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Pinning ceremony marks transition to chief

More than 150 Chief Petty Officers and base military and civilian personnel turned out for the 2010 Chief Petty Officers' pinning ceremony at the Captain's Club Sept. 16. The ceremony marked the end of an 8-week transition period for two NAS Kingsville Sailors, Chief Master at Arms Ronnie Murchison and Chief Culinary Specialist Pearline Myers, who were among 4,800 personnel Navywide selected for advancement into the Chiefs' ranks.

"This is a big day for the Navy and a big day for these two new Chiefs," NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin said prior to the official pinning. "We all know that Chiefs run the

Navy. Today, these two join those ranks – and I couldn't be happier for them."

Chief Petty Officers, active duty and retired from throughout the air station were on hand for the event. The pinning ceremony traditionally marks the official entry into the Chief's Mess for those selected, and it includes remarks from the Commanding Officer, the reading of the CPO Creed, the presentation of the CPO Hat, and the pinning of the CPO anchors. For many, the reading of the creed is an emotional reminder of the bond with their community that Chiefs are sworn to accept upon their advancement.

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NAS Kingsville commanding officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents NASK's newest chief petty officers with their frocking letters during a pinning ceremony Sept. 16. Left is Chief Culinary Specialist Pearline Myers. Center is Chief Master at Arms Ronnie Murchison.

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Dozens of personnel from throughout the Naval Air Station took part in a Freedom Walk and Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 10. For the story and more photos, please turn to page 3.



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From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

This week's article is dedicated to the upcoming hunting season. If you're a deer hunter in Texas, it is no secret that the first Saturday in November is an "unofficial state holiday" as over a million residents head out to their deer stands in search of the whitetail. NAS Kingsville has property at Escondido Ranch, about 6,500 acres located 15 miles northwest of Freer, Texas. On the ranch, we have whitetail deer, feral hogs, dove,

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Team Kingsville,

What a great way to end the week! Thursday's Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony (Sept. 16) was an outstanding event that marked the single most significant accomplishment in the professional careers of Chief Petty Officer Ron Murchison and Chief Petty Officer Pearlina Myers. I want to personally thank all of you who attended this very special event.

These two Sailors successfully completed eight weeks of intense training provided by the members of the NAS Kingsville Chief Petty Officers' Mess. This training focused on ensuring these Sailors were ready to assume the increased leadership responsibilities associated with wearing the anchors of a Chief Petty Officer. I am very proud to announce that these two Chiefs are not only ready, but very eager to tackle the challenges they will face as Navy Chiefs.

Advancement to Chief Petty Officer should be the ultimate goal of every career-minded Sailor. Sure, awards, successful tours of duty,

quail and javalinas. Additionally, our MWR Department has instructions that run through the process for active duty, dependants, retirees and other authorized patrons to partake in hunting and fishing activities.

Under the leadership of Chief Matt Smith, the active duty and civilian MWR staff at Escondido Ranch has been preparing the ranch for this year's hunting season. In addition to the roof repairs completed by Public Works to the lodge, the staff has been grooming the sanderos for quail hunters, and they have been running the game feeders to validate and confirm whitetail numbers so this year's harvest plans can be finalized. Our deer cameras on selected feeders have returned some outstanding photos as you see in the impressive buck still in the velvet.

So I urge those who desire to partake in hunting activities on NAS Kingsville

and advancement through the petty officer ranks are goals that all Sailors have throughout their careers, but advancement to Chief Petty Officer is the ultimate achievement a Sailor can attain. There is no greater professional achievement than knowing a selection board carefully reviewed your service record and found you worthy of selection to Chief Petty Officer.

There are many things selection boards look at when deciding who should be selected. The board members look very closely at the most recent five years of a Sailor's career. However, the entire history of duty assignments is reviewed – as well as all qualifications and awards received.

So what is the board looking for when they are reviewing service records? First and foremost, they look for sustained superior performance. They aren't looking to select the Sailor who is having a great tour right now. They are looking for the Sailor that has done great things at all duty stations. Performance evaluations are one way board members can tell how the Sailor's performance stacks up against the performance of his or her peers.

Qualifications are another thing selection boards look at when grading candidates. If the Sailor is serving on a warship, the Sailor must have earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) pin. The same thing applies for the Sailor serving at an aviation squadron, the Sailor must have earned the



property to visit the ITT office and purchase your Kingsville Hunt club membership and follow the guidelines we have established in official instruction. Be safe and good hunting!

