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**Moving In**  
HM3 Osei Bonsu sets up the supply room in the Branch Health Clinic's "new" building. The Clinic was closed Jan. 20 and 21 while they moved out of Bldg. 2787 and moved into refurbished Bldg. 3775. The Clinic re-opened Monday, Jan. 24 and plans to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 7. For more information about the Clinic, see Capt. McLaughlin's column on page 2. For more photos of the move, turn to page 8. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

## Energy Conservation Efforts:

### Water Consumption

The chart below shows the water conservation progress for NAS Kingsville by comparing water consumption figures for FY-10 and FY-11.

Month: **NOVEMBER**

Water usage based per 1,000 gallons

NOV FY-10 Goal: 4,621	
NOV FY-10 Actual Use: 6,576 **	↑
NOV FY-10: 1,655 OVER goal **	
NOV FY-11 Goal: 6,379 (2%)	
NOV FY-11 Actual: 5,780	↓
NOV FY-11: 599 BELOW Goal	

Editor's note: \*\* High figures for FY-10 use and FY-11 goal due to increased water flushing on station. Statistics provided by NAVFAC Southeast/NASK Public Works and your command Utilities & Energy Manager.

## Kingsville Sailor returns from 15-month IA

by Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Electronics Technician 2nd Class John Fuller returned home from a 15-month Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment to Iraq on Saturday, Jan. 15. Fuller's arrival at Corpus Christi International Airport included a hero's welcome led by the South Texas Chapter of the Patriot Guard motorcycle club, as well as friends, family members and shipmates.

"I knew that there was going to be a welcoming party at the airport to meet me," Fuller said, "but I wasn't expecting the Patriot Guard or television and newspaper cameras there as well. I really appreciate the effort by everyone involved in that."

He walked through the airport, dressed in his service dress blues and took the escalator down to the baggage terminal. There, Patriot Guard members stood at attention posting the colors, rendering a hand salute to the 7-year Navy veteran in appreciation of his service to his country.

"I can't begin to explain how touched I was by the welcome home ceremony," Fuller said. "It made me proud of what I had

done, and very happy that I was home."

For the past 12 months, Fuller had been assigned to the US Army's 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Unit (B-5-5) based out of Fort Lewis, Wash., deployed at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Fuller's unit provided base defense against indirect fire attacks on the base from mortars and rockets.

"I served in various elements of our mission, from watch stander to Chief of the Guard," Fuller said. "As a watch stander, I provided physical security for the C-RAM gun mounts and their enclosed perimeter fences. As Chief of the Guard, I served in a supervisory position over the watchstanders to include creating watchbills, scheduling training, and mustering and supervising the 10 Sailor watch sections at turn-over."

Aside from his regular duties, Fuller served six months on the Joint Base Balad All-Service Honor Guard. During his free time, he completed several online college courses, and read a number of books off the Navy's reading list. He also got in to running and competed in a number of 5K and 10K runs, and entered and completed the Marine Corps Marathon.



ET2(SW) John Fuller is reunited with his wife Drennan and daughter Rafaela after returning home from a 15-month Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment to Iraq. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

Luckily for Fuller, a native of Austin, Texas, he was able to take a short break from his assignment last May and come home for a week of leave and R&R. While he was here, his wife Drennan gave birth to their first child, daughter Rafaela.

"Being able to coordinate my leave to be

see Fuller on page 9

## From the Bridge



**Capt. Mark McLaughlin**  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville.

I hope this article reaches as many people as possible who utilize NAS Kingsville for any number of services.

The service of discussion in this edition is the brand-new refurbished Branch Medical Clinic. It is awesome!

The first thing you will notice as you approach the area is the fact that there is still considerable storm water drainage work being completed around the exterior of the building. There also is concrete to repair after all the trenching is completed. In a few days, all exterior work will be final.

However, upon entering the building, you will be impressed with a new décor and a completely remodeled facility starting with the openness of the central lobby area.

