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"The World's Best Pilots are Trained Here!"

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*Skipper announces Sailors of the Year as*

## Awards ceremony recognizes superior performance, Community Outreach

*By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs*

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham presented medals and awards to more than 30 personnel Tuesday, Feb. 17 during an official all hands call and awards ceremony at the Captain's Club and Convention Center on base. Highlighting the awards was the announcement of the 2008 Sailors of the Year and Blue-jacket of Year.

"I salute the efforts of all of you," Waddingham told command personnel. "You continue to impress me with your performance and professionalism. I am also proud to announce our 2008 Sailors of the Year today and congratulate them on their selection. Each of them has distinguished themselves at the department level through superior performance, but they have also played a key role in mission accomplishment for the entire Naval Air Station."

Sr. Sailor of the Year honors went to AC1 (AW) Israel Luera of the Air Operations Department's Air Traffic Control (ATC) division. Luera serves as ATC leading petty officer, Asst. radar Chief, and Facility Watch Supervisor. The 38-year old native of Corpus Christi has 19 years of service including five years of sea duty.

"AC1 Luera's in-depth technical knowledge and precise control were key in Training Air Wing TWO's ability to accomplish all training requirements and successfully complete more than 46,000 high tempo flight operations," said Air Ops leading chief ADCS (AW/SW) Jon Bess. "His consistent ambition as Leading Petty Officer, Assistant

Radar Chief, and Facility Watch Supervisor set him apart from his peers. His inspiring motivation and training techniques were instrumental to 40 qualifications, ensuring continued operational readiness and flexibility of the Air Traffic Control Team."

Air Traffic Control leading chief ACC (AW/SW) Mike Presnell agrees, adding that Luera is also extremely dedicated to the Sailors that work for him. "He is a leader who takes a true interest in the development of junior Sailors and has a passion for making a difference at NAS Kingsville," Presnell said.

Luera was presented a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his selection as Sailor of the Year. He will now represent the Air Station in the Regional Sailor of the Year competition in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Junior Sailor of the Year is CS2 Bernice Meno of the Combined Bachelor Quarters/Navy Inns and Suites department.

CS2 Meno, 25, who hails from Meizo, Guam, enlisted in the Navy in December 2001 and reported to NAS Kingsville in January 2007.

"As LPO," Meno said recently, "I supervise 11 civilian and 4 enlisted personnel by providing guidance for their daily work routine, preparing work schedules, and ensure the quality of guest rooms."

Meno, who also serves as president of the Junior Enlisted Association, credits her success to setting reachable goals. "Goals are a must for me," Meno



*Capt. Phil Waddingham presents AC1 (AW/SW) Israel Luera a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal and command plaque in recognition of his selection as the NAS Kingsville Sr. Sailor of the Year for 2008. Luera will now represent NAS Kingsville at the Regional Sailor of the Year competition in Jacksonville, Fla. Photo by EN3 Brenda Acevedo .*

said. "I use goals to measure my success and to ensure that I stay on track with the success of my career."

Her selection as Jr. Sailor of the Year came as no surprise to her department head, CSCS (SW) Mike Reed, who pointed to her commitment to her department, her command, her community, and her fellow Sailors.

"CS2 Meno has been the LPO for about eight months and has made drastic improvements to customer service,"

Reed said. "She's been the driving force behind numerous self-help projects which has saved more than \$13,000 in labor costs. She is also performing far beyond her current pay grade, and she has set high goals for herself and has achieved most already. The one thing that stands out most about her is that she has the ability to motivate her subordinates and has earned the respect

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**Capt. Phil Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer,  
NAS Kingsville

Greetings NAS Kingsville!

I hope you were able to enjoy your time off this past President's day. I am happy to report that we had a safe and quiet President's Day weekend, with no significant incidents. In short, I think it is fair to say whatever plans folks had, they took care of business and enjoyed themselves, while practicing sound risk management! Thank you.

In the last Flying K, I mentioned I would be announcing the date, time, and location for the presentation of the NAS Kingsville "State of the Station" brief in this edition of our paper. So here goes. The plan is to kick off the brief on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30

p.m. in "The Club" ballroom. All personnel not on duty, as well as spouses, are invited to attend. The brief will last approximately 45 minutes, and there will be time allotted for Q&A afterward. If you are anxious to learn about all of the exciting plans for growth and development on board the base, then I hope to see you there!

Finally, I don't know if you have noticed, but our command logos are up at the front gate, as well as the tenant wall located on the right side of General Cavazos as you make your way onto the base. These monikers are actually cast aluminum, and painted in an enamel to withstand the South Texas weather. We had hoped to get these up in time for last year's air show, but better late than never! Some things are worth the wait.

Keep doing the great work, I appreciate what you do.

Waddz sends

**"We Train The World's  
Best Aviators Here"**

## Orange Grove re-enlistment with the Blue Angels



*ABH2 (SW) Sammy Mitchell took the oath of reenlistment from Blue Angels Fat Albert Airlines pilot Maj. Drew Hess Wednesday, Feb. 18 at NALF Orange Grove. The Blues spent the week conducting training at the field. See page 12 for story and more photos.*

## In the Break



**Capt. Bill Davis**  
Commander,  
Training Air Wing TWO

I want to thank my CSO (CDR Tim Carr) and the Deputy Commodore (CAPT Mark Brooks) for their recent input into this column. I hope you enjoyed their thoughts and insight, I know I did. As you know, our mission is to "Train the best aviators in the World" and that requires a full team effort, from both the Wing and the Base. Without our partnership with the Base – Team Kingsville - we could not do the training required to complete our mission – kudos to the all the folks who support the base and especially air operations for their dedicated support to TW-2 and to this country of ours.

As many of you may have noticed we have significantly ramped-up our operations. We have been flying upward of 200 sorties a day and have extended our weekend operations both here and at CRP. We have a backlog of students

waiting to start and an aggressive production requirement to meet the fleet requirements. Last year we were hampered by a lack of instructor pilots and unseasonable weather. We are approaching full instructor manning and the weather has been more toward its seasonal average which has allowed us to ramp up our flying. To get back on our production glide slope we need to fly over 40,000 hours and complete our 20,000 student X's – an ambitious but achievable goal.

Upcoming events include a CQ detachment to North Island this month followed by another CQ detachment to Jacksonville, FL in March and a Weapons detachment in April. The end of March we will have our Winging ceremony on board the USS Lexington, which is a really outstanding and memorable event for those being winged. The guest speaker for that event will be General Amos, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Our schedule remains full and we are going to stay busy and as we continue to meet our goals. In doing so, we must not lose sight of the fact that to attain our goals; we must continue to operate

safely and efficiently focusing on quality of training. Success will require a continued team effort by both the Wing and

the Base – and I know everyone is up to the challenge. Thanks for dedication and support! God bless, BD

## Training Air Wing TWO



*Spouse Appreciation: Letters of Appreciation were presented to Spouses during Training Air Wing TWO's Winging Ceremony Friday, Feb. 13. From left are Mrs. Lindsay Wilson, Lt. Jonathan Erpenbach, and Mrs. Sara Grothues.*

**Faculty Chamber Recital**

Tuesday, March 3, 8-10 p.m.  
Bellamah Music Building Recital Hall  
TAMUK. Free admission. For more  
information, call 593-2803.

