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# Air Station, City of Kingsville celebrate 4th of July

*By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs*

An early morning shower on Friday, July 4, may have kept a large number of local citizens from turning out for the annual Fourth of July Parade through historic downtown, but it didn't keep the parade from going off as scheduled. More than 200 people participated in the event, including NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer CAPT Phil Waddingham and his wife Sue, and Training Air Wing TWO Commander CAPT Bill Davis and his wife Betsy, who walked the parade route from the historic Kleberg County court house to the Railroad Museum. The NAS Color Guard led the way, followed closely by base commanders and a VT-21 float complete with flight students and instructors. Command Chaplain LCDR Mark Tews putted along in his "mini-Goshawk T-4.5" golf cart, and vehicles from the NAS Kingsville Security Department and Fire and Rescue's "T-Rex" provided a strong showing from the air station.

"The parade was fun, and the rain held out," CAPT Waddingham said afterwards. "I wasn't so sure it would be



*Kingsville Commissioner Charles Wilson (left) and State Representative Juan Escobar helped unveil a Texas Historical Marker near the front gate.*

dry enough after the [early morning] downpour, but we prevailed."

The parade was the first event of a busy Fourth of July for the air station. Shortly after the parade ended,

CAPT Waddingham hosted a small ceremony near the front gate to honor the air station's role in World War II. The ceremony, sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission, was held to unveil a Texas Historical Marker noting the air station's role in preparing naval aviators during the War. Prior to the unveiling of the marker, several guest speakers spoke about the air station and the significance of holding the dedication on the Fourth of July.

"It's fitting that we meet here today to honor the air station's history," said Kingsville Commissioner Charles Wilson, "because 66 years ago today the base was officially commissioned. But what you may not know is that July 4th is also the birthday of the City of Kingsville. The city came into being on this date in 1904, so today we also celebrate the city's proud history."

The history of NAS Kingsville was also the topic of CAPT Waddingham's remarks, as he spoke about the role of the air station during World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and the

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# New CPO evaluation takes effect in September

*By Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan*

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Personnel recently announced the Chief Petty Officer Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles will form the basis upon which chief, senior chief and master chief petty officers will be evaluated.

VADM Mark E. Ferguson directed via NAVADMIN (176/08) June 27 that commanding officers employ a new E7-E9 Evaluation and Counseling record (CHIEFEVAL), starting with the Sept. 15 chief petty officer (CPO) and senior chief petty officer evaluation

cycles.

For the past decade chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs had been evaluated on a fitness report (FITREP) form identical to that used by the officer community. The new CHIEFEVAL clearly separates the two, incorporating the guiding principles as the performance traits.

"The CHIEFEVAL ensures our chiefs are evaluated based on the expectations we've traditionally had of them. The guiding principles reaffirmed those expectations. Incorporating

rating them as performance traits was the next logical step in a process we started almost two years ago," said Master Chief of the Navy (MCPON) (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr.

Since their introduction to the fleet in September 2006, the guiding principles have been included in chief's mess training, chief selectee training, selection board precepts for E7-E9, the command master chief instruction and the Senior Enlisted Academy curriculum.

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## From The Bridge...



**CAPT Phil "Waddz" Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings, Kingsville!

Last Friday, I had the great privilege to be part of a group of distinguished colleagues who were speakers at the 4th of July dedication of the NAS Kingsville historical monument located outside our main gate. One of the speakers, Commissioner Charlie Wilson, opined that the noise made by the jets flying here is the sound of freedom. Being an old EA-6B Prowler pilot from Whidbey Island, I couldn't agree more with that comment. Jet noise is indeed the sound of freedom. The dedication event, planned for several months by our own Jon Gagné working with the Texas Historical Commission, was one in a series of dedications taking place across the state to commemorate significant military sites in the state of Texas. Naval Air Station Kingsville was commissioned as Naval Auxiliary Air Station Kingsville on July 4, 1942 in response to our Nation's call to produce additional USN and USMC pilots for the war effort. I'll let you go read the marker for yourself, but with the placement of the marker last Friday,

NAS Kingsville is now an official, historical site. I was proud to be part of the ceremony.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the great job everyone did having a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend. No injuries or reportable incidents occurred, and everyone returned to work this week energized and ready to accomplish their assigned mission. I attribute this success to your individual risk management plans, and also to all of the great safety awareness training held by the Base, Wing and Squadron Safety Departments in the weeks leading up to the 4th of July weekend. Well done to everyone who had a role to play in the organized recreational safety training. Your efforts collectively made a difference. I am grateful for your hard work and dedication to the well being of all NAS Kingsville personnel.

Speaking of the 4th of July, did you happen to see the fireworks display onboard NAS Kingsville? Well, if you left the air station before 11:15 p.m., you probably didn't. There is a story to tell, and you deserve to know what happened. First of all, your MWR department did one heck of a job coordinating all of the details to make the fireworks event even possible. For starters, they did what many could not do, and that was find someone willing and able to put on a show. The reason is not what you may think (lack of MWR money). MWR had a pretty robust budget to spend on the display. The problem was that many of the licensed "fire workers" had no fireworks. That's right, there is actually a shortage of the big, artillery shell style fireworks since the fires that rocked a Chinese warehouse complex last February. In spite of this, your MWR team, led by Wayne Short, found a fireworks operator

who had an open date on his calendar.

Countless hours were spent coordinating with base security, safety and fire department personnel to make sure we had all the bases covered to put on a spectacular show, one that we can all enjoy--and do so safely. And don't forget, all of the children's activities, family activities, live music, and food and beverages--all made available for your enjoyment. Even the weather decided to cooperate! What a great evening it was turning out to be.

And then came the announcement, "...may I have your attention--we have a technical malfunction and there will be a slight delay."

Turns out an electronic circuit card--critical to the safe firing sequence of the 740 plus loaded shells--was inoperative, and the nearest spare was located in Austin. That's right, Austin, Texas.

The operator finally convinced a driver to bring it to Kingsville, and the long journey began. I'll let you do the math, but that trip was one for the records.

Arriving at the front gate at approximately 10:45 p.m., the driver was met by Security escort and was led to the site of the fireworks. Approximately 30 minutes later, after installation and required operational checks, the fireworks began. I can honestly say that it was worth the wait.

As your Base CO, I want to tell you again that I truly appreciate your patience and decorum during the two-hour delay. You demonstrated to our invited guests what it means to be part of "Team Kingsville" and what NAS Kingsville Pride is all about. Happy birthday NAS Kingsville, City of Kingsville, and of course, happy birthday U.S.A.!