## Deckplate Leadership



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**Charlie Ratliff**  
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

Congratulations to Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) Sailor of the Year (SOY), AC1 Sarah Howell, of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. Petty Officer Howell was selected from among 16 installation SOYs to be the CNRSE representative at the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), competition later this month.

The CNRSE competition was extremely challenging. Each of the 16 installation SOYs are superstars who have excelled both personally and professionally. Each is a recognized expert in his or her rating and all of them are very active in supporting their command and local community. All of them set a standard of excellence for their command.

What do Sailors need to do to be competitive for Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) or Sailor of the Year? The same things they do to become competitive for evaluations, awards and promotion. First, they should excel professionally. They do this by earning in-rate and out-of-rate qualifications. I'm not just talking about completing the qualifications required to do their jobs, but also completing qualifications required at the next paygrade if possible. They should be willing to spend the extra time becoming experts in the work center. They should be the Sailor the Chief can count on to get the job done in a critical



HM3 William Pullias sets up supplies in the new pharmacy. More photos of the Clinic move can be found on page 8. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

Lt. Cmdr. Russ Braden, BMC OIC, took me on a tour of the facilities and introduced me to the new electronic pharmacy. The pharmacy is still located where it was before the remodel, but access to refilling prescriptions called-in ahead of time does not require a check-in counter visit anymore. Simply hit the kiosk and make your selection, then out of the air a computer voice tells you to go to the window to sign

for your prescriptions.

On the Medical side of the building, the Docs have it well. You will find the exam rooms and all supporting rooms from Audio to X-ray are first rate and do not have the draconian feel they used to have when I first visited Medical back in 2003. Many medical functions have relocated within the remodeled BMC from where they used to be located, but for the most part, Medical check-in is still in the same area, so is medical records, and TRICARE is still in their same location by the North Entry/Exit.

On the other side of the building I was even more impressed with the Dental department's renovations. Everything in Dental is brand new. From the fixtures to dental chairs and all equipment storage, the Dental department is most impressive and they are open for business!

The opening of the remodeled BMC is a highlight for the start of CY 2011 and will be beneficial to our Navy families, dependants and military personnel for years to come. Whether you have a reason or not, stop by and pay a short visit to the BMC; you won't be disappointed in what you see.

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac

situation.

Second, they should be willing to go above and beyond what is expected of them. They should be the one to volunteer for the difficult work assignments, even if it means leaving their comfort zone to learn something new or doing something they haven't had to do in a long time. They should be the one willing to stand up a new program, even if it means starting something from scratch. They should be the one who will go the extra mile to get the job done, even if it means putting in extra time on the job or working a weekend they weren't scheduled to work.

Third, they should have an impact on command mission accomplishment. They should take on challenging collateral duties such as Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO), Urinalysis Program Coordinator (UPC), Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO) representative, etc. They should be willing to be a part of command committees such as the Navy Ball Committee, Command Quality Improvement Committee, Command Assessment Program Committee, etc. They should be the ones who want to have a positive impact on the

Command and its Sailors.

Fourth, they should have an impact on the local community. They should be the one who wants to show local residents that the Navy cares about the community and wants to make things better for everyone. They should be involved in community relations projects such as the King Ranch Breakfast, the LaPasada Parade, Keep Kingsville Beautiful Committee events, etc. They should be the Sailor who community leaders know they can count on to help no matter how difficult the project may be.

The things I've mentioned above are the things that make Sailors competitive for SOQ/SOY, awards and promotions. They are also the things that make Sailors successful both professionally and personally. I encourage each of you to evaluate where you are right now both personally and professionally. If you want to improve where you are seek the advice and guidance of your Leading Petty Officer, Leading Chief Petty Officer or get in touch with me. Your chain of command is standing by to assist you in achieving your goals.