**Concert Bands** - Thursday, March 5,  
8-10 p.m. Jones Auditorium, TAMUK  
Campus. Free admission. For more in-  
formation, call 593-2803.

**Baseball** Friday, March 6. Game  
times are 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Nolan  
Ryan Field TAMUK Campus. Twin  
bill against Central Oklahoma.

**National Professional Bull Riders**  
Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 8-10:30  
p.m., JK Northway Convention Center  
Advance Tickets: VIP - \$18, Adult Gen  
Adm - \$10, Child Gen Adm - \$7. At  
the Door: VIP - \$20 Adult Gen Adm  
- \$12 Child Gen Adm - \$8 Advance  
tickets available at Cavenders in Cor-  
pus Christi, Farmers Exchange and  
Cantwell Dodge in Kingsville. Ven-  
dors, Concessions, Kids Calf Scramble  
and lots of bull riding action!



**Baseball:** Saturday, March 7. Game  
times are 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at No-  
lan Ryan Field TAMUK Campus. Twin  
bill against Central Oklahoma.

**Baby with the Bath Water,** Monday,  
March 9, 7:30 p.m. at Little Theater  
Play starts at 7:30 p.m. Dark comedy  
about the difficulties of being parents to  
a newborn. Admission is \$3.

**Baseball:** Friday, March 13. Game  
times 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Nolan  
Ryan Field TAMUK Campus. Twin  
bill against Eastern New Mexico.

**Softball:** Saturday, March 14. Game  
times are 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Softball  
Field TAMUK Campus Double header  
against West Texas A&M.

**Kleberg County Sheriff's Mounted  
Patrol 10th Annual Trail Ride**

Fri.-Sat. March 21-22, King Ranch  
Just Say "Neigh" To Drugs! Join the  
Mounted Patrol for a 15 mile trail ride  
and camp-out on the King Ranch. Par-  
ticipants will be able to stay on the King  
Ranch Friday and Saturday nights, but  
you must provide your own sleeping ac-  
commodations. There is a hay ride avail-  
able for non-riders. You must provide  
your own horse for the trail ride. No stal-  
lions! For registration forms postmarked  
on or before March 1, Adults are \$35 and  
children 12 & under are \$20.

Registration forms postmarked on or  
after March 2, Adults are \$45 and chil-  
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formation, call 361-592-2987 or email  
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**Welcome Aboard**



*The following personnel have reported for duty!*



**ACAA Samuel M. Bivens**  
Air Traffic Controller  
Flat Rock, N.C.



**RP3 Kenneth Greathouse**  
Religious Program Specialist  
Parkersburg, W. Va.



**Lt. Christian Rondestvedt**  
Instructor Pilot, VT-22  
San Diego, Calif.



**Lt. Swaraj Padhi**  
International Flight Student, TW-2  
Bhubaneswar, India



**Sub Lt. Kartik Malhotra**  
International Flight Student, TW-2  
New Delhi, India



**CS3 Erick Soliz**  
Gateway Inns & Suites  
Pasadena, Texas



**ENS Brett Learner**  
Flight Student, TW-2  
Reno, Nev.



**AC2 Mary Greenwood**  
Air Traffic Controller  
Danville, Pa.

## Buffalo Soldier Statue rededication part of DoD's Black History Month observance

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 2009 – The Army reservist grandson of a Buffalo Soldier joined Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. here today to rededicate a statue honoring the soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments, all-black units made up of former slaves, freedmen and black Civil War soldiers.

The rededication of the Army's Eddie Dixon replica Buffalo Soldier statue at the Pentagon kicked off the Army's Black History Month commemoration.

"It is a time for all of us to celebrate the past, present and future contributions of all African-Americans to this nation," Casey said during the ceremony.

The Buffalo Soldiers were highly respected for their tenacity and bravery on the plains during the westward movement and in the Spanish-American War and World War I before being disbanded during World War II.

"They answered the call to service, and in doing so, left an inspiring legacy," Casey said.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Greg Browne, an operations noncommissioned officer at the U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort McPherson, Ga., is among those younger generations who followed the

Buffalo Soldiers' example. His grandfather, Pfc. Sylvanus S. Browne, served with the 9th Cavalry at the turn of the century, and became a commissioned officer in 1917.

The younger Browne, who has been mobilized for four years, said his grandfather's stories about his service filled him with pride and inspired him to join the Army. He enlisted in 1981, the same year his grandfather died, and he has worn the uniform through 28 years of combined active-duty and reserve service.

Today's ceremony felt great, he said, because it ensures the story of the Buffalo Soldiers -- his own family's story -- lives on.

"This is a story that must be told," he said. "I am going to carry it everywhere I go. I want my children to know. I think we have a responsibility to let the ones who come after us to know the history."

At the center of that story, Browne said, is the Buffalo Soldiers' commitment to service when the country needed them.

"It's something very, very strong and very, very powerful, and our family cherishes it," he said. "Everyone needs to serve the country."



Gen. George W. Casey Jr. talks with members of a Buffalo Soldiers chapter at the conclusion of a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., on Feb. 5, 2009. Throughout America's history, from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, black soldiers have served in America's armed forces. During February, the Department of Defense salutes African-American soldiers as part of Black History Month. Photo by Myles Cullen.

Browne and Casey both noted President Barack Obama's call during his inaugural address for all Americans to serve in some capacity. Casey called it striking that Obama had highlighted "the willingness of our armed forces to sacrifice to find meaning in something greater than ourselves" as an example to the country.

The Buffalo Soldiers statue, and the story of service behind it, "represents the very heart of our president's call," Casey said.

"It represents service to the nation during a tough time -- service by Americans determined to make a better future for those who follow them," he added.

-- Story courtesy of DefenseLink.Mil

## Celebrating Black History Month



**MM3 Dadrian Coleman**  
Post Office

"I think of my grandfather Willie Coleman Sr., because he went through a lot growing up and he paved the way for his children and grandchildren."



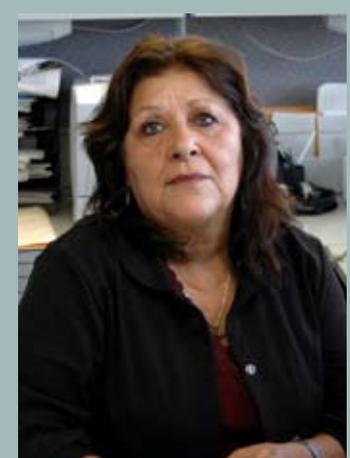
**CS2 Keturia Laidlaw**  
Bachelor Housing

"I think of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because he paved the way for minorities to be where we are today, including having a black President."



