



## Luncheon salutes NASK's top volunteers

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. William Sizemore, and Corpus Christi radio talk show host Jim Lago were the featured speakers at the Kingsville Navy League's annual Combined Services Luncheon at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club Jan. 26.

More than 200 people attended the event, which recognizes the top enlisted, junior officer, and military spouse volunteers of the year.

Lago, who hosts the show "Lago in the Morning" on KKTU 1360 AM in Corpus Christi, kept the audience entertained throughout the program, which included remarks from Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate and NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. Lago offered humorous jabs at Navy flight training and military service, aviator call signs, and directions to Kingsville. He also poked fun at Mayor Fugate, who he has hunted with and remains

a very close friend to. But most of all, Lago praised the service of NAS Kingsville's military force - and the volunteer efforts of those honored during the ceremony.

"I very much appreciate the opportunity to be with you today," Lago said. "I hear people all the time encouraging others to walk up to our service men and women and say 'Thank you for your service.' When we say that today," he added, "I very much appreciate what you do. I have the utmost respect for your determination and resolve and I am in constant awe of what I see demonstrated on a daily basis in regards to courage. It's just awesome.

"It's one of the most mind-boggling things I have ever seen for people to volunteer for dangerous duty over and over, and over again. I'll never stop praising those people; and I certainly salute you on your

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Rear Adm. William Sizemore, Chief of Naval Air Training, poses for a photo with Corpus Christi radio talk show host Jim Lago, left, and Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate, during the annual Navy League Combined Services Luncheon, held Jan. 26, at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs)



## Emerson Drive

Grammy-nominated country band Emerson Drive has joined the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" air show line-up. The band will perform a free concert Saturday, March 27, following the Blue Angels' performance at NAS Kingsville. (Photo courtesy of Emerson Drive).

## Emerson Drive set to 'rock the house' at 2010 Air Show

Naval Air Station Kingsville has added another feature to the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" air show. Grammy-nominated Emerson Drive will headline a FREE concert Saturday evening, March 27, on the air station's flight line.

Emerson Drive has been a part of the country music scene since 2001. The band's first two singles, "I Should Be Sleeping" and "Fall Into Me," peaked in the Top 5 on the Billboard charts and quickly became fan favorites. Their career-changing song, "Moments," gave the band their first number one single in the U.S.

The band has been honored with awards or nominations from the Academy of Country Music, Country Music Association, Canadian Country Music Association, CMT, Dove Awards, Grammy Awards, Inspirational Country Music Association, Juno Awards, Music Row Magazine, and Campus Activities Magazine. They have toured with Toby Keith, Shania Twain and Big & Rich, among

other artists.

NAS Kingsville Air Show director Lt. Michael Wildman said getting a top band included in the 2010 air show was something the committee had been working on for months.

"I'm excited that we can provide an award-winning, big name, band for no cost to the community as part of our show," Wildman said. "As much as I love airplanes, I think it's great that there will be other kinds of entertainment at the air show this year."

The Navy's Blue Angels headline the 2010 Wings Over South Texas line-up, which also includes the US Army Golden Knights parachute team, 2008 World Aerobatic Champion and AirShowBuzz 2008 "Person of the Year" Rob Holland, the Commemorative Air Force's Tora!, Tora!, Tora!, air show veteran Jan Collmer, and Corpus Christi native Paul Fiala.

"More acts will continue to be added to the line-up as the show nears," said Capt. Phil

Waddingham, NAS Kingsville commanding officer. "But we're thrilled to add a free concert to the line-up of events that we will offer the community with this year's air show. We are working to make this the 'best ever' air show in South Texas."

Other events included for Air Show Week, include a special ceremony at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for elementary, middle and high school students. This event will include nearly all the acts who will be performing at the show, along with the TAMUK band, sports teams, and cheerleaders.

A "Meet the Blues" event is also being planned for the local community Friday night March 26, at JK Northway Coliseum. This event, tentatively scheduled for 6-9 p.m., will be open to the public.

For updates on the 2010 show, including performers and static displays, show times, and other information, visit the air show's official web site at <http://www.wingsoversouth-texas.org/wost>.



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



**From the Bridge**

Greetings Team Kingsville!

Lots happening on base these days, and out in town, too. I'll get to the second part in my final comments.

As you can see, I have been true to my word and we are making progress on many quality of life initiatives here at NAS Kingsville. The most obvious is the construction of our new McFall Memorial Chapel. This is a very exciting project for many reasons. First and foremost is, that since September 2007 when after only one month on board as the new commanding officer I condemned the old structure due to health and safety issues, we have not had an adequate place to worship. The Chaplain's office made excellent use of their conference room as an interim chapel,

but the absence of a stand-alone building, complete with steeple, a grand entrance, seating pews, an impressive pulpit, and the beautiful stained glass windows incorporated into the original building, was a glaring one.

Let's face it, when you drive on board a naval air station, one of the first things you typically see is the station Chapel. We are fixing that. In April, we will once again have an appropriate place to worship, reflect, hold meetings, conduct winging graduation ceremonies, baptize babies, have weddings, and conduct the full gamut of services one would expect of the base's command religious ministry program. I hope to see many of you there when Chaplain Mark Haley and I have our grand opening ceremony. Stay tuned for the actual date and time for what will undoubtedly be a historic event.

Air show planning and coordination is well underway. Our NAS Kingsville air show planning committee, led by Lt. "Butters" Wildman, is working hard to bring you and all of South Texas the best air show possible. We continue to get commitments for static-display aircraft, and the recent confirmation of the Grammy-nominated country artists, **Emerson Drive** (check out this



Web site: [http://emersondrive.com/index.htm?inc=5&news\\_id=17751](http://emersondrive.com/index.htm?inc=5&news_id=17751)) to perform after our show Saturday, March 27 is a huge addition to our line-up of fun for all ages. Remember, this year--it's more than just wings!