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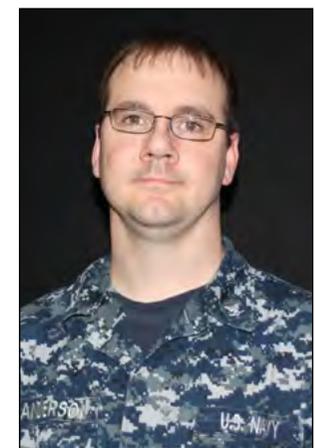
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This paper is published for people like AC2 Ronald Anderson, of Air Operations' Air Traffic Control Division. In May, the Rapid City, S.D., native will have served four years' in the Navy.

# Pensacola honors its past at Centennial of Naval Aviation event

by **Joy Samsel**  
NETC Public Affairs

More than 500 people attended the Jan. 20 kickoff event of a year-long commemoration of Naval aviation held at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola.

Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkeny, commander of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), who spoke at the kickoff of the Centennial of Naval Aviation, told the audience how important aviation is to America and said the opinions of Navy leadership about aviation have greatly changed over the years.

"In this year of 2011, we absolutely know how aviation positively impacts our Maritime Forces, and is essential to the defense of our nation," Kilkeny said. "That was not always the case. In 1901, Rear Adm. George Melville wrote in the North American Review that neither the dirigible airship nor the powered flying machine would ever prove of any use commercially, let alone in warfare. Rear Adm. Melville called flight - 'wholly unwarranted if not absurd.'

"Well ..... nobody ever said making admiral gives you wisdom," quipped Kilkeny.

Speakers at the event included Kilkeny, Capt. Christopher Plummer, commanding officer, NAS Pensacola, and Florida Governor Rick Scott.

The Navy officially dates the beginning of its aviation element to May 8, 1911, when

the service's first aircraft were requisitioned. Marine Corps Aviation dates its birth to May 22 of the following year, when 1st Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham reported for duty as the first Marine Corps aviator.

The date for Pensacola's kickoff was selected to coincide with the arrival of the team who would develop the first training program and base.

"Today marks the exact day 97 years ago - Jan. 20, 1914 - in the spot where Lt. John H. Towers and Lt. Cmdr. Henry C. Mustin landed in Pensacola," said Plummer. "Towers was the officer-in-charge of an aviation unit from Annapolis, Md., consisting of 9 officers and 23 Sailors who arrived on board the battleship USS Mississippi (BB 23) and the cargo ship USS Orion (Collier #11) to set-up a Navy flying school on these beautiful shores. Mustin was in command of the USS Mississippi and this new Naval Air Station. This cadre of naval officers and Sailors erected what became known as the Cradle of Naval Aviation. The rest is history."

Kilkeny told the audience that as you drive around the Pensacola region, the names of the first pioneers of Naval Aviation mark the streets, buildings and other facilities and that in the last 100 years, more than 337,400 men and women have earned their wings as aviators or naval flight officers.

According to Kilkeny, the people who fly aircraft are only part of the maritime aviation story.



Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkeny, commander, Naval Education and Training Command addresses the audience at the NAS Pensacola kickoff event for the Centennial of Naval Aviation Jan 20. Staged at NAS Pensacola's Historic Pavilion, the event was attended by more than 500 military and civilian guests, and featured remarks from local civic leaders, as well as Florida Governor Rick Scott. (U.S. Navy Photo by Joy Samsel, NETC Public Affairs)

"From the first, importance was placed on not only training pilots, but also the critical training of the mechanics who maintain the aircraft," Kilkeny said. "As aviation was new, both pilots and mechanics learned 'on the fly.' According to early flyer Lt. John Towers, 'there was no science to flying; it was mostly trial and error.'"

The first aircraft mechanics learned by working in various shops to watch how the wooden frames and pontoons were built, and the fabric was stretched on the wings. The idea was to make the mechanics 'jack-of-all-trades' with some knowledge of motors, rigging, blacksmithing, balloons, and how to launch and recover the aircraft from the beach.