Skipper Mac

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS) pin. Other qualifications are also important, especially those that are above-and-beyond what are required to do their jobs. Take for example the BM1 who has earned his Officer of the Deck (OOD) underway qualification; or the AD1 who has earned his Safe for Flight qualification. These two weigh heavily in the eyes of a selection board because these two qualifications are normally earned by Chief Petty Officers.

A moment ago, I mentioned history of duty assignments. Selection boards look at this to ensure Sailors are keeping with their normal sea/shore rotation and if not, why they aren't. They also want to see if the Sailor is taking on challenging duty assignments. Has the Sailor served as an instructor or an RDC? Has the Sailor volunteered for an Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment? Keep this in mind when selecting your next duty station.

These are just a few of the things selection boards look for when reviewing service records. I encourage all of you to ask your Chief to spend some time with you to discuss your career. This will be time well-spent and should point you in the right direction with regard to being selected for Chief Petty Officer.

Regards,
CMC

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Thousands who lost lives on 9/11 were honored during Sept. 10 event

by Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Dozens of personnel aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville participated in a Freedom Walk and Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 10, honoring the thousands of lives lost in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The occasion began with observing colors at the Headquarters Building flagpole. At the conclusion of the national anthem, the NAS Kingsville color guard led the group to the street to begin the Freedom Walk.

The group moved at an easy pace, followed by an NAS Kingsville fire truck with lights flashing, for the approximately half-mile journey that ended at the McFall Memorial Chapel.

The morning was tranquil, the air thick. The few vehicles the walkers encountered on the route stopped to pay homage.

Lt. Mark Haley, NAS Kingsville chaplain, led a two-bell ceremony at the chapel "marking the tragic occasion where many Americans lost their lives and loved ones – among those, first responders," Haley said to those assembled.

"On 9/11, the worst terrorist attack perpetrated against America left over 2,819 dead, including 343 firefighters and 60 law enforcement officers," said Cmdr. Scott

Wilmot, NAS Kingsville executive officer.

Wilmot added that the full story we must remember "is about the lives that were cut short and the endurance of the human spirit.

"We remember and honor the thousands of heroes lost on Sept. 11, 2001, who knowingly or not, gave up their lives for our freedom. When such a historical event as this takes place, it is our duty as American citizens to ensure that our future generations keep their memories alive; not dwelling on the sadness and devastation, but learning from the circumstances and making every effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

"We need to remember not what the terrorists took from us that day, but rather how we all united together, physically and emotionally, and willingly," Wilmot added, "risking our lives, if necessary, for the freedom of our children and our children's children."

Everyone remembers where they were on 9/11. Ruben Perez, NAS Kingsville Fire Chief, said it was his second day of work aboard NAS Kingsville. "I was talking to staff when I got the phone call."

Cesar Cavazas, Security Officer, said he was in his office watching TV. "I was shocked that it was actually happening," he said. The base immediately went into Threat

Condition Delta he added, putting the most stringent security measures in place.

Jeff List, an electrician in the Public Works Department, said he was still on active duty on 9/11. "We were at morning quarters after finishing morning PT when the word was passed."

List, a married father of four, added that that's why he is still serving his country as a government civilian. He said he appreciated all the military does to protect our nation, our freedom and our families.

Luis Barrera, who served in the Air Force for 4 years and as a government civilian for more than 40, said his first thought when he heard about the terrorist attacks was "why did they do that?"

"We look at life a little differently now that we know we have to keep on fighting for freedom."

Air Traffic Controller Second Class Joshua Hight said that he joined the Navy in part because of the terrorist attacks. He said he was in 10th grade art class in Roscommon, Mich., on 9/11. "We turned on the TV in class to follow what was happening. I remember feeling devastated and heartbroken.

"In war we expect loss of life, but this was hard to comprehend, and sad."



