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Southeast Region, NAS Kingsville committed to conservation, greener future

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – On April 16, Commander Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Tim Alexander kicked off the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, celebrated April 22, by signing a proclamation urging the Navy’s Southeast community toward environmental stewardship, environmentally-healthy mission partnerships, and energy conservation.

“As stewards of the earth, our mission must always be performed in a manner that protects the environment, prevents pollution, and protects our natural, historic and cultural resources,” Alexander said. “The Navy will continue its evolution toward a green fleet and its commitment to a high standard of stewardship. I urge all personnel to conserve energy, protect the environment and participate in your local Earth Day events.”

A number of Navy Region Southeast facilities planned events around Earth Day to foster environmental stewardship, including NAS Kingsville. The desire, according to NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, was for base personnel to use the national Earth Day celebration to focus on initiatives that can help support the Region’s goals.

“We have a great opportunity here to decrease our energy consumption while complying with CNRSE guidance,” Waddingham said. “I look forward to your participation on this Earth Day and other energy initiatives, including participation at our monthly Building Energy Monitor meetings, and our quarterly Energy Conservation Boards (required for representatives of tenants) where your good ideas are welcomed.”

Coinciding with the Navy’s Earth Day 2010 theme of “Partnering for a Greener Future,” Navy Region Southeast is a member of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the South Atlantic Alliance, the Southeast Partnership of Planning and Sustainability, as well as many other local and regional partnerships. According to Southeast Region Environmental Program Manager Camille Destafney, partnerships provide the opportunity to learn partners’ values and missions, and to edu-

cate them on the Navy’s mission, resulting in greater understanding and opportunities to further all missions while protecting the environment.

“Over the past 40 years, the Navy has made huge strides in environmental stewardship and protection of our natural resources,” said Destafney. “Forty years ago, no one understood hazardous substances and the impact they have on health; today we understand that and have laws in place to regulate them. The Navy has embraced and become a leader in the environmental movement.”

Many Navy commands have ongoing programs that focus on environmental stewardship. Projects include beach clean-ups, adopt-a-highway programs, and community beautification events. These programs can be shared with local communities.

The NAS Kingsville Public Works Department, and FISC Jacksonville Det NAS Kingsville, answered the call by holding an old appliance pick-up and turn-in for base commands and activities on Earth Day.

The intent of the program was to get base personnel to take a close look at their old appliances to determine if it would be cost-effective to replace the old models with new, energy efficient models.

“Navy Region Southeast is taking Energy Conservation seriously,” said Lt. Brent Simmons, FISC Jacksonville Det NAS Kingsville site manager. “We are going to have to become more aware of our role in providing a greener future for our planet, and we need to be active leaders in energy conservation and environmental stewardship. This is the way ahead for all of us.”

NAS Kingsville commands and tenant activities responded to the Earth Day effort by turning in old refrigerators, microwaves, electric fans, and other excess equipment. The items will be turned in to the Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO) for disposal.

Story MCI Monica Nelson, NRSE Public Affairs with local information added.



Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, adds his signature to a proclamation urging the Navy’s Southeast community toward environmental stewardship, environmentally-healthy mission partnerships, and energy conservation.



MM2 Martin Hernandez wheels out an old refrigerator from the NAS Kingsville Headquarters building during the Earth Day appliance turn-in. Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum.



Big Fans of Going Green: Above, FISC Jacksonville Detachment NAS Kingsville's ABF1 Joel Matos, left, accepts an old fan from NAS Kingsville Agency Program Coordinator Chris Code. The fan was one of several items Code provided for the collection drive as he took advantage of the initiative to conduct spring cleaning in his office spaces. Right, Matos and MM2 Martin Hernandez load an old refrigerator onto a flat bed truck for transportation to the Public Works compound. All items collected from throughout the air station will be turned in to the Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO) for final disposal.

Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs



Earth Day old appliance turn-in

The Earth Day appliance turn-in proved to be a successful event, according to Lt. Brent Simmons, FISC Jacksonville Det site manager. FISC Jax personnel picked up 28 refrigerators, 13 microwaves, 24 coffee pots, 2 televisions, and 5 miscellaneous other appliances. All items will be disposed of through DRMO at NAS Corpus Christi.

Deckplate Leadership



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

Team Kingsville,

As you all know, the days are finally getting warmer and summer will be here before we know it! Warmer weather means we will all start enjoying those outdoor activities that we've missed during the winter months. In fact, this past weekend I was out on Baffin Bay and I'm happy to report that the speckled trout are biting again!

Unfortunately, the day I fished it was cloudy until about 10 a.m., but I had waded out away from our boat at about 7:30 without applying sunscreen and, you guessed it, by the time I got back into the boat it was 2 p.m. and I was cooked.

I'm passing along this "fish story" to make a point that summer brings with it a wide variety of outdoor activities that we can all enjoy. However, many these great activities can be dangerous if we're not thinking

about safety.

The first, and one of the most important things to remember here in South Texas, is the fact that during the summer the temperature gets so hot it can be dangerous. Try to schedule outdoor activities for early in the morning or late in the evening if you can. If you're going to be outdoors for any length of time, try and find shade. If you can't find shade, then apply sunscreen. If you can, do both. Also remember to hydrate continuously when outdoors.

Another area of concern with regard to summer safety is vehicle safety. Did you know that during the summer months one Sailor will die every five days from a POV crash? Many of us will be traveling this summer. Make sure that before you take that summer road trip you plan well and avoid those things that will increase your likelihood of being in an accident or being severely injured in a crash. Some of the leading factors are fatigue; speeding; driving after drinking; and not wearing seatbelts.

Many people are also injured during the summer while playing outdoor sports. If you're not in shape right now, get in shape before you attempt to participate in summer sports. Start an exercise program that includes a good warm-up, a challenging work-

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



Summer is a fun time.
Make it a safe time, too!

out, followed by an adequate cool-down. And make sure you know your limits.

Jay King and our MWR folks at the gym will be happy to assist you in setting up an exercise plan that fits your needs. Give them a call and take advantage of their expertise.

I know many of you will be heading to Lake Corpus Christi and Padre Island this summer. Please be safe when you're in the water – drowning is the leading recreational killer of military personnel. Always use the buddy system, know your limits and only swim in supervised/authorized areas. If you're swimming in a pool obey the "no diving" signs.

Enjoy the summer folks, but please, be safe out there!