"Today our aircraft are among the most technologically advanced in the world," Kilkeny told the audience. "Their maintenance and support is critical to the success of our maritime missions. Most of the skilled aviation technicians are trained here in Pensacola at Naval Air Technical Training Center, just a few hundred yards from here at Chevalier Field. It is this exemplary training that enables our Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to successfully execute the Maritime Strategy. And it begins here in Pensacola."

During his address, Kilkeny outlined how aviation has expanded its abilities since

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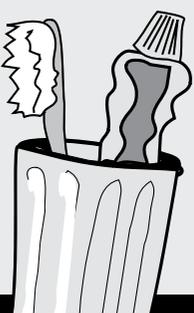
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## In the Break

### TW-2's Baldillez retires with more than 30 years service

By IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth

A member of the Training Air Wing TWO family retired last week.

Stella Baldillez says that she is sad to leave her job and all the people she has come to appreciate and love, but is ready to begin retirement. She added that it is important to her to continue to help where she can, and do what's possible to brighten every day for everyone she encounters.

She says she looks forward to encountering all the student pilots and the many people she worked with in Kingsville. She says the interaction with the students and contributing to each student's experience here, are her greatest accomplishments.

Baldillez was born and raised in Berclair, Texas. She has been living in Kingsville since 1981, when she started working at NAS Kingsville in the Comptroller's Office with Anna Carvajal, NAS Kingsville's Financial Manager.

In 2003, Baldillez moved to TW-2 as a financial technician, overseeing the funding and transactions for fueling of the aircraft, a key responsibility.

"After more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Wing, NAS Kingsville, the Navy and the nation, I'm happy to congratulate Ms. Baldillez on her retirement from civil service," said Capt. D. Mark Brooks, TW-2 commodore. "We thank her for her hard work, positive attitude and cheerful approach to her duties. On behalf of the entire Training Air Wing TWO team, 'Fair Winds and Following Seas.'"

Mini Perez, Baldillez' best friend and colleague for more than 20 years, said, "Stella will be missed greatly, but I'm happy

for her. She is ready."

Baldillez said the favorite part of her job was interacting with everyone. "They have made me feel like I am part of one big happy family," she said. "The closeness of relationships and support has helped make my job more enjoyable."

Her colleagues know her as an open, kind-hearted, and friendly person, who always goes out of her way to help others, especially military personnel.

"She was a friend to me, and helped me through a rough patch in my life with her giving spirit," Carvajal said. "She is very involved and always contributing something to some command event or occasion. She is a good cook and we all appreciated her contributions."

Baldillez says, "After serving aboard NAS Kingsville for the past 30 years, the best advice I can give anyone is to keep smiling, be friendly, stay focused and work hard, but most importantly enjoy your job."

She added that she couldn't have been as successful without the support of her family: Amy Harp, her daughter; Andy Baldillez, her son; and her cousins, Emilio and Delinda Castro.

Baldillez plans to remain an active volunteer in the community of Kingsville, as a member of the Women's Club and St. Gertrude Alter Society.

"Kingsville is a small, close-knit community where people look out for each other, and I love being a part of anything that helps pay it forward," Baldillez says. She added she may one day move to Beaumont to be with her daughter, but she is definitely staying in Texas.



Capt. D. Mark Brooks, TW-2 commodore, recognized Stella Baldillez for more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Wing, NAS Kingsville, the Navy and the nation, at a retirement luncheon held on her behalf Jan. 21. "Thanks for all your hard work, positive attitude, and smiles, Stella! Fair winds and following seas."



