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Blue Angel 7 arrival marks start of "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show week; Performers ready to soar



Texas A&M University at Kingsville Head Football Coach Jeremy "Bo" Atterberry turned in his Javelina colors for Navy Blue and Gold Wednesday, April 3 at NAS Kingsville. Coach Atterberry was one of three people to receive a special VIP flight in Blue Angel #7 as part of the 2008 "Wings Over South Texas" air show to be held this weekend on board the air station. The pilot is Navy Lt. Frank Weisser. See page 12 for a preview of all the performing acts!

Air Show

Saturday / Sunday Schedules

- 1000 Gates Open.
- 1115 U.S. Navy Leap Frogs.
- 1130-1150 Commanding Officer's opening remarks.
- 1150-1205 VF-1-122, F-1-18 "Rhino" Tac Demonstration.
- 1205-1220 Jan Collmer "FINA Extra 300L" performance.
- 1220-1235 Rob Holland "MX-2" performance.
- 1240 Dr. Rich Sugden "MiG 15bis & F-4J Fury" performance.
- 1300 U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command F-16 V/G performance.
- 1315-1325 U.S. Air Force "F-4 Heritage Flight" performance.
- 1325-1340 Paul Fiala Aerobatic biplane performance.
- 1345-1400 Tim Weber's GEICO air show team performance.
- 1355-1410 U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue demonstration.
- 1410-1455 Break.
- 1430 U.S. Navy Blue Angels' Fat Albert.
- 1440 U.S. Navy Blue Angels pilot walk to aircraft.
- 1455-1540 U.S. Navy Blue Angels performance.

Wings Over South Texas Air Show

April 5-6, 2008 NAS Kingsville



Gates open at 10 a.m. both days. General admission is FREE.

All general traffic should enter the air station through the main gate on Gen. Cavazos Blvd. off Highway 77. People with VIP, Vendor, Volunteer, Media, Contractor, Supply, CB2 or Air Show Staff passes should enter through the back gate (Cesar Street).

Convenient parking near the airfield for all vehicles with a shuttle service to and from the flight line!



From The Bridge...



Capt. Phil "Waddz" Waddingham
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings NAS Kingsville!

The 2008 "Wings Over South Texas" air show is finally here and I want to welcome all the performers and support personnel who have arrived on board the air station to participate in this event and provide the people of South Texas an exciting weekend of aerobatic greatness. While the headline acts like the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and Leap Frogs, and the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper West team and Heritage Flight receive most of the publicity, the other performers and static aircraft displays are just as important to making this show successful.

These performers include the "Flying Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (VFA-122) from NAS Lemoore, Calif., who will perform a Tactical Air Demonstration in the FA-18E/F Super Hornet, a larger and more advanced variant of the F/A-18C/D Hornet and nicknamed the "Rhino." We'll also have a U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue demonstration, and civilian air show veterans Rob Holland, Tim Weber, Jan Collmer, Paul Fiala, and Dr. Rich Sugden, Capt USN (ret) performing in their vintage aircraft. Add to that, 18 static aircraft displays, a special KidZone for children, concessions, free admission and free parking convenient to the air field, and you can see that we have gone all out to make this show exciting and enjoyable for all ages! We have provided a complete list of the performing acts, photos on page 12 for your convenience.

For those who are visiting the air station this week, I'd like to welcome you on behalf of the men and women of NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO. We hope that you enjoy the festivities. "Welcome Aboard" the "Saddle of Naval Aviation."

For the NAS Kingsville Air Show team, I'd like

to say "Well Done!" I am proud of your efforts and dedication to making this show the very best possible.

Moving on, I'm happy to say that the main gate repaving project went extremely well, and the roads leading into and out of the base look great! We've begun repaving the rest of the roads on station, a project that will take several months to complete. With that, of course, comes occasional road blocks and the re-routing of traffic, so please bear with us as we move forward. Our public works folks are doing great things and they are really making a difference. Great job!

One final note. In case you haven't noticed, our static aircraft are back on spot after receiving a fresh paint job thanks to the volunteer efforts of some L-3 Vertex personnel. Stop by and check them out. In our next issue of the Flying K, we'll bring you a feature story on the project!

Until next issue, enjoy the Air Show and thank you for all your hard work!

Waddz



Tews' Views



Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Mark Tews
NAS Kingsville, Religious Ministries

Entertaining Angels

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Entertaining angels, interesting thought, isn't it? We certainly are hosts to some angels, some Blue Angels, this weekend. A fact that I am sure has not escaped anybody's attention. And, of course they are here along with the other air show acts to entertain the crowds of visitors we will have aboard NASK this weekend. You might well think, "We all already know all that Chaplain, so what is your point with the verse from Hebrews?" Well, I'm glad you ask. The verse could mean supernatural beings, like the ones who visited Abraham in Genesis 18: 1-8. Or, it might mean a person who is a messenger from God, like the two men who were sent by Joshua to check out the situation in Jericho, whose visit ultimately saved the life of Rahab. Or, it could just be a person unknown to you or me who simply needs a little of our attention and/or help. Whatever the case may be, the point is to treat strangers as though they were angels, the direct messengers and servants of God. Offering the utmost in hospitality as you would if it

were the Lord Himself.