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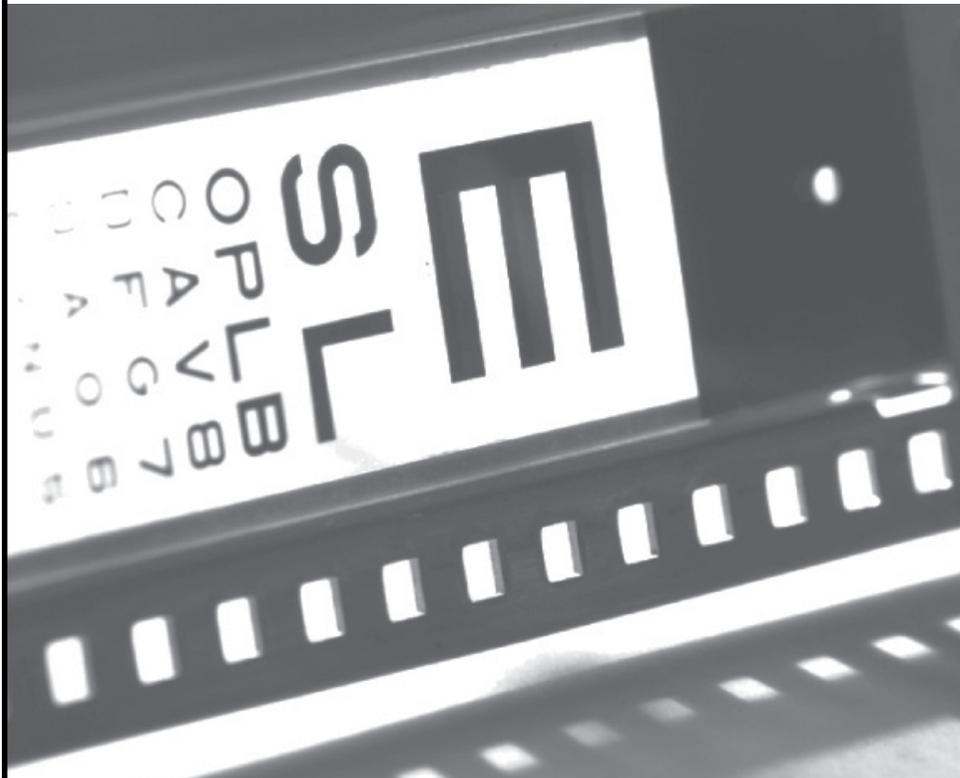
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Lt.Col. Terrence Latorre
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Greetings Team Kingsville,

Well, summer has officially come and gone and it seems like someone flipped a switch and the fall weather (re: rain) is upon us. As we all know there are several months remaining in the hurricane season and this one is proving to be quite busy. Although the temperatures and daylight are beginning to wane, don't let your guard down. As I write this article, there are no less than three named tropical cyclone systems at work in our hemisphere. Please take the time to be prepared and have a plan. The base web site is one place to start when looking for information and the Command, the Wing and squadrons all have tailored HUREVAC plans developed to help mitigate the shock and awe of a South Texas hurricane on our lives. Please be familiar with the details of those resources, but the bottom line is to have a plan that allows you and your family the time needed to prepare and wait out a storm or to safely evacuate the area in a timely manner.

Having a plan is a basic principle in many facets of life and business, and for the military it's a pillar and key to success of our operations. As you may have read last month, the Wing attained a new high point for flight hours in a month. That

accomplishment could not have happened without the hard work by all the folks in-and-around NAS Kingsville including the Air Operations folks, our Crash/Fire/Rescue crews, the medical support team, our base security forces, MWR, FFSC, Public Works, and the many others who work on this base daily. Our flight plans were developed and successfully executed because of the synergistic effort by all of those folks doing things the right way, every day, so that all of us aviators could train and fly safely. I sincerely appreciate everyone's dedication to duty and attention to detail that allowed us to fly day in and day out.

Finally, I am most appreciative of the high standards of professionalism, integrity and commitment of all the flight instructors who met the challenging flight schedule with true class. As I said in my change of command speech in July, it is the people behind the patch that set it apart, and that holds true for all the organizations in our Kingsville community. I am especially proud of the performance of the instructor pilots through their ability to adapt to the changing tempo, all the while remaining focused on the quality of training for each unique individual flight student. Without their teaching styles, fleet experiences and love of flying, we would not be winging the best Naval Aviators.

So as I wind down my first article, remember: Hurricanes are still a threat, have a plan and be ready, and please take the time to reflect and thank everyone for making our flight training the best in the world!