**CS2 Montreon Smith**  
VITA Office

"I think of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because he stood for peace for all mankind all over the world."



**Elodia Perez**  
Personnel Property office

"I think about President Barack Obama because he accomplished something big and it makes me very happy."

In recognition of Black History month, we asked 4 "Team Kingsville" members who they think of most when they think of Black History.

## Suicide Awareness, Code of Conduct and other training available on NKO

By Susan Lawson, Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- A wide variety of topics are included in the new list of general military training (GMT) announced via NAVADMIN message Jan. 30.

Topics this year include code of conduct, suicide awareness, law of war and stress management training. The curriculum materials for the first six GMT topics have been distributed to commands and are also posted on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO). Seven additional topics will be delivered to commands in March and will also be available for download on NKO.

"The effectiveness of this training will be enhanced by the presence and participation of officers and chief petty officers, who can mentor their fellow shipmates by passing on knowledge of the Navy's Core Values through the four main GMT subject areas," said Cmdr. George Michaels, training director for the Center for Personal and Professional Development. The development command oversees curriculum updates and manages the development and distribution of GMT materials for command use throughout the fleet.

GMT is non-occupational general training, taught at the command level, and is required periodically for all Navy uniformed personnel.

Topics are values-based, emphasizing commitment to integrity and effective decision making. Each of the 2009 topics falls under one of the four subject areas: Navy heritage, personal

growth and professional relationships, managing risk, and wellness.

The 2009 topics include: code of conduct, introduction to stress management, combating trafficking in persons awareness training, introduction to anger management, sexual health – unplanned pregnancy prevention, equal opportunity – religious accommodations, introduction to the Navy's hazing policy, introduction to time-critical risk management, law of war, domestic violence, personal financial management – surviving the holidays, alcohol awareness - enabling alcohol misuse, and introduction to stress response continuum and suicide awareness.

Web-based lessons are available through Navy e-Learning located on NKO. Once training is completed, it is automatically recorded in Fleet Training Management & Planning System (FLTMPS) and reflected in the Sailor's electronic training jacket. Commands can also download the GMT topics from NKO and deliver them locally. Commands using this delivery method will have to ensure course completion for their Sailors is recorded in FLTMPS by their command training officer.

For more information read NAVADMIN 033/09, or visit [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil) and select the Personal Development link. Information on 2009 topics can be found on the GMT page.

For more news from Center for Personal and Professional Development, visit [www.navy.mil/local/voledpao/](http://www.navy.mil/local/voledpao/).

## Seabee ships over for four more years

By EN3 Brenda Acevedo

Public Works personnel and friends Sonny and Rachel Nelson watched as Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) Demictrick S. Jacobs took the oath of re-enlistment Friday, Feb. 6.

After being in the U.S. Navy for 10 years, Jacobs was offered a \$5,000 bonus to continue serving for an additional four years.

With two years of service at NAS Kingsville, Jacobs is due to PCS in March to Gulfport, Miss., where he will work under his Seabee rating with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133. Jacobs hopes to make First Class before transferring, he then would like to retire as a Chief after completing 20 years of service.



Lt. j.g. Malvin Fikes (right) presents CM2(SCW) Demictrick S. Jacobs with a Certificate of Reenlistment.

"I re-enlisted because the economy isn't doing so great, [and] it gives me great job security," he said.

Lt. Fikes served as re-enlistment officer for the ceremony.

## Exercise Solid Curtain 2009

Naval Air Station Kingsville will participate in a Navy-wide security exercise called "Solid Curtain" Feb. 23-27. This annual exercise is directed by Commander, Navy Installations Command, and is conducted on all Navy installations to enhance Security force readiness and abilities to prepare for and defend against threats. This is a routine exercise and is NOT in response to any specific threat.

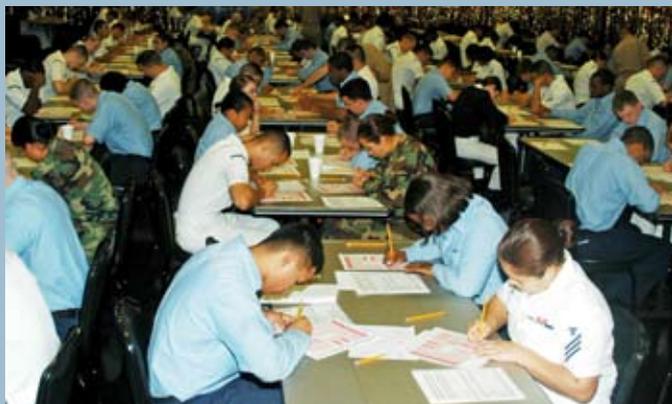
"Solid Curtain is an annual exercise conducted throughout the Navy," said Capt. Phil Waddingham, NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer. "We use this exercise to test and train our security forces and review our force protection and response plans.

There will be some impact for people coming on and off the base during this exercise and we ask our visitors to be patient and to follow the directions of our gate guards."

People entering the Air Station can expect possible increased traffic or delays in base access, increased security activities at all gates, and increased patrols on and around the installation. There is also the possibility of restricted gate access Feb. 24.

All personnel entering the base should ensure that they have the proper personal identification when accessing the base, including a current driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

## Exercise Solid Curtain 2009



### March Exams:

**E-6 Exam**  
Thursday, March 5

**E-5 Exam**  
Thursday, Mar 12

**E-4 Exam**  
Thursday, Mar 19

*Have you studied for your Exam?*

## 10 receive Wings of Gold

Ten student pilots were designated as Naval Aviators and presented their coveted Wings of Gold at a winging ceremony at the Captain's Club Friday, Feb. 13. More than 100 turned out for the ceremony, which also included the completion of training for four Indian Navy students. Special guest for the ceremony was Indian Navy Commodore Monty Khanna, defense attache for the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Front row (from left) Commodore Monty Khanna, Indian Navy; Lt. Rajagopalan Raman; Lt. j.g. Douglas Grothues; Lt. j.g. James Paquette; Lt. j.g. Kristen Erpenbach; Lt. Bhanu Pratap Singh Godara; Lt. j.g. Michael Shaughnessy; Lt. V. Adnan Latif; Cmdr. Bill Bulis, Commanding Officer, VT-21. Back row: Commodore Bill Davis, TW-2; Cmdr. Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22; Cmdr. Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22; Lt. Sunil S. Patil; Lt. j.g. Jared Barnard; Lt. j.g. Tyler Wilson; Capt. Mark Brooks, Deputy Commander, TW-2; Cmdr. Tim Carr, Chief Staff Officer, TW-2; Cmdr. John Kelsey, Executive Officer VT-21; Maj. Brian Rolf, Senior Marine, TW-2.