Lots happening out in town, too. And, if you look closely, you may just find one of our own playing a key role! NAS Kingsville was proud to host the annual Combined Services Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at our Captain's Club & Convention Center, sponsored by the Kingsville Chapter of the Navy League.

Receiving recognition for superior volunteer endeavors for 2009 were CS2 Holly Clow (Navy Gateway Inns and Suites) as the Enlisted Volunteer of the Year; Lt. Jacqueline

Schuman (VT-21), and Lt. Michael Wildman (Air Ops, NALF Orange Grove) as the Junior Officer Volunteers of the Year; and Sue Waddingham (Navy Marine Corps Relief Society) as the Military Spouse Volunteer of the Year. Each of these highly-deserving awardees were presented a plaque as a small token of the great appreciation felt by the base, the Navy League, and the City of Kingsville and surrounding communities for their selfless dedication to the spirit of volunteerism and making the lives of those around them better. These awardees represent the best in all of us, and inspire others to do meaningful work beyond what they are paid to do. We are fortunate to have such a strong commitment to service among many of our base and Wing personnel, and their dependents, and NAS Kingsville, Training Air Wing TWO, and our communities benefit greatly from this collective support. I applaud the winners of the 2009 Volunteer Service awards, and I personally thank them for their belief that one person *can* make a difference.

Bravo Zulu and well done!  
Waddz sends.

**Deckplate Leadership:**

**Sea Notes From the Command Master Chief**



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

Team Kingsville,

Many of you have heard me speak about Sailor success. I use the term frequently when speaking to Sailors during Career Development Boards because I want to make sure all Sailors are challenging themselves to succeed both personally and professionally. I also use the term when speaking to the Chief's Mess because I want to make sure every Chief is challenging their Sailors to succeed in both their personal and professional lives. I even use the term during Disciplinary Review Boards because I want Sailors to know that even though they may have made a mistake, they can still achieve success if they are willing to set goals and commit themselves to success.

The Navy is also very focused on Sailor success. In fact, as you are reading this, the Navy's Enlisted Learning and Development Strategy Team is rolling out Enlisted Career Learning and Development Roadmaps (ECLDR). The roadmaps are already available on NKO for many ratings including AC,

CS, ET, and MA. Those ratings that aren't already available will be available by April 2010. These roadmaps, which are broken down by rate and paygrade, will provide a Sailor with a list of milestones that should be achieved at that point in their career.

One thing to remember is that the Navy doesn't intend for Sailors to complete every milestone on their ECLDR. In fact, when you log onto NKO and take your first look you will see what I mean. It simply would not be possible for a Sailor to complete every milestone. However, the ECLDR does provide an extensive list of training opportunities for a Sailor such as required and recommended rating Professional Military Education (PME) courses, required and recommended Navy PME courses, numerous job skill and NEC training opportunities, qualifications and certifications opportunities, Navy education opportunities, and civilian education opportunities.

The bottom line is the ECLDR provides a Sailor with a checklist they can use to see where they are with regard to personal and professional growth and development. Once they determine where they currently stand, they can then use the ECLDR to develop a Plan of Action and Milestones to move forward to success. Log onto NKO and under Career Management click on Enlisted Learning and Development to get started!

Regards, CMC



*Top Performer: Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Mark Brooks, right, presents the Boeing Top Hook Award to 1st Lt. Lorne Christopher during the Jan. 15 winging ceremony at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club. The Top Hook Award is presented to the student naval aviator (SNA) who achieves the highest score during carrier qualifications at sea. Carrier qualifications are the final phase of advanced jet/strike training for SNAs leading to earning their coveted "Wings of Gold." (See related story on page 3)*

*Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs*



## 5 receive Wings of Gold at TW-2 winging ceremony

Five student pilots were presented their "Wings of Gold" and designated as Naval Aviators during Training Air Wing TWO's first winging ceremony of 2010, at the Captain's Club Jan. 15. Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Mark Brooks presided over the ceremony, while Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Kray of Training Squadron 21 (VT-21) served as master of ceremonies. More than 100 friends and family members turned out for the event.

The ceremony marked the end of nearly 15 months of advanced jet/strike training at NAS Kingsville for the students. The Navy and Marine Corps' newest naval aviators will now move on to their Fleet Replacement Squadrons, where they'll train in their selected fleet aircraft.

Receiving Wings were:

Lt. Anant Agarwal, Indian Navy, VT-21. The 24-year old native of Harpur, India, entered the Indian Naval Academy in 2002, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in naval science in 2005.

Agarwal completed his initial flight training with the Indian air force, and after being selected to fly jets, he came to the United States for flight training. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., and reported to Training Air Wing TWO at NAS Kingsville in August 2008, assigned to VT-21.

Lt. j.g. John Ross, USN, VT-21. Lt. j.g. Ross is a native of Troy, Pa., and 2007 graduate of the Naval Academy, earning a degree

in mechanical engineering. After graduation, he headed to NAS Pensacola to begin flight training, and after completing aviation indoctrination, he headed to NAS Corpus Christi for primary training with the "Boomers" of VT-27. He reported to Training Air Wing TWO in October 2008.

Ross' next assignment will be with Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106) at NAS Oceana, Va., flying the F/A 18 E/F Super Hornet.

