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Final Issue of Flying K

The next issue of the Flying K, our Change of Command issue, will be published next Friday, June 25. This will be the final publication with our current publisher, Alice Newspapers, Inc.

Alice Newspapers began publishing the Flying K in 2002. For the past eight years the company has stood by our publication - continuing to publish the paper at no cost to the government even while commercial advertising was not covering their printing costs.

Last month, NAS Kingsville was informed by publisher, Tony Morris, that Alice Newspapers, Inc., would not be able to continue to publish effective July 1.

While NAS Kingsville will push forward with a search for a new publisher, we would be remiss if we did not thank the entire Alice Newspapers staff for their outstanding support.

To Tony Morris and all the members of his staff, "Thank You" for your support of the Sailors, Marines and employees of the Air Station. We wish you the very best and thank you for your service to us.

Investigation into cause of T-45 mishap underway

A student Naval Aviator conducting a solo training flight safely ejected from a T-45 "Goshawk" training jet here at about 9:45 a.m. June 10. The aircraft skidded off the runway and came to a rest "wheels-up" in a grassy area on the south end of the airfield.

Fire & Emergency Rescue personnel from the NAS Kingsville Fire Department responded to the mishap and were on scene almost immediately. The student pilot, whose name is not being released, suffered only minor injuries. He was evaluated at the NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic and then taken to Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg for further tests and later released.

An investigation into determining the cause of the mishap is underway.

Training Air Wing TWO suspended all training flights at NAS Kingsville shortly after the crash. The Wing took an "Operational Pause" from flight training June 11 to discuss the mishap with flight students and instructor pilots.

NAS Kingsville opened the airfield the day after the crash once the Mishap Investigation Team had completed their preliminary inspection of the crash scene.



A T-45 Goshawk lies "wheels-up" on the south end of the air station as NAS Kingsville Fire & Emergency Rescue personnel establish a safe perimeter around the mishap site June 10. The pilot of the aircraft, a student aviator from VT-22, ejected safely from the aircraft as it over-shot Runway 13-Right (13-R). (Photo by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

An Aircraft Mishap Board will be conducted to determine the cause of the crash and exactly what happened.

It could several months before the Board closes its investigation of the incident and releases its findings.

NAS Kingsville change of command set for June 25



Capt. Philip L. Waddingham, USN

Capt. Phil Waddingham will turn over command of NAS Kingsville to Capt. Mark McLaughlin during an official change of command ceremony at the air station June 25. The ceremony will be held at the Captain's Club on base. Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Tim Alexander will serve as presiding officer and guest speaker.

McLaughlin comes to NAS Kingsville from an assignment as Asst. Chief of Staff for the Chief of Naval Air Training, headquartered at NAS Corpus Christi. He is a veteran of 23 years of service, flying the A-6E Intruder. He has logged more than 3,500 flight hours with 761 carrier landings and 87 combat missions.



Capt. Mark A. McLaughlin, USN



Capt. Phil Waddingham
Commanding Officer
NAS Kingsville



From the Bridge

Greetings Team Kingsville!

As I get closer to the inevitable change of command that is rapidly approaching, I find that my days get shorter, and my "to do" list gets longer. I am not sure how that happens, or how it is even physically possible, but it is a reality. And so, I deal with it the best I can.

Change is good. It is good for an individual and it is good for the organization. Some things are worth keeping, but improvements in effectiveness and efficiency that are a result of change should always be welcomed. I see this as the case with the NAS Kingsville change of command. Our base is in the midst of a major transformation in quality of life



and readiness, and that will continue long after I leave.

In the meantime, much is happening around here. TW-2 has a CQ detachment wrapping up, and a weapons detachment underway. The Chapel has its Grand Opening today (see article), and its first service scheduled for Sunday. I hope to see many of you at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Finally, I want to share a conversation I had with the Commodore earlier this week. He and I were reflecting on how proud we are of the way our organizations worked together during last week's T-45 mishap. So much was done correctly, and in a textbook



fashion. The manner in which both organizations performed the necessary functions of incident response, recovery of personnel, securing the crash site, reporting to higher headquarters, initiating the safety investigation, and ultimately resuming flight operations was flawless. Well done to Team Kingsville. You make it look easy, and your pride and professionalism shone brightly on that day, as it always does.

Keep doing the great work you are doing, and again, I hope to see you at our new Chapel. (See Chapel history story, page 10).

Waddz sends.

Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM (SW/AW/FMF)
Charlie Ratliff
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

Well folks, it's not hard to tell when summer has arrived in Kingsville. The temperatures move into the 90s and the winds pick up considerably! Sound familiar? With that said, it's time to dust off the golf clubs and get ready for this year's 5th annual Navy League Golf Tournament. Last year, our event proved to be a big success despite a late start planning the tournament. This year, we've got just over 5 weeks, which should help us out a great deal. Last year was the first year that the Kingsville Navy League sponsored this tournament in support of the NAS Kingsville Navy Ball, and they've agreed to do that again this year. Thank you to all the Navy Leaguers!

This year's tournament will be held at the L. E. Ramey Golf Course right here in Kingsville on Friday, July 30. It will be a four-person team scramble tournament with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person. Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and a barbecue brisket lunch will be provided for all participants. Plenty of door prizes to win, as well.

As I said earlier, this is going to be a great tournament so get your foursomes together

and sign up early! Entry forms are available here on base at the Fitness Center and in our Public Affairs Office. Completed entry forms and fees can be turned in to Jon Gagné in our Public Affairs Office.

Another big event that is happening in the very near future is the Naval Air Station Kingsville change of command. Capt. Mark McLaughlin will be relieving Capt. Phil Waddingham as NASK commanding officer at a formal ceremony at 2 p.m., on Friday, June 25, at the Captain's Club.

With the change of command just around the corner I look back to everything that has been accomplished during Capt. Waddingham's tour. During the last three years, he executed construction projects totaling over \$50 million that included an air traffic control facility upgrade, renovation of all runways, construction of a new jet engine test cell, rebuilding of the Chapel, upgrades to Ground Training, and the construction of a new Armed Forces Reserve Center, which has already begun. In addition, our junior enlisted Sailors just moved into the newly-renovated BEQ 3740, and ribbon cuttings for the new NASK Chapel and the new CPO Goat Locker are this week. Work also began several weeks ago on our new Navy Gateway Inns & Suites. Finally, he has secured funding for future MILCON projects totaling over \$30 million that will include a brand new fitness center for the air station. And who could forget the highly successful 2008 and 2010 Wings Over South Texas air shows!

I know Skipper Waddingham very well

and believe me, if you were to attribute all of these accomplishments to him he would quickly tell you that every member of Team Kingsville played an important part in every accomplishment. He would point to Public Works, BEQ/NGIS, MWR, Air Ops, Administration, Finance, Safety, Fire and Rescue, and every other department and tenant command on the installation and tell you that without their hard work none of these accomplishments would have been possible.