The Navy and Marine Corps' newest Naval Aviators pose with Training Air Wing TWO and Indian Navy personnel following the Wing Ceremony Feb. 13. Photo by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs.

The NASK Fleet & Family Support Center, MWR, the Navy Federal Credit Union, and the Kingsville Better Business Bureau present the:

## Military Saves Financial Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 25  
at the Fleet & Family Support Center  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All NAS Kingsville military, civilian, and contract personnel are invited to attend. The program includes short briefs on planning for your financial future and plenty of refreshments.

Take the "Saver Pledge" and be eligible to win a \$50 Savings Bond!

Come join us for this special event and help change your financial future!

### Team Kingsville MVPs (Most Valuable People)



#### Carol Garza

Hometown: Premont, Texas  
Housing Office  
Ms. Garza has worked at NAS Kingsville for three years. For the Housing Office, she refers military and Border Patrol personnel to PPV Housing.

#### MM2 (SW) Martin Hernandez

Hometown: Kenedy, Texas  
FISC Det Jacksonville  
MM2 Hernandez reported to the Supply staff at FISC Det Jax-Kingsville in 2007 and works in the mail room. His job consists of sorting, separating, and distributing all incoming mail, and collecting and processing all outgoing packages for all NASK commands.



#### HM2 (FMF) Jeremy J. Stack

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.  
Branch Clinic, Laboratory Dept.  
HM2 Stack has been assigned to the NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic for just over 5 months. In his job he prepares all blood testing involving flight medicine and routine patient care.

## Motorcycle Safety Expo comes to NAS Kingsville

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department and the NAS Kingsville Safety Office are teaming up to sponsor the first Motorcycle Safety Expo aboard the air station Friday, Feb. 26.



The event will be held at the Captain's Club and Convention Center from 2-5 p.m.

Guests will be able to check out some of the hottest custom and production bikes in South Texas from jaw-dropping custom models, to Corpus Christi dealer models from Harley-Davidson, Dynamo Cycle, Cycle Plaza, and Irv Thomas Honda Suzuki.

There will be a special safety presentation provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, numerous safety displays, and information on the latest safety issues confronting motorcyclist, as well as door prizes, and door prizes. Don't miss this great opportunity to spend the afternoon talking with other motorcycle enthusiasts, while learning how to stay safe on and off the road.

Feel free to bring your own bike to put on display. All NAS Kingsville personnel are invited to attend. Food will be made available for purchase by the NAS Kingsville Chief Petty Officers' Association, and the K-BAR will be open as well. For more information, contact Shirley Ley at 516-6734.

**VT-21 Redhawks Roundup:****Wallace is VT-21 Instructor of the Year****By Lt. Moses Smith****VT-21 Public Affairs Officer**

During the 2008 Instructor Pilot awards ceremony at the Kings Crossing Country Club in Corpus Christi last December, Training Squadron Twenty One (VT-21) proudly announced Lt. Michael "Junior" Wallace as the "Redhawks" Instructor Pilot of the year. Lt. Wallace was chosen from more than 30 instructor pilots as being the most influential in instructing Student Naval Aviators toward earning their Wings of Gold.

"Lt. Wallace has done an amazing job instructing since he arrived here over a year and a half ago," said VT-21 Executive Officer Cmdr. John Kelsey.

"His passion for flying and instructing is truly inspirational to all of us and this award is well-deserved."

Wallace was born on April 25, 1974 at Clark Air Force Base (AFB), Philippines. As with any military brat he moved around

a lot but ultimately calls Germantown, Tenn., home. Following his graduation from Germantown High School in 1992, Wallace was accepted to the University of Memphis where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in economics in 1999. He began Officer Candidate School (OCS) with class 18-00 in February 2000 and was commissioned an ensign in June 2000. The same year he began primary flight training in the T-37B "Tweet" at Vance AFB in Enid, Okla..

Upon completion of primary Wallace began Intermediate and Advance jet training in Meridian, Miss., flying the T-2C "Buckeye" and the T-45C "Goshawk." Wallace earned his Wings of Gold in May 2002 and received follow-on orders to VF-101 at NAS Oceana, Va., to begin Fleet Replacement training in the F-14 "Tomcat."

Wallace's next assignment was with VF-32 where he completed his first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In the fall of 2005, VF-32 transitioned from



the F-14D to the F-18F "Super Hornet."

Lt. Wallace reported to VT-21 in June 2007. He currently serves as the VT-21 Carrier Qualifications (CQ) Stage Head and the International Military Student Officer,

(IMSO). He has logged more than 1,500 hours in Navy aircraft, and completed 200 arrested landings.

He and his wife Amber have two children: Grant, 4, and Luke, 2.

**Personnel receive medals and commendations***(continued from page 1)*

of them as well. This is a trait that is not normally found in such a Junior Sailor."

The 2008 Bluejacket of the Year is AC3 Formai Aokuso who is also assigned to the Air Operations Department Air Traffic Control Division. The Santa Fe, Calif., native reported aboard the air station in June 2007. Since his arrival, he has continued to impress his supervisors and coworkers with his work ethic.

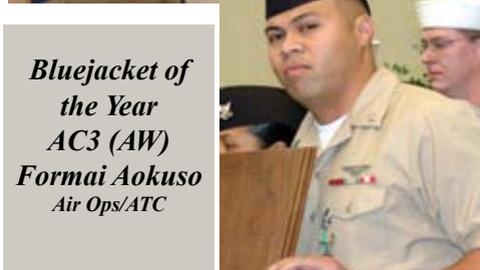
ACC Presnell believes Aokuso's selection as Bluejacket of the Year is just the first of many accomplishments for Aokuso.

"Petty Officer Aokuso is a motivated Air Traffic Controller," Presnell said, "[who is] quickly progressing through a complex training syllabus at one of the Navy's busiest Approach Control facilities. Additionally, he is flawless when it comes to the upkeep of training records for his 25 person watch team. I see a very successful future for AC3 Aokuso in the Navy."

Personnel also received Letters of Commendation (LOCs) for Communi-



**Jr. Sailor of the Year**  
**CS2 (SW)**  
**Bernice Meno**  
*Gateway Inns & Suites*



**Bluejacket of the Year**  
**AC3 (AW)**  
**Formai Aokuso**  
*Air Ops/ATC*

ty Outreach efforts. Capt. Waddingham presented LOC's to 24 personnel for their volunteer efforts with the Kingsville Martin Luther King Jr. holiday parade in downtown Kingsville, and 12 members of the Junior Enlisted Association for their volunteer efforts with Operation Paintbrush, a Community Outreach Program sponsored by the Keep Kingsville Beautiful Committee. Waddingham also recognized Sailors who were nominated by their departments for Sailor of the Quarter, and for their efforts with the 2008 Navy Ball.