## Tews' Views



**Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews**  
NAS Kingsville, Religious Ministries

My article is a little different than the usual this week. Perhaps it will even tell my age, since I can remember the brilliant and sometimes controversial comedian George Carlin and noted his passing recently. In so doing I came across the following bit he did on aging and thought it would be fun to share it with you all. Enjoy.

### George Carlin's Views on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions. 'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key

[Then] you get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even

a few ahead. 'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life. You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!! HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about

them -- That's why you pay 'them.'

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



## In The Break...



**CDR Timothy "Cowboy" Carr**  
Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing TWO

### The Perfect Flight

A lot of pilots dream of or have experienced at least one perfect flight. The kind of flight that justifies all the hours spent studying and rushing the recruiting process. All those endless nights cramming Bold Face Items before a check ride. In my career I've flown flights that not only justified all the effort but, looking back on them, could also be described as "perfect" flights.

The first one that comes to mind was when I was a newly winged aviator waiting to start the A-6 RAG at NAS Oceana. We were on hold for about 6 months, so the Navy was nice enough to give us NATOPS quals in the T-34, which VA-42 kept for logistics, proficiency and target spotting purposes. Some good memories were made in that old primary trainer with the fan up front. Even way back then most pilots never got a chance to fly without supervision. One beautiful morning I was out by my lonesome shoot-

ing touch-and goes at Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station. On my second pass I noticed a red pick-up truck parked alongside the road just below me. There was a man standing beside it and two kids in the back jumping up and down and pointing every time I flew over. I stayed there doing touch and goes for as long as fuel permitted, happy in the knowledge that, to a couple of 6-year old kids, I was a hero that day.

Another "perfect flight" was one dark night off the Virginia Capes with my A-6 squadron. I was a salty LTJG, newly reported and we were all going out for refresher CQ on USS Eisenhower just after she came out of the yards. What I didn't realize was that a carrier just out from overhaul, with empty fuel and ammo bunkers, bobs around like a cork in rough seas. The VACAPES can be pretty rough in December, at least they were in 1993. I didn't know enough back then to appreciate how hard that flight was. The ball on the Fresnel lens was only visible as it raced from the top to the bottom, but Paddles was giv-

ing good talkdowns each pass and by the end of the night, I had successfully qual'd. That was the flight that convinced me I wanted to become an LSO.

Another memorable flight was during the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A huge weather system had that entire part of the world enveloped in low clouds, blowing dust or just general "don't fly at all" weather. In those days there were only about 1,000 Special Operations Force (SOF) troops in Northern Iraq versus 10 Iraqi divisions – over 100,000 personnel. A SOF unit in north-eastern Iraq was under imminent danger of being overrun by a large enemy force. With all Tac Air in theater grounded their situation was, at the very least, dire. Our Battle Group Commander made the decision to launch a strike package into 0/0 conditions, with a forecast of 0/0 on return and pretty much throughout the entire Area of Operations. It was two long hours to the big-wing Air Force tanker over southern Turkey, followed by in-flight refueling in the clouds after a RADAR rendezvous. Arriving on station and making contact on the radio, you could hear the explosions and weapons fire in the background as they relayed coordinates to



*A pilot hugs his wife after returning from deployment.*

use for the attack. Each aircraft made at least two runs against the enemy forces using several different types of weapons. The enemy broke off their assault and never regrouped until after the weather had cleared a few days later, ensuring on-call air support was always available. The flight back to the ship was a repeat of the tanking evolution, followed two hours later by a 0300 approach down to bare minimums. That one was an eye-opener.

At least five more flights have to be included. They are the five fly-offs after a long deployment back to the warm embrace of my loved ones ashore. Unforgettable.

I'm sure that I could probably puzzle out a couple others and I hope to fly a few more before I'm done, but that's enough for now. There really isn't a common thread to these flights and I guess that presents its own lesson. You never know when you're going to have a "perfect" flight, so be prepared on all of them. Your flying career will present you with untold challenges - some expected and some not. Always be ready to meet those challenges and enjoy the ride. God Bless,

Cowboy

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# MWR Director, Paramedic named top Civilian Employees

By Jon Gagné and Maryann Shramko, NAS Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer CAPT Phil Waddingham announced the selections for Sr. Civilian and Civilian Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter 2008 during an all hands call at The Captain's Club June 27. The individuals were selected by NAS Kingsville Department Heads during a recent quarterly selection board.

"I am extremely happy to announce that Tara Culbertson of MWR and Firefighter David King are this quarter's honorees," Waddingham said. "They are both very deserving of this recognition and they have proven themselves to be invaluable members of Team Kingsville. I salute each of them for their dedication and professionalism, and 'can do' spirit."

## Senior Civilian of the Quarter:

Tara Culbertson, who hails from Nicholasville, Ky., serves as the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Director. She accepted the position in April 2007 while assigned as MWR Director in Hawaii. She has more than 10 years of experience in the MWR system.

Since her arrival at NAS Kingsville MWR has undergone a number of improvement projects that directly affect quality of life for Sailors and Marines and their dependents. She credits the efforts of her staff with bringing her the selection.

"My staff has worked very hard to improve the financial viability of the Club and other MWR departments," Culbertson said. "That came through supporting the staff, working on customer service, food quality, food consistency, portion control, sanitation, etc. Right now the entire club team is conducting a Cycle of Service Improvement Team (COSIT) and you can expect some very customer-friendly improvements in the next two months. Bravo to Debbie and her team for tackling tough issues with a smile!"



*CAPT Phil Waddingham congratulates Paramedic and Firefighter David King for his selection as the NASK Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2008.*

Culbertson and her team also played a huge role in the successful execution of the 2008 Wings Over South Texas air show, which brought aboard nearly 50,000 people April 4-6 to witness the very best of Naval Aviation. As the overall show coordinator, Culbertson handled sponsorships, volunteers, vendors, show performers, and a number of other crucial tasks that were paramount to the show's success. Culbertson believes that success was the result of an entire Team Kingsville effort.

"[Being selected as Sr. Civilian of the Quarter] really means a lot to me," she said. "I was very surprised and honored to be nominated. Being the new kid on the block, it's such a pleasure to work with such a great MWR team. I am so proud of my MWR 'ohana (Hawaiian for 'family'). Mahalo nui loa!!

## Employee of the Quarter:

NAS Kingsville firefighter and paramedic, David C. King was selected as Civilian Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of calendar year 2008. A native of Meridian, Miss., King has worked at NASK since 2007.

Upon graduating high school King moved to Corpus Christi to be near his father and attend Del Mar College. Upon graduation he accepted a position with the City of Meridian Fire Department where he remained for the next seven years.

In 1998 King received his Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic level certification while working for Metro Ambulance, in addition to the fire department.