However, as someone who works closely with the Skipper on a daily basis, I can tell you that without his vision and inspiring leadership we simply wouldn't have been able to accomplish everything we have. He has been extremely successful in bringing about infrastructure improvements that have greatly improved the quality of life for the Sailors, officers, civilian employees, and contract employees of NASK and Training Air Wing Two. And through his efforts, more improvements are scheduled for the immediate future.

On a personal note, it has been an honor and privilege serving as Command Master Chief for a leader whose main focus each and every day is making things better for those in his command and the tenant commands he supports. And even though I'm an old dog and generally opposed to learning new tricks, I will readily admit I have learned a great deal from him!

Skipper, best of luck to you and your wonderful family! Sail safe, Shipmate!

Regards, CMC

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Capt. Mark Brooks
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Training Air Wing TWO

In The Break

Greetings Training Air Wing TWO:

Today my comments are directed at the men and women of the organization I have the privilege to command. Last week we had an event that occurs from time to time in our profession, namely an aircraft mishap. A student solo from VT-22 ejected on landing rollout and the aircraft came to a stop at the end of runway 13R... upside down; an unceremonious end to the flight for both aircrew and aircraft. Most important of all, I am writing my thoughts about an ejection and subsequent aircraft damage, not a fatality. Said student is alive and well. And I can't begin to tell you the relief I felt at the news he was OK as I rode toward the crash site last Thursday morning, June 10. I'll probably remember that date...

Both Wing and NAS Kingsville personnel responded superbly in the aftermath of the event. Many thanks to all that carried out their duties so well – you are true professionals. As is somewhat obligatory in the wake of such an event, I directed that



we temporarily cease flight operations. Of note: we continued with our CQ Detachment in Jacksonville, Fla., (more on that later). On Friday we gathered for an All Aircrew meeting to discuss what had happened.

My intent last Friday was to address the fact that an aircraft mishap leads to required investigations by an Aircraft Mishap Board (equivalent of an NTSB investigation in the civilian world) and a legal investigator (JAGMAN). I also wanted to focus on both what went right, as well as what went wrong. Finally, it is imperative that we take some lessons from such an event. We discussed a few takeaways last Friday; I want to address one key, overarching thought to absorb if nothing else.

We call events like last Thursday “mishaps.” Not accidents, mishaps. Accidents are acts of God and the like. Mishaps are preventable.

After 25 years in this business, I am convinced that those organizations that are professional and safe are those that embrace the fact that mishaps are preventable and safe operations are no “accident.”

On at least a couple of occasions, I have addressed the Wing and admonished all to think of themselves as Safety Officers. Each of you is capable of preventing a mishap. It requires proactive behavior. As the saying goes, “Safety is no accident.”

After the mishap on Thursday, Skipper Murphy (TW-2 CQ Detachment OIC) and I deliberated and decided to continue with that effort in Jacksonville. They didn't miss a beat and completed all requirements on USS Bush (CVN-77).

After Friday's “operational pause” and a weekend, we were back at it on Monday here at NAS Kingsville. On June 15, we started flowing Instructors and Students toward NAF El Centro, Calif., for our next Weapons Detachment. The Navy and Marine Corps need a continuous crop of tactical aviators. The assembly line keeps going...

Regards, Fingers.

Energy Conservation

Support your Building Energy Manager
By Rex White, Resource Efficiency Manager

Your BEM's goal is to assist in identifying and eliminating energy waste within their assigned facilities. Clearly each facility, activity, building has its unique set of efficiency opportunities based on mission requirement and building use.

Your BEM's success and your Command's success in reducing energy use and costs rest heavily one key ingredient – attitude. Work with your BEM with commitment and desire to share the benefits of increased efficiency and help to develop that “can do” attitude with them.

Without your active support in doing what's required to make your facility a more efficiently run operation. It will be impossible to achieve the goals set by the Navy's new energy polices.

We are all a part of this program and equally share the responsibility with the BEM's to reduce electrical and water usages in order to meet the Admiral's Energy Reduction policy requirements. Be a part of your facilities Energy Team and actively support your BEM's efforts.



Fifi Kieschnick
Deputy Public Affairs Officer
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Meeting Team Kingsville

There's a new member of Team Kingsville – Christie Mills, legal technician – who has taken on the position of Legal Assistant for the Naval Air Station. Her office is located on the third deck of Bldg. 2740.

The Denton, Texas, native previously was the administrative manager of the Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the Naval Academy in Maryland and took the job here to be closer to home.

She loves the friendliness of the South Texas people she has met. And, she is still adjusting to the slower pace and meeting members of the command.

Christie will provide us with legal assistance and serve as a liaison between Kingsville personnel and the Navy Legal Service Office on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Mills is filling a billet that had been vacant since November, but, she says that people are starting to get the word that she's setting up her office because visitors are beginning

to trickle in.

The 34 year-old single mother of two says she loves that she's back home and plans to do a lot of swimming and getting together with family. She enjoys spending time outside, going to the beach, reading, shopping, and movies.

The last book she read is Danielle Steel's *The Wedding* and the last movie she saw was *Shrek Forever After*.

The 1990 movie *Pump Up the Volume* starring Christian Slater is her favorite film, and she likes listening to alternative music from groups such as Blink 182 and Green Day, which happens to be her daughter's favorite as well.

If you're in the neighborhood, stop by her office on the third deck of Bldg. 2740 past the command suite, or give her a call at 516-6426, for legal assistance.

Welcome Aboard, Christie!



Christie Mills



Branch Health Clinic Note:

Naval Branch Health Clinic Kingsville's Health Benefits Advisor (HBA) position has been vacated due to the recent retirement of Ms. Rosalina Naranjo.

The HBA from Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC), Charlene Hager, is currently assisting the clinic by coming to Kingsville on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Her number is 361-961-2810 at NHCCC.

Please contact her to make an appointment or if you need information. We appreciate your understanding and hopefully the position will be occupied soon.

Thank you. LCDR Hardin, OIC, BHCK

Navy needs F-35's capabilities, admiral says

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy needs the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter's fifth-generation capabilities, said the service's acting director of air warfare May 24.

Navy Rear Adm. Michael C. Manazir spoke to reporters because he wanted to "completely dispel the rumor that the Navy is soft on F-35C."

The F-35C is the aircraft-carrier version of the joint strike fighter. The F-35A model is for the Air Force, and the F-35B will be a vertical take-off and landing model for the Marines.

The FA-18E and FA-18F Super Hornets are great airplanes, Manazir said, but they do not have the capabilities that the F-35C's will bring to the Navy. Delays in the joint strike fighter program and the cost increases associated with them caused some supposition that the Navy would turn to the FA-18s, he added.

The Navy has had the F-35C on its horizon for more than a decade, the admiral said. In that time, the FA-18's capabilities have grown, with the latest aircraft – the E, F and G models – reaching the fourth-generation airframe's limits. "We need to move into the F-35C to realize our vision of tactical air coming off of carriers," he said.