There will be thousands upon thousands of strangers, visiting us this weekend during the airshow. The Blue Angels themselves along with all their crew, the other performers and all the VIPs will no doubt, and most appropriately, see and experience NASK hospitality at it's very finest. There are people who will specifically see to that. But for the masses, for the thousands of other visitors, strangers, "angels", if you will, coming through our gates this weekend, all the rest of us are the hosts. The hospitality they experience and the positive impressions of NASK, the Navy, and the country we all love and serve, that they leave with, will come from you. There has been a lot of behind the scenes efforts going into to preparing for this weekend, but now is the time for every one of us to shine, to put forth our very best. It will be long and it will be tiring, at times it may even be frustrating, but nevertheless, let us not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for you never know, you just may be entertaining angels without knowing it.

Trivia Challenge: We have a winner. Congratulations to LTJG Bender of Public Works for his correct answer of Ophir 1 Kings 9:26. So here is a new challenge for you, remember the next correct answer, following in alphabetical order will begin with P.

The eschatological vision of John was revealed to him on the island of P_____.

Something to Ponder: "Kind words are the music of the world. They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes, as if they were some angel's song which had lost its way and come down to earth. It seems as if they could almost do what in reality God alone can do." ~Frederick Faber



Chaplain Mark Tews takes the podium during Easter Sunrise Service.



The sun begins to peak through the clouds during the service.



In The Break...



Cmdr. Tim "Cowboy" Carr
Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing TWO

By the time you read this we will have hopefully all enjoyed a fantastic Wings Over South Texas air show. Over the years, I have been to numerous shows, sometimes as a spectator and sometimes as one of the "spectated." I have always enjoyed the opportunity to shake the hands of folks who normally don't get a chance to see what we do inside the fences. Many times, it is humbling to realize just how high a regard they have for us. That regard is warranted in some ways, but we should never, ever, take it for granted; it was earned at a great cost and it requires constant effort and diligence to keep it.

The history of our Navy is replete with stories of devotion to duty and dedication to honor, courage, and commitment long before those characteristics were named as our core values. Naval Aviation has taken its place in this shining history and we who currently bear the torch must carry on with the same resolute dedication as our forebears. Everyone who wears a military uniform has volunteered to serve, not to be served. I used to tell the Student Pilots when I was a younger Instructor that "sacrifice is part of the benefits package" and I still maintain that as the truth. In the course of your service, you will have many opportunities to sacrifice for the nation. Sometimes that sacrifice will come in the form of

time away from your family, or time spent far away in uncertain places, time spent under arduous conditions and even time spent in peril. If you look upon these sacrifices as a privilege and not a burden, you will equip yourself to not only endure, but to enjoy them. Someday, when your time in the service is over, you can say "I was there" and know that "there" was an important place to be.

To all instructors, you are not only teaching our young officers how to fly, you are also inculcating in them the very essence of what it means to be a professional Navy and Marine Corps officer. It is part of your responsibility to mentor these officers so that each can live up to the heritage of John Paul Jones, Stephen Decatur, David McCampbell and Joe Foss.

To all Student Naval Aviators, you are learning a lot more than how to fly here. It is fully expected that you will devote yourself to learning everything you can about how to be the best pilot in the world. That is a given. What is also expected is that you will live up to the highest standards of professionalism and honor in attaining that goal. You have many good examples from Navy and Marine Corps history. You also have many good examples in your wardroom. Watch them. See how they carry and conduct themselves, and learn from them. It is in this manner that we will continue to be held in high regard by the people we dedicate our lives to serve. On our appointment letters it states that the President himself reposes in each of us a "special trust and confidence." The reason the President places us in his trust and confidence is because he and the nation depend on us to warrant it. Don't let them down. God bless you all.

Regards;
Cowboy

Song writers get published through Songs from the Soul of Service

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Terry W. Matlock

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – Music submissions are being accepted now and until Apr. 30, 2008 for a military only music contest in celebration of military song writers.

America Supports You and the Dallas Songwriters Association are seeking amateur active duty military songwriters to take part in the Songs from the Soul of Service Music Contest to showcase music of this era with a special emphasis on uniformed personnel.

Active duty military members as well as those currently inactive, due to injury or disability suffered after the start of the war in Afghanistan, can enter up to four songs each. The songs can be written by themselves or on behalf of an immediate family member. Cassette tapes or other recordings are acceptable as song production quality will not be a factor in the judging.

Entries are accepted by mail or can be submitted on-line at www.songssoulservice.org.

The categories for entry include country, hip hop, instrumental, world music, novelty, inspirational

and pop with a special category for participants currently serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three songs in each category and the top three overall songs. Each song is eligible for only one category award and no song will be recognized as a category winner and a winner from Afghanistan or Iraq.

Music industry professionals will judge the finalists in each category and the overall winners will be determined by a combination of music professional judging and public polling. Each category entry will be judged primarily on lyrics, structure, emotional impact, originality and creativity.

Winning submissions will be professionally produced by Grammy award winning producers and made available on CD in preparation for a series of major concert events. The concerts will showcase the winning songs with the support of an internationally recognized musical act.

For more information and contest rules visit the official Songs from the Soul of Service website.

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Marriage Enrichment Retreats (MERs)

A marriage is a partnership of a man and woman who seek a life-long commitment to live together. How successful a couple pulls this off depends on many different aspects of their relationship.

Our goal in Marriage retreats is to provide an environment where married couples may work on intimacy as a couple. Communication techniques are explored, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is used to talk about different personality types indicated by preferences and how these preferences affect relationships. A variety of different types of exercises and free time are used to help each couple come together in a comfortable environment without the normal everyday distractions of work and home life.