A unique T-34 "Turbo Mentor" bearing a grey and yellow paint scheme, with Marine markings, is a part of the Centennial of Naval Aviation's 2011 celebration. The paint scheme dates back to the 1930s. (U.S. Navy photo by 2nd Lt. Molly LeBlanc)

### CONA schemed T-34s arrive aboard NAS Whiting Field

By Lt. j.g. Megan Dooner,  
NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

Two T-34C "Turbo Mentors" arrived aboard Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla., Jan. 13 as part of a line of aircraft that have been repainted to help raise awareness of this year's centennial of naval aviation.

These aircraft returned from regularly scheduled maintenance with paint schemes reflecting the history of aviation training.

The designs mimic training aircraft from the late 1930s. As Training Air Wing 5 provides initial flight training to all branches of the maritime services, the Coast Guard and Marine Corps were both represented. A Navy version of the T-34 is being housed at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Coast Guard pilot and Training Squadron 2 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Timothy McGuire flew in the Coast Guard T-34 and Lt. Cmdr. Gary Moe, a Navy pilot, flew in the Marine Corps' "Turbo Mentor." McGuire was elated to be able to bring the aircraft home and expressed the value of the plane as a link between the past and present.

"I really looked at [flying the Coast Guard T-34] as an honor. It represents the people that flew the T-34A, the T-34B and the legacy of aviation. The first Coast Guard aviator was made naval aviator number 38 in 1917. The history that Coast Guard aviation has with the Navy is one that I am proud to be a part of," McGuire said.

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the early days when aircraft were mainly used for observation. World War II was a turning point for the Naval service as the Navy and Marine Corps battlefields came to include the skies over contested land and sea. For the first time, naval engagements were fought entirely in the air.

"Today, from putting boots on-the-ground to placing precision munitions on target, there are few places on the planet beyond the reach of Naval Aviation," Kilkeny said. "This year, we celebrate 100 years of Naval Aviation. And we look forward to the next 100 years as Pensacola and the Cradle of Naval Aviation continues to build the Global Force for Good."

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Following the change of command ceremony held Jan. 14, the principals posed for photos. From left: Cmdr. Neyland Springer, who assumed command of the Reserve Component; Capt. Lowen Loftin, who relinquished command; Capt. Andrew Mueller, guest speaker; and Capt. D. Mark Brooks, Commodore of Training Air Wing TWO, who presided over the ceremony. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)

## TW-2 Reserve Component helm changes

Command of Training Air Wing TWO (TW-2) Reserve Component changed Jan. 14, when Cmdr. Neyland Springer relieved Capt. Lowen Loftin

TW-2 provides Strike training to student Naval aviators. The Wing's mission is conducted at Naval Air Station Kingsville by Training Squadron Twenty One (VT-21) and Training Squadron Twenty Two (VT-22). The Squadron "wings" approximately 130 Naval aviators each year, sending them to fly tactical jet aircraft in Carrier Air Wings and Marine Air Wings deployed throughout the world.

Instrumental to the accomplishment of TW-2's mission is the dedicated operational support from Reserve Component personnel. Providing essential manpower, leadership, training capabilities and expertise, drilling Reservists, Full Time Support Officers and Marine Corps Reservists integrate seamlessly with their active duty counterparts and account for 20 percent of all Wing sortie production.

Loftin, a native of Baton Rouge, La., had been at the helm of TW-2 Reserve Component since August 2008. Under his guidance and direction, the TW-2 Reserve team directly contributed to the safe and efficient execution of over 50,000 flight hours resulting in the winging of 305 student Navy and Marine Corps aviators in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. His next assignment will be as



Cmdr. Neyland Springer, left, relieves Capt. Lowen Loftin of TW-2 Reserve Command. Center is Capt. D. Mark Brooks, TW-2 commodore, who presided over the ceremony.

Commander, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit Navy Element, U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Springer, a native of Fairview, Tenn., earned a Navy ROTC scholarship to Vanderbilt University after graduating from Fairview High School in 1985. He graduated from Vanderbilt with a bachelor's degree in political science at which time he was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy and ordered to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., for flight training.