The joint strike fighter brings stealth

capabilities, advanced sensor and data fusion, and a systems approach to warfighting, Manazir said. "We're completely committed to the F-35C," he added, noting that staying with the Super Hornet would put the United States at a disadvantage against a near-peer competitor.

Still, Manazir added, the Super Hornet program is not ending, just yet. The Navy wants to buy 124 of the aircraft through fiscal 2013 to bring its number of Super Hornets to 515. Beginning in fiscal 2016, he said, aircraft carriers will deploy with a mix of Super Hornets and F-35C's. The Navy needs 44 strike fighters per flight deck, he added.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates ordered a restructuring of the joint strike fighter program last year. That effort allowed the Navy to move an additional aircraft into flight tests, and to buy a software line "that gives us additional integration capability and added risk reduction in software, which is always the toughest thing to do in a new program," Manazir said. Operational testing will move to April 2016, and this will fulfill all prerequisites for initial operational capability, he told reporters.

The first deployment of the new aircraft will be December 2016, with the second deployment in February 2017.



The F-35 Lightning II

The Navy faces a shortfall of fighter aircraft, the admiral noted. "Without mitigations, ... [the shortfall] is about 177 total Department of the Navy airplanes," he said. "That peaks in 2017."

Mitigation efforts bring that number down to about 100, he said. That could drop further, he added, if the demands on the fleet lessen – a conclusion the admiral said he is not going to make, given the uncertain times.

"We are focused on addressing that shortfall," he said. The Navy does not have a shortfall in strike aircraft today, Manazir said, but the expected wear-out date for its inventory begins in fiscal 2012.

The 1,180 strike aircraft now in the Navy's inventory fall within the scope of the service's maintenance capabilities, while providing the planes needed for a rotational force, the admiral said.

Secretary of the Navy discusses future of alternative energy sources



By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Doug Kimsey, Naval War College Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. -- The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) shared his vision of a greener Navy and Marine Corps team, one that is more energy independent, but still remaining the greatest maritime force in the world, during a keynote address at the Naval War College's 61st Current Strategy Forum in Newport, R.I., June 9.

"It's a matter of energy independence, it's a matter of our security," said SECNAV Ray Mabus of the need for the Navy and Marine Corps to reduce dependence on foreign fossil fuels.

Attended by more than 1,200 partici-

pants, the 2010 conference explored the theme of "The Global System in Transition" by examining U.S. foreign policy in the emerging global order, the strategic leadership opportunities for the United States and the role of the maritime services in supporting the nation's key objectives. The two-day forum is hosted annually by SECNAV.

"It's a matter of making sure that when we need those ships at sea, when we need those aircraft in the air, when we need the Marines on the ground, we have the energy produced right here in the United States to do that," said Mabus.

Mabus, a former governor of Mississippi, U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and surface warfare officer, gave examples of efforts to become less dependent on foreign fossil fuels.

"In April (2010), we flew the Green Hornet, an F-18 Hornet. This aircraft, a regular off-the-shelf F-18 supersonic, flew on a mixture of regular gasoline and biofuel made from camelina," said Mabus.

Camelina is a small mustard seed that has the potential to be grown in rotation with wheat in every state.

Becoming greener serves tremendous tactical imperatives as well, said Mabus.

"The example that I like to use is getting a gallon of gasoline to a Marine front line unit in Afghanistan," said Mabus. "You have to put that gallon of gasoline on a tanker. You've got to take it across the Pacific. You have to put it into a truck, and truck it over the Hindu Kush and down through Afghanistan. Now, as you do this, you've got to guard it."

Mabus explained that convoy duty for that gasoline takes, "Marines away from what Marines should be doing; fighting, engaging, helping to rebuild that country."

Mabus also talked about the Navy's first hybrid ship, the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), which sailed from Pascagoula, Miss., to its homeport in San Diego, saving almost \$2 million in fuel costs by using an electric drive for speeds of 10 knots or less.

"Over the lifetime of that ship, if fuel prices remain absolutely the same, we will save about a quarter of a billion dollars in fuel. We're prototyping that engine to be retrofitted onto our guided-missile destroyers so that we can begin to move that further out into the fleet," said Mabus.

SECNAV said that great change is almost always met with great resistance.

"We changed from sail to coal in the 1850's. We changed from coal to oil in the early part of the 20th century. We went to nuclear for our subs and our aircraft carriers in the 1950's," said Mabus.

"Every single time that we made one of those changes, there were people that said you are abandoning one source of proven energy for one that you do not know whether it will work, and by the way, it's too expensive," said Mabus.

Mabus is confident that results will show that progress in adopting alternative energy sources will prove yet again to be vital for the Navy's future.

"The Navy and Marine Corps fulfill every mission given to them, including helping us become energy independent," said Mabus.

Mabus also spoke directly to Naval War College students, challenging them to fulfill their leadership duties as they continue their careers.

"The legacy of the Navy and Marine Corps is a legacy of leadership," said Mabus. "It is up to you students of the War College to maintain that legacy. You follow in some amazing footsteps. It's your turn to write the next chapter for our military services and our country. Write them well."

Summer Safety resources available

By April Phillips, Naval Safety Center Public Affairs NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- Last summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, 24 Sailors and 15 Marines lost their lives in motor vehicle and off-duty recreation mishaps. In an effort to save lives and reduce the risks associated with common summertime activities, the Naval Safety Center has compiled various resources for service members.

The theme for this year's summer safety campaign is, "Live to Play, Play to Live," and it focuses on the many ways Sailors, Marines, and their families can have fun without becoming a victim.

"Nearly everything we do for fun during the summer involves some level of risk," said Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, commander, Naval Safety Center. "The important thing is to understand the potential dangers; carefully consider them and take the actions necessary to reduce the risk as much as possible. That's how you set yourself up for success all summer long."

Summer safety resources have been designed so commands can personalize them for their own safety standdowns or training sessions. The campaign includes presentations, videos, articles for base newspapers, and traffic and recreation booklets.



Focus areas for this year's campaign include motor vehicle safety, alcohol awareness, and water safety. The majority of last summer's fatalities fell into these categories, and Johnson said these deaths affect mission readiness across the fleet.

"The loss of even a single trained and ready Sailor or Marine is unacceptable, especially during a time of war when manning, training and operating resources are tight," he said. "We need each and every one of you engaged and in the fight. We cannot afford the mission impact of any preventable-mishap losses this summer."

To download summer safety resources, visit <http://safetycenter.navy.mil>.

VA cutting insurance premiums for families

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced May 3 that military personnel insuring their families under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, will have reduced out-of-pocket expenses beginning July 1.

"VA hopes these reductions will allow more military personnel to obtain affordable life insurance coverage for their spouses, particularly in these difficult economic times," said Shinseki. "Without insurance protection, life after the loss of a spouse can be not only challenging emotionally, but can place a severe financial strain on a family."

