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13 receive Wings of Gold at December Winging

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Thirteen student pilots received their Wings of Gold and were designated as Naval Aviators during Training Air Wing TWO's December winging ceremony at the Captain's Club Dec. 19. The ceremony marked the end of nearly 13 months of advanced jet/strike training for the aviators at NAS Kingsville in the T-45 Goshawk. Training Air Wing TWO commander CAPT Bill Davis presided over the ceremony along with squadron skippers CDR Bill Bulis (VT-21) and CDR Chris Kirby (VT-22). Just over 150 family members, friends and shipmates attended the ceremony.

Front row from left: CDR Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22; CDR Timothy Carr, Chief Staff Officer, TW-2; LTJG Patrick Collins; LTJG Matthew B. Kohlmann; 1st Lt. Eric C. Brye; 1st Lt. Joshua W. Allgood; 1st Lt. Aaron M. Hamblin; 1st Lt. Stephen L. Rich; CAPT Bill Davis, Commander, TW-2; and Col. Thomas S. Clark III, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22. Second row: LTJG John D. Lockhard and LTJG Michael J. Austin. Third row: CDR John Kelsey, Executive Officer, VT-21; CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22; LTJG Joel D. Chase; LTJG Joel R. Kent; LTJG Christopher Kingery and CDR William Bulis, Commanding Officer, VT-21. Top row: LT Casey A. Bates and LTJG Tyler L. Smith.

Guest speaker for the ceremony retired VADM John Lockard, current IDS chief operating officer for the Boeing Corporation. A seasoned aviator himself, Lockard entered the Navy as a Naval Aviation Cadet in 1964 and went through flight training at NAS Kingsville. He completed 332 combat missions during the Vietnam War and made 750 carrier landings. His command tours included "First of the Fleet" VA-25 and, VFA-125, the F/A-18 Fleet Replacement Squadron and home of the "Rough Riders."

In his current position with Boeing, Lockard serves as the chief operating officer for Integrated Defense Systems, a $32.1 billion, 71,000-person business unit which includes all of Boeing's defense, government, intelligence, space, and communications capabilities.

"It's a pleasure to have VADM Lockard with us today," Davis said to an audience of about 125 squadron personnel, family members and special guests. "It's a special day for him also as he gets to assist his wife Peggy in pinning Wings of Gold on their son John who is one of the 13 aviators that will be pinned today."

During his remarks, VADM Lockard spoke about the history of aviation, overcoming shortcomings, the role of special people, the will to win, and flying in the fleet.

"The environment Naval Aviators operate in is very demanding," Lockard said, "and the equipment we use has to be able to perform to that environment. But we're fortunate to have special people who are very demanding of themselves and willing to do the tough jobs. Each of them must have the will to win, and the desire to perform at the very highest level."

Turning his remarks to the students, Lockard reminded them that they are part of a team. "You are all about to embark on an exciting and challenging career as Naval Aviators. Look out for each other, and know that [your crew] is counting on you getting on board the ship the very first time."

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From the Bridge

CAPT Phil "Waddz" Waddingham
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings, NAS Kingsville.

As we rapidly approach the Holidays, I find myself once again scrambling to take care of last minute details at work and at home before taking off for a long weekend to celebrate Christmas. One of the things I need to do, is to finish my input to this edition of the Flying K! Then there is the business of a little shopping for some very special people...

Even though deadlines abound for all of us, and there is much to do in preparation for taking some well deserved time off, I can't help but to take time to reflect on the past year's events with pride of accomplishment, and anxiously look ahead to doing great work in the upcoming year.

I want to share with you a letter I received recently from Becky Huss, the La Posada Coordinator for the City of Kingsville:

"I want to thank you and every one involved for the resources that NAS Kingsville provided to one of Kingsville's favorite holiday events--the 2008 La Posada Parade of Lights. In addition to continuing the tradition of being involved in the parade, we appreciate the support from Jon Gagné. This year we also had participation from NAS Kingsville Fire and Emergency Services, NAS Kingsville Security Patrol, and a float sponsored by the Junior Enlisted Association. The entry by the Naval Branch Health Clinic won the award for the "Most Patriotic Entry." All of these were very much appreciated and helped to produce a parade that was the best that I have yet been involved with.

