear member of its team April 23 when Nathaniel "Nate" Garcia died in a car crash on Highway 37 near Oakville, Texas. Garcia's son Austin was critically injured in the crash but is recovering from his injuries at a San Antonio Hospital.

Nate was a retired Navy Culinary Specialist and civilian employee at the Combined Bachelor Quarters at NAS Kingsville, since 2006.

'He has been instrumental in being part of the team,' said Gilbert Roque, NGIS director, 'as he has been a key player for the success of both the NGIS and unaccompanied housing. He was a mentor for many military and civilians and was a tireless individual who always seemed to have time to make any job fun.'

'No matter what was asked of him, he was always there not just as an employee, but as a friend,' Roque added.

He was a proud family man and dear friend to everyone he came in contact with, and always willing to help a fellow Sailor or someone in need. We will miss his cheerful approach to life and his

dedicated service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Garcia family as they deal with Nate's passing and their son's recovery.

The family had not announced the dates and times for memorial services at press time. Once they are announced, NAS Kingsville will post the information on our command Facebook page.



Waterline Replacement Project Update:

The Waterline replacement project will continue throughout the month of May. This week (May 6-10), work continues the center of the air station along Rosendahl St. from its intersection with Moffett Ave. to Nimitz Ave. Once this work is completed, the contractor will be performing watermain installation May 13-17 along Rosendahl St. from the intersection with Moffett Ave. to the eastern end of Rosendahl at the LOX Farm Bldg. 3729. Depending on progression, the contractor will be moving into Phase 6 work along Moffett Ave. from Rosendahl St. to the intersection of Hutchins St. During these periods staged detours will be implemented to minimize roadway closures, however some full roadway closures may be necessary. Should you have issues with any aspect of this construction please notify the Construction Manager, Gilbert Huff at (361) 516-6043 or by e-mail at gilbert.huff@navy.mil.

VITA: Tax season successful, assisting prepare returns

By FC1(SW) John Sessions
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

This year's official income tax season has come to a close. NAS Kingsville's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office was open from Feb. 4 to April 15. During this year's season VITA staff assisted with 41 federal returns and six state returns.

The NAS Kingsville Tax Assistance

Center saved DoD personnel, retirees and their dependents more than \$2,000 in tax preparation fees. VITA customers received a total of \$54,500 in tax refunds, with only \$4,300 due to the IRS. The Kingsville TAC provided H&R Block online tax software through Military One Source and myfreetaxes.com. Just over 204 volunteer hours were recorded for the 2013 tax preparation season.

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

This past Tuesday we said goodbye to NAS Kingsville's Executive Officer, Cmdr. Scott "Chilly" Wilmot.

Chilly has been the Executive Officer since September 2010. He and I first met in the Air Operations Department in the headquarters of Fifth Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, in 2006. When an opportunity presented itself to select my XO, Chilly was on a very short list of names and the rest is history.

I don't have enough room in this article to count all the accomplishments Chilly completed during this tour, but suffice to say, he lived up to our motto of "leave the ranch better than you found it."

On a personal note, I want to thank Chilly for his dedication to NAS Kingsville, the mission and our people he superbly led. With that my friend, I extend to you and your family all the best in the transition to our neighboring air station in Nueces County. Chilly will assume the Executive Officer assignment at NAS Corpus Christi in May.

With every detachment, there is typically a gain, and in this case, we are very fortunate to pick up our new Executive Officer, Cmdr. Rey "Hadji" Molina. Hadji and I deployed together quite some time ago and he will be an outstanding addition to NAS Kingsville. He is not travelling far. Hadji has spent the better part of two years as the Chief of Staff Officer for Training Air Wing TWO and brings a vast knowledge of the many facets it takes in making carrier pilots here in Kingsville. Welcome aboard Hadji, your inbox is full!