Family SGLI (FSGLI) monthly premium rates will be reduced for all age groups by an average of 8 percent. The new rates are based on revised estimates for the cost of the program. This is the third time that premiums have been reduced since the FSGLI program began in November 2001.

Spousal premiums were previously reduced for all age groups in 2003 and 2006.

FSGLI coverage provides life insurance protection to military personnel for their spouses and children. Children are automatically insured for \$10,000, with no premiums charged.

Based on the coverage of service members, spouses may be insured for up to \$100,000. Military personnel pay age-based premiums for spousal coverage -- the older the spouse, the higher the premium rate.

The premium reduction ensures FSGLI remains highly competitive compared to commercial insurers. FSGLI coverage is available in increments of \$10,000. The current and revised monthly premium rates per \$10,000 of insurance, along with other information, are available on the Internet at www.insurance.va.gov. Regards, Ed Roscoe, CNIC HQ, Ombudsman Registry Administrator, edroscoezeit@charter.net, 919 499-1455

Missoula Children's Theater Auditions: For the production of "King Arthur's Quest," June 25. Auditions will be held Monday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Captain's Club Ballroom. Plenty of roles available for this production. All NAS Kingsville children, aged 5 to 18, are encouraged to participate in this free stage production. Call 516-6718 for more information.



ATLANTIC OCEAN (June 13, 2010): Above, a Sailor performs a pre-flight check on a T-45C Goshawk assigned to Training Air Wing TWO aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) June 13. Below left, a Sailor directs a T-45C Goshawk assigned to Training Air Wing TWO as it prepares for launch on the flight deck.

Training Air Wing TWO Carrier Qualifications Cecil Field, Fla., - USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77)



Above, flight deck personnel directed a T-45 Goshawk on the flight deck. Below, AC2 Bruce Gomez stands watch in the Carrier Air Traffic Control Center aboard USS Bush. (Photos by USS Bush Public Affairs).



Students and instructor pilots from VT-21 and VT-22 traveled across country to Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., for this month's carrier qualifications detachment. Carrier Quals are one of the final stages of training for student naval aviators before they earn their "Wings of Gold." The training took place aboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) off the Florida Coast, June 12-15. Below, T-45 Goshawks from Training Air Wing TWO fill the hangar bay of USS Bush awaiting their flights.



Ceremony closes out 23-year career for NAS Kingsville Executive Officer

Story by Jon Gagné, Photos by Fifi Kieschnick and AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Naval service is more than just a commitment - it's a life-long transition. That's how Cmdr. Scott "Stacker" Allen described his career during his retirement ceremony June 4, at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club. More than 300 friends, family members and shipmates attended the event.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Cmdr. Todd Watkins, prospective commanding officer of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron One Two Zero (VAW-120), at NAS Oceana, Va., the Navy's E-2C "Hawkeye" and C-2A "Greyhound" Fleet Replacement Squadron. Watkins and Allen served together on numerous occasions during their careers.

"I believe it was during [Cmdr. Allen's] tour with VXE-6 (Antarctic Development Squadron Six) where "Stacker" really started to stand out as a leader and Naval Aviator," Watkins said. "He was one of the few who were capable of flying a C-130 transport plane at night from Christ Church, New Zealand, to Antarctica and land on the ice. And he did this numerous times. Later, after he transitioned to the Navy's E-2C community, he flew combat missions into Bosnia and Croatia. As an instructor at Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron One Two Zero (VAW-120), the Navy's East Coast Fleet Replacement Squadron for the E-2C and C-2A community, he served as an instructor pilot, teaching newly-winged Naval Aviators their fleet aircraft.

"While I was commanding officer of the Black Eagles of VAW-113, I constantly heard about how great an instructor pilot Stacker was," Watkins continued. "I couldn't make it through a week with hearing a Stacker story from one of my junior officers or department heads, and I considered that - no kidding - a good thing because I knew I was getting folks that were 'Stacker-trained' and that I was getting a good product I could trust and I could count on."

Following Cmdr. Watkins' remarks, NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham presented Allen with a Navy Meritorious Service Medal, gold star in lieu of second award, for superior performance as NAS Kingsville executive officer from August 2006 to July 2010. The award highlighted a number of specific accomplishments during that time period, most of which led to improving the quality of life on board the air station for Sailors, Marines, civilian employees, contractors and family members.



RETIREMENT:

Cmdr. Scott "Stacker" Allen renders a salute to the sideboys at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony at the Captain's Club June 4. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

When it came time for his turn at the microphone, the 23-year veteran and outgoing NAS Kingsville executive officer reflected on his career in Naval Aviation, deployments overseas, combat missions, and family separations.

"As this is my retirement," Allen began, "I see no harm in telling you all that I secretly joined the Navy in search of high adventure. Now imagine my disappointment when moments after arriving on the regimental steps at Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., I'm face down in the fire ants counting-off push-ups. Clearly, the adventure had taken an unexpected detour.

"In fact," Allen added, "the high adventure became high anxiety as I took off for my first familiarization (FAM) flight in a T-34 Turbomenter one sunny Corpus Christi day and discovered I had left the [landing] gear down for the first half of the flight. You see, it never occurred to me until that moment that I actually didn't have any idea what I was doing.

"I think if you read any of my early FAM debrief sheets you would likely find that revelation as a direct quote from my instructors, something like - 'Highly amusing FAM hop. Ensign Allen appears to have no idea what he is doing.' Anyway, that's when my wife Nancy had to remind me that even the road to high adventure has a few pot holes. And despite the fact that I found my fair share of these pot holes, I

began to realize that the road I was on was not the road to high adventure at all, but the road to someplace else entirely - a place that involves a promise and a debt."

Those who choose to make a career of military service know that, all too well. The road to high adventure isn't paved with golden bricks and is not pot-hole-free. It simply leads to deployments and assignments that stretch your limits, tugs at your heart strings, and molds you into something you never thought you would ever become; a world ambassador to freedom and human rights.

The road is also about change.

"In so many ways my Navy career has been about change," Allen said. "Platform

changes, duty station changes and career milestone changes. But all of these seem trivial now as I reflect on the most profound change service to country imparts on those who serve.

"The first time I saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery I was a young lieutenant," Allen recalled, "and I remember being impressed by the precision with which these honor guard members executed their duty. The second time I witnessed that ceremony I was a Navy commander and as Taps began to play I was moved to tears and had to look at the ground as I simply could not watch it all.

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Above, Capt. Phil Waddingham, right, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Cmdr. Scott Allen for superior performance while serving as NAS Kingsville Executive Officer from August 2006 to May 2010. Below, Cmdr. Todd Watkins, right, presents Cmdr. Allen with a traditional retirement shadow box highlighting his 23-year career.