Awards

VT-22 Instructor of the Quarter
(Jan. - Mar 2010)

Lt. j.g. John G. Keith

VT-22 Student of the Month
(Jan. 2010)

Lt. j.g. Bryan Stoniecki

VT-22 Student of the Month
(Feb. 2010)

Lt. j.g. Brendan Greeley

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- *Naval Station Ingleside closes its doors*
- *Training Air Wing TWO students head out to sea*
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*Left, Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Mark Brooks presents a Letter of Commendation to Cmdr. Scott Gunderson on behalf of his efforts during a recent Crew Resource Management Assist visit. Gunderson manages the program for Training Air Wing TWO, and the inspection team touted the TW-2 program as "the model to follow."
Photos by Meg Cross.*

Right, Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Mark Brooks presents a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Gevo. During his tour with the Wing, Gevo coordinated a new training plan to incorporate updated three plane section engaged maneuvering into the student and instructor training syllabi, which greatly enhanced student training. He was also recognized for his performance as VT-22 Ops Officer.



“Women in Aviation” conference held at Pearl Harbor-Hickam

By MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- The Pacific Aviation Museum held the first “Women in Aviation” Conference April 16-18, to examine those that blazed the trail for female aviators.

The three day event included enhanced exhibits, an industry career field and speeches given by female aviators for the museum patrons.

“We took a look at the museum and realized that we’re often telling stories about the men involved in aviation in the Pacific,” said April Emerson, the education coordinator at the museum. “We found that there was very little information available in the museum about the women who participated as well, and that was the inspiration for the conference.”

Some of these women that Emerson alludes to were in aviation groups like Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). The group was established during WWII in an attempt to free-up male pilots for combat duty. Missions of the WASP pilots included towing targets for live anti-aircraft practice, transporting cargo and the delivery of aircraft to distant commands.

Another group of female pioneers in aviation were “The Ninety-Nines”. “The Ninety-Nines” are a non-profit organization that was first established in 1929 by a group of 99 female aviators whose goals were to provide mutual support and to promote aviation for women. The famous aviator Amelia Earhart was the first president of “The Ninety-Nines”

from 1931-1933.

Another topic discussed at the conference involved the road that female African-Americans had to journey on their path to become aviators.

“It all started way back in the 1920’s with Bessie Coleman,” said Robin Jackson, a docent at the Pacific Aviation Museum. “Back then this country was segregated and Bessie wasn’t able to obtain her pilot’s license. Bessie had heard that France was training female pilots, so she studied French, went to France, got her pilot’s license and came back to the United States.”

“Coleman had a dream of one day opening her own flight school for black aviators,” said Jackson. “Unfortunately, Bessie died at the age of 34 while performing in an airshow, leaving the dream unfulfilled.”

The event also featured modern-day female aviators as guest speakers in the museum’s education room.

“We wanted to not only educate people about the role that women played in aviation, but to also give young people, both men and women, the opportunity to meet some of the local aviators to find out how they navigated the path to aviation,” said Emerson.

One of those guest speakers was Navy helicopter pilot, Cmdr. Kristen Herr-Garrett, the J2 deputy director of intelligence at Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“I received a phone call from Ms. April Emerson for me to come down and speak at the Women in Aviation Conference here at

the Pacific Aviation Museum,” said Herr-Garrett. “I wasn’t really sure myself what this was, but she enlightened me and told me that this was an attempt to bring aviation to young kids, both female and male. She really wanted to give them firsthand knowledge on that career path.”

Various organizations also attended the event to offer guests the opportunity of a path into aviation. The vendors included BAE Systems, Hawaii National Guard, Aloha Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Civil Air Patrol, among others.

“As the women have pointed out today, the path to aviation actually starts by taking that first step. Ask questions of those who are already involved, find out what options are out there, whether it be military or civilian, and then begin the process,” said Emerson.

Guests at the museum also received the opportunity to have their photos taken with the likes of Amelia Earhart, Rosie the Riveter, and a WASP pilot. The roles of these female icons and pioneers were played out by docents and volunteers at the museum.

Women in Aviation is planned to be an annual event at the Pacific Aviation Museum.

“We are looking forward to an exciting year this year and planning for next year. We intend to expand the conference, not only as a main conference day, but also as a weekend long event,” said Emerson.

“This event kind of says, ‘Hey women, come and see what aviation has for you,’” said Jackson.

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Green Hornet launches on Earth Day

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) -- The Green Hornet, an F/A-18 Super Hornet fueled with a 50/50 mixture of biofuel made from camelina oil, launched on Earth Day, April 22, at NAS Patuxent River, Md. The flight was one of 15 flights to certify the use of an alternative fuel for U.S. Navy aircraft.

Following the flight, Secretary of the

Navy Ray Mabus spoke to those in attendance. "This flight demonstrates that our systems can work on biofuel," said Mabus. "Now that it is successful, we will move to expand biofuel testing to our marine gas turbine engines and to the engines of our tactical vehicles."

Courtesy of Navy Newsstand

San Antonio's fiesta spirit welcomes Sailors during Navy Week

*By MCC L.A. Shively,
Office of Community Outreach*

SAN ANTONIO (NNS) -- San Antonio Navy Week officially kicked off with the commander Naval Medicine Center (NMC), Portsmouth Va., speaking before the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee April 14.

Rear Adm. William R. Kiser, commander NMC, will be the inaugural commanding officer for the new Medical Education Training Campus (METC) at Ft. Sam Houston which will combine medical training for the Navy, Army and Air Force.

METC is the largest consolidation of service training in Department of Defense history and will be the world's principal military medical education and training institution.

Though traditionally an Army and Air Force town and often referred to as Military City USA; Navy presence in San Antonio is growing rapidly as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment Act (BRAC).

Kiser's presentation to the Military Affairs Committee described METC and the benefits of a joint training center.

According to Kiser, under BRAC standardized training for medical enlisted specialties will enhance tri-service interoperability and joint deployment opportunities, while cutting redundant curricula, streamlining system capacity and reducing infrastructure.

"In the coming months, San Antonio will see a huge influx of Sailors moving here with the establishment of METC, the joint Medical Education Training Campus," said Kiser.

"Navy Weeks are a great opportunity for us to travel to non-fleet concentrated areas and tell our Navy story to people who don't traditionally hear it," said Kiser. "The San Antonio Navy Week is a wonderful way for us to get in front of their [METC] arrival and explain to the people who live here who we are and what we do."

The San Antonio Navy Week began April 14 and runs through April 25 during which Sailors will be celebrating Fiesta at the Riverwalk, visiting sick children and swapping sea stories with veterans.

The U.S. Naval Academy band Electric Brigade will visit Ft. Sam Houston during the Army's Fiesta celebration. Sailors from USS San Antonio (LPD 17) are speaking to youth and Navy flag officers are visiting area universities and businesses to communicate support and engender a sense of partnership with the BRAC endeavor.

Sailors will be on board for the Navy Day at the Alamo, the Battle of Flowers and Texas Cavaliers River Parades.