Springer was designated as a naval aviator in June 1991 and was assigned to VT-19 as a plowback flight instructor. He was transferred to F-14 Fleet Replacement Squadron, VF-101 in May 1992. He reported to VF-142, the Ghostriders, as the offensive counter air officer, first lieutenant and landing signal officer in June 1993. While serving with VF-142 aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73), he flew missions over Iraq and Bosnia in support of Operations Southern Watch, Deny Flight and Vigilant Warrior.

In May 1995, Springer reported to VT-19 as an intermediate strike flight instructor and LSO.

Springer left active duty in June 1998 to pursue a career as a civilian commercial pilot. He served in the Navy Reserve with Reserve Detachment 182 and Navy Reserve Training Squadron Nine until September 2007, when he assumed command of the squadron.

In December 2009, he reported to the Naval Safety Center as a culture workshop facilitator until reporting to TW-2 in October 2010.

Springer has accumulated more than 3,300 flight hours and more than 250 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include an Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various other campaign and service citations.

Springer and his wife Jennifer have two children.

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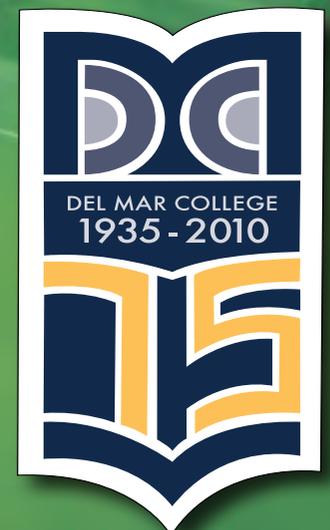
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## Bishop teen was 'Pilot For A Day' Jan. 20

NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO welcomed 17-year old Bishop, Texas, teen, Alan Scott, as "Pilot For a Day," Thursday, Jan. 20. Alan is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital (DCH) in Corpus Christi. He was joined by his father Jay for his special day on board the air station, which included visiting Air Operations, Ground Training and the Paraloft.

Training Squadron Twenty One (VT-21) sponsored the visit.

Pictured above, VT-21 sponsor pilot Lt.j.g. Reid Smith talks about flight training at a T-45 aircraft on the flightline. Above right, Lt.j.g. Danielle Thiriot, TW-2 PFAD Officer and Lt.j.g. Reid Smith, right, help PFAD Alan Scott adjust his flight gear. Right, Alan Scott enjoys his day aboard the air station including "hanging around the paraloft."

(Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

## Clinic staff move, set up new offices



The Branch Health Clinic Kingsville was closed Jan. 20 and 21, while the Clinic was moved out of Bldg. 2787 and moved into refurbished Bldg. 3775. The Clinic reopened Monday, Jan. 24, and plans to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 7. Above: TRICARE representative Tara Elrod sets up her new office in Bldg. 3775. Right: HM3 Angel Todd is one of many Clinic Sailors who assembled chairs. Far right, top: HM2 Steven McKinley helps movers unload a truck of furniture at the new Clinic Bldg. 3775. Far right, bottom: HM2 Pete Diaz (right) and Robert Hickey move office furniture to set up in the new facility. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)



ET2 John Fuller was on a 15-month Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment in Iraq. Fuller, on the far left, is pictured with some of the members of his unit in front of the C-RAM. (Courtesy photo.)



ET2(SW) John Fuller brushes his daughter Rafaela's hair off her forehead after returning home from a 15-month Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment to Iraq on Saturday, Jan. 15. Fuller arrived at Corpus Christi International Airport and was welcomed

by his wife Drennan and 8-month old daughter, as well as friends, shipmates and members of the South Texas Chapter of the Patriot Guard motorcycle club, who gave him a hero's welcome home. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)



A member of the Patriot Guard Riders present ET2(SW) John Fuller with a patriotic quilt (pictured far left) and ask him to sign their unit flag (left) as he returned from Iraq on Jan. 15.