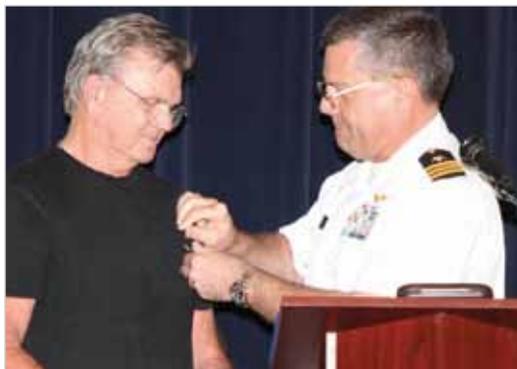
Allen retirement, from page 6

“I guess you could say in the 15 years that had passed since I first witnessed this powerful ceremony I had been transformed. Transformed by my experiences in the Naval service. Transformed by the loss and sacrifice of my fellow aviators, shipmates and friends - Bagger, Stump, Brownie, and Chief Mac. Transformed ... by the knowledge that service to one’s country extracts a heavy price but the reward is beyond measure. It fills the heart with a sense of purpose and pride that cannot be replaced, written down on a piece of paper, or spoken of because there is no language which can do it justice.

“Too much is lost in the translation. It runs too deep and too fast and can only be felt in the deepest recesses of the human heart. Still, there is another feeling that accompanies this pride and purpose...it is a sense of needing to repay those who have supported us for all these years.

“And that is where the debt comes in,” Allen said with an emotional sigh. “Because if I was the engine that powered the ship, then my family was always my rudder. They say you can’t make up for lost time. I suppose that’s true. The singular moments in our lives that long separations deprive us of most – birthdays, anniversaries, holidays – can’t be relived. But not once has anyone complained. Not once did anyone question why we made such sacrifices ... because we are a family and we have always had faith in each other, love in our hearts, and hope for the future.

Before requesting permission to go ashore from Capt. Waddingham, Allen called to the stage former Marine and Vietnam veteran Ken Mahaffey of the Public



Cmdr. Scott Allen pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Marine and Vietnam veteran Ken Mahaffey in appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of the air station.

Works Department. During his tour as NAS Kingsville, Allen had relied on Mahaffey to help the command transform the appearance of the installation. As Allen’s “go-to-guy,” Mahaffey never faltered.

“Ken is a Vietnam combat veteran and one of my personal heroes,” Allen said as he took off his Meritorious Service Medal and presented it to him. “Please accept this end of career award representing 23 years of my life’s work as a symbol of my respect for you and all that you have done to make a difference here at NAS Kingsville.” Reluctantly, Mahaffey accepted the generous gift.

With that done, Allen saluted his commanding officer and requested permission to go ashore. He then left the stage, walked over to the sideboys, and to the sound of the Boatswain’s pipe and the ringing of the ship’s bell, Allen rendered his final salute and went ashore.

“Commander, United States Navy, retired, departing ...”



Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate presents Cmdr. Scott Allen a “Key to the City” on behalf of the citizens of Kingsville and Kleberg County.



Cmdr. Todd Watkins, right, and Cmdr. Scott Allen pose for a photo with Allen’s wife Nancy who received a proclamation from Texas governor Rick Perry designating her as an official “Yellow Rose of Texas.” Below, Cmdr. Allen presents American flags to his sons, Jake, 18, left, and Michael, 21, right. The flags were recently flown over the birth cities of the sons in their honor.



BEFORE YOU GO! NAS Kingsville Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff holds Cmdr. Scott Allen at bay as he presents a special retirement gift from the Chief Petty Officers’ Mess. The hunting rifle included an engraving marking Cmdr. Allen’s retirement.



Kingsville Symphony patriotic concert July 4

The Kingsville Symphony will hold their annual "Salute to the Military" concert July 4 at Jones Auditorium on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK). The concert will start at 3 p.m. The theme of this year's concert is "American Heroes: Those Who Serve."

Corpus Christi talk radio personality Jim Lago will be narrating the concert. Brian Shelton, Director of Bands at TAMUK will be conducting the orchestra, and Melinda Brou, Assistant Professor in Voice and Opera at TAMUK, will perform a solo.

All military personnel will be admitted FREE. (Active Duty, Retired, Reserve, National Guard). Family members, friends, and others can get tickets at the following locations:

TAMUK Music Department, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, 900 Engineering Blvd., Phone: 361-593-2804; the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce, 635 E. King Ave. Phone: 361-592-6438; the Kingsville Con

Celebrate the 4th with the Kingsville Symphony

vention and Visitors Bureau, 1501 N. US Hwy 77, Phone: 800-333-5032 or 361-592-8516; and the NAS Kingsville ITT Office.

Tickets may be purchased at either the Chamber or Visitors Bureau with a Visa credit card and picked at Will Call at Jones Auditorium the day of the concert, if desired.

Ticket prices are \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$30. Tickets will also be available at the door. The event will include a virtual fireworks display, and will be broadcast live by KEDT television.

The Kingsville Symphony Orchestra is a joint venture between Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the city of Kingsville.

If you have any questions or need more information please call me (592-3391) or Nancy King Sanders (362-228-0742).

NASK 2009 Annual Drinking Water Report

Special Notice: Required language for ALL community public water supplies:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or Immuno-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections.

You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: Monday-Friday

Location: NAS Kingsville, Building 4711

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone No.: 516-6404

Meetings: None Scheduled

NAS Kingsville's drinking water is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and they have determined that certain water quality issues existed which prevent our water from meeting all of the requirements as stated in the Federal Drinking Water Standards. Each issue is listed in this report as a violation and we are working closely with the TCEQ to achieve solutions. By the fourth quarter in 2009, the station was in compliance with the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Maximum Contaminant Level standard.

Water Sources: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

Where do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from **surface water** and **ground water** sources. Naval Air Station Kingsville is currently purchasing all of its drinking water from the City of Kingsville which in turn purchases some of its drinking water from the South Texas Water Authority (STWA). STWA provides surface water from the **Nueces River Terminal Reservoir** and the City of Kingsville pumps ground water from the **Goliad Sand** aquifer.

A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s) is currently being updated by the TCEQ. This informa-

tion describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus our source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information will be available later this year on Texas Drinking Water Watch at <http://dww.tceq.state.tx.us/DWW/>.

All drinking water may contain contaminants. When drinking water meets federal standards, there may not be any health-based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About the Following Page. The page that follows lists all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 contaminants.

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): Highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** Level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known/expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect benefits of use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Treatment Technique (TT): Required process intended to reduce level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL): Concentration of contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.



Senior Chief Mike Reed, center left, and NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, center right, prepare to cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the official opening of the new enlisted barracks in Bldg. 3740. Joining in the photo are members of the Consolidated Bachelor Quarters staff, and, NAS Kingsville Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson, back right, and Command Master

Chief Charlie Ratliff, right, front. The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the end of a nearly two-year refurbishing project for the building at a cost of \$1.5 million. Sailors began moving into their new quarters last month. The CBQ staff is very happy with the newly opened facility, and what it offers Sailors who reside on station. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs).