Students at area high schools will get a chance to experience the flight simulator and have fun in the Navy Suburban, an SUV loaded with Navy interactive video games.

TA transactions shift to 100% WebTA

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

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- All Navy Tuition Assistance (TA) transactions have shifted to an entirely online process accessible through the Navy College Program Web site's WebTA portal. Sailors applying for tuition assistance are now required to use WebTA to process all applications. The new program went into effect April 15.

"WebTA allows Sailors to complete all steps in the tuition assistance and education planning process online," said Mary Redd-Clary, the Navy's Voluntary Education (VOLED) program director.

"In the past, Sailors could start the TA application process, but were then required to circulate a printed copy for review and approval through the chain of command. Now, Sailors and Marines can complete the entire process virtually, and the final step is the paper-based submission, in person or via fax, to one of the Navy's 52 Navy College Offices (NCO) for delivery to the school," said Redd-Clary.

The WebTA application must be approved by the commanding officer or authorized command delegate.

"We recommend developing an internal

command review process, as that process will ensure all management controls for Sailors TA requirements are met. These requirements, such as completion of warfare qualifications, should all be reviewed prior to the commanding officer's final approval," said Redd-Clary.

In addition to TA application processing through WebTA, the NCP site includes tools required for Sailors to develop an interactive education plan with direct support from NCO counselors. The site also provides Sailors and counselors access to Sailor/Marine Ace Registry Transcript (SMART) records.

Sailors can also search degree plans based on their ratings. These degree plans are offered through partner schools from the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP).

"WebTA also offers commands an opportunity to provide more timely and interactive support of their Sailors as they work to identify their professional and academic pursuits," said Redd-Clary.

For more information about the Navy College Program, visit <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>. For more news from Center for Personal and Professional Development, visit www.navy.mil/local/voledpa/.

NEX Earth Day promotion: Free eco-friendly bags to customers

By Kristine M. Sturkie, Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- In connection with Earth Day celebrations today Navy Exchanges (NEX) worldwide are giving away 200,000 eco-friendly reusable bags to customers April 22.

The free bag give-away is just one way the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has found to help save the environment at its locations worldwide.

"The Navy Exchange System's strategy to help the environment is very much aligned with the Navy's theme of 'Partnering for a Greener Future,'" said Rear Adm. Steven J. Romano, commander, NEXCOM. "It is our responsibility to ensure that all our locations look to the future by protecting the environment and conserving energy."

As part of NEX's ongoing commitment to the environment, customers can bring their eco-friendly reusable bags back to the NEX and receive a five cent credit on their purchase for this bag or any reusable eco-friendly bag used to carry out their purchase.

The NAS Kingsville Navy Exchange

participated in the bag giveaway this week, and store manager Ofilia Alvarez said feedback from customers was good.

"We gave away all the bags we had, and we had a lot of bags," Alvarez said. "Our customers appreciated the gift, and the discount that comes along with using them. Even though we out of bags at the moment, we will continue to provide the discounts to our customers that uses them."

Once these eco-friendly reusable bags are distributed throughout the system, NEXs will have sold and distributed over 471,000 since these bags have been available for purchase in late 2007. This initiative, along with the five cent refund and a re-emphasis on cashier techniques for bagging, NEX hopes to dramatically reduce the amount of plastic bags used in its stores.

"These initiatives will help us reach our goal of reducing the amount of plastic bags used at NEXs worldwide annually by 10 percent," said Richard Dow, senior vice president, Operations at NEXCOM. "That is a reduction of 5.3 million bags - this is really big."

Recruiting Command to use hybrid vehicles

By MCCS (EXW) Tom Jones, CNRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn (NNS) -- Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) will begin incorporating hybrid vehicles into its leased government vehicle fleet beginning in May 2010 in direct support of the Navy's overall goal to cut petroleum use in half by 2020.

The Government Services Administration will deliver 297 Ford Fusion hybrid vehicles to NRC from May to mid-August of 2010. By 2013, NRC expects 25 percent of the 5,100 vehicles in the command vehicle fleet to be hybrids. NRC's goal is for hybrid vehicles to comprise at least 75 percent of the NRC fleet by 2020.

The initial influx of hybrid vehicles will be used predominately in metropolitan areas throughout the country, said John Curry, deputy director of the NRC Supply, Logistics and Facilities Department.

A metropolitan statistical area is defined as a city that normally has a population of 100,000 people or more. NRC will use these vehicles in cities like Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Denver, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Nashville, New York and Miami.

"This initiative is important because it shows our commitment to preserving the

environment and reduces our dependency on foreign oil," said Curry.

Today, 85 percent of NRC's vehicle fleet consists of alternative fuel vehicles or "flex fuel" vehicles that can operate on ethanol as well as gasoline. The switch to hybrid vehicles will reduce the operational cost by \$200 per vehicle annually, ultimately saving \$55,800 in 2010 alone.

"It's not just about the dollar figure," said Curry. "We are reducing our carbon footprint, ultimately supporting the Navy's energy and environmental goals."

According to Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, assistant secretary of the Navy for energy, installations and environment, the Department of the Navy has raised the bar by committing that the Navy will lead among the services, the federal government and the nation in achieving aggressive goals for efficiency.

"[Our] initiatives are tied directly to our national security," said Pfannenstiel. "But achieving them, we will realize other benefits, including better use of limited resources and healthier communities." NRC is the headquarters for 26 Navy recruiting districts and almost 1,500 Navy recruiting stations across the country.

Volunteers judge KISD science fair

More than a dozen NAS Kingsville military and civilian personnel volunteered to serve as judges for the annual Kingsville Independent School District Science Fair April 10.

The NAS Kingsville Religious Ministries Department coordinated the event, lining up 14 people to judge more than 50 exhibits and science projects.

"We are very appreciative for NAS Kings-

ville in helping us with the Science Fair," said Juan Diego Vasquez-Cruz, Kingsville ISD Instructional Technology director.

RP2 Kenneth Greathouse, who helped coordinate the volunteers, said the children really surprised the judges with their creativity. "We were all surprised at how good the projects were this year," he said.



Volunteers: (from left) RPSN Quentin Williams; 1st Lt. Grant Mauritzson; RP2 Kenneth Greathouse; RP1 Christine Tamag; Ken Moses; Jeffrey Lemaster; Lt. Mark Haley; ABH2 Charles Holman; ABH3 Shannon Dockum; ABH2 Carlos Machado; Thomas Leadingham; Cindy Leadingham; and CS1 Pearlne Myers. Missing from photo is ETC Matthew Smith.

Navy Exchange System doing its part to protect the environment

By Kristine M. Sturkie, Navy Exchange Service Command

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM)'s initiatives to protect the environment and conserve energy are having a positive impact on the bottom line, a NEXCOM official said.