Lt. j.g. Craig Searles, USN, VT-21. A Virginia native, Lt. j.g. Searles comes from a Navy family and admits he was fortunate to see a lot of the world as a child, including Scotland and Hawaii. He eventually ended up back in Virginia, where he enrolled at Virginia Tech University. After earning his degree in aerospace engineering, he earned his commission in the Navy through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Searles completed his aviation indoctrination training at NAS Pensacola, and then moved on to the 8th Fleet Training Squadron (FTS) at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla., for primary training, flying the T-6A Texan II. Upon completion of primary flight training in October 2008, Searles reported to Training Air Wing TWO for advanced jet/strike training in the T-45 Goshawk.

Searles' next assignment will be with Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106) at NAS Oceana, flying the F/A 18 C/D Hornet.

1st Lt. Lorne Christopher, USMC, VT-22. A Nevada native, 1st Lt. Christopher at-

tended the University of Nevada-Reno. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 2003, and served with the Detachment 4th Force Reconnaissance Company. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in political science, he received his commission and moved to Quantico, Va. for training at the Marine Corps' Basic School.

Upon graduation, Christopher moved to NAS Pensacola for aviation indoctrination, and then to NAS Corpus Christi for primary training with the "Rangers" of VT-28. He reported to Training Air Wing TWO in October 2008. His next assignment will be with Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA-106) at NAS Oceana, Va., flying the F/A 18 Hornet.

Lt. j.g. Andrew Mitchell, USN, VT-22. Lt. j.g. Mitchell was born in Chicago, but spent most of his childhood in Arizona.

He is a 2007 graduate of the Naval Academy, and holds a degree in history.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, Mitchell entered flight training, reporting to NAS Pensacola for aviation indoctrination. He moved to NAS Corpus Christi for primary training with the "Boomers" of VT-27, and reported to Training Air Wing TWO in September 2008.

Mitchell's next assignment will be with Electronic Attack Squadron 129 (VAQ-129), at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash., flying the EA 6-B Prowler.

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## NAS Kingsville Sailors deploy for Haiti Relief

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

Three NAS Kingsville Sailors have joined the Navywide relief efforts for Haiti. They are part of a DoD-wide humanitarian effort to provide relief as part of Operation Unified Response. All are working out of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, providing logistical support.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) 2nd Class (AW) Eugenio Palacios and Machinist Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Miguel Fonseca, both assigned to the Fleet Industrial Supply Command (FISC) Jacksonville, Detachment Kingsville, departed for Guantanamo Bay Jan. 19. Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class (AW) Brian Heaver, of the NAS Kingsville Air Operations Department, Air Traffic Control Division, departed Jan. 22.

In Guantanamo Bay, Palacios is mainly working with the fuels contractor and refueling aircraft, but he is also assisting 1st Naval Cargo Handling Battalion moving food and water onto C-2's for delivery to Haiti. Fonseca is primarily helping 1st Naval Cargo Handling Battalion on the airfield, assisting with refueling aircraft, since he was trained on fuels shortly after he reported to NAS Kingsville. Both Sailors are keeping in touch with their department head, Lt. Brent Simmons, keeping him abreast of their support roles.

"Both FISC Jax Det. Kingsville Sailors are doing important jobs in GTMO," Simmons said this week. "ABF2 Palacios sent me an e-mail and stated that there was a lot of food and water for the relief effort, and that he was helping to move supplies onto C-2's and other aircraft with 6K and 10K forklifts. Both guys are working 12-hour shifts, 7 days a week," Simmons added, "and our Detachment actually had other volunteers,

but I couldn't let them all go because of our workload here."

Simmons said that he was proud of his Sailors for stepping-up to volunteer for the assignment. "These two Sailors are working hard in difficult conditions to help support Operation Unified Response," Simmons said. "They both volunteered without condition, not even knowing when they would leave or how long they'd be gone. They literally came to work here Jan. 19, got themselves forklift-qualified, arranged their travel, packed their bags, and flew out at 5 p.m. Both Sailors will be transferring to sea duty this year and are sacrificing time with their families to help others. Volunteerism in this manner is not common, but neither are the Sailors we're talking about."

Heaver also volunteered to assist with the relief efforts. The 28-year old Pittsburgh native said stepping forward when the call for help came was an easy decision. "I feel more than happy to assist with this special mission," Heaver said shortly before departing. "I feel it is a duty of mine to help where help is truly needed."

ACC (AW/SW) Mike Presnell, Air Traffic Control training chief, said Heaver is well-qualified for whatever he is needed to do. "AC2 Heaver is currently working in Flight Planning at GTMO," Presnell said. "But he is a certified Control Tower Operator and that will allow him to qualify quicker at another control tower if needed."

For now, the three NAS Kingsville Sailors are doing whatever it takes to support the relief efforts. One thing is certain -- their efforts are crucial to the unified relief response, as the people of Haiti try to recover from this disaster.



## Coordinators work to facilitate relief flights

By Judith Snyderman, Special to American Forces Press Service

U.S. military officials are working across organizational boundaries in a concerted effort to keep supplies and people flowing into Haiti's main airport, Air Force officers said Jan. 22.

"Port-au-Prince is the center of gravity for the relief effort currently in Haiti," said Lt. Col. Brad Graff of the 601st Air and Space Operations Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., during a "DoDLive" bloggers roundtable. "If something happens to that airfield, we can't get supplies there until the sea pods are open."

Graff said he's aware of frustration expressed by relief groups requesting flight landing slots, but he noted the Port-au-Prince airport is running "24/7" and is averaging 140 flights a day.

"We've tripled the flow through that field, so your chances of getting in are better now than ever," he said. "You just do need to follow the procedures that are in place."

Graff said the procedures aren't meant to limit the airfield. "We like to think of ourselves as facilitators who are allowing people to get in there in a more-timely manner," he said.