"The provision of a Color Guard and the volunteer time of RP2 Norman Otters, AC2 Nick Morgan, AC3 Matthew Hartopp, and AC3 Trevor Leon, continues an important tradition of honoring the flag and recognizing the U.S. Navy's contribution to the Kingsville community. Mr., Gagné, ETCM Isaias Gamez and RP2 Otters also volunteered additional time to assist in the clean-up of the parade set-up area which is crucial to maintaining the good-will of the City, County, and neighborhood in which the parade takes place.

"I would also like to mention the help received from ET2 Joseph Morin and ET2 John Fuller who both volunteered their time to provide the sound system for the event's parade announcer and judges. ET2 Morin was very proactive in contacting me and assuring me that all equipment would be set up and ready well in advance of the parade. They also took the initiative to construct a holiday musical medley to play prior to the beginning of the parade which added to the festive atmosphere. I very much appreciate the time that they donated to help make this annual event a success."

Sincerely, Beck Huss, La Posada Coordinator

This letter represents but a snippet of the significant amount of good work that has been accomplished by "Team Kingsville" this past year. It is a real testimonial to the fact that what we do here at NAS Kingsville is bigger than any one of us, and our contributions are long lasting.

Keep this in mind as we embark on the new year. We will have many new challenges to be sure, and many opportunities to make a difference. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, and a Happy and Joyous New Year to all of you!

Waddz sends

Tews' Views

Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews
NAS Kingsville, Religious Ministries

Immanuel = God With Us

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End! He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all! He is the architect of the universe and the manager of all times. He always was, He always is, and He always will be...unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone!

He was bruised and brought healing! He was pierced and eased pain! He was persecuted and brought freedom! He was dead and brought life! He is arisen and He brings power! He reigns and brings peace! The world can't understand him, the armies can't defeat Him, the schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't ignore Him. Herod couldn't kill Him, The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and the people couldn't hold Him! Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him, The New Age can't replace Him, and Science can't explain Him away! He is light, love, longevity, and Lord. He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God.

He is holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure. His ways are right, His word is eternal, His will is unchanging, and His mind is on me. He is my redeemer, He is my savior, He is my guide, and He is my peace! He is my joy, He is my comfort, He is my Lord, and He rules my life! I serve Him because His bond is love, His burden is light, and His goal for me is abundant life. I follow Him because He is the wisdom of the wise, the power of the powerful, the ancient of days, the ruler of rulers, the leader of leaders, the overseer of the overcomers, and the sovereign Lord of all that was and is and is to come. And if that seems impressive to you, try this for size: His goal is a relationship with YOU & ME! He will never leave, never forsake, never mislead, never forget, never overlook, and never cancel our appointment in His appointment book!

When I fall, He lifts me up! When I fail, He forgives! When I am weak, He is strong! When I am lost, He is the way! When I am afraid, He is my courage! When I stumble, He steadies me! When I am hurt, He heals me! When I am broken, He mends me! When I am blind, He leads me! When I am hungry, He feeds me! When I face trials, He is with me! When I face persecution, He shields me! When I face problems, He comforts me! When I face loss, He provides for me! When I face death, He carries me home! He is everything for everybody, everywhere, every time, and every way. He, is God, He is faithful. I am His, and He is mine! My Father in heaven can whip the father of this world. So, if you're wondering why I feel so secure, understand this...He said it and that settles it. God is in control, and that means all is well with my soul. Everyday is a blessing, for GOD is With Us!

I love the Lord and thank Him for all that he does in my life. He is my source of existence and my Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I will be nothing. Without Him, I am nothing but with Him I can do all things. Philippians 4:13

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2009

In The Break...

CAPT Bill "BD" Davis
Commander , Training Air Wing TWO

Merry Christmas and Happy New – TW-2 and NAS Kingsville Team!

2008 is almost behind us as we head into 2009. As we head into the New Year we have some big goals to meet – our fleet production requirements by training the best naval aviators in the world and most importantly taking care of ourselves and our loved ones. To meet our fleet requirements we will need to fly over 40,000 hours for fiscal year 09. That is a 6,000 hour increase from last year, but with the influx of new instructors that are heading our way and the continued leadership from Skipper Bulis and Skipper Kirby I know we are up to the challenge.