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here for Rafaela's birth, was just awesome," Fuller said.

After he went back to Iraq, Fuller had to make some adjustments to his schedule to include communicating with his wife, daughter and family members.

"Drennan and I were able to stay in contact through video chat over the internet," Fuller explained. "A number of places around Balad had Wi-Fi capabilities, and I took advantage of that, too, using my laptop to talk back and forth. We also had phone cards and phones available at the USO and our office spaces that I could use to talk with Drennan and the rest of my family."

Fuller's departmental chain of command at NAS Kingsville also stayed in close contact with Fuller during his stint in-country, and his wife and family here at home.

"My department, and specifically Ground Electronics, communicated with me on a regular basis," Fuller said. "When I first left in August 2009, they checked up on me periodically to see how my training was going. Then, just before I came home on leave, they

helped me set up a few major items for my Seaman to Admiral (STA) 21 program package, including documenting an official physical readiness test and official officer interview boards."

Fuller added that prior to his departure from Iraq in late December, his division assisted him in setting up a week-long TAD assignment to Dam Neck, Va., for special duty screening. Without the help of his department and division, Fuller said, he was able to maintain his requirements for advancement and professional growth, and know that his command was looking out for his family while he was deployed.



Fuller

"My command was a great help and a tremendous resource during my IA tour," Fuller stated. "I don't believe I will ever be able to find a way to properly thank my shipmates for this. Hearing horror stories of other parent commands and the lack of support others Sailors received during their tour, I was all the more thankful for the professional and seamless support of NAS Kingsville."

Now, being back home with his family and his 8-month old daughter, Fuller says he is feeling pretty good about his IA tour, and he's happy to be back at work in more familiar surroundings.

"Being home is fantastic," Fuller stated. "I can't believe I was gone for so long, but I truly appreciate everything my family is blessed with. My wife and I are adjusting to my return and re-integration into 'her' house, and my daughter is getting used to the idea of me being her daddy. As for the shipmates I am returning to, there are many new faces around the shop and I look forward to getting to know and work with them all."



ET2(SW) John Fuller's arrival at Corpus Christi International Airport included a hero's welcome led by the South Texas Chapter of the Patriot Guard motorcycle club, as well as friends, family members and shipmates. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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Traffic Court will be held in Room 317 in Bldg. 2740, beginning at 10 a.m., for adjudication of traffic citations issued on board the air station.

Failure to appear before the Traffic Court for mandatory citations will result in automatic assessment of maximum amount of points to your driving record with no right to appeal.

All citations issued prior to Jan. 18, will be waived and no points assessed; however, record of citations will be kept for use if new citations are issued on those individuals previously granted amnesty.

For more information regarding Traffic Court, call x6426.

**VITA opening Feb. 14**  
The NAS Kingsville VITA office will open Feb. 14 and run through April 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office will be located at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Details about services offered at the VITA office will be provided in the next *Flying K*.

For more information, call Chief Petty Officer Myers at x6635.

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For more information, contact the local commissary store or visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

**Hunter safety course Feb. 22, 23**  
A hunter's safety course will be held Feb. 22 and 23, in Bldg. 2740, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The course is open to all personnel who have access to the naval air station ages 9 and older. Cost is \$15 and must be paid at time of the class.

Personnel interested in taking the course can sign up through ESAMS, [www.navy-motorcycle.com](http://www.navy-motorcycle.com), or by sending an e-mail to [Charles.e.young1.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:Charles.e.young1.ctr@navy.mil).

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## TRICARE extends dependent coverage to age 26

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

TRICARE plans to roll out its new Young Adult Program by spring and to provide an option to make coverage retroactive to Jan. 1, to ensure military families don't get left out as the new national health care reform law extends parent's health insurance to their children up to age 26.

The new program will allow qualified, unmarried military children up to age 26 to buy health care coverage under their parents' TRICARE plans through age 26. That's up from the current maximum age of 21, or 23 for full-time college students whose parents provide more than half their financial support.