Air Force Col. John Romero, chief of the air mobility division for the 612th Air and Space Operations Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., also participated in the discussion. He explained that the command structure brings the full breadth of U.S. military expertise to the table to keep operations in Haiti running quickly and safely.

Due to the emergency, Romero said, his organization -- which usually supports U.S. Southern Command -- is supported by the 601st, which normally handles U.S. Northern Command's area. U.S. Southern Command is in charge of the Defense Department's Haiti mission.

"We are working in concert with the 601st air operations center, which really has the role of the Haiti flight operations coordination center," Romero said. "They are really

the individual entity that is managing the slot times into Port-au-Prince airport."

Air Force Maj. David Smith, who reports to Graff, added that the 601st flight operations coordination center was set up from lessons learned in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Smith said having a single point of coordination is a strategy that proved effective during recent relief efforts for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

During those hurricane missions, the 612th established liaisons with the Federal Aviation Administration. Romero said he has brought those relationships to bear in support of the Haiti mission to ensure safety at the Port-au-Prince airport.

Romero said the 612th is controlling U.S. military aircraft carrying supplies and personnel into Haiti, and that those missions follow the same procedures as everyone else to request time slots for landing, with no special priorities.

Options for bringing relief to Haiti are expanding, Romero said. Canada is operating a small Haitian airstrip at Jacmel, and officials of the U.S. Air Force's Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., coordinated two successful air deliveries yesterday.

"They did a fantastic job; on time, on target -- 40 bundles for each aircraft at two different locations, delivering humanitarian relief supplies of water and meals," he said.

Graff has reached out to Haiti's neighbor, the Dominican Republic. "They have been more than helpful in opening other areas that we can now flow relief supplies into," he said. Dominican Republic officials are expected to allow use of San Isidro Airport outside Santo Domingo and Maria Montez airport in Barahona.

"We are doing the best we can, working with the individuals on the ground, to make sure that the right priorities are identified and that we can flow those priorities [into Haiti]," he said. "But I want everyone to know we want to do that safely."

### Supporting Operation Unified Response



ABF2 (AW) Eugenio Palacios  
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# VRC-40 "Rawhides" supporting Operation Unified Response in GTMO

By Army Sgt. Michael Baltz,  
Joint Task Force Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (NNS) - Service members from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 arrived at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. 12 to help support Operation Unified Response after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti.

The squadron, based out of Norfolk, Va., has been providing critical logistical support by transporting more than 300 tons of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief cargo to the people of Haiti.

"We feel like we are making a difference," said Lt. Cmdr. Mike Zaniko, the operations officer for VRC-40. "In a routine six-month deployment, a squadron like ours would normally transport about 500 tons of cargo. We have done more than half that in our first week."

The VRC-40's mission is to facilitate the movement of high priority cargo, mail, and passengers to and from Atlantic fleet carriers. Additionally, they train top-notch pilots, aircrew and maintainers. They are equipped with six C-2A Greyhounds, which are conducting three-to-four mis-



GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba -- Equipment and supplies are loaded onto a C-2A Greyhound assigned to the Rawhides of Fleet Logistical Support Squadron (VRC) 40 at the airfield at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. (Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Bill Mesta).

sions nightly while deployed to Guantanamo.

"We fly during the night to limit the air traffic during the day," Zaniko said. "This works out well because, when

everyone wakes-up, they have their supplies, and we continue to move forward."

Greyhounds can carry up to 10,000 pounds of cargo, which could include

personnel.

"We are currently flying cargo to Haiti and to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)," said Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Nicholas Ingram. "We also fly doctors and search and rescue teams to help support the mission."

Ingram and naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Casey Marshall, have been on more than 15 logistical missions in just their first week.

"The most challenging part of the job is maintaining flexibility and being adaptable in every situation," Marshall said. "We have long days and long nights, but we do it with a smile on our face. Knowing that we are helping the people in Haiti, our sacrifices are minimal compared to theirs, and I enjoy having the ability to help them out."

"Everyone in our unit is working hard," Ingram chimed in. "The faster we get everything going, the faster we can help them."

"We are all excited to be here and to be able to help," Zaniko said. "I am very proud of everyone working so hard to accomplish the mission."

## Holy Smokes!

NAS Kingsville's  
Wings Over South Texas  
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March 27-28  
"This year it's more than just wings!"

## Corpus Christi youth is Pilot For a Day

On Thursday, Jan. 21, NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO welcomed aboard 13-year old Steven Tyler Vasquez of Corpus Christi as the January Pilot For a Day. Vasquez is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital (DCH) being treated for lymphoblastic leukemia and Down's Syndrome.

NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO have been participating in the Pilot For a Day program since June 2006. The program is a joint community outreach effort between the base and the hospital. Each month a child undergoing treatment at DCH is selected to spend the day experiencing what life is like at NASK for student naval aviators. The goal is to give the children a day away from their day-to-day medical treatment routine and hopefully take their minds off of their illness by providing them with a fun day filled with wonderful memories.

Steven was accompanied by his parents, Janie and Randy, his sister Jasmine, and his aunt and uncle, Rachel and Rick. VT-21 sponsored this month's evolution, and Lt. Evan Baumgartner served as sponsor pilot, with PFAD program officer Marine Capt. James Flass and Ensign Joseph Ash accom-

panying.

The day began in the VT-21 ready room with Steven touring the squadron spaces, meeting personnel, and being presented with his own flight suit and squadron patches. Then came a tour of the paraloft, with a demonstration of the aviation survival gear required to be worn by pilots while in flight. After a tour of the air traffic control facilities, including stops in the radar room and the tower, Steven and his family headed to Ground Training for a demonstration of the T45-C flight simulator. After a long morning spent learning about flying and aviation, the group enjoyed a pizza lunch at the Captain's Club.