"NEXCOM's strategy to help the environment is very much aligned with the Navy's strategy and theme "Partnering for a Greener Future," said Rear Admiral Steven J. Romano, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM).

"It is our responsibility to ensure that all our locations protect the environment, conserve energy and save money. Every dollar we save is more money that can be given to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to support Sailors' quality of life."

NEXCOM's headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va., is doing its part to protect the environment in a variety of ways. Over the past year, NEXCOM's advertising department has created a digital sales flyer which is available on its website, www.myNavyExchange.com.

During 2009, printed sales flyers were reduced by 13 percent, saving the command over \$1 million in printing and postage costs and helping the environment by reducing the number of trees needed for its production.

In 2010, NEXCOM is planning another four percent reduction in printed sales flyers. While the need for printed sales flyers hasn't been eliminated, those that are printed are done

so on recycled paper. NEXCOM has also started to use social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to enhance its marketing efforts to further reduce the need for paper, fossil fuels along with the postage expense.

NEXCOM also recently revamped its NEX Gift card to make it more environmentally friendly. NEX Gift cards are now made from BIOPVC™, a compound that ultimately biodegrades in nine months to five years, when in contact with an environment (typical waste stream) that allows microorganisms to begin the breakdown process.

To help reduce the amount of plastic bags, NEXs offer the 4RPLANETBAG made of 100 percent recyclable fabrics and is 100 percent carbon neutral. The bag comes in two styles: Eagle everyday grocery bag for \$1.99 and the Penguin thermal insulated bag for \$3.49.

NEXCOM buyers look to purchase products that help customers save energy and money and protect the environment. Customers will find a wide variety of Energy Star rated appliances and TVs as well as CFL light bulbs, eco-friendly home storage solutions, glass cooking bowls, bamboo cutting boards, water filtration systems, air purification systems and rechargeable batteries.

NEXCOM's vending operations are also doing its part to save energy. Currently, over 3,800 energy misers have been installed on cold beverage vending machines. Energy misers use

a motion sensor to power down a vending machine when the surrounding area is unoccupied and automatically re-powers the vending machine when the area is reoccupied or to ensure product within the machine is cold.

The energy misers are capable of reducing energy consumed by about one-third, saving about \$100 per vending machine per year (depending upon local Kilowatt per hour rate). NEXCOM vending has also moved forward to include changing out florescent tubes in glass front snack machines with energy efficient tubes. NEXCOM's vending team attends the vending industry's annual trade show to observe new technology, offering innovative ideas related to energy conservation. In addition, NEXCOM beverage contract solicitations include wording that vending machines be energy star rated or equipped with a miser of equivalent to support Navy's policy on energy conservation.

NEXCOM also continues to open alternative fuel facilities in its effort to help the Department of Defense (DoD) and Navy meet its objective of reducing the reliance on petroleum and meet the requirements of Executive Order 13423. Currently, alternative fuel is offered at Naval Station Norfolk, Va., and Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.; Quarters K, Arlington, Va.; Naval Surface Warfare Division, Crane, Ind.; Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC; Naval Academy Annapolis, Md.; Naval Air

Station Pensacola, Fla.; and NEX Everett and Whidbey Island, Wash. Compressed natural gas is offered at the Quarters K gas station as well as Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport, Fla.

NEX Autoports or auto service centers ensure that used oil and antifreeze, old tires and replaced oil and air filters get recycled instead of being thrown in the landfill. In 2009, NEX Autoports recycled approximately 243,000 quarts of used oil, 11,000 gallons of antifreeze, 14,000 old batteries and 72,000 tires.

One of the less visible ways NEXCOM is saving money is by changing lighting in existing buildings and incorporating energy efficient materials in new and renovated locations. "Going forward, NEXCOM is meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards of "silver" certification for all new construction and also for major renovation and expansion of existing facilities," said Harry "Mickey" Smith, NEXCOM's Energy Manager. "The benefits of implementing a LEED strategy range from improving air and water quality to reducing solid waste, benefiting owners, occupiers and society as a whole."

NEXCOM's distribution centers also have worked to reduce energy consumption by replacing its high intensity discharge fixtures with

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Public Works, NAVFAC employees host cultural diversity event at the Club

Story and photos by Fifi Kieschnick,
NASK Public Affairs

Public Works Department employees spent the afternoon Thursday, April 15 celebrating their differences. The event started with a pot luck luncheon – employees brought in various main courses, side dishes and desserts that represented more than 20 different cultures – followed by a variety of presentations from personnel representing an assortment of cultures.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southeast (NAVFAC SE), asked all their departments to set aside time during the week to celebrate diversity, according to Lt. Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, NAS Kingsville’s public works officer.

There is tremendous diversity in any workplace because diversity includes a variety of races and cultures, as well as gender, ethnic group, age, personality, cognitive style, tenure, organizational function, education, background and more.

“This is a great opportunity,” Hamilton said, speaking of Multicultural Diversity Awareness Celebration that was held Thurs-

day, “to get to know each other a little better and share our diverse backgrounds.”

Embracing diversity fuels an organization’s success including increased adaptability. Organizations employing a diverse workforce can supply a greater variety of solutions to problems in service, sourcing and allocation of resources as employees from diverse backgrounds bring individual talents and experiences in suggesting ideas that are flexible in adapting to fluctuating markets and customer demands.

Presentations given to the approximately 75 people gathered at the Club included a martial arts demonstration, a Philippine dance performance, and genealogy presentations. In addition, historical, cultural and economical information was given about Irish, German and Guamanian heritages.

According to Urbana Garcia, Admin Officer for Public Works, the variety of presentations emphasized and honored the diverse skills, talents and contributions of a variety of cultures.



Kiela Rangel and Marco Oballo, center, perform the Tinkling Dance, also known as the Philippine national dance. Assisting are Rey Galanzoga, Frances Baker, and Alister Andaya.



PW’s Ensign Clayton Beame decides to test his nimble footwork as Lucky Clarkson applauds.



Above, left, Marco Oballo and Lucky Clarkson explain how the Tinkling Dance is performed to Public Works Officer Lt. Cmdr. Troy Hamilton. Above right, Security’s Frances Baker talks about diversity and cultural differences.



LS2 Jason Sigler shows the proper form of delivering a martial arts kick.

10 receive wings at TW-2 ceremony

Ten student pilots from Training Air Wing TWO were designated as Naval Aviators and presented their coveted Wings of Gold during a winging ceremony at the Captain's Club April 16. Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Mark Brooks presided over the ceremony.

Receiving their Wings were:

Lt. j.g. Scott Brazelton, VT-21. A native of Olympia, Wash., Brazelton is a graduate of Embry-Riddle University and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation management.