"My three girls love to tell their friends 'my daddy is a firefighter paramedic.' I'm lucky to be in a profession that is looked upon with such favor," King said. "I love being a firefighter. The best part is the look on a person's face when you step off the truck. It's as if they are saying 'everything is going to be all right. They are here now.'"

As the only certified paramedic in the NAS Kingsville Fire and Emergency Services department, King took over the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program and quickly began instructing various classes for all NASK firefighters as well as other personnel throughout the base. "It was a great sacrifice on his family and added stress to his already hectic work schedule," said Fire Chief Ruben Perez. "But, he maintains a 100 percent passing rate for all the courses he instructs."



*CAPT Phil Waddingham congratulates MWR Director, Tara Culbertson for her selection as the NASK Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2008.*

"King was instrumental in coordinating the EMS response portion of the 2008 air show," said Perez. "He coordinated emergency response planning with two ambulance services; Kingsville, Nueces County, and Kleberg County fire departments, and the NASK Branch Health Clinic. And, he is assisting in establishing the required Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the surrounding local governments," he added.

King looks forward to continuing the merger between the air station's EMS and fire department and building a strong rapport with local civilian ambulance services and hospitals. "This is a dynamic and progressive time in our history for fire based EMS and I feel privileged to be a part of it," he said.

## PW employee receives Meritorious Civilian Service Medal



*LCDR Tabitha Pierzchala, PW officer, presents Jesus M. Garcia with a Civilian Meritorious Service Medal for his 40 years of civil service.*



### My View:

Shipmates past and present  
"Bernhard"

By Jon Gagné

### "Bernhard"

Over the last few months I've been digging through command files that contain hidden treasures. The treasures that I've uncovered are not the kind that will make me wealthy. Instead, they're the type that tend to make me more knowledgeable about the history of the base and the people who have served here, which can be considered wealthy in its own way, I suppose.

Over the next few issues of the Flying K, I'm going to share my wealth with you, and bring you up-to-date on some of the history behind the names applied to base buildings, parks, trees, and aircraft that bare the names of people from our past -- and our present who proudly served here and left their mark.

It's only fitting that I concentrate this first column on a name that should be synonymous with NAS Kingsville today, but for some reason it isn't. That name is Bernhard, and it's a name that dates back to very beginning of the installation and the role of the air station in training Naval Aviators for the fleet.

In 1942, then-CAPT Alva Bernhard was the commanding officer at NAAS Corpus Christi, and it was he who was approached by a group of Kingsville business people with the idea of bringing a Navy air field to Kingsville to help prepare the U.S. for World War II. The Kingsville city leaders had a solid plan,

a parcel of land in mind, and a strong determination to put the town on the map.

Bernhard was impressed by the Kingsville group's presentation, but he didn't act on the idea right away. It's quite possible that he was tied up with other things because at the time NAS Corpus Christi was considered the world's largest naval air training center. Many referred to the base as the Navy's "University of the Air," because the training base spanned three counties, covered roughly 20,000 acres, with 997 hangars, shops, barracks, warehouses and other buildings. Corpus Christi was also the headquarters for the Chief of Naval Air Intermediate Training (NAITC) which also included NATC Pensacola, Fla., and NATC Atlanta. The first building was constructed at NAS Corpus Christi in June 1940, and the base was commissioned March 12, 1941.

When the United States entered the war after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Navy began to scramble to identify potential land for training installations. CAPT Bernhard recommended the Kingsville site, and less than seven months later, the base was officially opened. At the time, the base was known only as P-4, one of six Naval Air Auxiliary Stations (NAAS) serving NAS Corpus Christi. (Other NAAS facilities were scattered around the Corpus Christi area, including NAAS Cuddihy, 15 miles west of the air station; NAAS Cabanis, 10 miles to the west; NAAS Rodd, 7 miles southwest; and NAAS Waldon, five miles southwest. NAAS Chase Field was located 74 miles to the north, and P-4 Kingsville was 37 miles southwest.) All the auxiliary stations were named in honor of men who gave their lives for Naval Aviation, except, of course, NAS Kingsville.

P-4 Kingsville was officially commissioned on July 4, 1942, during the intense efforts to train pilots for combat missions during World War II. At the

time of the commissioning the station's airfields were only about 85 percent completed. Four squadrons were initially assigned to the base, providing training in fighter and bomber tactics, and as a gunnery school for combat air crewman. In the latter part of 1942, the air station also served as a temporary basic training center for Navy recruits to handle an overflow of recruits from the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

Training was sharply reduced following World War II and on Sept. 12, 1946, the air field was placed in a caretaker status.

The land was leased to Texas A&I College of Kingsville for use as an agricultural station. The field remained inactive until April 1, 1951, when it was reopened as Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) Kingsville. It became a Naval Air Station in 1968, but still did not bear the name of a



VADM Alva D. Bernhard

Naval Aviation hero.

That changed 18 years later. On June 28, the air station held a special dedication ceremony to formally name the airfield portion of the base in honor of then-retired Navy VADM Alva D. Bernhard, the man responsible for selecting the site and making it a part of the Naval Air Intermediate Training Command in 1942. It was a big event, and a long time coming. Nearly 8,000 people attended the ceremony.

So the next time you find yourself thinking of NAS Kingsville, try adding Bernhard Field to the title. After all, it's part of our name ... and our history.

## 6th Annual John Updyke Memorial Mixed Bowling Tournament

Registration is now open for men and women bowlers for the 2008 John Updyke Memorial Bowling Tournament at the NAS Kingsville Bowling Center. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2 and Sunday, Aug. 3. This tournament is sanctioned by the U.S. Bowling Congress.

The Saturday shift consists of both doubles and singles competition. Bowlers may select to bowl in the morning shift, beginning at 11:30 a.m. or the afternoon shift beginning at 3:30 p.m. Sunday will feature team competition, beginning at either 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.50 per bowler per event, with \$5.25 covering the bowling fees and \$5.25 going to the prize fund. The prize fund will be 100-percent, paying 1 place for every four entries.

Registration forms can be picked up at the NAS Kingsville bowling center. This tournament is open to current members of the Kingsville USBC Bowling Association and their families, Kingsville Base Captain's Cup Bowlers and residents living in the Kingsville USBC Area as stated in the Kingsville USBC Constitution and Bylaws.

Members of the associations must have a current USBC membership card. Family members and Kingsville Base Captain's Cup Bowlers can participate by either purchasing a USBC membership or by paying a participation fee of \$5.00 as stated by USBC Rule 300c.1b. Entrant acceptance will be up to the tournament committee.