After lunch the PFAD group visited the Fire Department, where Steven and his family toured the fire house and met Sparky the Fire Dog. Sparky and his fellow firefighters assisted Steven and his sister in trying on firefighter gear, taking a ride in the crash truck, and spraying water from a fire hose. Steven's visit to the Fire Department ended with him enjoying some homemade chocolate cake with the fire crew and being designated an Honorary Firefighter by Fire Captain Corrine Retault.

The last stop of the day was the Security



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Department and a Military Working Dog demonstration put on by Kit, a German shepherd with a keen nose for finding explosives and their components. Steven and

his sister were given Police shirts and departed the base after a final farewell and photo shoot at the marquee with the PFAD team that had escorted them throughout the day.

## Luncheon honors NASK key volunteers (from page 1)

service, I certainly salute you on your dedication to the task at hand, and I certainly will always remember your courage. Fly Navy."

During his remarks, Rear Adm. Sizemore focused his attention on the role the Naval Air Training Command plays in today's global Navy and Marine Corps force, and the role NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO play by training 50-percent of the Navy's jet/strike aviators each year.

"As you're all aware, we are fighting two conflicts right now. And these naval aviators that are trained right here at NAS Kingsville are on the tip of the spear every day," Sizemore said. "We train approximately half of all the tactical aviation naval aviators right here in Kingsville. What that means is, half of all the tactical aviators for the Navy and Marine Corps have lived and trained in Kingsville at some point. That's pretty amazing, and I think you should all be very proud of that."

Individuals honored during the luncheon were Petty Officer Holly Clow, Lt. Michael Wildman, Lt. Jackie Shuman, and Sue Waddingham.

CS2 Clow was selected based on a heavy résumé of community outreach – from her participation with the NAS Kingsville Junior Enlisted Association, to working with Special Olympics, Toys For Tots, Relay For

Life, and Junior Achievement programs. She also holds command-level collateral duties, such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistant, and Sexual Abuse Victims Advocate.

Lt. Wildman was selected as NAS Kingsville Junior Officer Volunteer of the Year based on his off-duty work with his church and local schools as a teacher and mentor for children, and his command duties for serving as the 2010 Air Show coordinator, his efforts in establishing the premiere Bird/Animal Strike Hazard (BASH) program, and serving as a liaison with the City of Kingsville on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) committee.

Training Air Wing TWO's selection for Junior Officer Volunteer of the Year was Lt. Jackie Shuman, a flight instructor with VT-21. Lt. Shuman is involved in a host of off-duty programs that support the local community, including Toys For Tots, Junior Achievement, and the Chapel's Soles for Souls programs. She is also a mentor for the Daisy Girl Scouts, and is involved with caring for stranded pets with the Kingsville animal shelter.

The Military Spouse Volunteer of the Year award went to Sue Waddingham. In addition to supporting command events for her husband, NASK Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, she has also been a leading volunteer for a host of base-wide and community outreach programs. Among the list of ac-



Capt. Phil Waddingham presents plaques to CS2 Holly Clow, left, and Lt. Michael Wildman. Below, VT-22 skipper Cmdr. Gerry Murphy presents a plaque to Lt. Jackie Shuman, bottom left, while Patti Wolfe presents the award to Sue Waddingham, below right. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)



tivities are the annual Navy Ball; the King Ranch "Ranch Hand Breakfast;" the Keep Kingsville Beautiful program; Operation Shipmate; the annual Cactus Bowl; and the La Posada de Kingsville celebration. Waddingham also plays a vital role in provid-

ing care and counseling services to Wounded Warriors at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio through her job as a Visiting Nurse with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.



### Air Ops welcomes Winter Texans

The Air Operations Department welcomed more than 50 Winter Texans Jan. 19 and Jan. 21 as part of a base-wide tour of the air station sponsored by the Public Affairs Office.

The Winter Texans are staying at an RV park in Ricardo, and wanted to see what a Naval Air Station looked like. By the end of the day, the group walked away highly impressed by the personnel they met while they were aboard. The group visited Flight Planning, Approach Control Radar, and the Air Traffic Control Tower at Air Ops. Then, the group took a tour of the Ground Training complex - and took a seat in a T-45 flight simulator.

Photos: Above left, ACAN Israel Cansino greets the group in Flight Planning. Below, left, AC3 Trevor Leon explains his role in controlling aircraft on the ground. Above right, AC1 Geoffrey Steele explains the various positions in the Approach Control Radar facility, while, below right, AC2 Dalia Gonzalez explains what she sees on her scope to an interested Winter Texan.

*Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, Public Affairs.*



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## T-34 pilot found, plane located in Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain

*From Chief of Naval Air Training Public Affairs*

NEW ORLEANS (NNS) -- Volunteer divers from Gulf States Dive and Rescue working in conjunction with Crowder Gulf Disaster Recovery and Debris Management recovered the body of a Training Squadron 6 instructor pilot Jan. 27. The body of Lt. Clinton Wermers was found shortly after 1 a.m.

The divers were working as part of a large scale volunteer effort under the guidance of the New Orleans Urban Area Security Initiative. The T-34 Turbomotor, that Wermers and a student pilot were flying before the accident, was also located at approximately 10 p.m. that night. Wermers was found in close proximity to the aircraft. The plane was found in about 15 feet of water near where it was reported down Jan. 23, in Lake Pontchartrain. According to volunteer divers, underwater visibility was severely limited.