Semper Fi,
Sponge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents Lt. Michael Wildman with a Navy Achievement Medal as he winds up his tour at Naval Air Station Kingsville. Wildman served as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove officer-in-charge and field support division officer for NAS Kingsville since December 2007.

Senior Chief becomes Reserve Deputy

Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Mike Reed, Bachelor Housing manager, took a different type of oath Thursday, Sept. 16. Instead of his usual oath of enlistment, this time Reed took an oath to protect and serve as a Reserve Deputy for the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Ed Mata issued the oath at the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office.

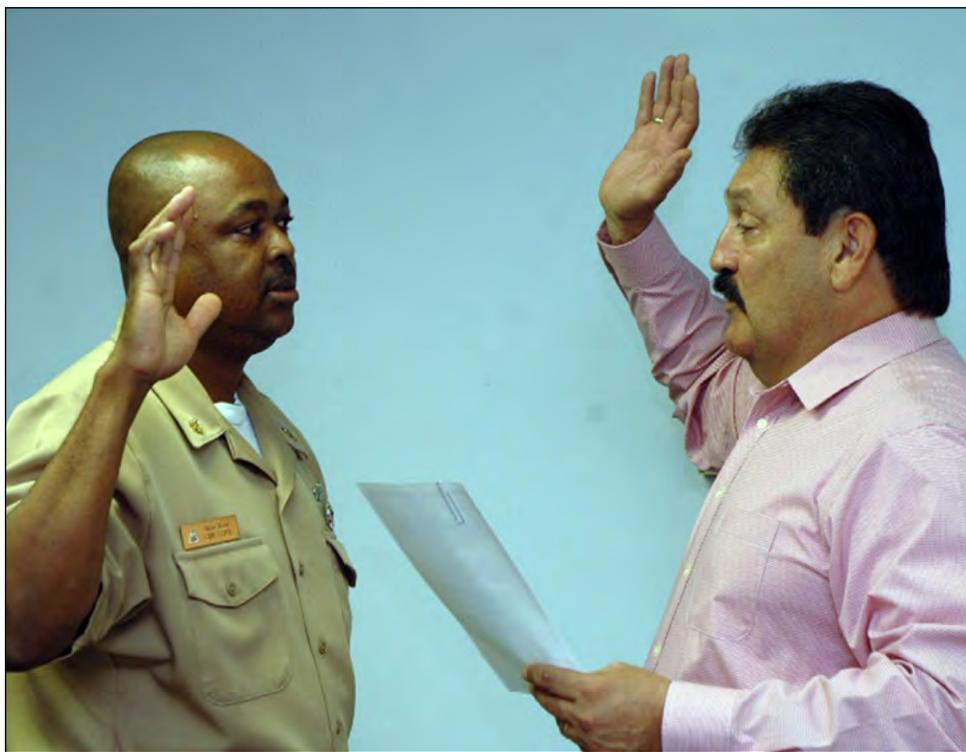
"I'm happy today to do this for Mr. Reed," Mata said, "because I know firsthand the type of people we get from the military.

"And I know Senior Chief Reed is a solid candidate, because he has already proven that to us – and, because I see the people who work for him here today to witness this ceremony."

Reed, who is set to retire from active duty at the end of the year, may find that a career in law enforcement is just around the corner.



Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Mike Reed and Kleberg County Sheriff Ed Mata, right, display the shield Reed was just presented signifying his oath of enlistment as a Reserve Deputy for the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department. Below, Mata gives Reed the oath of enlistment. Photos by Jon Gagne.



Residents urged to complete CEL survey to be eligible for weekly prize drawings

The 2010 CEL Surveys for PPV and base housing units have arrived. Residents are urged be one of the first to complete the survey and return it in order to be eligible to win weekly prizes. Surveys may be completed in paper form or online. Those who decide to complete the survey online must print out the "Thank You" page after completing the survey in order to be eligible for the weekly prize drawings. The web site and pass code is located in the top right hand corner of each survey.

Hawks Landing is offering one gift a week for the open period, which runs through Dec. 12. Hunter's Cove will also be

drawing eight weekly prizes, but as an added benefit, they will be drawing an overall prize from all the names that were turned after the CEL Survey officially comes to a close this year. Only residents who return their survey are eligible for these drawings.

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nation's energy.

The NAS Kingsville Public Works Department will kick off this annual event by placing large energy awareness banners at both gates and by putting up posters throughout the base promoting the need for energy conservation by all base personnel and visitors.