The tournament will be a handicap event and will include competition in Team, Doubles, and Singles Events. Bowlers competing in all three events may participate in All Events prizes by paying a fee of \$2.25 prior to entry closing date. Bowlers entering Doubles must also enter Singles and vice versa. The Doubles event will be conducted first. Doubles pairs will be scheduled with 3 bowlers per lane. Handicap will be based on an individual basis of 85% of 200 as set by the USBC Association WinLabs Tournament Program.

Team competition will consist of teams of four and must be two men and two women on each team. Doubles will consist of one man and one woman.

Singles and All Events will consist of two Divisions- Men and Women.

Entering Average Rule. Entrants shall use their Highest KWBA or KBA sanctioned league average of at least 21 games or more taken from the 2006-2007 Yearbook. If no 2006-2007 average, contestant shall use the highest league average of 21 or more games in league during 2007-2008. If there is no KWBA or KBA average and the entrant has an established 15 game average from the 2008 Kingsville Base Captain's Cup League, then they shall use this established Captain's Cup League Average. Averages will be verified through the Bowling Center. If ruling a or b does not apply, men contestants will use an entering average of 190 and women will use an entering average of 170. (USBC rule 319b.)



## 12 receive Wings at June ceremony at the Club

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Twelve Navy, Marine Corps and Indian Navy flight students earned their wings of gold and were designated as Naval Aviators Friday, June 27 in a ceremony at the Captain's Club. The 12 were joined by nearly 200 people for the ceremony, including Indian Navy Commodore Monty Khanna, Defense Attaché for the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"It's an honor to have Commodore Khanna here with us today," said Training Air Wing TWO Commander CAPT Bill Davis. "Our relationship with the Indian Navy continues to be strong and our Indian students have proven themselves to be worthy of wearing not only their Indian aviation wings, but also, the U.S. Navy wings of gold."

Three Indian students were among the 12 recognized at the ceremony. They represent the fourth group of Indian students to complete advanced training at NAS Kingsville since 2006.

The winging ceremony marked the



*Front row (from left): Commodore Monty Khanna, Defense Attache, Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C.; 1st Lt. Maximillian A. Tufts III; SUBLT Pradeep Shukla; LTJG Nathan A. Miller; LT Ashutash V. Bobade; LTJG David V. Bellis; LTJG Anne L. Domko; CAPT Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO; and CDR Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22. Back row (from left): CDR Charles C. Moore, Commanding Officer, VT-21; CDR William A. Bulis, Executive Officer, VT-21; LTJG Jared M. Wolcott; 1st Lt. Matthew W. Patera; 1st Lt. Lloyd A. Harper; 1st Lt. Andrew B. Greer; LTJG Joseph T. Giordano; LT Gokul Suresh; CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22, and Lt. Col. Charles R. Bagnato, Executive Officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group Twenty Two.*

end of nearly 12 months of training with Training Air Wing TWO for each of the pilots. They all completed their requirements during a recent June carrier qualification detachment on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) off the Florida coast June 10-12.

Receiving their Wings of Gold from VT-21 were: LTJG David Bellis, West Chester, Pa.; LT Ashutash Bobade, Anjangaon, Nagpur, India; LTJG Nathan Miller, Sammamish, Wash.; LT Gokul Suresh, Trivandrum, South India; Sub LT Pradeep Shukla, Allahabad, U.P., India; and 1STLT Maximillian A. Tufts, III, Warrenton, Va.;

Receiving their Wings of Gold from VT-22 were: LTJG Anne Domko, Boulder, Colo.; LTJG Joseph Giordano, Fontana, Calif.; 1STLT Andrew Greer, Plano, Texas; 1STLT Lloyd Harper, Houston, Texas; 1STLT Matthew Patera, Minneapolis, Minn.; and LTJG Jared Wolcott, Freeport, Texas.

### (CPO eval continued from Page 1)

The guiding principles -- deckplate leadership, institutional and technical expertise, professionalism, loyalty, character, active communication and a sense of heritage -- replace the previous performance traits. Earlier traits included professional expertise, command or organizational climate/equal opportunity, military bearing/character, teamwork, mission accomplishment and initiative, leadership and tactical performance.

"This bold initiative led by MCPON Campa proves again the adage, chiefs run our Navy," said RADM Sonny Masso, Commander, Navy Personnel Command (NPC).

"As a member of the wardroom, who has personally benefited from the leadership of the chief's mess, I look forward to making the most of this opportunity to align our chiefs' evals with the guiding principles."

Masso played an integral role in the transition from the FITREP to the CHIEFEVAL, as personnel at NPC have engineered the new form, which will use Adobe as a platform rather than the previous NAVFIT 98A program. Masso said shifting from one software application to another was not difficult due to the fact that much of the language transferred over verbatim.

"The form itself changed little," said Masso. "In fact, seventy-five percent of the language from the FITREP was transferred over to the CHIEFEVAL, only now it complements the new performance

traits."

Campa said that language used for the first time in the CHIEFEVAL may technically be new, but the responsibilities and expectations have been around for 115 years.

"The 25 percent of the form that's different is critical," said Campa. "It's there that we formally intro-



*NEWPORT, R.I. (May 7, 2008) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. introduces the E7-E9 Evaluation and Counseling Record (CHIEFEVAL) to nearly 100 of the Navy's most senior master chiefs during a leadership mess meeting. The CHIEFEVAL will replace the fitness report starting Sept. 15th, 2008 as the form used to evaluate all chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jennifer A. Villalovos.*

duce phrases like 'engaged on the deckplate,' 'total loyalty to mission,' 'driving mission accomplishment through the chiefs' mess' and 'actively uses the CPO mess as an open forum to act on command issues.'"

That language may be new to an evaluation, but not to our chiefs. Those are responsibilities CPOs have had for more than a century."

Campa delivered the CHIEFEVAL to NPC in March. Since then testing has been ongoing, and changes to the form were the norm as personnel in Millington worked with Adobe representatives to ensure the new platform was even more user-friendly than the FITREP form.

Once the CHIEFEVAL was deemed ready for fleet testing, it was sent to command master chiefs aboard every type of Navy vessel and to commands in every theater. Their feedback was forwarded to NPC to work out user-discovered issues.

"Any problems identified through fleet testing are looked at, and we're determining whether they need to be addressed now or down the line," said Jim Price, Branch Head PERS 311 and functional owner of the FITREP and evaluation processes. "It's a work in progress, but that doesn't mean it's not a good product now. It most definitely is, and the feedback reflects that."

The CHIEFEVAL will be ready for download from the NPC Web site, [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil), and for use fleet-wide early this month.

Story courtesy of Navy News Service.