Both pilots were assigned to Training Squadron 6 (VT-6) and Training Air Wing FIVE out of NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. The pilots were flying a routine nighttime instrument training mission at the time of the crash and were approaching Lakefront



**Lt. Clinton Wermers, USN**

Airport in New Orleans when their plane went down in the lake. Coast Guard teams rescued the student pilot from the water shortly after the crash. He sustained mild hypothermia and moderate injuries. He was treated at a nearby hospital and released.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway. It is CNATRA policy not to release the names of injured student aviators.

## Aviation Career Continuation Pay 2010 program NAVADMIN released

*From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Adjustments to the Aviation Career Continuation Pay (ACCP) program were announced in NAVADMINs 031/10 and 032/10 regarding selected bonuses as an incentive to eligible pilots and naval flight officers through department head, sea duty and command billets.

"We are committed to continuing our investment in the aviation community and our efforts to remain responsive to retention behavior and mission requirements," said Rear Adm. Dan Holloway, director of the personnel, plans and policy division.

Changes include reducing long-term annual bonuses for naval flight officers from \$25,000 to \$15,000 per year for five years; reducing at-sea bonuses for lieutenant commanders and commanders from \$15,000 to \$10,000 per year for two years; and reducing command bonuses from \$15,000 to \$12,000 per year for three years. In addition, captains and captain-selects are no longer eligible for new ACCP contracts.

In 2009, Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson testified before Congress that he intended to conduct a thorough review of all Navy bonus programs which

included the ACCP program.

According to Ferguson, Navy leaders would made the adjustments in response to observed retention behavior and market forces and following a complete review of the aviation community bonuses.

Under the full-time support (FTS) Aviation Career Continuation Pay program, FTS aviators are eligible for bonuses of \$15,000 per year for up to three years.

The Navy expects roughly 704 active duty and 86 FTS aviators to take advantage of the ACCP program this year.

Long-term applicants are eligible if their active duty service obligation expires in fiscal year 2010 or 2011. Payment will begin when the officer is within one year of completion of the active duty service obligation. ACCP applications must be received before Sept. 24.

For more details regarding eligibility, administrative procedures, and the application letter format, go to the Aviation Officer Community Manager Web site [www.npc.navy.mil/officer/aviation/ocm/accp/](http://www.npc.navy.mil/officer/aviation/ocm/accp/).

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## Navy releases SRB award levels update

By Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy announced revised Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) rates Jan. 22, in NAVADMIN 028/10.

"Selective Reenlistment Bonuses are a dynamic, market-based incentive designed to retain those Sailors in our most critical ratings with critical NECs (Navy enlisted classification codes)," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson. "These bonuses contribute to our efforts to provide the fleet with Sailors who have the right experience and skill sets."

SRBs enhance Navy's ability to size, shape and stabilize manning by using a monetary incentive to encourage Sailors with critical skills and experience to stay Navy. Award levels are strategically adjusted as retention needs dictate.

The new message approves 38 increases in SRB award levels and four decreases. Seven awards were removed entirely, two were added and 132 remain unchanged.

Air traffic controllers in Zone A (less than six years of service) and surface force independent duty corpsmen in Zone C (between 10 and 14 years of service) were new to the SRB list this cycle. Seven hospital

corpsman NEC awards were removed.

Sailors should consult NAVADMIN 028/10 to determine their SRB eligibility and award level.

The increased award levels are effective immediately and decreased levels are effective 30 days from the release of NAVADMIN 028/10.

Award levels are continually reviewed and evaluated to match reenlistment behavior. This NAVADMIN supersedes NAVADMIN 250/09.

Commands must submit SRB reenlistment requests for eligible Sailors 35-120 days prior to the requested reenlistment date. SRB requests submitted less than 35 days in advance without substantial justification will not be accepted. Sailors can reenlist for SRBs no more than 90 days prior to their end of active obligated service. Exceptions to this policy as well as complete SRB guidance are listed in OPNAVINST 1160.8A, NAVADMIN 006/09 and NAVADMIN 028/10.

More than 1,300 Sailors have already received SRBs this fiscal year. SRB funding is limited, so SRB-eligible Sailors are encouraged to plan ahead.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/npc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/npc/).

## Petty Officers aiming for CPO anchors should review personnel records

By MCI (AW) LaTunya Howard, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- More than 35,000 first class petty officers participated in the Navywide Chief Petty Officer Advancement Exam, Jan. 21, hoping for a shot at chief. With the exam complete, Sailors can be proactive in preparing their record for the selection board by reviewing their Official Military Personal File (OMPF).

"A Sailor's OMPF is the electronic repository for documents that have been received, reviewed, and accepted as official documentation by Navy Personnel Command (NPC)," said B.J. Price, NPC Personnel Information Management Department, Records Support Division. The OMPF is used in selection board deliberations and as a historical legal record of a Sailor's time in the Navy."

There are two options for reviewing an OMPF. Sailors can log on to BUPERS Online (BOL) and order an OMPF CD-ROM or gain real-time access using the Web Enabled Record Review (WERR) link at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil). WERR is an online, common-access-card-enabled application that allows Sailors to view their OMPF.

"The WERR is a secure and efficient way for Sailor's to access their OMPF 24/7," said Price. "An OMPF CD-ROM captures one point in time and is soon outdated as additional information is accepted into the Sailor's OMPF. It's no longer the preferred

method for review."

Navy performance evaluation continuity, awards, training and qualifications are the significant areas for Sailors to focus on when checking their OMPFs for accuracy. BUPERSINST 1070.27B outlines all items that should or should not be submitted by personnel.

For corrections of any documents in the OMPF, review the frequently asked questions section on BOL at [www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/RecordsManagement/AboutYourRecord/FAQ.htm](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/RecordsManagement/AboutYourRecord/FAQ.htm). For additional assistance, contact NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC.