Abbreviations: NTU -- Nephelometric Turbidity Units; MFL -- million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos); pCi/L -- picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity); ppm -- parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l) ppb -- parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l) ppt -- parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter; ppq -- parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter; UoM -- Unit of Measure

Inorganic Contaminants

Year/Range	Contaminant	Avg Lvl	Min Lvl	Max Lvl	MCL	MCLG	UoM	Source of Contaminant
2005 2008	Arsenic *	5	4	6	10	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes.
2005 2008	Barium	0.034	0.031	0.039	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes, metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits.
2005 2008	Chromium	9.6	8.3	11.5	100	100	ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
2008	Fluoride	0.68	0.66	0.75	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2005	Nitrate	3.26	3.05	3.54	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2005 2008	Selenium	7.3	5.2	8.9 50	50	ppb	ppm	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
2005 2009	Cmbnd Radium	0.03	0	0.15	5	0	pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
2005 2009	Gross beta emitters	5.88	3.7	7.7	50	0	pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
2005 2009	Gross Alpha	7.16	4.3	9.7	15	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organic Contaminants Testing waived, not reported, or none detected.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Avg Lvl	Min Lvl	Max Lvl	MRDL	MRDLG	UoM	Source of Disinfectant
2009	Chloramine Residual	0.95	0.03	3.5	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Contaminant	Avg Lvl	Min Lvl	Max Lvl	MCL	UoM	Source of Contaminant
2009	Ttl Haloacetic Acids	14.5	7.4	26.7	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2009	Ttl Trihalomethanes	67.8	30.8	122	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts

This evaluation is sampling required by EPA to determine the range of total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acid in the system for future regulations. The samples are not used for compliance, and may have been collected under non-standard conditions. EPA also requires that data to be reported here.

Year	Contaminant	Avg Lvl	Min Lvl	Max Lvl	MCL	UoM	Source of Contaminant
2007	Ttl Haloacetic Acids	25.6	0	89.5	NA	Ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2007	Ttl Trihalomethanes	104.9	0	361.6	NA	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Contaminants **Not Reported or None Detected.**

Lead and Copper

Year/Range	Contaminant	90th Percentile	Sites Exceeding	Action Level	UoM	Source of Contaminant
2009	Lead	11.9	0	15	Ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2009	Copper	1.12	0	1.3	Ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

Turbidity: **Not Required;** Total Coliform: **Reported Monthly. Tests found NO coliform bacteria.** Fecal Coliform: **Reported Monthly. Tests found NO fecal coliform bacteria.**

Violations:

Violation type: MCL VIOLATION – TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM). **Health Effects:** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. **Duration:** 4/1/2009 to 6/30/2009. **Explanation:** The TTHM standard is 80 ppb and applies to running annual average (RAA) for the latest four quarters of the sampling results. The third quarter individual result was 122 ppb and resulted in the RAA being 82.1 for the third quarter. By the fourth quarter, the RAA was 67.8 ppb. **Steps to Correct:** The disinfectant ratio was corrected and the disinfection injection point was changed. One of the two underground storage tanks was removed from service. Long term improvement includes correcting the water storage and distribution piping to the appropriate size.

Violation Type: DISTRIBUTION: MCL VIOLATION – TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM). **Health Effects:** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. **Duration:** 7/1/2009 to 9/30/2009. **Explanation:** The TTHM standard is 80 ppb and applies to running annual average (RAA) for the latest four quarters of the sampling results. The fourth quarter individual result was 50.2 ppb which resulted in the RAA being 86.1. By the fourth quarter, the RAA was 67.8 ppb. **Steps to Correct:** The disinfectant ratio was corrected and the disinfection injection point was changed. One of the two underground storage tanks was removed from service. Long term improvement includes correcting the water storage and distribution piping to the appropriate size.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year/Range	Constituent	Avg Lvl	Min Lvl	Max Lvl	Sec. Limit	UoM	Source of Constituent
2008	Bicarbonate	227	223	242	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2005 2008	Calcium	23.4	18.5	32.5	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Chloride	255	245	258	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2005 2008	Copper	0.01	0.003	0.028	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2005 2008	Hardness as Ca/Mg	101	87	104	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2005 2008	Iron	0.037	0	0.148	0.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
2005 2008	Lead	0.002	0	0.006	NA	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2005 2008	Magnesium	9.1	7.6	11.6	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2005 2008	Manganese	0.0012	0	0.0046	0.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	P Alkalinity as CaCO3	2	0	2	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts
2008	pH	8	7.7	8.1	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2005 2008	Sodium	308	289	336	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Sulfate	209	145	225	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	230	227	242	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2008	Dissolved Solids	968	877	991	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2005 2008	Zinc	0.016	0.011	0.024	5	ppm	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in metal industry.

New McFall Memorial Chapel opens for services

By Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville held a ribbon-cutting ceremony today (June 18) to officially open the new McFall Memorial Chapel on board the air station.

"I'm glad that I am here and able to see the Chapel ribbon cutting," said RP1 Christine Tamag. "I was here when they closed the Chapel in 2007 and moved services to Building 2741. To me, it hasn't been the same because we lost half of both congregations."

That should change with the opening of the new Chapel, which was resurrected on the same spot as the old building. Some of the historic pieces of the old Chapel were also included in the new construction. The stained glass windows were saved, as well as some of the items from inside the building.

Since the old building was closed, Sunday religious services were held for Protestants and Catholics in the Chaplain's Office's Multipurpose Room in Bldg. 2471. With the McFall Memorial Chapel opening, these services will continue to be held, but the Chapel will be able to seat a lot more people - approximately 150.

"I'm looking forward to working in the new chapel," Tamag, a 10-year Navy veteran added. "It's beautiful. We're blessed with this new chapel and I hope everyone will see it as an opportunity to conduct their own services here."

McFall Memorial Chapel, a beautiful and historic building, was originally erected in 1942. The Chapel is dedicated to the memory of Chaplain (Lt.) William McFall, one of the first Station chaplains, who died in

action on Dec. 12, 1943, while serving in the Southwest Pacific.

In 1976, the Chapel underwent a major renovation. Air conditioning was added, walls were painted and other minor repairs were done. From late 1977 to early 1978, a new altar wall was added. In 1981, carpet was added in the altar area. The altar and lectern were built by the Seabees.

In 1984, the entire Chapel was carpeted and the outside was repainted. In 1985, chaplains and chapel volunteers refinished the pews and upholstered the kneelers. In 1986, the Chapel was repainted, inside and outside, and minor repairs were made. Cushions were installed in the pews at this time.

In 1989, the Chapel began to sink into the sand on which it is built. The chancel, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and the side room were all given a concrete foundation. New carpet was laid. In the summer of 1990, the air conditioning unit was replaced and the restrooms were given a face-lift. A "base beautification" project planted flowers, bushes and trees at the Chapel. New drapes and curtains were added at the end of 1990.

Beginning in 1998, major renovations were undertaken to outfit McFall Memorial Chapel for the 21st century. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel was moved from the North wing to the South side of the foyer and the North wing was converted to a nursery facility.