Energy Awareness Month is a great time to refocus our efforts to reduce our energy consumption. We can make energy conservation a part of our day-to-day activity through the following simple, but important, actions.

* Switch off all unnecessary lights and equipment.

* Use efficient Energy Star products.

* Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.

* Use power-down or sleep mode feature for CPUs and monitors.

* At the end of the day, turn the copy machine and printer off.

* Keep government vehicles maintained and only drive when necessary.

* Walk, carpool or use public transportation to conserve fuel.

Our commitment at NAS Kingsville is greater than ever and during the month of October we ask that you become a knowledgeable steward of energy resources and begin conserving energy for a stronger future. You can make it happen!

Contact Household Goods

Anyone can contact Household Goods at any time to get questions answered. Just e-mail your questions about moving and your household goods to householdgoods@navy.mil

NASK Clinic completes successful accreditation

Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) and its branch health clinics located at Naval Air Station Kingsville, and Joint Reserve Base, NAS Fort Worth, completed a successful accreditation survey and inspection by the Joint Commission and the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Medical Inspector General Aug. 25.

The survey and inspection evaluated the Clinics to ensure compliance with nationally established standards. The results will then determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded. By continuing to be an accredited organization the Clinic enhances community confidence, stimulates the command's quality improvement efforts, aids in professional staff recruitment, provides a report card for the public, offers an objective evaluation of the command's performance, and provides a staff education tool. (*Bill Love, NHCCC Public Affairs*)

MWR Event Calendar

Team NAS Kingsville: You could be a winner! All you need to do is text the phrase "KingMWR" to 30364 and you'll be entered in a chance to win a great prize from MWR! Winners are drawn randomly from texting program patrons. (Must be 18 or older to participate). If you're already a patron of the texting program, you're already entered to win. This week the winner will receive a "reserved" table at the Comics on Duty event Saturday, Sept. 25 and a free K-Bar gift card. Prizes vary each week, but range from concert tickets, sporting events, gift cards or tickets to Six Flags San Antonio! Standard texting rates apply.

Trivia On Tap

(Thursdays at 7 p.m.)

Grab your team and come out and play. This week if you join the NASK MWR texting program you'll receive one free bonus point. Simply show the text from MWR on your mobile phone when you sign up and you'll get the point (Limit one per team). Text the phrase "KingMWR" to 30364 and you'll be in. (Standard texting rates apply).

Comics on Duty

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

This is a free show for all base personnel and authorized civilians. Please come out and enjoy this show. For more information visit <http://www.comicsonduty.com/>. The CDC/CYP are offering a kids night out so you can enjoy the show and your kids can enjoy a fun-filled night, too.

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- Tuesdays: Ultimate Frisbee
- Wednesdays: Liberty movies at ITT (7 p.m.)
- Thursdays: Trivia-on-Tap (K-BAR)
- Saturdays: Children's Movies at ITT (2 p.m.)
- Upcoming Events
- Sept. 28 - Flag Football begins
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Kingsville youth is Pilot for a Day

Military and civilian personnel from NAS Kingsville and Training Squadron 21 (VT-21) welcomed aboard 4-year old John Hardy Robertson as this month's Pilot For a Day, Sept. 16. Robertson was accompanied by his parents, Hardy and Robin Robertson, and grandparents for his special day aboard the base. The family hails from Kingsville.

The Pilot For a Day program is a joint-community outreach program for NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO with Driscoll Children's Hospital of Corpus Christi. Each month, a child undergoing treatment at the hospital is selected for the program. Training Squadrons 21 and 22 (VT-21 and VT-22) rotate command sponsorship of the program on a monthly basis. For this month's evolution, VT-21 served as the sponsor command, with Lt. j.g. Danielle Thiriot as project officer and Lt. James Roscoe as John Hardy's sponsor.

Throughout the day, John Hardy was treated to tours of the squadron hangars and static aircraft, visits to the Approach Radar Control room and the air traffic control tower, fire department, security, and the Ground Training Complex for a simulator ride.

Kingsville's KING TV-69 was on hand to cover the event with Benny Guerra behind the camera (See Pilot For a Day special on TV-69 running now). The Kingsville Record

& Bishop News was also on hand, with reporter Ericka Hernandez (see report in the Sept. 19 issue of the newspaper).