The year starts off fast with a weapons detachment to El Centro Jan. 6-30. Right on the heels of the weapons detachment is a Carrier Qualification detachment to San Diego Feb. 10-14, followed by an ACM detachment to Key West from the Feb. 15-26. During this same period the base will begin modernizing their tower and installing a new digital radar to replace the aging system that is currently being used. As I said, there are lots of challenges and work ahead of us, but as a team we can meet these challenges and make 2009 a banner year for TW-2 and "Team Kingsville."

The other part of the equation, which goes hand-and-hand with meeting our mission requirements, is taking care of yourselves and your loved ones. Staying healthy and fit is an important element to both you and your family. Use the facilities the base has to offer to improve yourself both physically and mentally, set aside some time for your family, and do something for the community.

You don't have to go far to take advantage of the many opportunities available to us in South Texas. Corpus Christi is one of the best salt water fishing places in the world, and for fresh water activities there is Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi. MWR has campers and outdoor gear for those of you that enjoy the outdoors. San Antonio has the Riverwalk as well as Six Flags Fiesta Texas and just up the road is Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, and MWR has discount passes to many of these activities. While we have a big production year ahead of us there is time to take advantage of these activities if you plan ahead. That's the key to both success and safety-having a well thought out plan.

For those of you that read my last column and were wondering when you could collect that beverage I offered, I'll be available at the Captain's Club on Thursday Jan. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 5.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration and I look forward to seeing everyone back here in January. Best wishes, BD

Branch Health Clinic makes "Toys for Tots" donation at holiday party

The NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic turned in a box of toys to local Toys for Tots sponsors Jerry and Lisa Bockholt during the clinic's holiday party at the Captain's Club Dec. 12. From left are HM2 (FMF) Marlon Rendon, HM3 (FMF) Cyrus Cunningham, HM2 (FMF) Ismael Lopez, Lisa Bockholt, Diana Wimbish, Jerry Bockholt, LCDR Dawn Hardin MSC, and HM3 Mike Garcia.

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CNO bids farewell to Campa, welcomes West

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, bid farewell to Master Chief Petty Officer of Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. and welcomed MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West as the Navy's 12th MCPON in a change-of-office ceremony Dec. 12.

Campa retired after 28 years of service and more than two years as the senior enlisted member of the Navy. Roughead said Campa has displayed extraordinary leadership, keen insight and sound judgment during his career.

"Master Chief Petty Officer Campa's accomplishments as a leader however, are matched by his stature as a warfighter. As a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman, he served alongside Sailors and Marines in peace and war," Roughead said.

CNO said Campa should be proud of his many contributions and accomplishments while he served as the 11th MCPON, from deckplate leadership to empowering the Navy's senior enlisted community.

"With a singular drive he infused in our chief petty officers' mess a renewed spirit of heritage, service, and high standards. He formed the MCPON's Leadership Mess to coalesce fleetwide chiefs around those renewed standards and expectations. He created and enforced The Chief Petty Officer Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles," Roughead said.

CNO said Campa was also his trusted advisor and helped him transition into his position as the Chief of Naval Operations. He talked of traveling with Campa to the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan.

WASHINGTON (Dec. 12, 2008) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa, Jr. delivers remarks during the Passing of the Cutlass and his retirement ceremony at the Sail Loft at the Washington Navy Yard. Master Chief Rick D. West is replacing Campa and will be the 12th MCPON. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jennifer A. Villalovos).

"As we visited and met with our Sailors and I would watch him interact with our Sailors, it was so clear to me that what was shining through was the respect, the admiration, the obligation and indeed the love he had for every man and woman who wears the uniform that we hold so dear," Roughead said.

CNO welcomed MCPON West and said he looks forward to working with him.

"Master Chief West brings to the office extreme competence and the quiet confidence that has earned him respect across the fleet and throughout the ranks."

WASHINGTON (Dec. 12, 2008) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa, Jr., left, gives the cutlass to Master Chief Rick D. West during the Passing of the Cutlass ceremony at the Sail Loft at the Washington Navy Yard. West is replacing Campa as the 12th MCPON. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jennifer A. Villalovos).

"He will be my eyes and ears wherever the Navy may be, and I look forward to working very close with him and to take advantage of his sage and wise advice because I know he will tell me not what I want to hear, but what I need to hear."

West most recently served as Fleet Master Chief for Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk. He had previously served as Pacific Fleet Master Chief.

Combined Bachelor Quarters recognizes personnel at luncheon

Photos by Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Navy Gateway Inn's and Suites and bachelor housing director Gilbert Roque (left) and CBQ department head CSCS(SW) Michael Reed (right) presents a Letter of Commendation to Ms. Lucy Fernandez for all her hard work during the "Wings Over South Texas" air show.