In early 1999, the Seabees, in conjunction with the chaplains, redesigned and renovated the stage area to a more open semi-circular de-

sign. New carpet was installed. In late 1999, the sound system was moved from the backstage area to a newly created audio-visual closet in the South wing. The purchase and installation of a computer and video projector completed the multimedia upgrade.

In 2000, the Chapel exterior was freshly painted and landscaping was renovated. On Oct. 5, a dedication ceremony was conducted for the 14-ft. spire that sat atop the Chapel adding beauty, grace and dignity to the facility.

Due to major foundation issues, the Chapel was closed in late 2007. The com-

mand began a search for funding for a major renovation of the facility in early 2009, a process that took nearly eight months. Once funding was obtained, a contract bid was solicited. Work finally began on the new Chapel in November 2009.

The new facility features a South Texas look, with stucco exterior walls and metal roof. The Chapel's outdoor pavilion was also upgraded to match the Chapel's look, and the grounds have remained pretty much untouched. The entrance way will still feature trees and shrubs that use to line the entrance to the old facility. *(Story by Fifi Kieschnick).*

mit our lives to God, daily. We are no longer missing a sanctuary to uplift our prayers to strengthen our country, communities, and mission.

The NAS Kingsville Religious Ministries team will be conducting two Sunday services. Starting at 10:30 a.m., we will hold a protestant service (Christian Family Bible Service with Children's Church), as we worship through praise songs, prayers, hymns, scriptural message, and fellowship. A second worship service will follow with a traditional Catholic Mass at 12:30 p.m.

You are also invited to join us for our noon Bible Study luncheons every Tuesday. On Thursdays, we will have music preparation at 2:30 p.m. for Catholics, and 3:30 p.m. we will hold our weekly music/prayer meetings. Prayer is the key for all preparation and spiritual focus.

In the future we will be offering a Sunday School breakfast and Thursday Chilling at the Chapel with dinner and Vacation Bible School-style children and youth groups.

We are also looking for a director of religious education and a child care coordi-

The Past ...

McFall Memorial Chapel Constructed 1942



The Present & Future

McFall Memorial Chapel Rededicated June 18, 2010



**Chaplain (Lt.)
Mark Haley
Command Chaplain**

All Invited to our Navy's newest Sanctuary: Faith, Hope, and Life.

Father's Day, Sunday, June 20

It is a blessing to worship in our Navy's newest Sanctuary at McFall Memorial Chapel. The term sanctuary means a consecrated place where an altar is placed to set aside for worship and dedication; A place of refuge and protection. This is what has been missing at NAS Kingsville for the past 3 years.

We are no longer missing a sanctuary on our base to give praises to our God. We are missing no longer a sanctuary dedicated to our Sailors and families before God in marriage, baptisms, baby dedications, and military service, and we can now recom-

nator to be a part of our team. If you're interested, inquire with the command Chaplain.

Navy chapels are open to people of all faiths. If you would like to lead your particular faith worship service, please contact the command chaplain and we will set up a time for you.

Freedom continues to ring at McFall Memorial Chapel. Come and worship with us this Sunday. What a holy place to build our faith, hope, and life; as we serve God protecting our country from the evils in this world. You are a blessing and thank you for your service to God and country.

Religious Ministries Services

Sunday: Family Bible Services with Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Noon Bible Study.

Wednesday: Officer Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Marriage Enrichment

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) out of Jacksonville, Fla., is offering again the Marriage Enrichment Retreat at the Corpus Christi Omni Hotel, Aug. 20-22. CREDO needs at least 10 couples to sign up in order to have the retreat. Active duty military, Reservists, retirees, and DoD/DoN civilians and their family members can attend the retreat.

The Retreat begins on Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday. The setting is designed to enhance and support the ability of a couple to get away from the distractions of everyday life in order to improve their marriage relationship. Activities are designed to increase a couple's ability to understand one another better and communicate on a more intimate level. Private rooms and bathrooms are provided, along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All free of charge.

If you are interested in attending, please register as soon as possible. Retreats fill up rapidly on a first come first serve basis. To register, call CREDO AT (904) 542-3923/DSN: 942-3923 or email: cnrse_credo@navy.mil.

MWR Event Calendar

Pool hours:

Monday through Friday: Lap Swim 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Recreational Swim 1-8 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 1-8 p.m.

50 Mile Swim Club:

Sign up at the pool or call 516-6113.

500 Yard Swim, June 22:

Sign up at pool front desk or call 516-6113.

Water Aerobics:

Monday and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Inner Tube Water Polo:

Thursdays, 6 p.m. Call 516-6113, for more information.

Library Events

Summer Reading Program: Voyage to Book Island runs through July 30. Visit the Station Library or call 516-6271.

K-Rock Coffee Shop

Buy 10 Cups get one free!!

Movie Tavern

First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. K-Bar will be showing free, pre-released movies.

June Movie Schedule

(Wednesdays, 7 p.m.) At Single Sailor/ITT
June 23: (Thriller) "Shutter Island" starring Leonardo DeCaprio.

June 30: (Romance) "Valentines Day" starring Jessica Biel and Jessica Alba.

Saturday Family Movies:

Free every Saturday at 2 p.m. at ITT.

June 19: "Percy Jackson & Olympians."
June 26: Double Feature: "Alice in Wonderland" starring Johnny Depp and "Arthur and the Invisibles."

K-Bar at the Captain's Club

Movie Tavern First Tuesday of Each Month, show time is 7 p.m. Free Movie. K-Bar is open.

Trivia On Tap

Trivia Night at the K-Bar every Thursday night in June, 7 p.m. Teams of 4 compete by answering trivia questions. Great K-Bar prizes available to winners! Contact 516-6371 for more information.

Bowling Center

Free lunch time bowling weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Purchase of meal.

Open Recreation sponsors kayak trip for teens

The Youth Center's Open Rec Program went kayaking and fishing Saturday, June 12. Open Rec members caught a lot of fish, got sunburned, and had a lot of fun!

The Open Recreation Program is open to children ages 5 to 18 who have access to MWR facilities. Call 516-6718 for more information. *(Photos by Brent A. Edwards, CYP Director)*



Above, Teens Ben F. and Ashley M. are instructed "how to" kayak by CYP Intern Lucas Eckstein. Left, Ashley and CYP Intern Lucas Eckstein battle the current and the hot South Texas sun.



Right, Open Recreation members fish in the waters of Corpus Christi Bay. The kayak trip was one of many activities planned for the Open Rec Program. See schedule of events, in the grey box to the right.



NASK to celebrate 4th and Station birthday July 1

By Meghan Jump, MWR Marketing

NAS Kingsville will celebrate the air station birthday and Independence Day with a special celebration at the Captain's Club July 1. Base personnel are invited to kick-off their three-day weekend with Kleberg County's largest fireworks show, games, food, and special events for people of all ages.