**Awards & Recognition****Letter of Commendation  
Bluejacket of the Quarter**

CS2 Keturia Laidlaw,  
Navy Inns & Suites

**Operation Paintbrush  
Letters of Commendation**

CS2 Bernice Meno  
CS2 Keturia Laidlaw  
AC2 Carl Ross  
AC2 (SW) Frank Broom  
ABE2 (AW) Brushun Samuel  
CM2 (SCW) Demictirek Jacobs  
CS2 Holly Clow  
EN2 (SW) Laquita Batiste  
ABH2 (AW) Raymond Gross  
RP2 Norman Otters  
AC2 (AW) Wallace Edwards  
ABH3 Ernesto Arevalo

**Dr. King Holiday Parade  
Letters of Commendation**

AC1 Geoffrey Steele  
AC1 (SW) Eric Tamez  
AD1 (AW) Santos Rivas  
AC2 Kenny Contreras  
RP2 Norman Otters  
ET2 (SW) Joseph Bishop  
ET2 Kelly Rogers  
AM2 (AW) Robert White  
ABH2 Emilio Ortiz

ABH2 Jesus Martinez  
ABH2 William Cinnamon  
ABE2 Alejandro Zavala  
AC2 (SW) Travis Harris  
AC2 (AW) Martin Adrian  
AC2 Carlos Lopez-Haver  
AC2 Ronald Anderson  
AC2 Jeremy Whiteley  
AC3 Geoffrey Gooden  
ACAN Wesley Mooney

**Veteran's Day Parade  
Letters of Commendation**

CS1 (SW) Anthony Court  
CS2 Bernice Meno  
CM2 (SCW) Demictirek Jacobs  
CS2 Holly Clow  
ABH2 (AW) Raymond Gross  
ET2 (SW) John Fuller  
AM2 (AW) Arlie Chambers  
ABH3 (AW) Sammy Mitchell

**Letters of Appreciation  
Sailor of the Quarter Nominations**

ET2 (SW) Samuel Babb  
Air Ops / Ground Electronics

AC3 Charles Craft  
Air Ops / Air Traffic Control

## NCIS Crime Reduction Program targets Identity Theft

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Kristen Allen, Naval Criminal Investigative Service Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is focusing its crime reduction program (CRP) campaign on identity theft through March 31.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country," said NCIS Special Agent Carrie Nelson, CRP coordinator. "This campaign is designed to highlight the protective actions individuals can take to safeguard themselves from becoming a victim."

NCIS has been working closely with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide the most current information on identity theft to all Sailors and Marines during this campaign. The FTC is the federal government's center for resources, information, and coordination with other agencies on identity theft issues. FTC's campaign motto in fighting identity theft is to deter, detect, and defend.

"We do training around the country for federal, state and local law enforcement officers on how to investigate identity crimes and how to assist victims who come to them with identity theft problems," said Betsy Broder, assistant director, FTC Division of Privacy and Identity Protection. "We have a very comprehensive program on consumer education at large and victim assistance."

Victims can report identity theft by writing to the FTC, completing an online complaint form at <https://www.ftc-complaintassistant.gov/>, or calling FTC's toll free hotline 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338). Complaint forms and identity theft information materials are available in English and Spanish.

Broder noted more than 300,000 identity theft complaints were filed with the FTC in 2008. She said service members can have particular problems with identity theft because their Social Security numbers are so closely intertwined with their identities, and Social Security numbers are often what identity thieves are looking for to open up new accounts. Deployments and being stationed overseas also put Sailors and Marines at risk.

"Considering the frequent deployments our service members experience and the amount of time spent away from home, they are at high risk for victimization," added Nelson.

Broder advised service members to be vigilant when handling personal identify-



Sailors use computers in the ship's Chapel library aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) to e-mail families and surf the Internet. U.S. Navy photo.

ing information, especially for those living on ships, or in barracks or other communal living areas where it may not be as easy to protect information. She said personal information needs to be protected whenever possible to prevent identity theft, even if it's on a computer.

"With computers every file that has information about you should at least be password protected, and you should have appropriate filters and firewalls to help prevent electronic id theft," said Broder.

Broder explained members of the armed services who are deploying can place an active duty alert on their credit file, which serves as a red flag to help prevent fraudulent accounts from being opened. If someone attempts to open an account in the service member's name while they are away from their home duty station, it will alert the creditor to ask the applicant for more information and pieces of identification. She also suggested checking a credit report before and after deployments.

"You are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three credit reporting agencies," said Broder. "It's a good idea to check one before you deploy to make sure everything is okay, and then check a report from another agency when you return from the deployment to make sure no fraudulent accounts were opened in your absence."

Along with consistently monitoring credit reports, Broder said there are other important steps service members and their families can take to prevent identity

theft. They include shredding documents with personal information; not carrying Social Security numbers in wallets or purses; safeguarding military IDs; not giving out personal information on the phone, through mail, or over the Internet unless a person knows who they're dealing with; not lending out credit cards or account information; not clicking on unsolicited e-mails; not letting mail pile up if unable to collect it; and not using obvious passwords like your birth date, mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

"Even when you take precautions, there is still the risk that you could become a victim of identity theft," added Broder.

For those who do fall victim to identity theft, Broder said the first thing to do is put a fraud alert on your credit file. Service members can call one of the credit reporting agencies to place the alert, and they will convey the alert to the other two agencies. All fraudulent accounts need to be closed as soon as possible by phone and followed up in writing, and the service member needs to keep good records of all papers and correspondence sent out regarding the fraudulent accounts.

Identity theft victims need to file a police report in order to pursue their rights and start clearing their name and cleaning up credit reports. Sailors and Marines in the United States can make a report at any police department. Personnel who are deployed or stationed overseas, can file a report with base law enforcement.

Broder also advised bringing the issue to the attention of your command because it may require quite a bit of time to resolve the issues, and reporting identity theft issues to the FTC.

"All complaints that come into the FTC are put into the secure Consumer Sentinel network database, and nearly 2,000 law enforcement agencies including military commands have access to this information, and they use it to help investigate and pursue identity theft," said Broder. "By reporting the issue to the FTC, it helps consumers resolve their problems, and it provides law enforcement with resources so they can better investigate and prosecute the crime."

The FTC's main identity theft Web site is <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>. The site contains links for consumers, businesses, military, law enforcement, and a reference desk with resources including pamphlets and brochures.

The CRP is an initiative in which NCIS works in conjunction with the Judge Advocate General (JAG), public affairs, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center, Marine Corps Community Services, and other Navy and Marine Corps commands to proactively fight crime within the military community.