"Recurring issues with submissions continues to be missing social security numbers or names on each document," said Price. "Each OMPF document is identified by a full name and full social. It's required to conclusively identify a particular document to a particular Sailor."

Recently submitted correction documents may not yet appear in a record. If a document was sent to NPC within the past 60 days, it may still be in processing, so do not resend. After 60 days, if the document still has not appeared in the OMPF, contact NPC (PERS-313) by e-mail to the organizational mail box at [mill\\_ompf-chg@navy.mil](mailto:mill_ompf-chg@navy.mil) prior to resubmitting the documents.

## Checking first LES of the year a must

By George Markfelder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Civilian Human Resources)

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Reviewing your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) each pay period is always a good idea, but if you made any changes during the Federal Benefits Open Season, checking your LES for the first full pay period of the year (Jan. 22) is also your responsibility, according to Department of the Navy (DON) policy.

"Most people realize the importance of reading and understanding their LES," said Mary Foley, DON Civilian Benefits Center Manager. "All employees also need to understand that it is DON policy for each employee to review their own LES each pay date to ensure proper deductions have been withheld and to avoid errors that could cause indebtedness."

According to Foley, it is especially important to review the LES you receive on Jan. 22, since it will reflect any changes you made during the Federal Benefits Open Season. Benefits Bulletin 2009-10 provides additional

information.

If an error is noticed, DON employees should immediately call the Benefits Line at 888-320-2917 and select menu option #4 to talk to a Customer Service Representative (CSR). CSRs are available 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

The TTY number for the deaf and hard of hearing is 866-328-9889.

For more news from Department of the Navy (Civilian Human Resources), visit [www.navy.mil/local/donchr/](http://www.navy.mil/local/donchr/).

### VITA volunteers needed

Volunteer Income Tax Assistants (VITA) are still needed to assist active and retired military and civilian personnel with their 2009 Income Tax forms.

If you're interested in helping out, contact CSCS (SW) Mike Reed at 516-6575.

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will do miracles in our lives. I like the miracle of sins forgiven; so we can enjoy a relationship with God and others.

To start to build our Faith we must have Faith in God. "Spirit gives birth to Spirit." Faith gives birth to Faith.

With Faith we can know the truth for our lives and be set free to enjoy every minute of it; even during the hard times. Faith brings us through. Faith becomes light in the darkness. This builds our hope and gives hope to a community that is in need of hope.

Hope is discovering God's provisions. We should have hope after we are obedient to God's leading. God always provides resources to bring God's miracles into our lives. All things work for the good and glory of God. What God gives us is always the best for us to overcome the hardships of life, to live life to its fullest... Jesus meets our needs which is a constant miracle; like the hope of forgiveness brings light to a life of trusting God and building relationships. It is like being born again; but this time born by God's revelation in our lives. Once we are born again we have hope. Hope to see God's kingdom. This gives us a life of hope which is our testimony to God's goodness. God can now reveal heavenly things which give us hope. Life after death! Faith that builds a life that leaves our communities a better place than before. The Light of Faith gives us hope and hope in this World.

Life is God paving our way. This should change our lives constantly, never bored with the same old things in our lives. As we have Faith, God will provide hope to experience God's provisions; constantly, as we follow God's leading. This gives us constant provisions by the grace of God. Faith in God turns our lives into a life paved by God. God has a life of God's best for us all. A life of miracles, as God carves out our paths, for all eternity. We can know the truth and life of heavenly things; we can see the Kingdom of God. This is life that God paves for us all to share with one another. John 3:21; "But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Faith is doing what God wants; discovering God's provisions, to give us the best year ever.

### NAS Kingsville Religious Ministries Chapel Services:

- Sunday Worship:
- Family Bible Services (9:30 a.m.)
- Catholic Mass (12:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday: Noon Lunch Bible Study
- Thursday: Choir Practice (5 p.m.)
- Music Prayer Fellowship (6 p.m.)

All events take place in the Chaplain's multipurpose room, Bldg. 2741. Come join us!

## Awards

The following people were presented awards at the Jan. 28, NAS Kingsville All Hands ceremony at the Captain's Club:

**MA1 (SW) Reginald Chase**, Security Department, Navy Commendation Medal.

**MA2 Russell Myers**, Security Department, Navy Achievement Medal.

**ET1 (SW) Daniel Tapia**, Air Ops/Ground Electronics, Letter of Commendation, Sr. Sailor of the Quarter.

**AC2 (AW) Daniel Tarrega**, Air Ops/Air Traffic Control, Letter of Commendation, Jr. Sailor of the Quarter/Jr. Sailor of the Year.

**CS3 Erick Soliz**, Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, Letter of Commendation, Blue-jacket of the Quarter.

**MA3 Joseph Morabito**, Security Department, Letter of Appreciation

### Bringing Faith, Hope, and Life into the New Year.

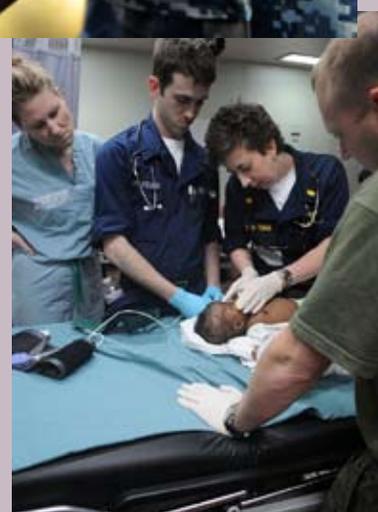
What are Faith, Hope, and Life?

Faith is doing what God wants. Hope is discovering God's provisions and life is God paving our way. So it is good to find things in this life that will build our Faith. The Bible holds these truths that will build our Faith.