What's being said about Marriage Enrichment Retreats (MERs)

"Wow! Outstanding retreat...casual, not overwhelming. Not so "religious." This would be great for returning from deployments. I have been in 14- yrs and have never heard of this Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Should advertise more and have more retreats. Good to have retreat away from military base environment."

"Thank you so much for your contribution to the betterment of marriages this weekend. I truly enjoyed myself and I thought the program was very informative without too much information. I did learn a lot about my husband and I feel so much closer since the retreat! I really came back feeling refreshed rather than bogged down from classes and more classes. Your teaching style has captured all learning types and I truly believe that all couples have left learning something about their own spouses and how to enrich their marriages. My husband and I have been to marriage retreats before that were really great, but this one by far has been the best! Keep up the good work and I pray that the Lord



will continue to bless you as you are a funnel of His blessings to His people."

"I appreciate your help and service that you have provided my wife and I...It has helped us out a great deal and we are doing much better already. Our relationship has already grown closer and there are no ill thoughts of any kind anymore."

"...I really appreciated the outcome of my marriage. Outstanding retreat and it really saved our marriage. Thank you and God Bless"

"I wanted to take a moment to thank you for this awesome weekend. I wish it was longer because it really helped our marriage. My husband came home a "changed" man although we still need to work on it on a higher level like any other marriages.

At one point, I thought that we were hopeless but I believe that the commitment and forgiveness comes a long way."

The upcoming MERs schedule is as follows:

11-13 Apr 08	MER	St. Simons Island, GA
11-13 Apr 08	MER	Fort Worth, TX
2 - 4 May 08	MER	Memphis, TN
16-18 May 08	MER	St. Simons Island, GA
23-25 May 08	MER	Corpus Christi, TX

MERs are designed to help couples discover ways to:

- Keep their marriage growing;***
- Handle the inevitable conflicts better;***
- Build more intimacy and communication;***
- Strengthen their marriage emotionally, physically, and spiritually.***

How to register for a retreat: Simply email us with a request for an updated electronic registration form at: cnrse_cred@navy.mil and we will send one to you, or call us. Commercial Phone: (904) 270-6958 Ext.1608 or menu "7" DSN: 960.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance VITA volunteers are standing by to help you file your Federal return

The VITA Center is located at NAS Kingsville Headquarters Building 2740 on the first deck, Room 106.

Office Hours: Monday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Walk-ins)

Tuesday-Friday (Appointments Only)- Sign up sheet is on the door.

Phone: VITA Office 516-4829. Office will be open until Tax Day, April 15.

Please schedule an appointment by signing up on the sign up sheet on the VITA office door or call RP2 Christine Roman at ext.6331.



Child Development Center (CDC) employee awarded “Child Care Credential”

Courtesy Child Development Association

NAS Kingsville - Child Development Center's Brenda Bryant has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC, which represents the early childhood education profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition the skills of individuals providing care. The first Credential was awarded over 30 years ago, and now 49 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their childcare licensing regulations.

Parents who use early education and care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.



Brenda Bryant

The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under 5-years old.

Childcare staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009-3575, or call the Council at (202) 265-9090 or (800) 424-4310.

Navy bids farewell to VS-31

By MC1 Toiete Jackson

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) -- The Navy said farewell to the “Topcats” of Sea Control Squadron 31 (VS-31) in a disestablishment ceremony held March 27, aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville. The “Topcats,” assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9, ended 60 years of distinguished service. The squadron was originally established during World War II from 1942 to 1945, and was re-commissioned in April 1948.

Guest speaker, retired Navy captain and former commanding officer, William Carey said he was honored to speak at the ceremony.

“I'm here because I love being part of the “Topcat” world and history,” said Carey. “If you look in

the audience today and if you think back through the years, the history and accomplishments of this fine squadron are really mind-boggling.”

Carey went on to highlight some impressive accomplishments of the squadron and many of its achievements. He also spoke of the high level of proficiency and professionalism of the Sailors. “They make me want to suit up again,” said Carey.

VS-31 Sailors, past and present, have proudly served the Jacksonville area since 1973. Previously located at NAS Quonset Point, R.I., the squadron moved to NAS Cecil Field, Fla., and eventually to its current home base of NAS Jacksonville. In August 2007, VS-31 returned from its last deployment in the Persian Gulf aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



The S-3B aircraft is being phased out and its roles are being assumed by existing helicopter and super hornet squadrons. The Sailors and officers of the community will transition to different communities and platforms, and are able to maintain their same career path. The squadron will exist on paper until the last Sailor checks out and moves on in late April 2008.



March Pilot for a Day makes 120-mile trip to Kingsville for big day

By Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Tuesday, March 18 Training Air Wing TWO and Naval Air Station Kingsville welcomed "Pilot for a Day" (PFAD) Mario Andres "Andy" Aquino. The 11-year old resident of San Juan, Texas traveled 120 miles for his big day and was accompanied by his parents, Mario and Noemi Aquino, and his younger brother Brandon. Andy is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital being treated for a congenital heart defect.

Training Air Wing TWO and Driscoll Children's Hospital of Corpus Christi have been teaming up for over two years now to bring aboard the Air Station one child a month and make them a "Pilot for a Day." The program allows children being treated at the hospital a day away from their medical struggles while making them bonafide celebrities during their visit. Andy was originally scheduled to be the Sept., 2007 PFAD hosted by VT-22, but that evolution had to be postponed due to surgery.