Navy Gateway Inn's and Suites and bachelor housing director Gilbert Roque (left) and CBQ department head CSCS(SW) Michael Reed (right) presents a traditional Texas state plaque to CS1(SW) David W. Woodus (center) who retired after 20-years of service.

CBQ House Keeping supervisor, Mrs. Ida Cardnas (second from right) retired after 30-years of service at a luncheon held Dec. 12 in the CBQ lounge.

Student aviators conduct first carrier landings aboard USS Abraham Lincoln

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) James R. Evans, USS Abraham Lincoln Public Affairs

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, at sea (NNS) -- For the first time since 2004, USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) flight deck served as a training ground for student pilots flying the Navy's advanced jet training aircraft, the T-45 Goshawk, Dec. 10-13.

Student aviators assigned to Training Air Wing TWO (TW-2) training squadrons VT-21 and VT-22, and Training Air Wing One (TW-1) squadrons VT-7 and VT-9 based in Meridian, Miss., flew aboard Dec. 10 for four days of initial carrier qualifications off the coast of southern California. For these new pilots, the arrested landings and catapult launches they completed aboard Lincoln are the culmination of 11-13 months of intense flight training.

"This is the first jet they've flown, and it's their first time on a carrier," said LCDR Mark Schadt, Chief of Naval Air Training's (CNATRA) senior landing signal officer (LSO). "They've spent the last 11 months learning to fly the T-45 and before that they flew T-34s (a propeller driven trainer) for up to 10 months. This is one of the last things they'll have to do before they go to a Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) and learn to fly their assigned fleet aircraft."

After the training wing's arrival and early qualification flights Thursday, students gathered in Lincoln's ready room to critique their landings with LSOs like Schadt. Many were still visibly excited from their first "traps" and conversations were animated as student pilots reenacted their final seconds before hitting the deck.

"It's a totally surreal experience," said 1st Lt. David Fickle, a prior-enlisted Marine assigned to "Eagles" of VT-7, who completed his first arrested landing aboard Lincoln Dec. 10. "I had seen all the videos and documentaries on the military channel, but when you actually get here, it's not like anything you perceived. Coming in, everything on the deck – the planes, the people − looks so much smaller, and then you definitely know it when you catch the wire. It's a huge adrenaline rush."

Fickle said that despite all the practice and instruction students receive flying carrier landing patterns and approaches at their home fields, nothing can fully prepare a pilot for the task of catching a wire on the comparatively tiny deck of a carrier while it's in motion. In the ultra-competitive environment of naval aviation, students who had distinguished themselves flying over land found themselves, quite literally, in the same boat with everyone else.

"You develop a certain pride in competition, and I was in the upper echelon flying 'the ball' at the field," said Fickle. "But for me and a lot of others, this was a big punch in the guts. Today I was bolting like crazy, and I don't know if it was from the lens being a lot farther in front of me or seeing all the people and planes parked out there, but it was a very humbling experience."

Despite the sweat-drenched, white-knuckle landings, Shadt and Fickle both described launching from a steam-powered catapult for the first time as a more memorable experience.

"Most of the students are so focused flying the approach and getting their numbers right that they barely remember the landings, but for the launch they're just kind of along for the ride," said Schadt. "If you've ever been to Magic Mountain at Six Flags in California, they have a Superman ride there. It's a lot like the Superman ride."

The Boeing T-45 Goshawk is the U.S. Navy's version of the British Aerospace Hawk. Using the same airframe, it incorporates aspects of the F/A-18's avionics suite and the ability to land on an aircraft carrier to better prepare pilots to fly the Navy's premier fighter aircraft. One pilot who trained aboard Lincoln has experience in both the Hawk and the Goshawk.

LT Stephen Collins is an exchange pilot who has flown the Hawk for the British Royal Navy and is now training in the Goshawk with the "Tigers" of VT-9. Collins and four student pilots from India flew aboard Lincoln to train, as they have for the entire curriculum, alongside their U.S. counterparts. His goal is to qualify to the same standard as U.S. pilots so that he can fly U.S. F/A-18E/F Super Hornets as part of his exchange program.