1st Lt. Matthew Sisneros, VT-21. Born and raised in Phoenix, Sisneros attended Arizona State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation management and technology.

Lt. j.g. Christopher Feay, VT-22. Born in Japan and raised in Nebraska, Feay attended Iowa State University, where he studied aerospace engineering.

1st Lt. Jack Holloway, VT-22. A Kansas native, Holloway attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He began his Marine Corps aviation training in 2007.

1st Lt. Matthew Kaczynski, VT-22. Born and raised in Michigan, Kaczynski is a graduate of the Michigan Ross School of Business. He received his commission in 2006 and entered flight training two years later.

Lt. j.g. Wallace Miller, VT-22. A native of Georgia, Miller is a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of



Winging Group: Front row, from left, Lt. Col. Terrence Latorre, XO VT-22; Cmdr. Ed Harshany, XO VT-21; Lt. j.g. Kyle Obenour; Lt. j.g. Trevor Phillips-Levine; 1st Lt. Matthew Kaczynski; 1st Lt. Jack Holloway; Lt. j.g. Scott Brazelton; Lt. j.g. Wallace Miller; Capt. Mark Brooks, Commander, TW-2; Maj. Casmer Ratkowiak. Back row, from left; 1st Lt. Matthew Sisneros; Lt. j.g. Christopher Feay; Lt. j.g. Joshua Webb; and 1st Lt. Michael Walsh. Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs.

Science Degree in aerospace engineering and economics. He also holds a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering.

Lt. j.g. Kyle Obenour, VT-22. Born in New York and raised in Maryland, Obenour graduated from the University of Maryland in 2006 with a degree in criminology and criminal justice. He entered the aviation field following his

graduation from Officer Candidate School.

Lt. j.g. Trevor Phillips-Levine, VT-22. A California native, Levine is a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy. He earned his commission in 2007.

1st Lt. Michael Walsh, VT-22. A native of Boston, Walsh earned his commission in the Marine Corps in 2008. Although he has now

completed advanced Jet/Strike training, Walsh will remain at NAS Kingsville for another 12 months as a SERGRAD instructor pilot.

Lt. j.g. Joshua Webb, VT-22. A Ventura, Calif., native and son of active duty Navy parents, Webb traveled a lot during his youth. He graduated from high school in Merritt Island, Fla., and the U.S. Naval Academy 2007.

April Pilot For a Day

Training Air Wing TWO and NAS Kingsville welcomed aboard 5-year old Alice, Texas native Colin Buegeler as this month's Pilot For a Day April 15. Colin was accompanied by his mother Allison, sister Katie, and Driscoll Children's Hospital representative Peniel Martinez for his special day on board.

Colin is recovering from Synovial Sarcoma of the leg, a rare form of cancer usually found in the joints of legs or arms. He has been undergoing treatment at Driscoll Children's Hospital and is reported to doing very well.

Sponsor command for this month's evolution was VT-22, with Lt. Jeff Callaway serving as sponsor pilot. Callaway escorted Colin through a full day of events on board

the base, including stops at Air Operations, the Squadron Hangars, the Paraloft, Ground Training, the Fire Department, and the Club. He also got to witness a Military Working Dog demonstration with MWD Timmy and trainers, MA2 Michael Williams and MA2 Victor Longoria.

At the Fire Department, Colin posed for photos with Sparky the Fire Dog, and his mom Allison. Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum.



MA3 Jessica Jimenez tells Colin he can handcuff anyone he wishes. Colin chooses his PFAD sponsor pilot, Lt. Jeff Callaway. Below, Colin and Callaway pose for a photo at the Paraloft, where Colin got to try on flight gear.



Microsoft Office 2007 upgrade coming to NMCI

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Beginning this month, NMCI will begin the phased roll-out of Microsoft Office 2007 enterprise-wide. This upgrade, rolling-out over the next several months, will change the look of computer screens and work station computers will have enhanced capabilities.

The upgrade will help make NMCI seats and their data more secure and will offer enhanced capabilities to better meet the needs of today's Navy personnel. Two days prior to the scheduled upgrade, users should receive another notification regarding the installation of Microsoft Office 2007 on their machines, which will be performed via the standard nightly maintenance window.

Eligible seats must currently run Microsoft Windows XP, have 1 gigabyte (GB) or more installed random access memory (RAM) and have at least 2.5GB available hard disk drive space on their C: drive.

Benefits of Office 2007 include:

- Enhanced time-management tools
- New tools for creating documents and presentations
- The ability to analyze data more easily than with Office 2003
- Updated tabs and Favorites Center
- Improved printing, viewing and search capabilities

Microsoft Office 2007 has a decidedly new look and feel and will require training to familiarize users with the new capabilities and navigation. Training and topic guides for Office 2007 can be found on NMCI's portal, Homeport (<https://www.homeport.navy.mil>).

From the site's homepage, locate the "Training" and "Support" tabs along the top of the page. User's can select Training > Microsoft 2007 and/or Support > View All Support Topics > Software > Office 2007 to access additional information and training resources.

User Actions to Ensure Smooth Upgrade: While service disruption and data loss is not expected, there are several actions that users will need to complete prior to the upgrade.

- It is recommended that users back-up their machines prior to the launch. If a NMCI seat is shared with other users, all seat users must take the appropriate measures to prepare for the Office 2007 upgrade.

- Since the upgrade is scheduled to install during the nightly maintenance window, users must log off but not completely shut down their NMCI seat on the night before the scheduled upgrade.

- Contact the NMCI Service Desk at 866-THE-NMCI (866-843-6624) for assistance following your upgrade.

Navy Exchange going green *(continued from page 5)*

six fluorescent tube hi-bay fixtures that have a higher lamp life for half the cost. As a result of these energy initiatives over the past four years, NEXCOM is saving over seven million kilowatt-hours per year, which translates to \$796,000.

"We estimate that once all our energy savings initiatives are completed, annual operating savings for existing facilities will surpass \$1 million per year every year from that point forward," said Smith.

NEXCOM and its vendor partner Guest Services, Inc., recently renovated two cafés at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., incorporating an environmentally-friendly and sustainable way to significantly decrease the impact of its carbon footprint.

The renovation at Main Street Café, a 200-seat food court-style eatery, started with the recycling of over 57 tons of sheetrock, cinderblock, wood and metal. The new millwork is formaldehyde-free and was installed using low-VIC adhesives; countertops were fabricated from sustainable material; laminates were 100 percent GreenGuard™ certified; and all appliances are Energy Star-rated. The renovation took recycling one step further by retaining and re-using the current table bases instead of replacing the entire table.