Arriving at 9:45 a.m., Andy and his family entered VT-21's Ready Room to the applause of squadron personnel standing-by to greet him. "Red Hawks" executive officer Cmdr. Bill Bulis officially kicked off Andy's day by presenting him with a new VT-21 squadron patch to replace the VT-22 "Golden Eagles" patch that was already on his flight suite. "We need to get the proper patches on you if you

don't mind," Bulis said as he attempted to remove the "Golden Eagles" patch. But the patch didn't budge and the crowd snickered at the XO's unsuccessful attempt. He then gave up

saying, "it's sewn on but I'm sure the parachute riggers will hook us up. Then you can look like a real pilot and not one of those other guys," as he winked at Andy and sent him on his way with his very own personal tour guide, Lt. Cmdr. Nate Smith.

By mid-day, Andy had qualified as an honorary

air traffic controller and a pilot. Up to this point, it was obvious that his favorite part of the day was, of course, flying in the simulator. However, the question remained as to whether or not it would be his favorite at the end of the day.

Once the morning session came to a close, Andy was joined by Capt. Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO and Cmdr. Chris Moore, VT-21 Skipper, along with Bulis and others for lunch at The Club. Moore struck up a conversation with Andy about baseball and they quickly ended up on opposite sides of the field. Andy loves the Boston



Andy (left) blames his mom Noemi for pushing buttons in the radar room.

Red Sox while Moore is a New York Yankees fan, and as history has shown, that's one of the biggest rivalries in all of sports. Moore tried hard to keep up with Andy's knowledge of the game and players but he was no match and as it turned out that it was Andy's knowledge of the game that earned him the call

sign "Big Papi."

Immediately following lunch, "Big Papi" finished up his day with some very cool hands on training at both the fire department and base security.

Yet, he was still unable to decide which Navy profession he would rather do when he grows up. "It's hard to choose," he said. "They're all the best."

"I really enjoyed being his sponsor," Smith said. "He had a great time and all the support folks did

a great job helping to ensure Andy had a fun and enjoyable day."



First responders Andy (right) and his brother Brandon.



Eagles and Hawks soar to new heights at Pilot For a Day fundraiser

\$1,120 plucked from donors



Above - "The gangs" all here. Eagles, Hawks, contractors, civil service, spouses, families and friends all turned out to help raise money for the Pilot for a Day program.



Left - VT-22's Marcy Cruz waves as she leads the flock of hungry birds through the line.



L-3 Vertex employee Emiliano Gonzales joins in the "fondue."



Right - ACC William Hornbean and ACC Michael Presnell break away from airshow preparation to support the fundraiser.

Left - Simulator instructor Glen Melin (right) presents Sarah Moore with a \$45.00 donation from Lockheed Martin employees that were unable to attend the fundraiser.



Photos by Maryann Shramko

Comics on Duty Tour visits NAS Kingsville

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

Hey, what does a welder, summer camp counselor, a lifeguard, a park ranger, and a cook have in common? Well, for one, they sound like excellent summer jobs for kids still in high school, and two, they're perfect targets for professional comedians. That was the case Wednesday, March 26 as the Comics on Duty World Tour paid a visit to The Club at NAS Kingsville. The free show, sponsored by Navy Entertainment and MWR, and AT&T, featured four top comics with impressive résumés. The two-hour show offered jabs, barbs and jokes about everything from base security and the Kingsville nightlife, to parenting skills and teenage hormones. One table near the front of the stage featured five student aviators who seemed ripe for the picking. All five held those "unique" summer jobs during high school, and the comics made a point of informing the audience just how impressive those jobs were.

"How does a kid in high school get a job as a park ranger?" comic Steve Bills asked. "Do you have to know places or is it something special qualities for? And, ... what would those

Bills then asked, one in high school find a welder? Where were when I was looking for ment?"

Comic Drake Witham on his marriage, his unique outlook on life. realize," he said, "that 'We'll see ...' it really never, ever happen. dad said that alot, and tables on him. He'd 'Are you ever going to Or, are you ever going your own?' I'd simply

Comics Tom Cotter and Derek Richards kept the comedy coming as the final two acts



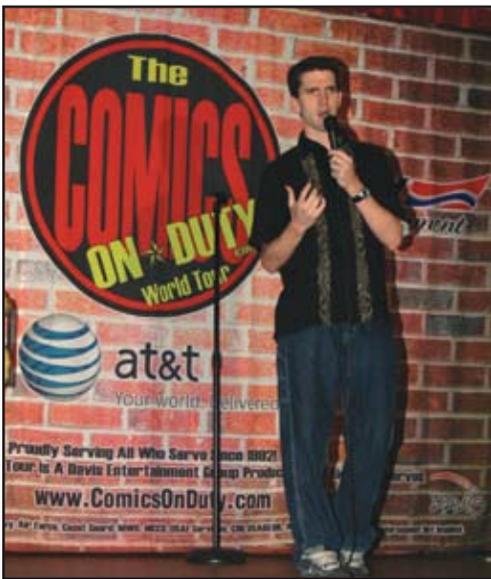
Tom Cotter

of the evening, and every stand-up found time to go back to the table of student aviators. "Cotter asked the "cook," what his specialty was. "Burgers?" Richards asked the camp counselor, "What training helped you land a job like that? Babysitting?"

The Comics on Duty Tour will return to NAS Kingsville in September. And don't worry if you get there at the last minute, there will more than likely be an empty table for five right up front.