Upcoming CRP campaigns will highlight child abuse and exploitation from April – June 2009, narcotics addiction from July – September 2009, and sexual assault from October – December 2009.

NCIS is a federal law enforcement agency that protects and defends the U.S. Department of the Navy against terrorism and foreign intelligence threats, investigates major criminal offenses, and provides law enforcement and security services to the Navy and Marine Corps on a worldwide basis. The agency is comprised of approximately 2,500 total employees, including 1,300 civilian special agents, in more than 150 locations around the world.

***"Even when you take precautions, there is still the risk that you could become a victim of identity theft."***

***-- Betsy Broder, Asst. Director,  
FTC Division of Privacy and Identity  
Protection, NCIS.***

# Navy mandates Electronic Service Record accounts for Sailors Fleetwide

*From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs*

The Chief of Navy Personnel released a NAVADMIN Feb. 5 announcing the requirement for all active-duty and Reserve personnel to establish and maintain a self-service Electronic Service Record (ESR) account within the next 60 days.

"Having a self-service account is necessary for updating emergency contact information. Self-service accounts contain other important features, such as enabling Sailors to directly submit PCS (permanent change of station) travel claims upon PCS transfer, update race, ethnicity, and religion information, and view all other ESR service record information," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel in NAVADMIN 043/09.

The requirement date for Sailors serving at sea and without connectivity to establish and ESR is 60 days upon return to homeport.

The Navy first implemented ESRs in 2006. The ESR provides individual Sailors, Personnel Support Activity Detachments (PSD), personnel offices holding service records, Navy Operational Sup-



*PSSN Jason Hill and PS1 John Smith update service records in the personnel office aboard the Nimitz-Class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). U.S. Navy photo.*

port Centers, and customer commands of PSDs, with secure worldwide Internet access to personnel, training, and awards data.

The ESR replaces the paper service

record as the single field level data entry point for service record maintenance. Commands are required to use all available ESR functionality.

Self-service accounts can be created

at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil> or on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) ESR server on board ship.

Commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs can obtain command level view only access by completing the NSIPS/ESR system authorization request and contacting their local NSIPS area manager. This access provides the user view only capability for all ESR accounts within their UIC(s).

All commands responsible for service record entries are required to initiate updates in NSIPS ESR, however official military personnel file requirements remain unchanged.

NSIPS ESR is the data entry point for electronic service record maintenance. Sailors are responsible for the accuracy of their ESR and must contact the servicing personnel office if any information is incorrect.

For more information read NAVADMIN 043/09, <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/E434A6D2-021E-4E08-89CB-8FEA2F5408BD/0/NAV09043.txt>

## First Growler landing conducted aboard Reagan

*By MCSA Alexander Tidd, USS Ronald Reagan Public Affairs*

USS RONALD REAGAN, At Sea (NNS) -- USS Ronald Reagan departed Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, Calif. Feb. 17, getting underway to help train pilots from the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS).

Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 is also training instructor pilots to aid the transition from EA-6B Prowler to EA-18G Growler while underway with Ronald Reagan. This marks the first landing of VAQ 129's Growlers aboard an aircraft carrier.

The Navy's newest aircraft, the Growler, is gradually replacing the Prowler airborne electronic attack aircraft, which has been in service since 1971. With the speed and agility of the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet that it is based on, the Growler, according to Boeing, will be effective in an escort role as well as its primary role of electronic attack warfare.

The Growler features fly-by-wire technology as opposed to the Prowler's hydraulic system, as well as a host of new and updated computer aids for stand-off

and escort radar jamming.

Along with the major upgrades in performance, the Growler also has shown a serious reduction in maintenance time.

"The Prowler averaged about 60 man-hours in the hangar every time it came in for maintenance," said Chief Warrant Officer John Covar, maintenance material control officer for VAQ 129. "The Growler gets it done in less than 11 hours."

The Growlers have been turning heads all over Ronald Reagan, with Sailors lining the catwalks of the ship's superstructure to watch flight operations. "It's really cool," said Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Joshua Smiley of Ronald Reagan's Air Department. "It's awesome how we're using the F/A-18 platform to its full capabilities. It's amazing how they do so much with it."

"I like the aircraft," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (Equipment) Lawrence Haley, leading petty officer for Ronald Reagan's bow catapults. "It looks like a Rhino (F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet)



*PACIFIC OCEAN -- An EA-18G Growler assigned to the "Vikings" of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 129 aligns itself for an at sea landing aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Photo by MC3 Torrey W. Lee*

but sounds like a Prowler. It's a beast."

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Erica Gomes, assistant satellite communications manager for Carrier Strike Group Seven said, "I'm proud to be making history on the Ronald Reagan by hosting the first Growlers. It just sounds like one mean bird."

The Growler is expected to be

combat operational in early 2010.

Ronald Reagan is the flagship of Carrier Strike Group Seven and the ninth of ten Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. The ship is named for the 40th U.S. president; its motto, "Peace through Strength," was a recurring theme during the Reagan presidency.



## Tews' Views

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

### Freedom—Providence & Preservation

Many of us may have spent the long Presidents Day holiday weekend looking for bargains at all the retail outlet's special "President's Day" sales. With the current economic downturn putting retailers in a desperate panic it seemed as if the annual pre-holiday advertising was even more of a blitz than usual. Hopefully in the midst of it all you had time to pause and appreciate the bargain of the freedoms that are ours as citizens of these United States of America. President's Day is an opportunity to be reminded of the heritage of freedom that all too often is taken for granted. Our second President, John Adams, wrote, "Posterity, you will never know how much it cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In other words, Freedom isn't free! The price in toil, blood and tears has been tremendous through out our history. We can not enjoy our rights and freedoms today without investing ourselves in some way to provide and preserve those freedoms for one another and others. After all, if we don't value it for others, in time we will lose it for ourselves. Freedom! – It really is the best bargain you could ever find on President's Day and every day.

The Lord spoke of freedom, too – freedom that far exceeds and is of far greater value than all those we enjoy as Americans. He said, "If you continue in my Word you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." He of course is talking about an even deeper freedom, freedom from spiritual oppression, from sin, from guilt, and

even from death. With such freedom we live in God's family.

Freedom in the Lord comes to us as a gracious heritage and at a great price – just as our political freedoms have. Both require responsible use, and the investment of our selves to bring it to others. Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians, "You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."

### A couple of presidential thoughts:

*"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."*  
~Abraham Lincoln

*"Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection: that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.*

*And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.*

*Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"*

~George Washington's Presidential Inauguration prayer



## Medical corner

### Questions, comments, concerns?



We consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you here at Branch Health Clinic Kingsville and we strive to do everything in our power to provide you with prompt, courteous and quality service. If for any reason you are not satisfied, have a suggestion or just want to compliment us on a job well done, you can do so by contacting our Customer Service Representative HM1(FMF) Billy R. Chanek.