The fiscal 2011 National Defense Authorization Act President Barack Obama signed Jan. 7, gave the Defense Department the authority it needed to extend TRICARE coverage to young adults, TRICARE spokesman Austin Camacho said.

Qualified young adults who do not have access to employer-sponsored health care coverage will be eligible to purchase it through TRICARE on a month-to-month basis, Camacho said.

Details about how much those premiums will cost under the new program still are being finalized. But because the 2011 defense authorization specifies that the rates must cover all program costs, Camacho said, premiums will be based on commercial insur-

ance data about the costs of providing care.

Meanwhile, the TRICARE staff has moved into overdrive to iron out the program details: determining eligibility and coverage criteria and costs; designing, testing and implementing the required software and systems changes; updating eligibility databases; and crafting education efforts, Camacho said.

Officials plan to roll out the new program in two phases, first offering a premium-based TRICARE Standard/Extra benefit, Camacho said. Then, later this year, they plan to introduce the TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Prime Remote plan, including overseas options, and the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan.

Once the program is in place, eligible young adults may submit an application and premium payment to the appropriate regional or overseas contractor for processing, Camacho said. Cost shares, deductibles and catastrophic caps will vary, based on the plan selected and the sponsor's status.

The new beneficiaries may choose to pay premiums back to Jan. 1, which will entitle them to file claims for any health care costs they have accrued since that date. To do so, officials advise that they save all receipts to ease claims processing.

Coverage must be purchased within 60 days of losing TRICARE eligibility. Information about the program is posted on the TRICARE website at <http://www.tricare.mil/>.

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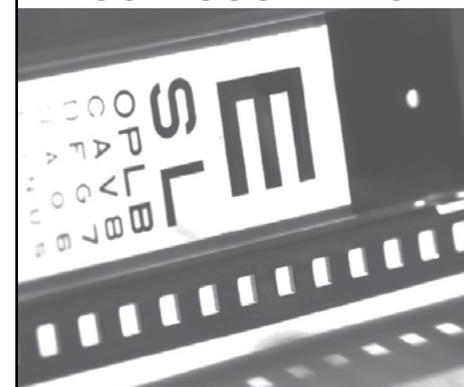
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## Bowling Leagues

### In the Doghouse League Standings as of Jan. 18

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	50	26
2	The Other Guys	45	31
3	DNA	39	37
4	Alley Cats	37	39
5	The Players	35	41
6	Tumbalos	33	43
7	Minds in the Gutter	32.5	43.5
8	The "HR's"	32.5	43.5

**High Score Game-Men:** John Zapalac, 220; Lindy Conner, 205.

**High Score Series-Men:** Lindy Conner, 577; John Zapalac, 524.

**High Score Game-Team (Year to Date):** Lane Breakers, 608; 3 Minds in the Gutter, 556; Alley Cats, 554.

### Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Jan. 19

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Big K Rollers	38.5	29.5
2	Pete's Angels	38	30
3	Rat'lers	38	30
4	Pin Bangers	32.5	35.5
5	Slow Rollin	32.5	35.5
6	Laugh Out Loud	32	36
7	Bad Ass	30.5	37.5
8	DUH's	30	38

**High Score Game (Year to Date) -Men:** Frank Goff, 278; John Zapalac, 258; Clinton Howell, 254.

**High Score Series (Year to Date) -Men:** Roberto Herrera, 657; John Zapalac, 656; Clinton Howell, 648.

**High Score Game-Women:** Lee Peters, 215; Doris Wallis, 212; Lucy Clarkson, 205; Delia Monroe, 205.

**High Score Series-Women:** Dina Kangas, 543; Lee Peters, 535; Delia Monroe, 519.

**High Score Game-Team (Year to Date):** Laugh Out Loud, 909; DUH's, 908; Big K Rollers, 908.