"The U.S. and the Royal Navy have worked together very closely on the Joint Strike Fighter program," said Collins. "The ultimate aim is for us to get some experience flying a jet with very similar capabilities to that one. It's a good trade, the U.S. gets a pilot out of it and the Royal Navy gets the experience."

While student pilots of Training Air Wings 1 and 2 worked to overcome their inexperience, for Lincoln's flight deck and air traffic control personnel, the challenge was putting their own experience to work and avoiding complacency.

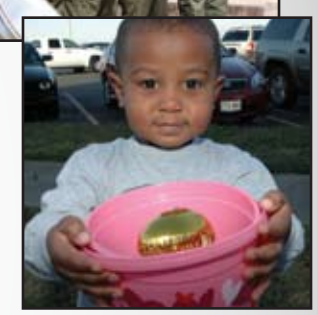
"For most of the people up there right now, having just completed a 7-month deployment, it's was almost business as usual," said LT Cory Pope, a catapult and arresting gear officer and Lincoln's V-5 division officer. "We just had to be a little extra cautious and remember that these folks had never done this before. We wanted to keep them safe too."

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/.

A T-45 Goshawk from training Air Wing TWO receives direction by Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Steven J. Shinault on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). TW-2 completed carrier qualifications for 26 student aviators from TW-2 Dec. 14 off the coast of California. Lincoln is conducting training and carrier qualifications. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Robert A. Robbins).

A T-45 Goshawk from Training Air Wing TWO prepares for launch as another performs a touch-and go on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) during carrier qualifications off the California coast Dec. 10-13. Twenty six student aviators from VT-21 and VT-22 participated in the carrier qualification detachment as their final evolution in advanced jet/strike training at NAS Kingsville. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class James R. Evans).

NAS Kingsville year in review



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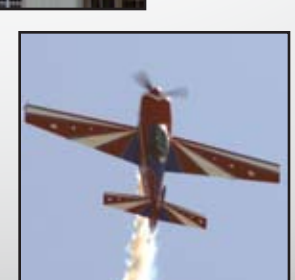

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2008 "Fair winds and following seas"

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Navy Birthday Ball

Naval Safety Center launches joint service winter safety campaign

By April Phillips, Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- The Naval Safety Center, in conjunction with the Army Combat Readiness Center and the Air Force Safety Center, launched a joint winter safety campaign Dec.1.

Last year, six Sailors and Marines did not live to see the end of the holiday season because they were killed on the highway. While motor vehicle mishaps continue to be the biggest killer of Sailors and Marines, there are other risks associated with the winter months.

Each service's safety Web site will contain resources such as videos, presentations, articles and posters that can be used in command safety standdowns. The Navy's information is located at www.safetycenter.navy.mil/seasonal/winter08/index.asp.

The campaign contains information on drunk, fatigued, and winter driving, as well as winter recreation safety and holiday risk management. The information is designed to be shared with family and friends as well as service members.

"The holidays are a time to celebrate with loved ones, but they are also a time of increased risk," said Col. Mark Vanous, deputy commander of the Naval Safety Center. "More of our Sailors and Marines are on the highways during this time and many are driving long hours to get to their destinations, which increases the odds that tragedy may strike. Risk management can make the difference between coming back to work safely after the New Year or winding up as a statistic."

The Joint Service Winter Safety Campaign runs through the end of the winter season.

The campaign material is intended to provide leaders with the tools they need to educate their young Sailors and Marines, as well as Soldiers and Airmen, about risks that affect us all. These tools will be updated throughout the holiday season, so NSC recommends checking the Web site often, along with the links to the resources provided by the other services.

(Winging continued from page 1)

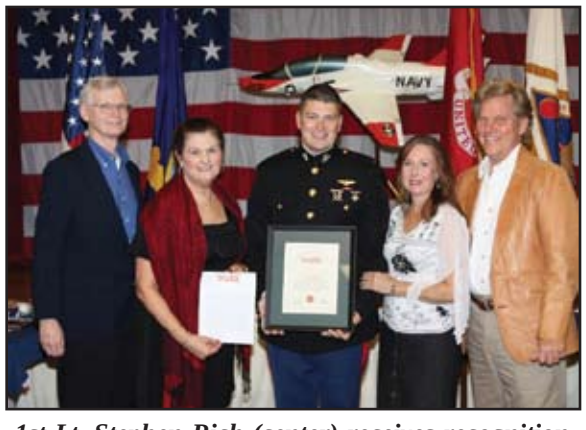
Receiving their Wings from VT-21 were: LT Casey A. Bates, Carver, Mass.(E2-C-2); 1st Lt. Eric C. Brye, Pittsburgh, Pa.(F/A-18 E/F); LTJG Joel D. Chase, Jackson, Mich.(E-2/C-2); LTJG Joel R. Kent III, Bristol, Pa.(E-2/C-2); LTJG Christopher M. Kingery, San Diego, Calif.(E-2/C-2); and LTJG Tyler L. Smith, Sacramento, Calif. (E-2/C-2).