There is also a customer comment card drop-box located in the lobby if you don't have the time to meet with our representative or you can an electronic Interactive Customer Evaluation at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

Feel free to let us know how we are doing so we can continue to provide you with best possible care. As always, your health care is top priority and we hope your visits with us continue to be pleasant and positive.

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

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

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

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (By appointment only) - Sign up sheet is on the door of Room 106 or you can contact us at:

Please schedule an appointment by signing up on the sign up sheet on the VITA office door or call CS2 Montreon Smith at ext.4829.

### Forms VITA will prepare

1040 EZ  
1040 A (with schedule 1,2,3 & EIC)  
1040 (with schedule A,B,EIC & R)  
1040 V  
1040 ES  
2441 (child & dependent care credit)  
8863 (education credits)  
8812 (additional child tax credit)

### Forms VITA will not prepare

Schedule C (profit/loss from business)  
Complicated & advanced Schedule D  
Schedule E (Rents & losses)  
SS-5 (request for SSN)  
2106 (employee business expenses)  
3903 (moving)  
8606 (non-deductible IRA)  
8615 (minor's investment income)

**What to bring?** Current year's tax package and or label. A copy of last year's tax return, all W-2s, 1099s and any information for other income. Information for all deductions and credits. Proof of account for direct deposit for refunds. Social Security or individual taxpayer identification card for you, your spouse, and/or dependents. Proof of identification for yourself and/or spouse.



## Sunday worship Services

**Protestant service**  
10:30 a.m.

**Catholic Mass**  
12:30 p.m.

### How to change front disk brakes

Learn how to change your front disk brakes Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon. In this two-hour class the student will learn the parts of the modern disk brake system, how to determine when service is required, and how to change the front disk brake pads on their personal vehicle. Students must bring the correct front disk brake pads for their own vehicle. All tools and safety gear will be provided. Class size limited to five. For more information contact Bill Boswell at 361-516-6248.

### Winter/Spring monthly cycling time trials

The dates are Feb. 26, March 30, April 30, and May 28. Appointments may be made for the times between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Participants must complete at least three of the four scheduled time trial rides to qualify for the grand prize, with times recorded on the registration sheet. A grand prize will be awarded to the cyclist with the best of at least three times at the end of the program. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 20 people who sign-up and complete the entire event. For more information contact Angela Cupp at 361-516-4386.

**Soccer tournament**, Saturday, Feb. 28 starting at 10 a.m. This is a tournament for teams, and teams may have as many as 20 players on their roster. Seven people play at a time. The format is double-elimination. Sign-up at the Fitness Center desk by Feb. 25. Games will be played outdoors at the MWR Sports field. For more information at 361-516-6371.

### Craft/Art display month

During the month of March, the Library will display people's crafts and/or art work. This can include everything from needlework, beadwork, painting, etc. All works will be labeled with artist's name and phone number (if desired). For more information contact Vicky Jacobson at 361-516-6271.

### Recruiting for Child Development Home Provider's

A Child Development Homes (CDH) Providers Training class will be held the week of March 2 thru March 6. Do you want to have your own business at home? MWR is looking for active duty military spouses interested in becoming a certified Child Development Homes Provider. All training is free and a Lending Library is included. You must be 18 years of age or older, be able to read, speak and write English, and pass an extensive background check. Sign up by Feb. 20. For more information contact Carmen Chapa at 361-516-6569.



### "Read Across America" Day

The Station Library will host a guest reader on March 3 at 4 p.m. for a special reading of "The Cat in the Hat." The reading will be in the honor of Dr. Seuss' (aka Theodore Geisel) birthday anniversary (March 2, 1904). Please preregister before COB March 2, by calling 516-6271. There will be cookies and drinks served. If you have a "Cat in the Hat" hat, this will be a rare chance to wear it, without a lot of stares.

### Weight room orientation

So you've jumped into your new year's resolution of getting back in shape with both feet, but feeling a little overwhelmed with all the equipment options at the Total Fitness Connection? Take advantage of this free weight room orientation by the MWR Fitness Staff. Orientations are scheduled for March 5, April 2, and May 7. Times will be announced. Please register by 5 p.m. the day before the orientation you wish to attend. For more information, please call 516-4386.

### Build your own boat class

Outdoor Recreation will be offering a 2-day Boat Building Class Saturday, March 7 and Sunday March 8. Class will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Each student will build their own 8-ft. dingy which is theirs to keep upon completion of the class. All wood and materials needed to build the boats are included in the class fee. Fee for the class is \$225.00 per student/team. Sign-up early, cut-off date to register is Saturday, Feb. 28. For more information contact Frank Gaia at 361-516-6191.

### St. Patrick's Day 5K run

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, NAS Kingsville Fitness department will hold a 5K race on March 17. The race will start at the Total Fitness Connection at 11:30 a.m. The first 30 participants to sign up and complete the race will receive a free t-shirt. Medals will be awarded to both men and women in 3 different age categories: 18-29; 30-39 and 40&up. Light refreshments will be provided following the race. To register, sign-up at the front desk of the Total Fitness Connection. For more information contact Angela Cupp at 361-516-4386.

### Library Orientation

The quarterly Station Library Orientation will be held starting at 5 p.m., March 18. The librarian will discuss the different aspects of the library including books, computers, NKO, etc. Refreshments will be served. Please register by close of business March 17. For more information contact Vicky Jacobson at 361-516-6271.

### Late Night at the Library

Are you a night owl? Join the Station Library on March 27 for extended operating hours. If you live on base ...come on by. The doors will be open until midnight, and there will be pizza and prizes to make it even better.

## Bowling Leagues



### In the Dog House Spring League As of Feb. 18, 2009

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	3 Minds	18.0	10.0	0.0
2.	Lane Breakers	15.0	13.0	3.0
3.	Pin-Heads	15.0	13.0	3.0
4.	Tumbalos	14.0	14.0	4.0
5.	Gorilla Gang	12.0	16.0	4.0
6.	Hounds	10.0	18.0	8.0

### Weekly High Scores:

Lindy Conner 203 game, 531 series  
JD Monroe 191 game, 515 series  
Wesley Nicholson 224 HC game, 631 HC series, 64 pins over average

### Wednesday Nite Mixed League As of Feb. 18, 2009

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost	GB
1.	Tidy Bowlers	53.0	31.0	0.0
2.	Laugh Out Loud	51.0	33.0	2.0
3.	Petes Angels	51.0	33.0	2.0
4.	Guttermouths	48.0	36.0	5.0
5.	DUH's	45.0	39.0	8.0
6.	Big K Rollers	41.0	43.0	12.0
7.	Sixty Forty	38.0	46.0	15.0
8.	Ghost	0.0	0.0	53.0

### Weekly High Scores:

John Zapalac: 249 game, 573 series  
Monty Bryant: 200 game, 557 series  
Hank Morales: 200 game, 511 series  
JD Monroe: 200 game, 534 series  
Ben Gonzales: 180 game



# HOG PEN



**KINGSVILLE** – The Texas A&M-Kingsville Spring Football season kicked off Tuesday, February 17 and will run through Thursday, March 12.