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac



Outstanding service -- Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Cmdr. Scott Wilmot with his third Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional service as executive officer of the air station from August 2010 to April 2013. Wilmot managed 13 departments in all facets of installation management, playing a crucial role in the base's ability to meet mission requirements. Through his detailed planning, fiscal oversight and leadership of three integrated performance teams, NAS Kingsville realized more than \$114 million in capital improvements to base facilities and infrastructure, resulting in increased readiness and quality of life for all patrons. He managed an \$18 million annual budget to maintain facilities spread across three sites and 16,500 acres. Wilmot's leadership was the driving force behind NAS Kingsville's numerous achievements including the 2010 Navy Region Southeast Installation Excellence Award, three consecutive Secretary of the Navy Energy and Water Management Gold Awards, and an unprecedented 50 percent reduction in energy usage from 2003 baseline standards. Wilmot has transferred and is now serving as the executive officer of NAS Corpus Christi.

Navy embraces inclusion during 2013 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The Navy joins our nation in celebrating the contributions of generations of patriots during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.

The Navy announced April 29 in NAVADMIN 115/13, this year's national theme is "Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion."

Inclusion is a recognition that diversity of ideas, experiences, areas of expertise, and backgrounds contribute significantly to the Navy's ability to fulfill its variety of missions both today and in the future. USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) exemplified this year's theme of embracing cultural values and inclusion by utilizing the talents, language skills, and cultural backgrounds of three Sailors to further their mission in the US Navy's first bilateral anti-piracy exercise with China's People's Liberation Army (Navy) (PLA(N)).

In September 2012, USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) and the Chinese Frigate Yi Yang (FF 548) conducted visit, board, search, and seizure (VBSS) drills near the

Horn of Africa to enhance cooperative anti-piracy efforts. During the exercise, three Churchill Sailors were utilized as translators.

Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Junwen Liang, Ship's Serviceman Seaman Qing Su, and Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Guo Rui Liu, all Chinese immigrants, played an integral role in the success of the exercise by bridging both the language and the cultural gaps between the two crews.

Liang, who immigrated to the United States from China at age 20, said he came to America speaking almost no English and joined the Navy after pursuing further education in New York. During the exercise, Liang performed as translator for Cmdr. Chris D. Stone, commanding officer of USS Winston S. Churchill.

"This is a unique opportunity to use both my native and adopted languages in service of my country," said Liang.

According to Stone, "On-site translation and briefing on customs helped ensure solid communication between U.S. Navy and PLA(N) Sailors, along with aiding us in

understanding the cultural nuances that help both sides better understand each other."

"My opportunity to take part in this exchange, and in the Navy itself, reminds me that I serve a country that accepts people from many different parts of the world," said Liang. "No matter where and how I serve, I'm still serving for my freedom and my country."

Asians and Pacific Islanders of various nationalities and ancestry have been serving in our Navy since the early 19th century. Asians and Pacific Islanders have continued to be at the forefront as leaders in every aspect of American life, including Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii's first Congressman and the first Japanese American to serve in Congress. Having enlisted in the US Army at age 17 and serving during the Second World War, Senator Inouye was a great champion of all the armed forces throughout his career. He received the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism and indomitable leadership during an engagement in World

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This paper is produced for people like CS2 James Mosby who has been working at NAS Kingsville Bachelor Housing for the past 2.5 years. Mosby, a native of Natchez, Miss., has 13 years of U.S. Navy service.

TAMUK campus hosts annual Relay for Life

Kleberg County and the Bishop community held their annual Relay For Life event at the Texas A&M University campus Friday, April 12. The 12-hour event earned more than \$158,000, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society's national Relay For Life campaign to help fund the continuing search for a cancer cure.

The annual event features an organized, overnight community fundraising walk for both singles and teams; food, games and activities to help build camaraderie; dedications to friends and family members who have succumbed to cancer, and celebrations for those who have beaten the disease.

All cancer survivors are joined by volunteers to participate in a Survivor's Walk around the track at the beginning of the event. Once this emotional walk was completed, games and activities are held for all participants all throughout the night.