The Ship's Store Program is testing an ozone washing machine for use aboard ship in an effort to save energy and cut down on the

amount of chemicals used in shipboard laundries. It is also investigating ventless dryers aboard ships to improve safety and possibly create an energy savings. In addition, ships' laundries have eliminated the use of plastic bags to return laundry to Sailors.

The Navy Lodge Program has several programs in place that emphasize the importance of water and energy conservation. The Good Earthkeeping Program gives guests the option of reusing their towels during their stay, the Energy Management Program is designed to reduce energy cost while the Laundry Management Program works on reducing water usage and chemical use in the laundry operations.

The potential for savings is great since water consumption for in-house laundry is reduced, as are energy costs and chemical use. Navy Lodges are also installing energy efficient light fixtures and light bulbs and motion detection light switches in all public restrooms and storage rooms. The installation of an energy management system to control heat and air conditioning in unoccupied guest rooms has resulted in a 35 percent savings in electricity usage.

Finally, as part of each Naval installation, NEXs worldwide also participate in various recycling and environmental protection programs. Base clean up efforts, tree planting initiatives and education programs are just part of what NEXs do to support the Navy, its customers and the community to help protect the environment.

Navy takes first step in NSPS transition to GS by classifying positions

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Navy (DoN) began its transition from the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) April 25 with a small group representing various commands.

This initial launch will be followed on May 9 with the transition of almost 5,000 civilians including employees from Naval Supply Systems Command and the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The initial step in the transition process is to ensure there is a properly classified position description for each transitioning employee," said Tony TorresRamos, director, DoN Transition Management Office. "General Schedule classification is driven by the duties and responsibilities of the positions and the qualifications required by that position. If the position was previously classified under GS and has not substantially changed, the position will be classified as it was before. If the position was never classified under GS, then GS classification standards will be applied. Current or past employee pay is not a consideration for purposes of GS classification."

More than 70,000 DoN employees will transition from NSPS. The majority of these



employees will transition by the end of 2010; with most transitioning to the GS personnel system. "It is important that we take a strategic and orderly approach to the transition," says TorresRamos. "We want to ensure that we have the appropriate processes and resources available for our employees. Having a deliberate, phased-in approach will avoid undue interruption to mission and minimize negative impact to employees."

The DoN's Transition Management Office provides classification guidance and an NSPS transition simulator online <https://www.donhr.navy.mil/NSPS>. Questions also may be sent to DONhrfaq@navy.mil.

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

Commander SE Region declares April Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Mass Communication Specialist Petty Officer 1st Class Monica R. Nelson, NRSE Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- On April 15, Commander Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Tim Alexander signed a proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) while the Region's Executive Director Bruce Cwalina and nine members of the Southeast Region's family readiness program looked on.

"This proclamation is a springboard for education and awareness," Alexander said. "Effort from every individual is necessary to ensure safety and quality of life for our shipmates and in our communities. Sexual assault is an affront to mission readiness because it undermines the health and dignity of individuals; the well-being of the Navy is dependent upon the well-being of its people. I urge all personnel to reach out to victims, learn more about this crime, speak out against it, and intervene to prevent it."

According to Commander Navy Installations Command, the Navy recorded approximately 600 reports of sexual assault in fiscal year 2009. A sexual assault is an attack that can reverberate throughout a unit and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the



life of the victim and the ability of a unit to work effectively as a team.

"This is a pivotal time in Navy history surrounding sexual assault awareness and prevention, with the highest level of attention from Navy leadership on the issue that I have seen in my 10 years experience working for the Navy," said Julie Mooney, Southeast Region credentialing and programs manager.

"Leadership and those on the front lines working in sexual assault prevention and response have called for a culture change within the Navy where sexual intimidation, harassment and assault are not tolerated."

Alexander's proclamation echoes the Department of Defense 2010 SAAM theme of "Hurts one. Affects all."

Installations within the Southeast are already responding by hosting leadership training, 5k walk/runs, setting up information booths and conducting training in civilian sexual assault and rape crisis centers.

Safety: Make injury prevention easy

April is Injury Prevention Month, a good time to remind your staff of the critical role they play in the prevention of workplace injuries. Because they do the job every day, they know better than anyone else what could potentially result in a workplace injury or illness. Remind employees that they are the experts in:

- The machinery and equipment that they work with. They know if guards are missing or if extra guarding should be added. They also know if a machine is performing as safely as it should be.
- If the floor in their area gets slippery and about common trip hazards in their area.
- Which items in their area are heavy and should be lifted only with material-handling aids.
- If safe work practices developed for their job are actually effective in preventing accidents or if they need to be improved.
- About the near misses and minor first-aid injuries that employees in their work area suffer.
- If the personal protective equipment (PPE) provided for their job provides adequate protection.
- If the safety equipment (fire extin-

guishers, eyewash station) in their area is accessible and in good condition.

- The tricks that make their job easier and safer.

To prevent injuries, you must tap into this vast source of worker workplace knowledge and encourage your workers to:

- Submit safety suggestions for their work areas, operations, and equipment. Instruct them in the suggestion process and where, and how to submit their ideas.
- Serve on the safety committee. Let them know the goals and activities of the committee and how they can help.
- Participate in safety training meetings. Urge them to pay attention, ask questions, and share insights on the training topic.
- Perform daily and assigned inspections. Instruct them to inspect PPE, equipment, and their work areas before every job and every shift. They should also perform other inspections at their regularly scheduled times.
- Practice good safety habits.

Injury prevention requires constant diligence from management and employees. Let employees know that they have valuable input and encourage them to give it regularly and freely.

to live in peace and harmony with one another and our Creator overcoming the harmful forces in this world.

So, if I had to choose faith or ethics, I'd choose faith to help me live toward the ethics of peace. See what can happen to a chaplain's thoughts when he will be flying for the first time in a few days?

Should I soar by my faith, or trust in the way things ought to be? Well, I think you know what I have chosen. It is by my faith that I step into a jet. It is also by my prayers that helps me reach the ethics of peace; that all things will be as they ought to be. To live by faith gives hope to overcome all.

I'll fly by faith.

Religious Ministries Chapel Services:

Sunday: Family Bible Services with Children's Church, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Noon Bible Study
Wednesday: Catholic Noon Lent Season Mass; Officer Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Catholic Choir practice, 4:30 p.m.; Prayer/Music Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

All events take place in the Chaplain's multi-purpose room, Bldg. 2741. Come Join Us!



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



Fly by Faith or by Ethics

By the time you have read this article of faith I will have tasted my first back seat flight in our famous T-45. I have always dreamed how it would be to fly -- and fly fast, to soar as wings of eagles as God's Words remind me. To soar by our faith or by our ethics is the question that I am about to experience.