Lead Firefighter Corrine Retault and Sparky the Fire Dog help John Hardy maneuver the fire hose. One of the stops during John Hardy's day as Pilot for a Day was the NAS Kingsville Fire Department. Firefighter Tony Moron took on the role of Sparky for the visit.



Left, John Hardy gives a thumbs up after donning a helmet and harness. VT-21's Lt.j.g. Danielle Thiriot is also pictured. Below, Lt.j.g. Josh Cornelius a student aviator aboard NAS Corpus Christi explains gauges in the cockpit of a T-44. Cornelius and his instructor, Lt. Melanie Joyce, flew the T-44 over for the Pilot for a Day.



Pinning from page 1

On hand for the special occasion on behalf of Chief Murchison was his wife, Ivy and in-laws Robert and Esther Garcia of Port Isabel, Texas. Joining Chief Myers for

the pinning were her parents, Booker T. and Lucile Mae Myers of Kirbyville, Texas, and her daughter Kadeshia of Jasper, Texas.



Chief Master at Arms Ronnie Murchison gets his CPO anchors pinned on by his wife, Ivy, center, and Chief Master at Arms Bill Worthen. (Photo by Jon Gagne)



Chief Culinary Specialist Pearline Myers salutes the CPO sideboys following the pinning ceremony.

Emotional ceremony pays tribute to POW/MIAs

The NAS Kingsville First Class Petty Officers' (FCA) and Junior Enlisted Associations (JEA) sponsored a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition ceremony at the Captain's Club, Sept. 17. Guest speakers for the ceremony were Mr. Eddie Moreno, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars #2375 of Kingsville, and Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer. CS1

(SW) Erasmo Guerrero, FCA president, served as Master of Ceremonies.

In addition to the remarks that focused on our country's need to "Never Forget" those missing or left behind and "Never Quit" until the story ends, the program included a Table of Remembrance, the presentation of Colors, and a moving video presentation that touched the hearts of those in attendance.

"I am honored to be here today as your

guest speaker," Moreno told those in attendance. "While it is important that we never forget our soldiers left behind through ceremonies such as this, it is also important to remember the families of our POW/MIA's who have suffered so much – both physically and mentally. One cannot imagine what these families have gone through over the years. Our hearts go out to them."

Moreno then recognized two women in attendance, Delma Gomez and Estella

Gonzalez, daughter of the late Cruz Mata, Kingsville's last WWII prisoner of war who passed away in June at the age of 91. Mata spent the last 7 months and 7 days of WWII as a prisoner of war in a German prison camp. After the war, Mata returned home to Kingsville. He later took a job with Walter Oil Field Services, served as a G.I. Forum member, and an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A history of Cruz' see *POW/MIA* on page 14



Members of the Veterans of Foreign War Post #2375 of Kingsville bow their heads in prayer during the POW/MIA ceremony at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club held Sept. 17.



On behalf of the Junior Enlisted Association and First Class Petty Officers Association, Culinary Specialist Second Class Jeff Hall (left) and Culinary Specialist Third Class Erick Soliz (right) present Eddie Moreno, Commander, VFW Post 2375 of Kingsville, with a plaque in appreciation for serving as the ceremony's guest speaker.

Ceremony honors 40th anniversary of ombudsmen service

by Jon Gagne
Public Affairs Officer

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at NAS Kingsville sponsored a 40th Anniversary Ceremony for Navy Ombudsmen, Friday, Sept. 17, at the Corpus Christi Town Club atop the American Bank in Corpus Christi. Navy installations from as far away as San Antonio attended the event, aimed at recognizing the volunteer service of command ombudsmen past and present. NAS Kingsville FFSC director Frank Firmatura served as master of ceremonies for the event, while the rest of the NAS Kingsville FFSC staff helped plan and coordinate the ceremony. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin served as host and guest speaker. Despite heavy rains in Corpus Christi that evening, more than 100 people attended the event.