Hundreds of civilian volunteers from throughout Kingsville, Bishop and Kleberg County turned out for the event. NAS Kingsville "Sailor Power" was also on display as members of the Junior Enlisted Association turned out to support the event. On hand were CS2 James Mosby; ACAN Craig Wilder; ET3 Jessica Korenek; ET3 Scott Dunn; CS2 Michael White; ET3 Maggie Allen and ET3 Patricia Taylor.

White brought home a sponsorship award from the Mr. Relay Event. White raised the second highest dollar amount for sponsor pledges, and had to settle for runner-up honors. A civilian team with ties to NAS Kingsville also won an award. Team "ZZ Top" finished in third place – and received the "Most Spirited" award. Team members in the photo include (from left) Darrel Munoz, Cecilia Munoz, Diana Zavala, Gracie Munoz, Robert Zavala and D. J. Munoz.



Pictured right is the Texas A&M Kingsville campus following the survivors' lap, which kicks off the 12-hour Relay for Life. The Relay raises contributions to help fund the continuing search for a cure for cancer. Above right, the some of the NASA Kingsville Junior Enlisted Association members pose for a picture. From left is ET3 Scott Dunn, ACAN Craig Wilder, ET3 Maggie Allen, CS2 Michael White and CS2 James Mosby.(Contributed photos)

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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

Almost two weeks ago, NAS Kingsville hosted the Combined Service Club Luncheon. The luncheon is attended by Kingsville's major civilian service groups. During the event, presentations are made to select service members and spouses in recognition for their involvement in the community. It was with great pleasure that I was able to present the Kingsville Junior Officer of the Year award to Lt. George Dyson, VT-21, and the Kingsville Military Spouse of the Year award to Kylee Fick, VT-21.

Dyson volunteers as a chaplain in the minimum security prison at San Diego, Texas, and Fick volunteered at the Kingsville Pregnancy Resource Center as well as with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for abused and neglected children. Both Dyson and Fick are exemplary citizens within our community making our world a better place. From all of us, military service members and citizens alike, thank you George and Kylee!

I also am pleased to announce the Training Wing TWO civilians of the quarter for January through March 2013. Congratu-

lations to Jennifer Ramirez, VT-21, who was selected as the Junior Employee of the Quarter; and to Tara Burney, TW-2, who was selected as the Senior Employee of the Quarter. We have a lot of great people on our team but Jennifer and Tara have really shined. I am very proud to be on their team. Well done ladies.

We bid Cmdr. Rey Molina farewell as the outgoing TW-2 chief staff officer and hail Cmdr. Matthew Perun as his relief.

Fortunately, Molina will not be going very far away: he is merely walking down the sidewalk to the NASK HQ building. He will be the base's next executive officer. Rey, thank you for a job well done. We all will look forward to working with you as the new XO.

Last but not least, congrats to all of our young student pilots that carrier qualified on the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) last week. There are a few select things in life that you never forget and taking the first trap aboard an aircraft carrier is one of them. Bravo Zulus all around and there will be a winging ceremony for many of the new tailhookers on May 17.

Best to all,
"Joe Bags" Evans



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Community recognition --

Pictured right, Cmdr. Charles Stahl, executive officer of Training Squadron (VT) 21, displays the award he accepted on behalf of Lt. George Dyson as Junior Officer Volunteer of the Year for 2012. Dyson is an instructor pilot assigned to VT-21. Capt. Joseph Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO, looks on. Dyson was one of three personnel recognized for their efforts in the local community at a luncheon held recently.



Making a difference --

Pictured left, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents ET1(SW) Samuel Sanchez with the Enlisted Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012, on behalf of the Navy League and local community. Sanchez was recognized for the contributions he has made to the local community, especially his efforts on behalf of the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Service to country -- HM1(SW/FMF)