Derek Richards



Drake Witham



Steve Bills

Chief Petty Officers celebrate "115 years of service"

ACC Michael Presnell (left) and HMCM Clarence Hodges cut a CPO birthday cake on Apr. 1. Presnell and Hodges are the youngest and oldest Chiefs respectively on the base. The celebration marked the 115th birthday of the "Chief Petty Officer."



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Branch Health Clinic celebrates "Women's History Month"



Branch Health Clinic's youngest and oldest women respectively, Valarie Gomez (left) and Noemi Guerra share the cake cutting duties during the Clinic's celebration of "Women's History Month" held on March 19.



Fleet & Family Support Center 2008 Class & Workshop schedule



Transition Assistance Program (TAP) - May. 12-16, Jul. 14-18, Sept. 08-12, Nov. 03-07
Executive TAP April 7 - 10.

Notes: Navy personnel attending TAP/ETAP Workshops are required to bring a copy of their completed Pre-Separation Counseling Checklist (DD Form 2648). Special attention should be given to the date the form is completed by command officials.

Every form completed less than 90 days prior to separation must contain explanatory remarks summarizing the reason why the form was not completed prior to the 90 days immediately preceding your retirement or separation date. See OPNAVINST 1900.2B for further information.

Federal law requires all Pre-Separation Counseling Checklists, for anticipated separations or retirements, to be completed no later than 90 days prior to separation (10 U.S.C. 1142).

A completed copy of DD 2648 will be collected on the first day of the class

Command Financial Specialist (CFS) Aug. 11-15 2008

Note: Must be E-6 or above, meet screening for financial stability, able to speak publicly, designated by the commanding officer in writing, have at least 1-year remaining onboard.

Mid-Career CONSEP - For service members who completed 6-years service.

June 9-12 (Spouses welcome to attend).

For more information or to sign up for these classes contact Ramon Panganiban at 361-516-6325/6333 or ramon.panganiban1@navy.mil.

On-Base Motorcycle Guidelines

For personnel who desire to operate a motorcycle on NAS Kingsville, the following PPE requirements are identified in NASKINGINST 5100.26 Chapter 21. These items are required for all motorcycle operators.

(a) Helmets: A properly fastened (under the chin) protective helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) standards.



(b) Eye Protection: Eye protective devices which are defined as impact resistant eye glasses, goggles, or a face shield attached to a helmet. A windshield or fairing is not considered to be proper eye protection.

(c) Gloves, Footwear, and Safety Vests: Hard-sole shoes with heels and full-fingered leather mo-

torcycle gloves. Riders shall wear over the ankle shoes/boots (shower type shoes are prohibited), long sleeve shirts, long trousers and retro-reflective vests (vest shall be properly worn as an outer garment), a commercially available, brightly colored, mesh or fabric safety vest with retro-reflective vertical, front and back horizontal or diagonal strips with a minimum of 130 square inches of reflective area; 65 square inches in the front and 65 square inches on the back.)

For Sale: Four new ST205/75R15 (6-ply) trailer tires mounted and balanced on 5-bolt wheels \$350. Call Seth at 316/648-0662 or 316/648-5444.



NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic Corner

Fun In The Sun

With spring beginning and summer just around the bend it is important to remember some key things while you are out and about this time of year.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. Remember this is South Texas, it gets REALLY HOT!

- Drink plenty of water. Try and stay away from alcohol and sodas because they will dehydrate you quickly.

- If you plan on doing any strenuous activities, try to do them in the early morning hours or later in the evenings. These are the cooler parts of the day and you are less likely to suffer from any heat types of illnesses.

- If you are working outside remember to take regular breaks. Take time out and find a cool place to sit and cool off.

- Don't forget to wear sun block!

These are just five simple tips to keep you safe and healthy so that you can enjoy this time of year. If you would like more information you can visit the Red Cross website at www.red-cross.com.



U.S. Army Veterinary Service aboard NAS Corpus Christi

The primary mission of the Veterinary Corps is Force Protection through maintaining food safety, preventing zoonotic disease and the Military Working Dog Program.

Animal care for active duty personnel, dependents and retired military personnel is provided here at the Corpus Christi Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) by one Veterinary Corps Officer and one Veterinary Corps Animal Care Specialist, and two Civilian NAF receptionists / animal care technicians. They also provide support to NS Ingleside and NAS Kingsville. Care for privately owned animals is very important, but subject to availability. At the Corpus Christi VTF we perform preventive care and minor sick care for your pets; including vaccines for puppies and kittens and annual vaccines for dogs and cats. We also perform laboratory services and overseas health certificates.

The VTF aboard NAS Corpus Christi is open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. The office is closed on the last business day of every month for inventory and closed for Federal holidays. Please remember that pets are seen by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling (361) 961-3952.

National Pet Week is May 4th through May 10th. In order to encourage healthy pets, the NAS Corpus Christi VTF will be offering discounted products and services.



For Dogs

Rabies: \$3.00
DHLPCV: \$12.00
Bordatella: \$6.00
Heartwork Test: \$13.00
Microchip: \$15.00

For Cats

Rabies: \$3.00
Rabies/FVRCP: \$13.00
Feline Leukemia: \$8.00
Microchip: \$15.00

The clinic will also offer a \$2 discount on all packages of heartworm, flea, and tick preventatives.