## 9-year old Corpus Christi resident is June Pilot for a Day

By Maryann Shramko, Flying K Editor

Thursday, June 26, 9-year old Corpus Christi resident Bradley Skinner was welcomed on board NAS Kingsville (NASK) and Training Squadron 22 (VT-22) as June's Pilot for a Day (PFAD). Bradley is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital (DCH) undergoing treatment for a connective tissue disorder known as Systemic Scleroderma which, defined by the MAYO Clinic is "a rare, progressive disease that causes hardening and tightening of the skin and connective tissues – the fibers that provide the framework and support for your body." And, in Bradley's case it also affects his blood vessels and internal organs.

DCH and Team Kingsville pair up every month to bring a patient on board and make them a PFAD. The sole purpose for the monthly event is to provide as many children as possible with a day away from their daily medical battles by replacing them with unforgettable memories and the experience of a lifetime. Sponsoring this month's evolution was VT-22 and instructor pilots Marine Maj. Joshua Zager and Navy LTJG Porter Orr. Bradley was accompanied by his parents Brian and Tanya Skinner, his older brother Bailey, 11, and younger sister Julia, 5.

"I can't say that what has happened to Bradley is a blessing," Tanya said. "But we have grown as a family and there is a purpose for this, even if we may never understand it. Bradley has taught us a lot about trusting God. One day after finding out he was in remission," she recalled, "I saw him kneeling in



"226 clear to touch and go".

his room and thought something was wrong so as calmly as possible I said 'Bradley, what's wrong, are you ok?' Bradley turned and looked up at me all teary eyed and said 'I'm praying, mom. I'm thanking God.' I was very humbled and knew I needed to get on my knees also."

Zager and Orr kicked started the morning with a visit to the paraloft and a stroll out onto the flight line where the group watched as numerous T-45 Goshawks took to the air. The two men took turns explaining what was happening and how the pilot communicates with the ground crew over the engine noise. Then the group was off to Air Operations where they could get a closer look at the behind-the-scenes operators that control the NASK air space.

After transiting the 110 steps to the top of the 151-foot control tower, the group enjoyed a panoramic view of the entire base. Julia shouted with excitement to Bradley "you keep an eye on that one" pointing to one of many Goshawks flying, "and I will keep an eye on this one." Bradley however, had other plans as he quickly grasped the communication skills he was taught and relayed "226 clear to touch and go" followed up moments later with "226 left down wind approval." And, it just so happened that 226 was being flown by none other than CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22 and his student pilot LTJG Daren McCulley. Bradley did what very few are allowed to – he gave permission to the executive officer!

Finally, he was ready to test his skills flying the multi-million dollar T-45 Goshawk simulator where he earned his call sign "Duce" after catching the number two wire on his first carrier landing. The simulator experience is often the best part of the day for the PFAD so, when ask to describe in one word his experience Bradley replied "I can't choose from all the words."

After a great deal of flying around in the simula-

tor Duce and the group gave into Julia's hunger pains and headed off to the Captain's Club for some much needed nutrition. As the meals were being served and voices rose above one another, Tanya asked "Bradley would like to know if he can say grace for everyone?" And heads immediately bowed as his little voice spoke "thank you for this food

to nourish our bodies and for dying on the cross, and for letting us have so much fun. Amen."

The second half of the day was like every other PFAD experience in that the firefighters would attempt to make Bradley's stop at the Fire Department his favorite, as would Military Working Dog Handlers and base Police Patrolmen at Security. However, like always, it's difficult to change the mind of a PFAD when it comes to their simulator experience.

The young pilot wanted to pass on one last prayer to his military family before departing the base. "God, keep the pilots and everyone safe and thank you for letting us have the time to play with the pilots and have fun with them. And thank you for letting them show us about their job and what they do. Amen."



Maj. Joshua "Zed" Zager pleads his case to Bradley... "I swear, I had permission to take that jet."



Bradley is all smiles with firefighter James Escatiola.



From left: Maj. Joshua Zager points out a T-45 preparing for a flight as Julia (seated), Bailey and Bradley try to take in what is being said. LTJG Porter Orr watches from over Bradley's shoulder.



CDR Chris Kirby, commanding officer, VT-22 presents Bradley with his official flight log documenting all his simulator time.

## *Navy launching Pride and Professionalism courses*

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Twenty-four "A" school students from the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) participated in a pilot for the Navy's Pride and Professionalism (NPP) course June 3 and 4.

The Navy's Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) coordinated the two-day pilot, which was conducted at the air training center on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola. CPPD's staff was joined by several members of the NPP course design team, as well as Information Systems Technician Master Chief, Johnny Stewart, a CPPD instructor, who will teach the new course when it is launched this fall.

"It was one of the highlights of my career to be able to sit down and help produce training of this importance," said Stewart. "I really believe this training will have an impact on the Navy long after I have retired. Being able to provide deck plate input based on my experiences with Sailors was awesome. I am very familiar with the challenges faced by shipboard leadership when it comes to providing training, which can come across as "check in the box" training. That is not the case with the newly-designed NPP course."

NPP is comprised of 10 modules, and consists of introductory topics, intended to develop Sailors' awareness of Navy rules and regulations. The ten modules include: The Navy Core Values, Decision-

Making, Communication and Conflict Management, Mentoring, Diversity, Equal Opportunity, Violent Crime and Suicide Awareness, Courtesy and Military Etiquette, Uniform Wear, Navy Family care and Planning.

In the fall, NPP will roll out to the fleet as a mandatory course for all Sailors checking into a new command, and Command Training Team (CTT) instructors will be mandated by Chief of Naval Operations Instruction (OPNAVINST) 5354.1F to teach NPP to all Sailors, E-1 and above, both enlisted and officers.

The two-day course is an augmented version of the former Navy Rights and Responsibilities (NRR) course, which traditionally addressed basic Navy equal opportunity principles, policies, and procedures for all Sailors.

"This course places an emphasis on decision-making that the NRR course did not," explained Stewart. "Among the themes that enhance good decision-making skills for Sailors is the responsibility of shipmates protecting shipmates. Providing Sailors with scenario-based lessons helps them participate in the learning process. They can work together with the instructor to get a better idea of the choices they will need to make when they are aboard ship and traveling in other countries."

The existing NRR course covers Equal Opportunity, Naval Citizenship, Core Values, Standard Organization and Regulations of the U.S. Navy (SORM), Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Pregnancy Policy, Valuing Diversity, Fraternalization, Sexual Harassment, Grievance and Redress Procedures, Equal Opportunity Manual and various case study applications. NPP incorporates most of the previous topics, and also adds new material Sailors will need in their toolboxes.

"It has been my experience that many of the more senior Sailors tend to fall behind in the NRR area as the years go by," said Stewart. "I would strongly encourage all leadership, especially Chief Petty Officers, to attend the NPP classes at their earliest convenience, so they can see the new tools with which Sailors will be equipped. Since returning from the pilot course, I have told everyone the NPP training will definitely not be a check in the box training. This is good stuff that I believe the Sailors not only need to know, but they want to know."