Gerald Randolph presents the American flag to his wife, HM1 Jordan Saffell-Randolph following the Old Glory portion of her husband's retirement ceremony April 26 at the Captain's Club. Their daughter Amiah is in Jordan's lap. The ceremony marked the conclusion of a successful 20 year active duty career for Randolph, who hails from Richmond, Va., and originally entered the Navy as a storekeeper (SK). Duty assignments include: USS Belknap (CG 26); USS La Salle (AGF 3); and USS Whitney Mount (LCC 20). Following his transition to the Hospital Corpsman rating in 1997, Randolph transferred to his first medical command, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. Three years later, Randolph transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for an assignment with the Field Medical Service School. After successful completion, Randolph was transferred to the 1st Marine Division 29 Palms, Calif., with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Division. In 2002, Randolph transferred to NSHS Portsmouth, Va., for pharmacy 'A' School with follow-on orders to Naval Hospital great Lakes, Ill. Randolph was then hand-selected for an assignment as BUMED's Enlisted Pharmacy Technician Representative for the Pharmacy Corporate Oversight Board at Quantico, Va. Prior to reporting to Branch Health Clinic NAS Kingsville for his final tour of duty in 2009, Randolph completed his last sea duty assignment aboard USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) homeported in Little Creek, Va. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)



Permission to go ashore -- HM1 (SW/AW/FMF) William Marshall, right, requests permission to go ashore from presiding officer Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Vaughn, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, at the conclusion of a retirement ceremony at McFall Memorial Chapel April 18. Marshall closed out a highly successful 20-year active duty career with the ceremony. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Lt. Cmdr. Russ Braden, officer in charge, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville. Marshall is a native of Fort Summer, N.M. He enlisted in the Navy in 1993. Career assignments include tours with USS Roanoke (AOR 7); Naval School of Health Sciences, San Diego, Calif.; Weed Army Community Hospital, Irwin, Calif.; 3rd Marine Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Okinawa, Japan; USS Coronado (AFG 11); Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) 6, Pearl harbor, Hawaii; USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72); and Branch Health Clinic NAS Kingsville. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

Fair Winds and Following Seas

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Retirement ceremony marks 24 years of service for chief Navy counselor

Chief Navy Counselor (Aviation warfare/Surface Warfare) Minerva Verley closed out her 24-year active duty career with an official retirement ceremony at McFall Memorial Chapel April 19. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin served as the presiding officer for the event, and Senior Chief Air Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) William Tirado served as guest speaker.

Verley is a native of Chicago and longtime resident of San Antonio. She enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduating from Sidney Lanier High in 1988. Verley entered the Navy as an aviation ordnanceman.

Career assignments during her career included tours with Fighter Squadron 124 at NAS Miramar, Calif.; Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan; NAS Fallon, Nev.; Electronic Attack Squadron 136, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan; South Central

Regional Maintenance Center, Naval Station Ingleside, Texas; USS Frank Cable (AS 40); and Naval Base Guam. Verley reported to NAS Kingsville as the Command Career Counselor in July 2010.

Verley holds a Bachelor's Degree in organizational management from Ashford University. Her personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards) and various other personal and unit awards.

During his remarks, Senior Chief Tirado spoke about Verley's commitment to her Sailors and her fellow Chief Petty Officers. "Minnie was a total team player," Tirado said, "and you couldn't ask for a better shipmate."

Verley's family was on hand for the retirement ceremony, including her husband Brandon, and children Brandon, Tristan and Celina.



Above, NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley accepts the national ensign during the Old Glory portion of her retirement ceremony held April 19 at the McFall Memorial Chapel. Below, Verley salutes Sailors in the audience who are assuming the watch as she retires from 24 years of Naval service. Also pictured are Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, and CMDCM(EXW/SW) Randy Foust, command master chief. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Above, ABFSC(AW) William Tirado and CMDCM(EXW/SW) Randy Foust present NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley with a shadow box representing her 24 years of Naval service.





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Retama Park Baptist Church is holding registration for vacation bible school being held Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. It is open to children whose last grade completed kindergarten to sixth grade.

Retama Park Baptist Church is located at 515 E. General Cavazos Blvd. in Kingsville.

For more information call (361) 592-6429 or e-mail retama@cmaaccess.com.