From VT-22: 1st Lt. Johusa W. Allgood, Cherry Point, N.C. (EA-6B); LTJG Michael J. Austin, Seattle, Wash. (F/A-18); LTJG Patrick R. Collins, Elkhart, Ind. (E-2/C-2); 1st Lt. Aaron M. Hamblin, Midland, Texas (AV-8); LTJG Matthew B. Kohlman, Orange, Calif. (E-2/C-2); LTJG. John D. Lockard, San Diego, Calif. (F/A-18 E/F); and 1st Lt. Stephen L. Rich, Jacksonville, Fla. (AV-8).

1st Lt. Rich also received a special award during the ceremony for volunteer efforts. Local Toys for Tots sponsors Jerry and Lisa Bockholt presented Rich with a "Directors Award" for his support with the 2007 Toys for Tots campaign.

LT Casey A. Bates (left) received the "Top Hook" award.

Additions to the Commodore's List are (center from left to right) LTJG Patrick R. Collins, LTJG Michael J. Austin, and 1st Lt. Eric C. Brye.



1st Lt. Stephen Rich (center) receives recognition from Jerry and Lisa Bockholt (right) for his work with Toys for Tots.

2009 Naval Leader Development Guide now available

From Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) completed the 2009 edition of the Naval Leader Development Guide (NLDG) and posted it to Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Dec. 4.

"In this year's edition of the guide, you will find not only the annual calendar with important dates every naval leader should know but a host of other resources that will help in your day-to-day activities," said CAPT Jonathan Picker, CPPD commanding officer. "From course listings that Sailors can use to further their development to planning worksheets Sailors can use to organize professional growth. I hope everyone will find this guide a useful tool."

NLDG brings together myriad information. This year's edition includes a 15-month calendar (January 2009-March 2010); a complete list of CPPD courses and services; Navy and Marine Corps selection board and fitness report and evaluation schedules; and the Navy and Marine Corps Professional Reading Program lists. Also returning is the personal and professional development section, which includes planning steps; goal development assistance and worksheets; and the mentoring compass.

"It is a unique privilege to work on a project like the NLDG each year, knowing that the information we're providing is being used by Sailors every day, " said Master Chief (SW) Gretchen Boals, CPPD command master chief. "Every time we visit our learning site or Navy college office host commands and bases and see the guide in use, I know we're making an impact in the lives of our Sailors."

Commands can download the portable document format (PDF) version of the guide free from NKO or order copies from the Document Automation and Production Service by logging on to the Naval Forms Online Web site http://navalforms.daps.dla.mil/web/public/home and ordering by Navy Stock Number 0115-LF-133-4800.

To download the 2009 Naval Leader Development Guide, visit www.nko.navy.mil and select the leadership link. The guide can be downloaded as either a PDF file for printing or as an Excel file for importing into Microsoft Outlook.

Students of CPPD leadership courses will receive copies of the guide.

Welcome Aboard!

The following personnel have reported for duty.

Capt. Luke Prigg, USMC
Instructor Pilot, VT-21
Seattle, Wash.

LT Danny M. Cook, USN
Instructor Pilot, VT-21
Grants Pass, Org.

LT Todd R. Matson, USN
Instructor Pilot, VT-22
Sayreville, N.J.

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2nd annual "Teddy Bender" Pie and Turkey Shoot

By ETCM Isaias Gamez, Command Master Chief

It was a mild 68 degrees with a north-easterly wind of about 6 knots, Friday Dec. 12 at the NAS Kingsville Skeet Range and the distinct smell of burning mesquite filled the air and provided a slight sting to one's eyes. The sky was clear and the warmth of the sun could be felt as the sun rays reflected of your body. Despite a base-wide safety stand down, six area controlled burns, two command/departmental holiday parties (Air Ops and the Branch Health Clinic), the 2nd annual "Teddy Bender" Pie and Turkey Skeet Shoot started right on time as advertised.