It is our intention to hold at least one walk-in day during National Pet Week. On that day, they will accept walk-ins on a first come, first serve basis. Due to the expected numbers of patients, we will only be performing routine vaccines, heartworm tests, and micro-chipping on the walk-in day. Please call for more information as the time approaches.



Welcome Aboard!

*The following people have
recently reported to NAS Kingsville*



2nd Lt. Kevin P. Bowler
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Naperville, Ill.

2nd Lt. Daniel W. Fetsch
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
St. Charles, Mo.

Ensign Matthew E. Charles
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Boise, Idaho

Ensign Ryan B. Forsmo
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Hopkinton, Mass.

Lt. j.g. Michael Dixon
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Fredrick, Md.

Ensign Preston J. Ochoa
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Somis, Calif.

1st Lt. Gary A. Tougas Jr.
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Warwick, R.I.

Ensign William M. Snead
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Westerville, Ohio

ACAR Foy T. Fleming
Air Traffic Control
Lexington, N.C.

2nd Lt. Derek A. Mills
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Pace, Fla.

2nd Lt. Andrew J. Kurtz
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Kennesaw, Ga.

Ensign Leigh K. Loesel
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Erie, Pa.

Ensign Ryan Kimmel
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Santa Rosa, Calif.

Ensign Nicholas Lindsay
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Annapolis, Md.

Ensign Andrew Chambers
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Bella Vista, Ariz.

Ensign Adam Bosma
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Coopersville, Mich.





My View From the sidelines:

Commentary by Jon Gagné
NASK Public Affairs Officer

“Old Reliable” helps trace the history of NAS Kingsville

Over the last two months the NAS Kingsville public affairs office has been going through the Flying K archives and old command histories (those that we have) for a special project that will be unveiled this week at The Club. As we labored through this project, we used everything that we could find to help us; old newspaper articles, donated photographs, the Internet and online photo donations, emails from former shipmates, and more. But when push came to shove and our deadline approached like the ghost of Christmas past, we turned to “Old Reliable” to help us meet our deadline.

Naval Aviation News Magazine is the oldest Navy and U.S. military periodical, tracing its roots back to its very first issue published Dec. 15, 1917. Back then, the magazine was called the “Weekly Bulletin,” and it was published in letter format by the Aviation Branch of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. It would later be moved under the Bureau of Aeronautics (BAUER) and held many nicknames, from *U.S. Naval Aviation Operations*

Report, to *Weekly News Letter*, *News Letter*, and the *Bauer News Letter*. In a sense, you could say the magazine was searching for its own identity. It moved to a magazine format in February 1943, and ever since, has told the story of Naval Aviation. It became *Naval Aviation News* in September 1943.

Tracing the history of NAS Kingsville from its early days to the present wasn’t an easy task. In the beginning, the base was merely referred to as an outlying field of Naval Air Auxiliary Station Corpus Christi, home of the Naval Air Training Command. The base became a necessity after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, and just seven months later on July 4, 1942, the facility held its commissioning ceremony. Kingsville Field was born.

Thanks to *Naval Aviation News Magazine*, and the Navy Historical Center Web site (www.history.navy.mil), we were able to search through hundreds of photographs and dozens of stories that helped us build the history of the base. From its infant days as an operating field for NAAS Corpus Christi and temporary Recruit Training Facility, to its rebirth in the 1950s, its transition to the Commander, Naval Education and Training Command and the Chief of Naval Air Training in the 1960s, the birth of Training Air Wing TWO in the 1970s, to its role in training Navy and Marine Corps aviators for the new millennium. The story of NAS Kingsville unfolded within the pages and photos logged in the archives of *Naval Aviation News Magazine*.

Unfortunately, we were not given the amount of space we needed to really tell the complete story of NAS Kingsville. That would have taken up as much

space as the entire Club. We were limited to one wall, 40 feet long. But we think we’ve been able to meet our goal, as you’ll see the next time you visit The Club.

These history panels are just the first step in paying tribute to the thousands of Navy, Marine Corps, Army, allied and civilian personnel who have passed through these gates over the years and helped us meet our mission of training the “World’s Best Pilots.” NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer, Capt. Phil Waddingham, and Training Air Wing TWO Commander, Capt. Bill Davis, have a number of other projects on line to help save the proud history of the air station and the role it has played in Naval Aviation over the years.

So, it looks like we’re going to be really busy over the next few months, now that the air show is finally here and all the pre-show work is completed. But we don’t mind; we’ve learned a lot about our base and its history with this first project. So will you. And the latest edition of *Naval Aviation News* is never far away.



CNO speaks to Congress about Quality of Life, Work

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Rebekah Blowers,
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway testified before the House Appropriations Committee for Military Construction March 11.

Roughead reiterated to Members of Congress that Sailors need to be individually ready as well as mission ready in order to maintain warfighting readiness. CNO said shore installations must provide an environment which enables a high quality of work and a quality of life for Sailors, Navy civilians and their families.

“Maintaining quality of work means we provide our Sailors and Navy civilians with the facilities and support to get the job done efficiently and effectively. Sustaining a quality of life means we must address not only the needs of the Sailor and Navy civilian, but those of our Navy family as well,” Roughead said.

He believes resources such as medical facilities, fitness centers, child care facilities and housing are top readiness and retention issues for Sailors, Navy civilians and their families.



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James T. Conway, answer questions on Capitol Hill before the House Appropriations Committee on Military Construction. The Department of the Navy service chiefs discussed the quality of life for Sailors and Marines including housing and facilities. U.S. Navy photo.