Recycle Kingsville Day on May 18

The fifth annual Recycle Kingsville Day will be held Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Kingsville Recycling Center, 202 W. Lee. The event is free and features games for children, crafts, educational booths and free food. Girl Scouts can receive a patch for completing the activities in the recycling stations.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their recyclables including newspapers, aluminum, tin cans, cardboard, magazines, and #1 and #2 plastics.

Food Bank needs help

NAS Kingsville recently received a request for volunteers to assist the Food Bank in Bishop.

They are looking for a few "able bodied" persons to assist them the second and third

Thursday of each month.

The second Thursday, from 9 to 11 a.m., volunteers will be unloading cases of canned goods from a truck.

The third Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., volunteers will be helping to bar code items and prepare food baskets.

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Members wanted to dance

The Revelaires Dance Club is a non-profit organization that promotes ballroom dancing for beginners and those with experience. The club holds dances once a month at Sokol Dance Hall in Corpus Christi.

Want to know more about the club? Visit their web site at <https://sites.google.com/site/revelairesdanceclub/home>.

The Club's May Dance is slated for May 18. Guest price for all dances is \$20 per person, \$10 for active or retired military personnel and dependents with military ID.

Diversity from page 2

War II. On Dec. 17, 2012 Senator Inouye passed away, leaving behind a noted legacy of leadership and a drive to enhance inclusion in our Armed Forces and across our country.

In 2013, Sailors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage comprise 6.5 percent of our active duty Naval force. Over 20,000 active duty Sailors, 4,000 Reservists, and 18,900 Navy civilian employees identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander, including 10 flag officers, 9 members of the Senior Executive Service (SES), and 176 master chief petty officers. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass over 50 ethnic and language groups, representing a vast array of cultures, nationalities, and historical roots.

Directed by Congress in 1978 and established by Presidential Proclamation in 1979, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week was first observed the week of May 4, 1979. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush expanded the observance to encompass the entire month, and in 1992, Congress passed a law permanently designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute provides printable posters, presentations, guidance for organizing observance, and educational facts on their website, <http://www.deomi.org/> under the section "Special Observances."

For more information about the history of Asian and Pacific Islanders and their numerous contributions to the Navy, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20>

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Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, speaks during a memorial service honoring the late Senator Daniel Inouye. Hundreds attended a memorial service at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall to pay respect and bid farewell to Senator Daniel Inouye who died Dec. 17. (Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf)

Get a move on! Submit move applications early to beat the rush

By Pete Lutz,
FLCJ NASCC PPPO

The "peak season" for Household Goods (HHG) moves is just around the corner. So if you are slated for a PCS move any time between May and September, your local Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) offers several services to make your transition a little smoother.

NAS Kingsville, because it is a flight training facility, has a higher personnel turnover rate than other stations of comparable size, and in most cases the students do not have much time to plan their PCS moves. Regardless of your available time, it is always a good idea to visit the NASK PPPO at the Fleet & Family Support Center to find out what your options are, in advance of receiving your orders.

The PPPO staff will inform you of the steps to take, and provide assistance in registering for the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) website, which is used to submit all HHG applications. They will also accept on-line applications in advance of orders, so the vital data will already be in DPS if your orders come in at the last minute. Your application can be easily updated to reflect the orders information.

If you are performing your first PCS move, and/or if you have not used DPS before, please come see us for counseling and guidance. If you are comfortable with DPS and would like to submit your on-line application from home or work, we ask only that you submit all required documents

after completing your applications. For HHG (pack-out) moves, you must submit your orders, in addition to signing and dating copies of the DD-1299 and DD-1797 forms, printable from the "Submit" page of your application. If you are performing a Personally Procured Move (PPM, formerly known as DITY), only your orders are required. Please remember to submit a separate application for each type of move you want done, and ensure that you have not added a new shipment to a previous set of orders.

For several years the PPPO has offered weekly lab sessions, and NASCC PPPO expects to be offering these sessions again this year. They also offer a "cheat sheet" for those who want to complete their applications from home or office, which can be obtained in person at NASK FFSC, or by e-mail at hg_corpuschristi@navy.mil.