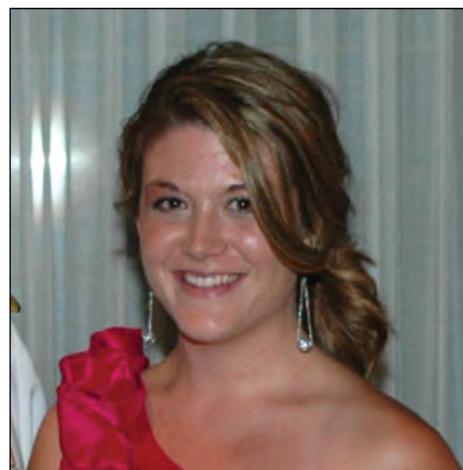
Following a social hour and dinner, the ceremonial portion of the evening began with McLaughlin offering his remarks. With nearly 30 years of service in the Navy – and two tours as a commanding officer, McLaughlin is well-aware of vital role command ombudsmen play in keeping

personnel – and family members informed.

McLaughlin spoke of an incident a few years back in San Diego when Southern California wild fires threatened life and property of thousands of military and civilian families, and many of those folks sought refuge at NAS North Island. When informed of the impending demand for assistance, the NAS North Island commanding officer picked up the phone and made a call. Unfortunately, the CO didn't receive the response he was expecting. So he approached his Command Master Chief and asked what he thought they should do. It didn't take long to put a plan together.

The reason? Well, it just so happens that Navy Ombudsmen were holding a conference in San Diego at the time. And with one phone call, the balls started rolling. The command got more help than they could ever have imagined – and NAS North Island was able to not only set-up temporary lodging for those who needed it, they also were able to use the skills and contacts of the many Ombudsmen attending the conference to call for assistance from the general public.

"That's the importance of a Command Ombudsman," McLaughlin said. "And I



Brie Watson was one of NAS Kingsville's two ombudsmen who were honored at the 40th anniversary celebration of Navy Ombudsmen.

couldn't be happier because my command has two of them!"

Following McLaughlin's remarks, Letters of Appreciation and 40th Anniversary Coins were presented to each ombudsman, and photos were taken with command officials. Recognized during the evening were: Mrs. Valerie Beckley, Naval Health Clinic



Laurie Harrison, one of NAS Kingsville's ombudsmen, was also honored. Both received a Certificate of Appreciation and a 40th anniversary coin.

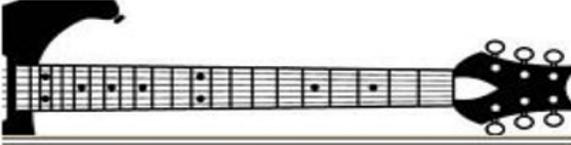
Corpus Christi; Mrs. Ruth A. Neely, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio; Mrs. Jeri Nix, NAS Corpus Christi; Mrs. Rebecca Duncan, Naval Operational Support center Corpus Christi; Mrs. Leslie Sowles, Training Squadron 27, Training Air Wing Four; and Mrs. Laurie Harrison and Mrs. Brie Watson, NAS Kingsville.



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Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, signs a proclamation on Sept. 8, to proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month, during a ceremony in the commander's office. Looking on are members of the Navy Region Southeast and installation staffs. The proclamation focused on first responders applying ACT - Ask, Care, Treat, as a proactive approach to suicide prevention.

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Flying Colors -- Naval Air Station Kingsville Sailors from the First Class Petty Officers Association and the Junior Enlisted Association made a Field of Flags to welcome Wounded Warriors to a fishing tournament held at Baffin Bay earlier this month. A total of 500 flags were placed to make up the Field of Flags. Pictured above, from left, are UT1 Adrian Gonzalez, CS1 Holly Clow, CS1 Erasmo Guerrero, RP1 Christine Tamag, RP3 Quentin Williams and CS3 Erick Soliz. Pictured right, placing the flags are Soliz, Williams and Tamag. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, Naval Air Station Kingsville Public Affairs)



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What's Happening

by Tina Konwerski

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October 1, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Half Price Sale on October 2, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Children's Bargain Basement Sale.** Looking for a great deal on children's items? Check out gently used clothes, maternity, toys, furniture and much, much more at the Semi-Annual Children's Bargain Basement Sale. First United Methodist Church GYM, on the bayfront across from Holiday Inn, 900 S. Shoreline. Cash only! Proceeds benefit FUMC Vacation Bible School 2011. New consigners welcome! Questions or to consign: Stacye at 884-0391 ext. 327 or smccain@ccfumc.com