Let us look at a few things in the Book of John chapters 1-3; as this year reveals itself to us, we can learn from our mistakes and rejoice in our blessings that we share with one another.

How does Scriptures build our Faith? "Do what ever he tells you," Mary, the mother of Jesus, tells one of the wedding servants, as they have run out of wine. When we do what God asked of us, we should have faith that God will provide! This is when God's first miracle was done, as water was turned into wine. The best was saved for last. Jesus

# Navy Relief Your Team At Work



## Sailor set for cross country championships

By Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs

The fable of the tortoise and the hare teaches us that "slow and steady wins the race." But, that's not the case for one Kingsville Sailor.

Setting a goal, pursuing it, achieving it and then setting new goals is Machinists Mate 2nd Class Jaana Hahn's strategy for winning the race.

This single mother and "new" cross-country runner will be competing in her first national competition next month as she competes in the annual Armed Forces Cross Country Championships in Spokane, Wash., as a member of the All-Navy Cross Country team.

Hahn has been running since March 2009. "I enjoy the liberating feeling I get from running," the 31-year old said. "I think it is truly amazing the length our bodies can go prompted by our will power. It's just incredible that we can make ourselves run 26 miles or more even!"

Hahn adds that after her second organized race she was hooked. "I love the excitement and the adrenaline I get before a race. I love the competition and the fact that it is all my doing -- I am the one who has to push myself to the limits to come out on top," she said.

The Fleet Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville-Detachment Kingsville Sailor was drawn to the Navy sports program in Septem-

ber when she was looking into the Marine Corps Marathon.

"I knew I was not conditioned nearly enough to participate in that race," Hahn said, "so I looked down the list for the next race. I was unsure of whether or not I would get accepted (for the All-Navy Cross Country Team), but thought 'why not try?'"

Hahn, one of six women on the Navy team, knows as a newcomer to the sport, she does not have knowledge of various courses and has no comparison to judge the aspects of the 8-kilometer course she will be running in Spokane. So, she says she will focus on the constancy of her speed.

"The Navy head coach, Jim Felty, e-mails and calls me with a training schedule each week," she added. "That takes any guesswork out of the equation for me," Hahn says about her training regime. "I just follow his instruction."

Since the 11-year Navy veteran from St. George, Utah, has started training for the cross country championship, she has increased her running to six days a week, averaging about 40 miles weekly.

And, she doesn't let being a single mom stop her from her guiding principle. On days she trains in the gym, Hahn brings her 6 year-old son with her. "I want to teach him to set goals and complete them," she added. "I'm trying to teach by example. If I'm not able to



MM2 Jaana Hahn likes that the competitive edge of cross country running rests with her. It's all about her goals and training. She gets out of it what she puts into it. Hahn has been selected for the All-Navy Cross Country Team for 2010 and is training for next month's Armed Forces Championship, which will be held in Spokane, Wash. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

(complete goals), why should he?"

Lt. Brent Simmons, FISC Jax Det. site director, says that Hahn has set lofty goals for herself.

"I am very proud of the hard work MM2 Hahn has put into getting ready for this spectacular opportunity," Simmons said. "She has not only worked hard at this, but simultaneously has stepped up and taken on key roles at the detachment and at NASK proper. She is a program coordinator for the urinalysis program, and a proud member of the NASK Honor Guard.

"She has also worked hard going to school. She has a goal of becoming a commis-

sioned officer, and is working hard to attain that goal. She does all this while being an actively engaged single parent. I have a lot of respect for her personal and professional accomplishments," he added.

The top five women from next month's Armed Forces Championship will qualify to represent the United States Armed Forces at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Cross Country Championship, March 8-12, in Ostend, Belgium.

As far as setting a good example for her son, Hahn has already won the race. Hopefully, we'll also see her representing the U.S. Armed Forces in Belgium, too.

### Bowling Standings

#### In the Dog House League (1/28)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Lane Breakers	58-34
2.	Three Minds	51.5-40.5
3.	Triple X's	48.5-43.5
4.	The Guys	44.5-47.5
5.	Tumbalos	44-48
6.	The Hounds	29.5-62.5

#### Weekly High Scores:

Lindy Conner: 224 game

Jerry Brooks: 216 game

#### Wed. Nite Mixed League (1/28)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Slow Rollin'	44-28
2.	DUH's	41-31
3.	Pete's Angels	40-32
4.	Pin Bangers	40-32
5.	Laugh Out Loud	39-33
6.	Big K Rollers	32-40
7.	Sixty Forty	28-44
8.	Guttermouths	23-45

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Bob Gookin, 608/ Regina Garcia, 670

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### Armed Forces Championship

Team rosters for each branch of the military include nine men and six women. The men run a 12K course, while the women run an 8K layout. There is also a senior, or Masters division. Military squads also compete in team competition by taking their top four men, and top three women. Ties in team competition are broken by the team's next place finishers in each bracket. The top 12 men and 5 women from this competition will comprise the U.S. Armed Forces team.

Air Force is the defending overall team champion in men's and women competition, while the Navy's Lt. William Christian took home the 2009 overall title with a time of 39:42 for the 12K. Teammate Lt. Aaron Lenzel finished second with a time of 39:32. Both of these runners are back to provide a big advantage for the Navy team.

Army finished third overall in 2009, and the Marine Corps finished fourth.

### Navy Advantage



Navy's Lt. Will Christian (#544 above) leads the way to the finish line during the 2009 Armed Forces Championships, held in Derwood, Md. Christian finished first in the men's division while teammate Lt. Aaron Lenzel finished second.

(Photo by Steve Brown, Air Force Sports)