This e-mail address can also be used to submit the required shipment documents mentioned above. NASK PPPO is open Wednesdays only, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., but NASCC PPPO is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact phone numbers are 361-516-6289 for NASK, and 361-961-3728/3729/3742 for NASCC. Fax your documents if you like to 361-961-3366.

Remember, the earlier you start, the better chance you will have of getting the shipment dates you desire. As we move into the summer season, lead times for shipment dates will extend as far as six weeks in advance, so contact or visit your local PPPO and...get a move on!

Navy reminds Sailors where to turn for help

Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month ended April 30, but responsible drinking is an "all year" thing.

"If you have a problem with alcohol, recognizing the problem is the first step toward recovery," said Dorice Favorite, director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP).

"Reaching out for help is a sign of strength, and the alternative could ruin your health and your career. By getting help early, Sailors can address their drinking habits before they result in serious consequences," added Favorite.

Self-referral is the best option for seeking help but if you suspect that you or someone you know has an issue with alcohol the Navy encourages you to seek help. When Sailors get help via self-referral or through the help of their command, neither results in any disciplinary action.

A self-referral is initiated by a Sailor who wants counseling or treatment for drug and/or alcohol abuse. To qualify as a valid self-referral, there can be no credible evidence that an alcohol-related incident has already occurred. For example, you can't initiate a self referral after you've been arrested for

DUI/DWI to avoid disciplinary action.

A self-referral disclosure of alcohol abuse must be made to a qualified referral agent with the intent of acquiring treatment. Disclosure made to any other person who is not a qualified self referral agent may not prevent disciplinary action. Qualified self-referral agents include:

DAPA; commanding officer, XO, OIC, or CMD/CM/Chief of the Boat (COB); Navy drug and alcohol counselor (or intern); DoD medical personnel (including LIP); chaplain; and Fleet and Family Support Center counselor.

Similarly, the Navy reminds all personnel that if friends or shipmates need help controlling their drinking, don't wait until they hit rock bottom. Reach out and talk to them about your concerns.

"When approaching a friend, don't attempt to talk to them while they're drunk," said Favorite. "Bring up specific incidents that worried you, and offer to go with them to get help."

For more information on how you can encourage responsible drinking among Sailors, visit www.nadap.navy.mil. (From *Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs*)



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The NAVPERS 1740/6 must be signed by the Sailor, the Sailor's spouse if dual military, caregivers and the commanding officer.

Each Sailor who is part of a married, dual-military couple must provide a Family Care Plan that is consistent with their spouse's plan. Both shall maintain a copy of the plan with their respective command.

Formal documentation of a Family Care Plan is required under any of the following conditions:

- * A Sailor with primary or shared physical custody of a minor child or children who is not married to the other natural or adoptive parent of the minor child or children.

- * Both members of a married dual-military couple where one or both have primary or shared physical custody of a minor child or children.

- * Sailors who are legally responsible for an adult family member who is incapable of providing for themselves in the absence of the Sailor.

- * Certain family circumstances or other personal-status changes resulting in a Sailor

becoming legally and primarily responsible for the care of another person.

"There has been a rise in Sailors listing other Sailors on the NAVPERS 1740/6 as the Caregiver," said Harris. "While this is not specifically prohibited, the use of fellow service members of the active and Reserve component to serve as caregivers in a Family Care Plan is inherently risky. This category of caregiver is subject to the same obligations as the service member creating the family care plan."

If the active or Reserve component service member acting as a caregiver is deployed, mobilized or recalled, the children or adult family member/dependent could be left without a caregiver and a Sailor's care plan could be invalid.

Sailors must submit a new or updated Family Care Plan upon reporting to a new duty station, change in caregiver circumstances, or change in personal or family circumstances, such as birth or adoption of a child, or assumption of sole care for an elderly or incapacitated family member.

More information can be found in the Family Care Plan instruction, OPNAVINST 1740.4D and at the Navy Personnel Command web site's Family Care Plan section at <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/SUPPORT/READINESS/Pages/FamilyCarePlan.aspx> (From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs)

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