For more information about the Navy Pride and Professionalism course, visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/> or contact Dr. Michael Matzko in CPPD's Training Department at (757) 492-7647 or [michael.matzko@navy.mil](mailto:michael.matzko@navy.mil).

## *Four NASK Sailors combine for 15-years of future Naval Service*

*Photos by Maryann Shramko and EN3 Acevedo, NASK Public Affairs*



*Above: MA2 Andrew Richardson tacked on three more years to his military career in a ceremony held at the weapons range on July 2.*



*Top middle: AEC James Moore presents ABH2 Hector Garza with a certificate of reenlistment after issuing him the oath in a ceremony held at Field Support on June 30.*



*Above: AEC James Moore raised his own hand for another four year enlistment on June 24.*



*Right: AC3 Fomai L. Aokuso (second from left) reenlisted for four more years in a ceremony held at Air Operations on June 27. Aokuso lifted up daughter Zeryhia, 2, as his wife Chenne held son Zymahni, 1 so the children could display the certificates of appreciation they received for their fathers' service.*

## Safety Corner:

### Off-the-Job-Safety

People are more likely to be injured at home than at work. Off-the-job injuries have as much an impact as on-the-job injuries. The best way one can protect themselves from off-the-job injuries is to prevent them. Basic awareness and common sense can have a considerable impression on personal safety, no matter what the circumstances.

### Safe Driving

Being a safe driver is essential in off-the-job safety. There are a number of factors that can impair your driving ability; they include alertness, anger and aggression, your health, vision, hearing, and drug and alcohol use. Improving your defensive driving skills and maintaining a healthy lifestyle can increase your good driving status.

### Hazardous Materials

Learn how to recognize and safely use potentially hazardous materials on and off the job. Store products in original containers and keep original labels legible. Never transfer dangerous products to glass jars, pop bottles, or other containers. In homes with children, child-resistant caps should be kept on dangerous products, including those stored in the garage. Store items such as pesticides, automotive fluids, charcoal lighter fluid, paint thinner, antifreeze, ice-melting products, and turpentine in a locked cabinet.

### Personal Security

Take control of your personal security. Stay alert at all times, trust your instincts, and stay calm in emergencies, these simple measures can help prevent certain instances of crime and violence. Have an emer-

gency kit prepared at all times. Protect your personal information and teach children to do the same.

### Ergonomics

Simple adjustment to ones working conditions can help decrease the amount of injuries associated with hobbies.

### Slips, Trips, and Falls

Each of us takes on the average about 18,000 steps every day. Many slips, trips, and falls occur while performing the simplest of household tasks. Simple preventive measures such as using a handrail when climbing the stairs, using night lights in hallways, applying slip resistant strips in the tub or shower, and keeping walkways free of clutter can prevent injuries associated with slips, trips and falls.

### Personal Protective Equipment

Taking responsibility for your own safety, learn what is needed to protect yourself from injury while performing that list of domestic duties. Personal protective equipment protects you from injury at work, as well as off the job. The use of hearing protection, safety glasses or goggles and protective gloves help prevent injuries at home as well as work.

### Ladder Safety

Choosing the correct ladder for the job, one

can eliminate a wide variety of unforeseen mishaps. Lean the top of the ladder against something solid, place the base on firm, level ground, making sure that the ladder is at the proper angle. Use the 4-to-1 rule for extension ladders: for each 4 feet of distance between the ground and the upper point of contact (such as the wall or roof), move the base of the ladder out 1 foot. Keep your body centered on the ladder; use your belt buckle to gauge your safety. If your buckle passes beyond the ladder rail, you are overreaching and at risk for falling. Stand at or below the highest safe standing level on a ladder. For a stepladder, is the second rung from the top, and for an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top.

## Motorcycle Club to help Wounded Warriors

The Leathernecks Motorcycle Club will be holding a fund raiser to benefit Wounded Warriors during the "Rally By The Bay" at Knuckleheads in Corpus Christi Friday and Saturday Aug. 1-2. The two day event includes a Charity Bike Run on Saturday, live bands, vendors and a number of bike contests. The Rally will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.com](http://woundedwarriorproject.com)). The project's mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors, and to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women; to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

The Leathernecks Motorcycle Club has been asked to provide crafts (walking sticks, .50-cal bottle openers, swagger sticks, 550-cord bracelets, 20mm canes, etc.) to be sold at the events, and all profits from the sales would be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

"Our club charter expressly states that the cause of Wounded Warriors is to be our sole objective, relative to charitable undertakings," said Ken Mahaffey, club member and NAS Kingsville employee. "We have consented to fully support this venture, and we believe that our club can realize a large measure of success as evidenced by our recent efforts in New Mexico where we raised over \$800."

There will also be an auction during the event with all proceeds going to the Wound Warrior Project. Sponsorships are available by calling 361-882-9997.

For the Saturday charity bike run the first bike out will depart at 11 a.m. and the last bike in will be at 4 p.m.

### WELCOME ABOARD!



#### The following personnel have reported



**ABH3 Duriel M. Young, USN**  
NALF, Orange Grove  
Hampton, Va.

**CSCS Michael D. Reed, USN**  
Combined Bachelor Quarters  
Beaumont, Texas

**1st Lt. Phillip S. Goebel, USMC**  
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Ensign John C. Ross, USN**  
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2  
Troy, Pa.

**LT Patrick M. Foster, USN**  
Instructor Pilot, VT-22  
Christiansted, Virgin Islands



(2) lazyboy-type recliners: (1) taupe, (1) chocolate, faux-suede, new. \$200 EA-OBO

(2) slider-rocker-recliners w/ottomans, new, (1) still in box, both taupe. \$200 OBO Call cell (361) 765-9840 for questions/negotiations...

For Sale: Used side-by-side refrigerator, dishwasher, conventional oven and table top stove. All in working order and good condition. \$350 for all. Call 592-6776.

## Free cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes screening!

**Who: All active duty military and retirees**

**When: Saturday, July 12 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)**

**Where: HEB Pharmacy, Kingsville**



## Navy Earns Corporate Diversity Recognition

By Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth Zimmermann, Chief of Naval Personnel-Diversity Directorate

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Readers of Diversity/Careers in Engineering and Information Technology magazine helped the U.S. Navy earn honors as a Best Diversity Company for 2008.

The Navy was one of nine government agencies in a group of 100 honorees selected from a field of more than 600 companies, government agencies and other organizations that employ technical professionals. These groups were selected by readers of Diversity/Careers and visitors to its Web site: [www.diversitycareers.com](http://www.diversitycareers.com).