AC1(AW) Daniel Garza (right) patiently awaits the release of the clay target by AOCS(AW) Jay Corley the event Skeet Range Operator. (Photo by RP2 Norman Otters)

LTJG Ted Bender, founder of the annual fundraiser, transferred from NAS Kingsville in June 2007, but the event lives on is his honor. The Chief Petty Officers' Association (CPOA) picked up the responsibility to carry the "Clays" and tradition. However, in retrospect, the realization of the event actually turned into a "Team Kingsville" collaboration - especially to prepare the facilities for the event.

The Security Department, first and foremost, provided weapons registration services, while Public Works CPOs Ryan Wystub and Tom Taylor provided the materials required to refurbish and paint the skeet huts via PWD's "Self Help" program. Field Support personnel ABH2 Emilio Ortiz and ETCM(SW/AW) Isaias Gamez provided the elbow grease needed to beautify the huts. PWC contactors performed all the heavy mowing around the skeet range.

MWR director Tara Culbertson donated the use of the skeet range for the Operation fundraiser, and AOCS(AW) Jay Corley directed the manicure of the shooter positions and removal of a non-endangered tree species growing adjacent to the skeet hut. Corley also doubled as the Skeet Range operator.

Prizes for the event were donated by three different organizations: The Officers Wives Club, headed by Sue Waddingham, provided eight pies; Navy Exchange manager Ofelia Alvarez provided the grab bag prizes for the third place contestants; and DECA commissary director Patricia Land donated the Turkeys for first place winners.

The CPOA cooked up burger plates for the hungry shooters. Photo coverage was provided by RP2 Norman Otters of the Chaplain's Office, and Safety manager Kordeen Kor, and range safety officer AO2 Nathan Guffy joined in to ensure the event would go without incident. As a result, none of the shooters went home with additional ventilation ports.

The first couple of rounds were PIE Rounds. Talent was quickly noted with ENS Brandon Hempler, by his effortless from-the-hip style. The PIE rounds also served as warm-up and weapons familiarization rounds, i.e. LCDR Tabitha Pierzchala after six clays flew by unscathed, discovered the operational characteristics of the safety switch.

AC1 "Pump" Garza was "odd man out," with his Remington pump action rifle. The warm up rounds would prove to be full of colorful metaphors and "Free the Clay" results.

Jared Teat (NAVFAC) was smooth, calculative and a steady shot. Dirty Harry would not be "Feeling Lucky " if he went head-to-head with Mr. Teat.

Shooter stamina was also apparent. CDR Scott Allen, NAS Kingsville Executive Officer, seemed to be on a curfew with only one box of ammo. After expending all of his bullets, the XO had to punch out. Which only goes to show, you can be the XO all of the time; But you can not be the XO all of the time some of the time.

The Shooter deserving honorable mention was Michael Allen. While shooting from position eight, he "bulls-eyed" a clay and completely pulverized the "little feller." All that remained was a small puffy black cloud.

The final Turkey Round was rivetingly tense and you could literally hear a pin drop. Well, not really, but the competition took a surprising turn. Final placing was as follows. Teat was the first place turkey winner with 21 of 25 clays. "Pump" Garza came in second place with 19 of 25 clays and won the second place turkey. ENS Hempler (VT-21) placed third with 18 of 25 clays and won a pie. LCDR Pierzchala came in fourth and walked off with a pie.

All in all, everyone that participated in the event had a great time and the CPOA was able to raise a few dollars towards Operation Shipmate. All participants agreed that that was the Best Pie and Turkey Shoot they had attended all year!!

AFTERMATH: The "Free the Clays" movement will be glad to hear that after the event a total of 97 clays were rescued and returned to their box.

CDR Scott Allen, Executive Officer, NASK (right) and Frank Gaia from Outdoor Recreation relax after using up all their ammo. (Photo by RP2 Norman Otters)

Navy Knowledge Online Orientation at the Library - Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. the Library staff will hold a short class on what the library section of NKO has available. This great site is for active duty, retirees, and dependants. If you are in the DEERS system, then you have access to this resource. For more information, call the Library at 516-6271.

Texas State Vehicle Inspection - If your Texas State Vehicle Inspection expires this month, stop by the Auto Skills Center and get it renewed to avoid any costly fines. For more information, contact Auto Skills at 516-6248.