“To address this need, we have requested funding for an additional 1,320 spaces at our child development centers and homes this year,” Roughead said. “We are grateful for your support for our public/private ventures, which satisfy critical housing needs.”

He said these and other initiatives are important to encourage Sailors, Navy civilians and their families to “Stay Navy.” In recent years, the Navy’s shore facilities deteriorated as the focus of investments was shifted to afloat readiness. Navy Installations Command has made progress by leveraging best practices and consolidating budget development.

“To recapitalize our facilities and sustain our operational requirements today and in the future, we must make the right investments in the right capabilities and services at the right installations now,” Roughead stated.

Roughead concluded by thanking the committee members for their continued support of the Navy’s 600,000 Sailors, Navy civilians and families stationed around the world.



April is the Month of the Military Child

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child. All month long military installations world-wide will

be celebrating and highlighting the important role that children of military members play in the armed forces community.

MWR's Child Development Center and School Age Children programs will be conducting a full schedule of events throughout the month. Check at respective facility or pick up a copy of the most current MWR newsletter for a complete schedule.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, who died on March 28, 2006. You can contact the CDC at 516-6176, or the SAC Youth Center at 516-6718 for more information.

After School Program - The After School Program is now picking up children from Ricardo School District. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information.

MWR's School Age Care Program - is National After School Association certified, and drop in spaces are always available. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information.

San Antonio Spurs Tickets - Spend a great weekend in San Antonio watching the game. March and April tickets available in the ITT office call 516-6449.

Fiesta Texas tickets - Daily tickets are \$26, and 2008 season tickets are \$63.

Bowling Center - Active duty military and station personnel bowl FREE Monday – Friday from 1100-1300.

The Men's City Tournament - The tournament has been changed to April 12 and 13. For more information, contact the Bowling Center at 516-6196.

Auto Skills Center - Looking for a way to cut down on those vehicle maintenance cost? Join the ASC for a Brake Repair Class on March 22. For more information, contact the ASC at 516-6248.

Storage Compound - Need a safe and secure place to store that R.V, boat, trailer or extra car? If so, the Auto Skills Center has just the thing for you. There are a total of 47 sites in 3 locations. All sites except those at the Auto Skills Center will now be accessible 24 hours a day. For more information, contact the ASC at 516-6248.

Outdoor Recreation

Looking for temporary housing? The Outdoor Recreation Center has a 29-foot RV ready for move in. The monthly fee is \$450, and includes all utilities. Stop by Outdoor Rec for more information, or call 516-6191.

Military Appreciation Day Sea World Tickets are available at ITT for \$33 until May 31. These tickets can be used anytime before June. Silver Season Pass tickets are \$56. Fiesta Texas tickets are available.

Daily tickets are \$26, and 2008 season tickets are \$63. ITT can be reached at 516-6449.

Liberty Center

If your birthday falls in the month of April, join us on April 10 as we help you celebrate with a night of games and food. Call the Liberty Center for the start time. The Liberty Center can be reached at 516-6449.

BIGGEST LOSER - The Biggest Loser competition will be winding down this month. Participants have only four more opportunities to weigh-in before the winning team is announced. The competition will conclude on April 25. For more information, contact the MWR Gym at 516-6172.

Station Library - April 12-19 is National Library Week. Stop by and see all that the Station Library has to offer, and pick up an April schedule of events. The Library can be reached at 516-6271.

Bowling Leagues

Wed. Nite Mixed Standings

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	Kool Katz	63.0	41.0	--
2.	DUH's	60.5	43.5	2.5
3.	Laugh Out Loud	59.5	44.5	3.5
4.	Sixty Forty	50.0	54.0	13.0
5.	Big K Rollers	48.0	56.0	15.0
6.	Petes Angels	47.5	56.5	15.5
7.	Skippy Strikes	44.5	59.5	18.5
8.	Sharp Shooters	43.0	61.0	20.0

Wed. Nite - In the Dog House League Standings

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	The Lane Brakers	27.5	12.5	--
2.	Tumbalos	24.5	15.5	3.0
3.	Hounds	20.5	19.5	7.0
5.	3 Minds in the Gutter	18.0	22.0	9.5
4.	The Pin-Heads	17.5	18.5	10.0
6.	The Rebels	14.0	26.0	13.5

Mon. Nite - Ladies Nite Out League Standings

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	Gamblers	52.5	27.5	--
2.	Petes Angels	50.0	30.0	2.5
3.	Lucky Ladies	48.5	31.5	4.0
4.	Lady Bugs	48.0	32.0	4.5
5.	Holy Rollers	34.0	46.0	18.5
6.	Ghost	7.0	73.0	45.5

Captain's Cup League Standings

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	Who's Your Daddy	45.0	15.0	--
2.	Balls Deep	35.0	25.0	10.0
3.	Cookies & Cream	34.5	25.5	10.5
4.	FFSC	5.5	54.5	39.5

Texas A & M
Kingsville

HOG PEN



KINGSVILLE – The Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas rallied in both games of their double-header against Northeastern (Okla.) State this week, but fell in both games to the River-Hawks, 13-7 and 6-5.

The losses left the Hogs with a record of 20-17 and 15-13 in the Lone Star Conference.

Durant, Okla. – Sophomore Morgan Seals pitched a complete game two-hitter as Texas A&M-Kingsville beat Southwestern Oklahoma 2-1 in the first game on Mar. 30 in the Lone Star Conference Crossover Tournament.