"I am committed to ensuring that we, as a Navy, are going to be one of the best places for a young person to start their career. We must all think and work as an organization to attract, recruit and retain our Nation's best and brightest now and in the future," said Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Gary Roughead.

Readers listed the Navy as one of the best companies due to its support of minorities and women, attention to life-work balance and commitment to supplier diversity.

This recognition comes on the heels of the Navy's receipt of the prestigious Work Life Legacy Award from the Families and Work Institute. In a ceremony in New York City June 9, the accomplishments of the Navy's Task Force Life Work were lauded. The Navy joins an elite list of honorees such as Ernst & Young,



*PACIFIC OCEAN (May 31, 2008) Sailors stand at attention during a "frocking" ceremony in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kyle D. Gahlau.*

Deloitte & Touche and Xerox, companies considered the best at addressing the social, personal and professional needs of employees.

"The United States Navy is an organization like no other in the world. We have opportunities, and we give opportunities to young people in ways that no company, no other organization will," said Roughead. "We operate the highest levels of technology. We give our young people more authority, more opportunities for them to exercise their leadership

and their initiative, than any other organization that I have ever seen."

The CNO expressed his desire to be considered on par with the top 50 companies to work for in the country, and it seems the Navy is doing just that.

When compared to Fortune's 2008 list of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, the Navy's quality of life and compensation offerings were found to be extremely competitive.

"We are all about opportunity. We are at the heart a learning organization, built upon training and development, the best that money can buy, in both our enlisted and our officers," said Vice Adm. John Harvey, director of Navy staff.

"What we have to do is make people aware of these opportunities, the opportunity to serve, but also the opportunity to grow, and we bring that together [in the Navy]."

Other government agencies selected as Best Diversity Companies included the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, National Security Agency, Naval Research Laboratory, Office of Naval Research, Sandia National Laboratories, U.S. Coast Guard (Civilian Careers) and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



### NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic Corner



#### Smoking Cessation!

Are you interested in stopping your tobacco use, and wondering if there is any support for you?

The Naval Branch Health Clinic Kingsville has a tobacco cessation program in effect open to all active duty military and their dependents.

The course is self paced and consists of several counseling sessions each lasting 15 to 30 minutes. Because it is not a group session the facilitator can easily work around your schedule.

Interested personnel should contact HM3 Cyrus Cunningham at (361)516-6455 or via email at [Cyrus.Cunningham@med.navy.mil](mailto:Cyrus.Cunningham@med.navy.mil) for more information and scheduling.

By HM3(FMF) Jacob Welch

### Former PW Division Officer arrives in Kuwait

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

LTJG Ted Bender, former Production Division Officer for the NAS Kingsville Public Works Department, arrived in Kuwait Sunday, July 6, to begin a six-month deployment. Bender departed NAS Kingsville in early June and spent two weeks training at Fort Jackson, S.C. before departing for the desert. Bender's plane touched down Sunday evening after a brief stopover in Germany. He said the heat "jumped up and kicked him in the face" when he got off of the plane. Temperatures at night are in the mid 90s, but during the day can get as high as 120 degrees. Fortunately, his tent is air conditioned.



"The camp is a lot nicer than I thought it was going to be," Bender said. "They have plenty of amenities to keep us busy including [a] free 24/7 computer lab to keep in touch. They have a PX, a sub sandwich place, a pizza joint, a Taco Bell, a coffee house and a McDonald's, so I can't complain."

Bender said his group received a nice send off when they departed South Carolina, and during a stop over in Maine, he said, there were a large number of people lined up to greet them, shake their hands and wish them well. "That was just awesome," he said.



**Summer Reading Clubs** - The Base Library is still taking registrations for its summer reading clubs, which started on June 2. There are three clubs, ages 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The meeting times are Thursdays at 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. for ages 4-5, 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. for ages 7-9 and 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. for ages 10-12. Each club has a limit of seven children. Club activities include: reading, crafts, games, etc. Smaller children should have their guardians nearby. Older children may stay at the library without their guardian during the meeting times but must be picked up right after the meeting is over. On July 31 there will be a pizza party and certificates will be handed out. Volunteers are welcomed to help out with these clubs. For more information, contact the Base Library at 516-6271.

**"GET IN THE GAME" Summer Reading Program (ongoing summer program)** - "Get in the Game" is the theme for this year's summer reading program. Starting on June 2, children 5-15 can register and receive a reading log. As they read age-appropriate books, they will receive prizes, ranging from bookmarks to sports bags. The Librarian may ask questions about books read. On July 31 the program will conclude with a pizza party at 4 p.m. for all the participants and certificates will be handed out. For more information, contact the Library at 516-6271.

**Learn to swim program** - Below is a full lineup of Learn to Swim programs scheduled at the Base Pool this Summer. There is something for all ages, and abilities. Call the MWR Gym at 516-6113 for more information, or stop by the pool.

**Session II - 7-18 July.**

9 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Level I & II  
 9:40 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Level III  
 10:20 a.m. - 11 a.m. Level IV & V  
 11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Mom, Pop, Tot  
 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Adult Swim Class

**Session III - 25 Jul-5 Aug**

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Level I & II  
 9:40 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Level III & IV  
 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Level V & VI  
 11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. Mom, Pop, Tot  
 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Adult Swim Class

Level I - Introduction to water skills.

Level II - Fundamental aquatic skills.

Level III - Stroke Development

Level IV - Stroke Improvement

Level V - Stroke Refinement

Level VI - Advanced swimming techniques & diving.

**New hours for Outdoor Recreation** - Outdoor Recreation is now open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and check out all the great equipment available to make your next outdoor adventure a great one, or call 516-6191 for more information.

**Fishing Ponds now open!** - The fishing ponds aboard NASK are now open with a fresh batch of catfish just waiting to be caught. Each of the two ponds has been stocked with 500 new fish. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 516-6191.

**Fishing fees aboard NASK are now \$10** - Fishing fees aboard NASK have been reduced from \$35 to \$10 for all fishermen wishing to try their luck in one of the two stocked ponds on base. In addition, those wishing to just fish, there is no longer a requirement to join the NASK Hunting Club. A current Texas state fishing license is required to purchase the permit, which all active duty can get for free from any store that sells the license. Permits are available at ITT, located in The Captain's Club. For more information, contact ITT at 516-6449.

**Summer Softball League still looking for teams** - Time to lace up the cleats, and dust off the glove. MWR is still looking for NASK teams to compete in its summer league. All teams affiliated with NASK are eligible, including: Active Duty, Retirees, Dependents, Contractors, and DOD. For more information, contact the Total Fitness Connection (Base Gym) at 516-6171.