Ethics is simply stated as the way things ought to be ... "a set of moral principles or values dealing with what is good and bad with moral duty and obligation." I can remember how my ethics professor back in Seminary explained that the basic of ethics comes from our faith; as ethics is the way things ought to be, which is not possible in a world that has fallen from its original ethic.

Things are not what they ought to be; from the original design of our world disease, death, and evil have taken their toll, as our world is actually devolving from its original ethic, rather than evolving into a stronger ethic. That's why we need faith to overcome the disasters in this world. With faith we can strive to reach the ethics of a Garden of Eden,

Navy's top doctor testifies before Congress on Wounded Warrior care

From Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy surgeon general testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense in Congress April 22 alongside the senior medical leaders in the Department of Defense.

Vice Adm. Adam M. Robinson Jr., along with the surgeons general of the Army and Air Force, and with Dr. Charles L. Rice, who is performing the duties of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, discussed the Defense Health Program budget and military healthcare programs for Wounded Warriors.

"The foundation of Navy Medicine is force health protection and nowhere is this more evident than in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Robinson, in his opening statement.

"The Navy Medicine team is working side-by-side with Army and Air Force medical personnel and coalition forces to deliver outstanding health care to our troops and civilians alike."

In his statement, Robinson said that he saw challenges and opportunities over the past year and that he anticipates the pace of operations and demands to continue to increase. He acknowledged that Navy Medicine is responding to meet increasing operational and humanitarian assistance requirements, as well as maintain care to a growing number of beneficiaries at home.

Care for Wounded Warriors dominated the hearing and Robinson emphasized that this issue was one of the Navy's top priorities. Robinson emphasized the need to focus on advancements that have the most immediate and direct impact on the warfighter, to include mental health care for those Wounded Warriors who may be suffering from operational combat stress, post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSDs) or traumatic brain injury (TBI).

In recent years, Navy medical research has made many significant improvements in battlefield medical care. Some recent examples of innovations include improvements to wound management, heterotopic ossification, which is the process by which bone tissue forms outside of the skeleton, and diagnostic imaging of the flow of blood through specific areas of the body that have been wounded. These initiatives and others directly support Navy Medicine's top priorities.

"Research efforts targeted at wound management, including enhanced wound repair and reconstruction, as well as extremity



and internal hemorrhage control, and phantom limb pain in amputees, present definitive benefits," said Robinson. "These efforts support our emerging expeditionary medical operations and aid in support to our Wounded Warriors."

Robinson told the committee members how he was working closely with his line counterparts in the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiments and the Navy's Safe Harbor program to support the full-spectrum recovery process for Sailors, Marines and their families.

"As our Wounded Warriors return from combat and begin the healing process, they deserve a seamless and comprehensive approach to their recovery," said Robinson. "We want them to mend in body, mind and spirit. Our patient and family-centered approach brings together medical treatment providers, social workers, case managers, behavioral health providers and chaplains."

Robinson also stated that the military must prepare to offer care to wounded service members for many years to come.

"Commitment to our Wounded Warriors and their families must never waver and our programs of support and hope must be built and sustained for the long-haul - and the long-haul is the rest of this century when the young Wounded Warriors of today mature into our aging heroes in the years to come," said Robinson. "They will need our care and support as will their families for a lifetime."

For more information about Navy Medicine, please visit www.med.navy.mil.

NASK Youth Center sponsors joint lock-in

The NAS Kingsville and NAS Corpus Christi Youth Centers held a joint Youth Lock-In here April 9. More than 30 children participated in the event, which exceeded expectations, according to NASK Youth Center director Brent Edwards.

"We had an amazing turnout for this event and we were able to provide a safe, fun night filled with dodgeball, food, movies, games and teen workshops for the kids," Edwards said. "We were very pleased with the way the lock-in turned out."

The night began with the YAC staff setting the ground rules for the evening and

making it clear that safety was necessary for the evening events. They also asked the kids to make as many new friends as possible.

During dinner, the staff entertained the teens with "Youth For Unity" workshops on a number of topics, including respect, career development, and self-identity.

Because of the success of this event, Edwards said the two YAC's are planning another Joint Lock-In at NAS Kingsville this fall. Below, NASK and NASCC youth mix it up during the Lock-In event.

Photo by Brent Edwards.



Bowling

In The Dog House League

As of April 21

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost
1.	Triple X's	83.5	56.5
2.	Lane Breakers	83.0	57.0
3.	3 Minds in the Gutter	79.5	60.5
4.	The Guys	67.0	73.0
5.	Tumbalos	58.5	81.5
6.	The Hounds	48.5	91.5

Weekly High Scores:

Jerry Brooks 243 game, 635 series
Lindy Conner 245 game, 626 series

Wednesday Night Mixed

As of April 22

Pos.	Team	Won	Lost
1.	DUH's	76.5	43.5
2.	Pin Bangers	68.0	52.0
3.	Pete's Angels	65.5	54.5
4.	Slow Rollin	61.0	59.0
5.	Big K Rollers	59.0	61.0
6.	Laugh Out Loud	58.0	62.0
7.	Sixty Forty	55.0	65.0
8.	Guttermouths	36.0	80.0

Weekly High Scores:

Janelle Rand, 41 pins over average game

6-Person team relay

MWR is now holding registration for a 6-person team relay race, called the NASK 6-Pack, which will be held Thursday, April 29. The relay will start at 6:06 PM.

Interested 6-player teams can sign-up at the NASK fitness center front desk.

Haigh checks in as new MWR director

BY AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR) has a new director. David Haigh assumed the role of MWR director last week and has been busy getting himself up-to-date on the department and personnel.

Haigh comes to NAS Kingsville from Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan, where he served as the MCCA (Marine Corps Community Services) Director for the past four years.

Haigh says he is excited about starting his new position here in South Texas.

"This is a great time to be coming to Kingsville," he said, "especially with all the new facilities opening, like the new gym and bowling center."

Haigh is looking forward to creating programs on base that will benefit the NASK community. He already has some ideas in mind for the new bowling center, but adds, "I'm always looking for new opportunities."

Haigh has been in the business of helping Sailors and Marines for the past 29 years. He began as the Special Services assistant to the Acting MWR Director at MCAS Beaufort, S.C., and then spent the next five years serving as the MWR Director for Naval Station Guam.

Haigh then moved on to work at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., where he served as the deputy MWR director, the deputy station inspector, and then the personal services director.

He was selected for the Defense Leadership and Management Program



David Haigh

(DLAMP), and spent a year working as a program specialist at the Pentagon. Haigh attended the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and received a Master's of Arts Degree in national security and strategic studies. He also holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in recreation administration from Clemson University and a Master's of Arts Degree in business administration from Webster University.