The Javelinas dropped the second game 2-1 to regionally ranked Midwestern State.



Baton Rouge, La. - - Ozzie Garcia (H.M. King) led the effort for the Javelina track and field teams at the LSU Tigers Relays. He ran a team-best time of 15.32 in the 110-meter hurdles and had a team-best leap of 22-8 in the long jump.

Jimmy Nelson qualified for the finals of the 400-meter hurdles finishing fifth with a time of 55.45.

About the performers

U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team - The Blue Angels

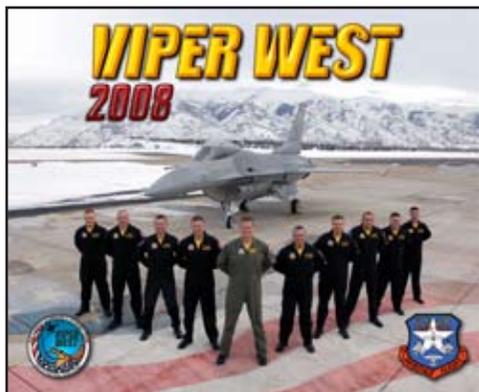
The Navy's world famous flight demonstration team was established in 1946 by the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. An estimated 15 million spectators view the squadron during air shows each year, and Blue Angel team members visit more than 50,000 people each show season (March through November) at local schools, hospitals, and special events. The average age of a Blue Angel pilot is 32, and the average age of Blue Angel enlisted support personnel is 26. Each member of the team serves a three-year tour of duty.

Navy Leap Frogs Parachute Team

The U.S. Navy Parachute Team is a 15-man team comprised entirely of U.S. Navy SEAL and Special Warfare personnel. Each member comes to the team for a three-year tour from one of the two Naval Special Warfare Groups located on the east and west coasts. On completion of the tour, members return to operational units. The parachute team began in 1969 when Navy SEALs and Frogmen volunteered to perform at weekend air shows. The team was officially commissioned as the U.S. Navy Parachute Team "Leap Frogs" in 1974 by the Chief of Naval Operations and assigned the mission of demonstrating Navy excellence throughout the United States. The Leap Frogs support Navy recruiting efforts and promote the Naval Special Warfare community to the American public.

U. S. Air Force Viper West and Heritage Flight

The 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah is home to the Viper West Coast Demonstration Team, one of two single ship F-16 aerial demonstration teams in Air Combat Command. The F-16 Fighting Falcon, more commonly known to military pilots as the Viper, is a compact, extremely maneuverable multi-role fighter aircraft. The F-16 has proven itself in air-to-air combat as well as air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the air forces of the United States and other allied nations.



VFA-122 Super Hornet Demo Team

Air shows are the best place to see a VFA-122 Super Hornet in action. The Tactical Demonstration, or "Tac Demo" team flies a two-seat F/A-18F as close to the "edge of the envelope" as safety and prudence allows. The routine highlights the Rhino's maneuverability and slow-speed handling characteristics and has been very well received around the country.



Rob Holland "Ultimate Air Shows"



Flying air shows professionally since 2002, making him one of the youngest professional air show pilots on the circuit today, Rob Holland takes high performance aerobatics to a whole new level.

Flying the MX2 Aerobatic Aircraft by MXR Technologies, Holland pushes the envelope of the most advanced aerobatic aircraft in the air show industry today. With a high energy mixture of both high and low altitude maneuvers, Rob will delight and amaze your audience while remaining well within his high margin of safety.

Jan Collmer's FINA EXTRA 300L

Jan Collmer is a native of Dallas. He received his initiation into flying at NAS Pensacola, and was awarded Navy wings at NAS Corpus Christi. He flew Navy fighters both active and reserve, including the Panther, Cougar, Banshee, Fury, and F8 Crusader. Collmer has been performing in air shows for over 20 years, and has performed in more than 300 shows across the United States from Daytona Beach to MCAS Miramar and from Minnesota to NAS Kingsville.



Tim Weber GEICO Air Show Team

Tim Weber has flown a variety of aircraft and experienced thousands of hours of aerobatic flying. His aggressive flying and natural ability have enabled him to become one of the top air show performers in the United States today. The aircraft of choice for Tim is the German built Extra 300S. The Extra 300S is an unlimited-class composite monoplane stressed to handle even the most demanding maneuvers. With over 300 horsepower and a roll rate in excess of 340 degrees per second, this aggressive mid-wing aircraft provides the performance and looks to make it an instant crowd pleaser.



Paul Fiala

Paul began flying at age 15 while attending high school in Corpus Christi, receiving his commercial pilots license and beginning his professional career while still in school. Paul served as a charter pilot and flight instructor early in his career, before turning to corporate flying in 1962. Paul completed training at both Flight Safety International in New York, and American Airlines Flight Academy in Dallas/Fort Worth.



Dr. Rich Sugden Mig/Fury

With almost 50 years of aviation experience, Dr. Rich Sugden's interest in aviation stems from his father, who was also a pilot. Sugden and his wife, Sue, were married when he was in medical school in Texas, and Sugden entered the Navy after his medical school residency, serving as a Naval flight surgeon during the Vietnam War. When he's not practicing medicine, he's flying one of his airplanes and enjoys piloting everything from small airplanes to helicopters, gliders and even hot air balloons. This week he'll be flying his T-2C Buckeye.