Dec. 1-30 - $10 off weekend or $20 off week long camper trailer rentals. For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 516-6191.

Time Machine-New Year's Resolutions - Drop by the Liberty Center on 30 Dec. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., put your New Year's Resolutions in writing, and then drop them in the time capsule. We will open them up in Dec. 2009 and see how well you stuck to them.

Science Fiction Day - The Station Library will be giving out two free paperback science fiction books from their paperback exchange to all who would like them. Stop by and browse what they have on 2 Jan. 2009. For more information, call 516-6271.

CDC Parent Involvement Board Meeting - January's meeting will be held on 13 Jan. 2009 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 516-6176.

Kid's Night Out - Enjoy a well deserved night out while the kids do the same at the CDC on 16 Jan. 2009. For more information, call the CDC at 516-6176.

Bowling Leagues

In the Dog House Fall League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. 3 Minds in the Gutter	44.0	28.0	0.0
2. Lane Breakers	40.5	31.5	3.5
3. Tumbalos	33.5	38.5	10.5
4. The Rebels	33.0	39.0	11.0
5. The Pin-Heads	33.0	39.0	11.0
6. Hounds	27.5	44.5	16.5
7. Los Tres Vatos	16.5	19.5	27.5
8. Ghost	0.0	0.0	44.0

Wednesday Nite Mixed League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Tidy Bowlers	33.0	19.0	0.0
2. Petes Angels	29.0	23.0	4.0
3. Laugh Out Loud	29.0	23.0	4.0
4. Big K Rollers	28.0	24.0	5.0
5. DUH's	28.0	24.0	5.0
6. Sixty Forty	28.0	24.0	5.0
7. Guttermouths	27.0	25.0	6.0
8. Ghost	0.0	0.0	33.0

Winnie the Pooh Birthday - Come join the Station Library as they celebrate Winnie the Pooh's Birthday on 16 Jan. 2009. The event starts at 4 p.m. Contact the Station Library for more information at 516-6271.

HOG PEN

AUSTIN, TEXAS – The Texas A&M-Kingsville women's basketball team, 7-20 a year ago, have now won seven of their last eight games after beating Texas A&M International on Saturday afternoon at the St. Edward's Christmas Tournament, 83-75.

The Javelinas (7-4) fell behind by as many as 12 points in the first half as the Dustdevils (3-8) came out firing on all cylinders. TAMIU had five different players knock down a three-pointer in the first 8:28 of the game to give them a 23-11 lead. The Dustdevils finished the game 13-of-27 from behind the arc.

The Javelinas started to hit their stride midway through the first half when the trio of LaKeisha Jones, Ursula Hill and Dyana Bullinger proved to be unstoppable on the offensive end. The Javs closed to within 40-33 with three minutes to play in the half when the offense went into over drive. Over the final 2:55 the Hoggies scored 15 points and closed the half on a 10-0 run that gave them a 48-42 halftime lead.

The second half began with three-pointers by Felicia Soza and Hill to make it a 12-point Javelina lead. The lead ballooned to 18 points midway through the final period and the Dustdevils would never threaten again.

Jones, the Javs' senior center, led all players with 24 points in the game on 8-of-13 shooting from the floor and an 8-of-9 performance at the foul line. She added eight rebounds and was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 22 points and nine boards in the two games.

The Javelinas are now off until January 3 when they host University of Central Oklahoma at 2 o'clock in the Steinke Center.

Youth Center goes Christmas Caroling

NAS Kingsville staff personnel were treated to a holiday concert Dec. 19 on the NAS Kingsville quarterdeck as Delia Martinez and children from the Youth Activities Center stopped by to sing Christmas carols and spread holiday cheer. Photo by Jon Gagné.

Happy Holidays from around the station

Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews (left) and RP2 Norman Otters.

NASK Branch Health Clinic staff.

From left: CDR Scott Allen, Executive Officer, NASK; Janie Ramos, ETCM(SW) Isaias Gamez; CAPT Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, NASK.

Fleet and Family Support Center. From left: Curtis McFarland, Jo Beth Walter, Lucy Clarkson, Rosa Balderas, Ramon Panganiban, and Frank Firmatura.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff and the Child Development Center gathered together on the steps of The Captains Club.

Housing Director Lynn Early (right) and Carol Garza.

Breakfast with Santa