Born and raised in Beaufort, S.C., Haigh has been around the Navy and Marine Corps his entire life. His father was a WWII vet, and his brother recently retired from the Navy while serving as the executive officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

Haigh has three children, including a daughter that is currently serving in the Coast Guard. He just recently became a grandfather.

Haigh is currently looking for a house in Kingsville. "I want to stay connected to the community here," he says, "and I am looking forward to taking care of Kingsville's Sailors and their families. That's what MWR is here to do."

Border Patrol claims 1-point win over Cooks in basketball final

The U.S. Border Patrol held on to beat the Cooks in the 2010 Intramural Basketball League's championship game April 14. Kyle Longest and Allen Ramos each scored 19 points for Border Patrol in the thrilling, 49-48 victory.



2010 Intramural Basketball League Champions, Border Patrol.



2010 Intramural Basketball League Runner-Ups, The Cooks.

Navy wins one in Armed Forces Boxing prelims

By Teri Reid, Naval Base Ventura County Public Affairs Officer

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (NNS) -- The Navy won one and lost two during the second night of the Armed Forces Boxing Championships at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) in Port Hueneme, Calif., April 21.

More than 300 people watched as Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Anthony Padilla of Naval Hospital Oak Park defeated Air Force Senior Airman Jose Gonzales of Elmendorf Air Force Base in the 152-pound welter-weight class.

Hospitalman Brandon Wicker, of Camp Lejeune, was defeated by Army Spc. Jeffrey Spencer, Fort Carson, Colo., in the 178-pound light/heavyweight class.

The results of the other two April 21 night bouts:

- Army Spc. Samuel Vasquez defeated Marine Corps Cpl. Angel Garcia in the 152-pound weight class.

- Civilian Spencer Scott of University of Southern California defeated Leonel Rodriguez of the U.S. Air Force in the 178-pound

weight class.

Eight Navy boxers are competing against boxing teams from the Marines, Army and Air Force in the championships. The individual winners of these championships will comprise the U.S. Boxing Team and will compete in the World Military Boxing Championships Oct. 8-17 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The final were scheduled to be held April 23 at the NBVC Port Hueneme Warfield Gym.

The Armed Forces Championships are conducted under the auspices of the Armed Forces Sports Council, which is responsible to the senior military advisor for all matters pertaining to the organization and administration of armed forces participation in national and international sports competitions.

The purpose of this program is to promote understanding, goodwill and competition among the armed services through interservice sports competition and to provide the means of selecting teams and individuals to represent the armed services in national and international competition.



PORT HUENEME, Calif. (April 20, 2010) Senior Airman Matthew McCoy, assigned to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, takes a hit from Seaman Justin Diaz, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Pinckney (DDG 91), at the Armed Forces Boxing Championships. Diaz won the bout by decision. (Photo by CM3 Christopher Carson).



Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs carries the ball on a bootleg against Missouri in the 2009 Texas Bowl in Houston. Navy won, 35-13

Navy Football 2010 schedule

Date /Opponent / Location/ Time
09/06/10 vs. Maryland M&T Bank Stadium 4 p.m.
09/11/10 vs. Georgia Southern, Annapolis, 3:30
09/18/10 at Louisiana Tech Ruston, La. 7 p.m.
10/02/10 at Air Force Colorado Springs, Colo. TBA
10/09/10 at Wake Forest Winston-Salem, N.C. TBA
10/16/10 vs. SMU Annapolis, Md. 3:30 p.m.
10/23/10 vs. Notre Dame at East Rutherford, N.J.
10/30/10 vs. Duke Annapolis, Md. 3:30 p.m.
11/06/10 at East Carolina Greenville, N.C. TBA
11/13/10 vs. Central Michigan, Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.
11/20/10 vs. Arkansas State Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.
12/11/10 vs. Army Philadelphia, Pa. TBA

NASK Sailor supporting US role in Kuwait

The Kingsville Navy League and NAS Kingsville Enlisted Volunteer of the Year, CS2 Holly Clow, has raised her hand again. This time, however, she is wearing combat fatigues and full battle gear in the heat of the Kuwaiti desert as part of the U.S. forces fighting the Global War on Terror. Clow departed NAS Kingsville in March for her 6-month Individual Augmentee (IA) assignment.

Clow reported to the Navy Mobilization Processing Center (NMPS) in San Diego March 21 for a week of in-processing, shots, screenings, uniform issue and indoctrination. She then moved on to Camp McCrady, Fort Jackson, for three weeks of combat training with Army Drill Instructors.

"Training with the Army was certainly different," Clow said recently. "We learned land navigation and map reading, combat first aid, and humvee driving and vehicle safety. The training was difficult, but fun. We also learned combat radio communication skills and qualified on weapons. It was pretty much a full week of shooting everyday with the M-16, and M-16 simulators."

Clow had to carry her weapon with her everywhere she went - including during daily PT. She was also required to wear almost 70 lbs. of body armor and a Kevlar helmet. She says the extra weight added to the heat.



On April 15, Clow's unit shipped out, receiving a huge farewell reception from the American Legion and a number of other organizations, who provided the servicemembers a pizza lunch at the

airport and handed out phone cards, stuffed animals and other tokens of appreciation. The Soldiers arrived in Kuwait two days later.

Clow is now working out of the Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait (EMFK) at Camp Arifjan. She is assigned to the S-3 division, which coordinates transportation and oversees the armory.

"It's been quite an adjustment for me so far," Clow admits. "But, I'm here to do a job and I'm going to do the best I can."

CSCS (SW/AW) Mike Reed, NAS Kingsville Bachelor Housing Manager, has kept in contact with Clow throughout her training. Reed is proud of her for volunteering for the assignment and confident that she will do well.

"CS2 Clow will be an outstanding asset while she is deployed. She contacted several of her friends that she knew were deployed to



CS2 Holly Clow, wearing full battle gear, goes through IA training at Fort Jackson, SC.

get a feel for what deployment was going to be like, and then she and her husband Jason sat down and made the decision for her to deploy and provide support to the troops on the ground."

Clow will spend about four months in Kuwait supporting the U.S. role in the Global War on Terror, and then return to NAS Kingsville. In the meantime, she is getting a lot of support from her department

here and her shipmates.

"I have spoken to CS2 Clow at least twice a week since she left for her assignment," Reed said. "She is doing well and appreciates the notes she has received from her friends and coworkers. We're also keeping in touch with her husband to ensure things are going okay at home while she is deployed. My goal is to make her deployment as easy as possible for her and her family."



Servicemembers prepare their gear for a navigation training exercise at Fort Jackson, S.C.



CS2 Clow completes IA processing in San Diego and, below, meets other female servicemembers in her training unit.



Two IA's help evacuate an injured CS2 Clow during an evacuation training exercise.