The Javelinas will attempt to build upon a solid 2008 season that saw them finish 7-4 and third place in the Lone Star Conference. The Spring schedule includes 15 practice dates.

On Saturday, March 7 the team will conduct a controlled scrimmage on the practice field that will be open to the public. The scrimmage will start at 10 a.m. On that same day, the Javelina baseball team hosts Central Oklahoma for a double header starting at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, March 12 the football team will conclude its Spring schedule with a practice on the Javelina Stadium turf. The practice will start at 6 p.m. and feature live action between the offensive and defensive units.

### NAS Kingsville Bowling Season High Game:

**Congratulations to Monty Bryant who recently rolled a 288 game in the Wed. Nite Mixed League.**

## Jim Wells County officials spend a day with the “Fat Albert” at NALF Orange Grove

Story by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Officer; photos by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Navy Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Orange Grove hosted a group of county officials, business leaders, and landowners from Jim Wells County Wednesday, Feb. 18 as part of an Orientation Visit and BBQ that was designed to show the dignitaries the role the air field plays in training Naval Aviators. The group also got to mingle with members of the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels’ Fat Albert Airlines which was conducting air show training at the Orange Grove site.

NAS Kingsville Executive Officer Cmdr. Scott Allen hosted the dignitaries along with members of the NAS Kingsville Air Operations Department and the NALF staff. “This visit by Jim Wells County officials gave NAS Kingsville a unique opportunity to show just important Orange Grove is to the Navy and South Texas,” Allen said. “We have a unique relationship with the Blues and “Fat Albert” at Orange Grove and the team enjoys coming here for training. We wanted to take advantage of their training this week to invite local officials out to the field to see the facility, talk with the staff, enjoy a great barbecue lunch, and meet and mingle with the Fat Albert crew. All in all, I think it was a very rewarding experience for all of us.”



Above left: Visitors get a rare tour of the Blue Angels’ C-130 aircraft. Right, Alice Echo News and Flying K publisher Tony Morris (center) and Jim Wells County officials take a look inside “Fat Albert” and chat with the crew.

An all-Marine Corps crew of three officers and five enlisted personnel operate the Lockheed-Martin C-130T Hercules, affectionately known as “Fat Albert Airlines.” Fat Albert joined the team in 1970 and flies more than 140,000 miles each season. It carries more than 40 maintenance and support personnel, their gear and enough spare parts and communication equipment to complete a successful air show.

Fat Albert cruises at a speed of more than 320 knots (approximately 360 miles per hour) at 27,000 feet. Four Allison turboprop engines, which produce more than 16,000 shaft-horsepower, provide Fat Albert Airlines with the power to land and depart on runways as short as 2,500 feet.

At select show sites, Fat Albert demonstrates its jet-assisted takeoff (JATO) capability. Eight solid-fuel rocket bottles, four on each side, attached near the rear paratrooper doors thrust the Hercules skyward. Fired simultaneously, the JATO bottles allow the mammoth transport aircraft to takeoff within 1,500 feet, climb at a 45-degree angle, and propel it to an altitude of 1,000 feet in approximately 15 seconds. Getting Fat Albert airborne in minimal time and distance simulates



Above left: Lt. Michael Wildman, NALF Grove facility officer, provides a brief on the mission of NALF Orange Grove. Right, guests sit down for a Texas BBQ lunch and mingle with Orange Grove Sailors and members of the Blue Angels Fat Albert team.



Orange Grove gets the “Blues.” Jim Wells County officials and local businessmen and landowners pose for a group photo with members of the NALF Orange Grove team and the crew of the Blue Angels’ Fat Albert Airlines during a visit to the field Feb. 18. The Fat Albert team conducted air show training at the NALF Orange Facility Feb. 16-20 and NAS Kingsville took advantage of the training to invite county officials out to the site for an Orientation visit and BBQ.

- Photos by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

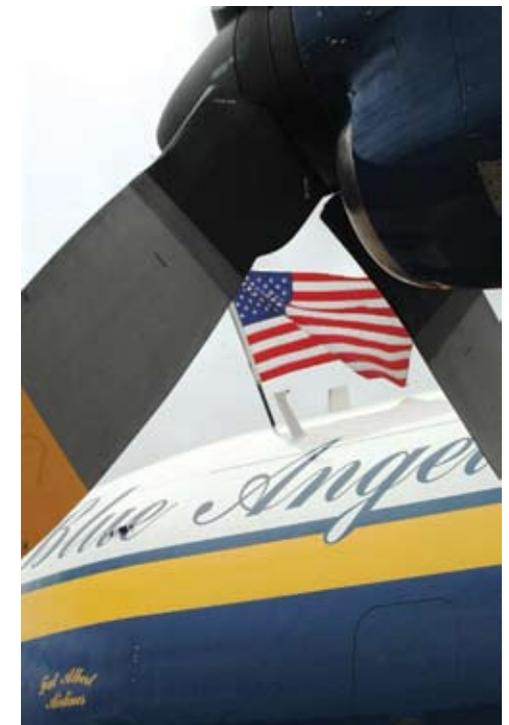
conditions in hostile environments or on short, unprepared runways.

NALF Orange Grove’s two 8,000 ft. runways provide a great location for air show training for the Fat Albert crew, and the team was happy to provide tours of the giant C-130 for the guests, pose for photos, and answer questions. Aircraft flight commanders, Maj. Drew Hess and Maj. Brandon Burks, and flight crew welcomed the visitors aboard for a rare look inside the aircraft shortly after the C-130 landed.

Among the local officials who spent the day at the field was Alice, Texas Mayor Juan Rodriguez Jr. and City Manager Ray De Los Santos, Orange Grove Mayor Seal Brand, a number of local county commissioners, and local landowners.

The day included more than just a barbecue and an opportunity to observe the Orange Grove staff in action, however. Also on the agenda was a brief by Lt. Michael Wildman, Orange Grove facility officer, tours of the famous Fat Albert aircraft, and a special re-enlistment ceremony. Maj. Hess joined Lt. Wildman in re-enlisting ABH2 (AW) Sammy Mitchell, who shipped over for an additional six years of service and pocketed a nice re-enlistment bonus of \$20,000.

“Overall, I think everyone had a great



The national ensign flies proudly above one of “Fat Albert’s” giant propellers on the Orange Grove tarmac.

time today,” Allen said. “It’s not very often you get to mingle with the Blue Angels without a large crowd of people around. I’m pretty sure the Blues and the Orange Grove staff gave our guests a day they won’t soon forget.”