**July 14-18 - Indoor Triathlon at Total Fitness Connection (BASE GYM)** - Event consists of 4000-meters on rowing machine, 8-miles on stationary bike, and a 2-mile treadmill run/walk. Participation is by appointment only between the hours of 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday. Medals will be awarded to top three in each age group, and water bottles will be given to all finishers. Call Angela Cupp at 516-4386 for more information.

**July 17- Padre Staples Mall & Marble Slab Creamer** - Anchored by Dillard's, Bealls, and JC Penney, this 900,000 square foot regional shopping center also features over 100 specialty stores, a food court with a variety of restaurants, and a 16 screen stadium style theatre. So come spend the day shopping with us! For more information call ITT at 516-6449.

**July 18 - Kids Night Out** - Looking for a night out for you and your kids? Come drop them off at the CDC or SAC and we'll do the rest! A safe and secure place for your kids to go while you enjoy some much needed time away. Contact the CDC at 516-6176 or the SAC at 516-6718 for more details.

**July 18 - Mongolian Grill** - It's that time... time for a base favorite at the K-BAR in The Captain's Club. Get in line early, and enjoy your choice of palette pleasing beef, pork, chicken, shrimp, assorted vegetables, and a full line up of spices. Doors open at 11 a.m., and runs until 1:45 p.m..

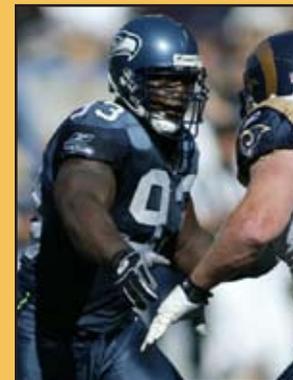
**July 31 - Library Pizza Party** - Join us for a pizza party and awards ceremony as we celebrate the accomplishments of all our reading club participants from this summer. Start time will be announced as the event gets closer. Registration will be open until July 30. For more information, contact the Library at 516-6271.



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PEN**

**Randle becomes 9th Javelina inductee**

Former Javelina and NFL football star John Randle has been elected to the Lone Star Conference Hall of Honor. Randle joins Sarah Butler Carthel of West Texas A&M, and Arthur James of East Texas State (now Texas A&M-Commerce) as members of the 2008 class.



Randle is the ninth Javelina to become a member of the LSC Hall of Honor joining Johnny Bailey, Sid Blanks, Darrell Green, Ron Harms, Fred Nuesch, Richard Ritchie, Gil Steinke and Gene Upshaw.

This is not the first collegiate football honor for Randle this year. He will become the sixth Javelina football player inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame on July 19 in South Bend, Ind.

Randle, a native of Hearne, Texas, came to Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville) in 1988 after two seasons at Trinity Valley Junior College.

A defensive end for the Javelinas, Randle had a spectacular two-year career, leading the team to a 20-4 record, a pair of Lone Star Conference titles and two trips to the NCAA Division II playoffs, including a spot in the 1988 semifinals.

After his Javelina career, Randle established himself as one of the greatest interior linemen in NFL history.

Randle played 14 years in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings and the Seattle Seahawks. Named an All-Pro seven times, he recorded double-digit sacks during eight different seasons, including a career-high and league-leading 15.5 sacks in 1997. He retired as the league's all-time leader in sacks by a defensive tackle (137.5).

**2008  
Javelina football schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thur. 8/28	@ North Dakota Grand Forks, N.D.	7 p.m.
Sat. 9/6	@ East Central Ada, Okla.	6 p.m.
Sat. 9/13	Central Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Sat. 9/20	@ Northeastern State Tahlequah, Okla.	7 p.m.
Sat. 9/27	West Texas A & M	7 p.m.
Sat. 10/04	@ Tarleton State Stephenville	7 p.m.
Sat. 10/11	Texas A & M-Commerce (Homecoming)	7 p.m.
Sat. 10/18	Midwestern State	7 p.m.
Sat. 10/25	@ Eastern New Mexico	3 p.m.
Sat. 11/01	Abilene Christian	7 p.m.
Sat. 11/08	@ Angelo State San Angelo	7 p.m.

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global war on terror that has the U.S. military deployed today throughout the world.

"We may not be as large as we once were," Waddingham said, "we may have only a fraction of the number of people that once roamed these grounds; and

we may only have two squadrons to train our student aviators. But we take our jobs just as seriously today as our fellow aviators did on this ground 65 years ago. And we will continue that trend for decades to come. It's only fitting today, that we pay homage to our past ... and focus on our future. Because it is our past that has made our future possible."

Texas state representative Juan Escobar, District 43, spoke briefly about his ties to the air station, and the important role Naval Aviation has played over the last 50 years. Escobar then presented Waddingham a signed proclamation that he presented at the Texas Legislature in recognition of the ceremony.

The historical marker is one of 15 the Texas Historical Commission has placed throughout the state honoring the state's connection to the war effort.

The Fourth of July celebration continued on board the base, as families and friends turned out to the MWR sports field for games, food, entertainment and a live band. Headlining the base schedule was a fireworks display slated for 9:15 p.m. Unfortunately, the fireworks were delayed nearly two hours due to technical problems. But, once the show finally got underway, those who waited it out, seemed to enjoy the show.

The weekend was also supposed to include a Military Appreciation Night Saturday, July 5, at Fairgrounds Field in Robstown courtesy of the Corpus Christi Beach Dawgs of the Continental Baseball League. But heavy rains during the morning and a couple of late-afternoon showers postponed the contest between the Beach Dawgs and the Bay Area Toros. The game will be rescheduled for a later date, and team owner Ron Baron is working on rescheduling the Military Appreciation Night, as well.

"I really wanted to get the military people out to the ball park to show our appreciation for what they do for us," Baron said Saturday shortly before the game was cancelled. "I'm truly disappointed that the weather is preventing us from doing this today. But we're going to reschedule and have our day to say thanks to the troops later this month." Tentative plans are to move the day to July 19 (stay tuned for updates).



*Kingsville 4th of July Parade departs the courthouse.*



*Chaplain Mark Tews in his Mini T-4.5 Goshawk.*



*From left: Betsy Davis, CAPT Bill Davis, CAPT Phil Waddingham and Sue Waddingham take their chances and walk the parade route.*



*Instructors and students of the VT-21 "Fighting Redhawks"*



*NASK Color guard presents the colors as gulf war veteran Army Sgt. (ret) Darin Dunaway sings the National Anthem.*



*Event coordinator Wayne Short introduces the band.*



*The children were all smiles as they race against one another in crazy carts they had to operate with their hands and feet..*



*A face painting station was one of many events for the children.*