Other Independence Day events on board include The Freedom Splash N' Dash and the America's Kids Run. The Freedom Splash N' Dash will be held at 5 p.m. at the MWR pool. Relay teams of four will compete, with adults swimming 200 meters and kids swimming 100 meters. Sign up for this event at the pool or fitness center front desk prior to July 1.

The America's Kids Run will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the fitness center track. Participation is free and all participants will receive a free t-shirt and medal, as supplies last. Children ages 5 to 13 are welcome to take part. Register today at www.americaskids.org. For more information call 361-516-6719.

During the evening event, from 7-10 p.m., activities will be held inside and outside the Captain's Club and K-Bar. Ac-



tivities for children include bounce houses, carnival games with free prizes, and face painting patriotic tattoos. Events for adults consist of human size foosball, Trivia-On-Tap, Bingo, human bowling, extreme golf, human wall-fly, Dance-Dance Revolution, great door prizes, and more.

There will also be a free barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs and water provided, as supplies last. All other snacks and refreshments will be on sale through the K-Bar.

Base personnel are authorized to sponsor guests on board for the celebration. All personnel who sponsor guests for the celebration must remain with them at all times while they are on board, and assume responsibility for their conduct. Personnel may obtain vehicle passes for guests at the NAS Kingsville ITT office inside the Captain's Club.

Come join us for a free fireworks show and a free barbecue dinner to celebrate the air station birthday and Independence Day!

Open Recreation Activities:

June 26: Corpus Christi Hooks Game vs. Frisco RoughRiders - Cost: \$5, 5-11 p.m. "Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd!"

July 10: Splatter Action Paintball - Round #2, Corpus Christi. Cost: \$25. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last chance this summer for youth to shoot at the staff!

July 17: Splashtown - San Antonio. Cost: \$25. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Take a break from the heat and cool off at the water park!

July 23-24: Overnight Camp Out - NAS Corpus Christi. Cost: \$10. 7 p.m. July 23 to 10 a.m. July 24. Sleep under the stars and make s'mores by the campfire!

Aug. 7: Houston Texans Training Camp - Houston. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.. Are you ready for some Houston Texans football? (Cost: Free to the first 25 registered youth/teen, \$25 for food and souvenirs)

Vet on board June 29

The MWR Veterinarian will be on board NAS Kingsville on June 29, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The Vet will be available for vaccines and product sales.

Please call the Vet Office at NAS Corpus Christi for appointments. They can only accept cash or checks for payment. Call 361-961-3952 for more information.

Racquetball Champion crowned

By Kristin Lokken, MWR Sports

Congratulations to Alvar Hancock, this year's Racquetball Ladder Champion. The tournament, which began in March, consisted of 15 participants who regularly challenged each other to racquetball matches. If a lower ranked participant succeeded in the challenge he or she would move up the ladder.

Alvar remained near the top of the ladder throughout the tournament, winning the majority of his challenges. Beginning 28 May, the top four ranked players competed in a single elimination tournament to determine the overall champion. Hancock proved his top rank by beating both of his opponents in the playoff, claiming the championship title.

Lunchtime Volleyball

Lunchtime Volleyball has begun!
Schedule for the week of 28 June:

Monday, June 29

12 p.m. Fever vs. Trauma Dawgs
12:30 p.m. Field Support vs. VT-21

Wednesday, June 30-

12 p.m. MWR vs. Border Patrol
12:30 p.m. 60-20-10-0 vs. VT-22

Obama praises military oil spill support

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2010 – President Barack Obama opened his talk today at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., praising the military for its role in the oil spill response in the Gulf of Mexico, then launched into a rousing address, promising to be judicious in how he uses military power and to provide the military what it needs to succeed.

Obama, visiting Pensacola after assessing progress in the oil response, made an important promise to an assembly of sailors, airmen, soldiers, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

“I will not hesitate to use force to protect the American people or our vital interests,” he said. “But I will also never risk your lives unless it’s absolutely necessary. And if it is necessary, we are going to back you up to the hilt with the strategy and the clear mission and the equipment and the support that you need to get the job done right.”

That includes ensuring the proper strategy and support for the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, Obama said. He noted that the combat mission in Iraq is on schedule to end this summer, as U.S. forces press forward in Afghanistan.

“We’re working to break the momentum of the Taliban insurgency and train Afghan

security forces, strengthen the capacity of the Afghan government and protect the Afghan people,” he said.

“We will disrupt and dismantle and ultimately defeat al-Qaida and its terrorist affiliates,” he continued. “And we will support the aspirations of people around the world as they seek progress and opportunity and prosperity, because that’s what we do as Americans.”

Obama pledged that the U.S. military will have the training and equipment it needs to succeed in missions it’s asked to carry out. “We’re going to keep you the best-trained, best-led, best-equipped military that the world has ever known,” he said.

That’s why the military has halted personnel reductions in the Navy and increased the size of the Marine Corps, and why it continues investing in new capabilities and technologies for the future, he said.

“But the most important thing in our military is our people,” the president said, pledging support for wounded warriors, particularly those suffering from post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury, and to keep faith with military families.

“When a loved one goes to war, that family goes to war,” Obama said. “That’s why we’re working to improve family readiness and increase pay and benefits, working to



give you more time between deployments, increasing support to help spouses and families deal with the stresses and the separation of war.”

The president reiterated First Lady Michelle Obama’s challenge to every sector of American society to support military families.

“This can’t be the work of government alone,” he said. “As Michelle’s been saying, 1 percent of Americans may be fighting our wars, but 100 percent of Americans need to be supporting our men and women and their families in uniform. You guys shouldn’t be carrying the entire burden.”

Obama praised the men and women in uniform who willingly agreed to carry this burden for their country. “Our nation is at war,” he said. “And all of you have stepped forward. You volunteered. You took an oath. You stood tall and you said, ‘I will serve.’”

The president said he’s proud of the resolve, determination and resilience the nation is demonstrating in the face of the Gulf oil spill disaster – qualities he said the military has demonstrated throughout U.S. history.

“That’s the same spirit we see in all of you – the men and women in uniform – the spirit we’ll need to meet other challenges of our time,” he said.

The Kingsville Navy League proudly presents the 2010

Navy Ball Golf Tournament

L.E. Ramey Golf Course, Kingsville

9 a.m. shotgun start
scramble format

22 team / 88 player limit

Enter a team or sign-up as individual for team placement

Help the Navy League support the NAS Kingsville 2010 Navy Ball



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Navy Ball Golf Tournament

Friday, July 30 at L.E. Ramey Golf Course

4-player team scramble format

Prizes to top three teams

Closest to the Pin on all par 3’s

Longest Drive

Open to military and civilian personnel.

\$40 Entry fee includes barbecue lunch after the round, plus door prize tickets!

Put Your Command Team in the Captain’s Cup challenge against teams from the City of Kingsville, Texas A&M-Kingsville and NASK ...

Can you take the cup from Mayor Sam Fugate’s team?

Pick up entry forms at the Fitness Center or

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office.

Only 88 slots - Enter by July 25th.