3rd Annual Spook 'N Splash - The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department invites everyone to come to its 3rd Annual Spook 'N Splash

on Friday, October 8, 2010, from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Natatorium, 3202 Cabaniss Parkway! Join us for all the creepiness that will include the haunted maze, arts & crafts, pumpkin seed spitting contest and "Sleepy Hollow" bowling with the headless horseman's "head," a costume contest, a classic Halloween cartoon movie, and of course, open swim time! Admission is \$4 per person. Enjoy our fun and ghoulish concession food and drinks to be offered, like Popped-Brains Corn, Spider Web Cotton Candy and Vampire Blood. Don't forget your costume and swim suit! There will be lots of fun for family and friends. For more information, call 361-826-3460 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or 361-878-2337 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Monday-Friday, or visit www.ccparkandrec.com (click "What's Happening").

On Wednesday, October 7, 2010, the Corpus Christi Commission on Children and Youth will be hosting a FREE networking event for all organizations, groups, boards, teachers, instructors and anyone who educates, works with or provides services to youth and their families in our community.

Community Connections will showcase the organizations and individuals who work with and/or provide services to youth and families in our area. These organizations will be asked to provide a short presentation on their mission and services, share ideas through a questionnaire and help the Commission compile a comprehensive list of service providers available for youth and families in our community.



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The event will take place at the Del Mar Economic Development Center (across from Ray High School) from 9:00 a.m. to Noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.). Be sure you get a seat. For more information, contact Steven Hensley at 361-826-4004 or stevenh@cctexas.com; of Rita Morales at rita.morales@co.nueces.tx.us. For more information, the agenda or the registration form, visit www.ccparkandrec.com (click on "What's Happening").

The City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department will be offering a **One-Day Youth Basketball Tournament on Saturday, October 9, 2010**. This one-day tournament is eligible to boys and girls in four GRADE DIVISIONS: (5 & 6), (7 & 8), (9 & 10), and (11 & 12). Games will be played at the Corpus Christi Gym (3202 Cabaniss Parkway) and Ben Garza Gym (1815 Howard). Gate fee will be charged.

TEAM REGISTRATION will be offered **September 13-29, 2010** from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at City Hall, 3rd Floor, Parks & Recreation Department (1201 Leopard). Cost is \$180.00 per team. The registration form is available for download at www.ccparkandrec.com (click "WHAT'S HAPPENING").

Pumpkins are coming back to the Island in October. Island in the Son United Methodist Church, 15602 Hwy 361, Corpus Christi will hold its annual Pumpkin Patch **starting on October 13, 2010**. Pumpkins of all sizes will be available everyday until October 31, 2010. Come by and pick out the perfect pumpkin for your

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2. The Players	9	3
3. Alley Cats	7	5
4. Tumbalos	7	5
5. The "HR's"	6	6
6. 3 Minds / Gutter	5	7
7. DNA	3	9
8. The Other Guys	3	9

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**Wednesday Nite Mixed
 Standings as of Sept. 15**

Team	Won	Lost
1. Slow Rollin	6	2
2. DUH's	5	3
3. Pete's Angels	4	4
4. Big K Rollers	4	4
5. Pin Bangers	4	4
6. Team BA	4	4
7. Rat'lers	3	5
8. Laugh Out Loud	2	6

Weekly High Scores:

Rod Malin 224, Buddy Malin 222, Roberto Herrera 221, Doris Walls 212

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life and military service was on display in the Club as part of the ceremony. More than a dozen VFW post 2375 of Kingsville were also in attendance. Following Moreno's remarks, HM2 Luis Figueroa and RP3 Quentin Williams presented a Table of Remembrance Ceremony.

McLaughlin was the final speaker, choosing to focus his remarks on the theme of the ceremony – "Until every story ends," using his contact and friendship with two past American prisoners of war, Gordon Nakagawa (CDR, USN, POW 1972-1973) and Ret. Adm. Jeremiah Denton, the nation's longest held POW in Vietnam (1965-1973).

McLaughlin stated Denton spent four years in solitary confinement but never broke. He stood steadfast – because he loved his country, and would never betray it – even if it cost him his life. His own words, McLaughlin added, are best to leave you with today.

"In the darkest moments of the days ahead, the recollection of the band playing the national anthem would flow through my consciousness and comfort me. Even now, tears come to my eyes when I hear those pure, sweet strains. I wish every American could share the feeling of love and gratitude that I have for this country and her people, and the sense of urgent necessity to protect her."



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