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## Donate through CFC, campaign ends Nov. 15

The Coastal Bend Area Combined Federal Campaign recently kicked-off its annual campaign to raise funds that will benefit a variety of local and national charities.

This year's goal is \$800,000.

"Our federal employees throughout the Coastal Bend Area have demonstrated enormous generosity over the years—through both the good times and periods presenting challenges," said Shannon Chaves, director of the Coastal Bend Combined Federal Campaign.

"Last year, the Coastal Bend Area CFC raised more than \$1.1 million in support of local, national and international charities."

CFC is a once-a-year fund-raising campaign for all federal employees that includes all federal installations within a 12 county area of South Texas.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fund raising model in the world.

"One reason we're successful is because of our Sailors, Marines and civilians," said Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work. "They have already dedicated their lives to providing a service to the country. They understand what it means to give and it means to sacrifice."

Just a small weekly donation makes a difference. For example, one dollar a week provides diabetes risk screening tests for 500 people. Five dollars a week provides 12 school children with a warm coat.

"Payroll deduction makes it convenient for you to give by letting you spread your

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## Crabbe logs final flight, major milestone as active duty career closes

Story and photos by Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Capt. James "Buster" Crabbe logged the final flight of his 30-year Navy career Tuesday, Sept. 28. For the Naval Air Training Command Chief of Staff, and former VT-21 and NAS Kingsville commanding officer, the flight was a moving one.

"It's tough to close the books," he said after he had disembarked the T-45 Goshawk and received the typical "welcome home" from Training Air Wing TWO personnel manned with water cans on the NAS Kingsville tarmac. Crabbe's wife Elly was also on hand for the occasion, as were a number of friends and former shipmates.

Crabbe's final flight over South Texas came three days after he had recorded a major milestone in his aviation career. On Friday, Sept. 24, Crabbe logged his 1,000th



Capt. James "Buster" Crabbe climbs out of Goshawk 222 after completing a routine training flight Sept. 24, during which he recorded his 1000th flight hour in the T-45.

flight hour in the Goshawk, an achievement he was very emotional about.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to make it before my final day on active duty," he said after being congratulated on reaching the milestone. "I'm just happy that I had the opportunity to do this. It means a lot to me."

Crabbe was presented a 1,000 hour Goshawk patch after the flight by Marine 1st Lt. Ryan Diehl, on behalf of Training Air Wing TWO.

Crabbe's final day on active duty was Thursday, Sept. 30.

(More photos can be found on page 8.)

## Weapons Department moves to new line of authority



With AOC(AW/SW) Michael Kistler, by his side, Capt. Charles Marks, Commander, Navy Munitions Command, cuts the ribbon representing the base's newest command.

With the cut of a ribbon, the naval air station grew from 19 to 20 tenants.

Last week, a ribbon cutting was held symbolizing the Weapons Department's movement to a new line of authority, Navy Munitions Command.

"This will streamline handing of munitions," said Capt. Charles Marks, Commander, NMC, prior to the ribbon cutting.

He added that it will be a seamless transition. In becoming a tenant command, there will be no change in operations, weapons personnel will continue to support

the station's chain of command. However, Marks said that this change will be beneficial in terms of resources.

The Kingsville component is one of five in the Fort Worth detachment. "There will be synergy between them (the five components)," Marks said. "They will have the ability to help each other in supporting base security and the tenant commands."

NMC is the Navy's center for ordnance management for shore stations worldwide providing retail ammunitions, operating explosives ordnance storage, outloading

see *Weapons* on page 8

## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

By the time you read this article, NAS Kingsville will be one week away from hosting the Navy Ball celebrating the Navy's 235th birthday. This year's event is really coming together and ticket sales have already exceeded my expectations. We are honored to have as our guest speaker Lt. Cmdr. Babe Crouch, USN (Ret.). So on behalf of myself and Capt. Mark Brooks, Commodore, Training Air Wing TWO, please join us for a memorable night honoring our Navy.

Switching gears, I'd like to take a moment to encourage all personnel to contribute to the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

## Deckplate Leadership



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



Shipmates,

This week, some information you should know about the Navy's phasing program for enlisted advancement, recently announced by the Navy Personnel Command.

*Q. Why did the Navy change the advancement phasing plan?*

A. Modification of the enlisted advancement phasing plan will assist the Navy's efforts to keep our manpower account in fiscal balance and is part of the fiscal year 2011 budget execution.

*Q. What has changed for Fiscal Year 2011?*

A. Beginning Oct. 1, Sailors selected for advancement to E-4, E-5 and E-6 will be advanced at a rate of 3 percent per month for the first five months of advancement cycles, with the remaining 85 percent being advanced in the sixth month. Sailors selected for Chief through Master Chief Petty Officer will be advanced at a rate of three percent per month for the first 11 months of the advancement cycle, with the remaining 67 percent being advanced in the twelfth month.

*Q. How does this differ from the FY10 plan?*

A. The FY10 plan promoted Sailors selected for advancement to the grades of E-4, E-5 and E-6 at a rate of 5 percent per month for five months and 75 percent in the

This year's CFC began accepting donations on Oct. 4, and the program will conclude on Nov. 15. The goal set for NAS Kingsville this year is \$12,000 and for Training Air Wing TWO, it is \$16,000. Your contributions make a difference to those in need and Coastal Bend personnel have always been very generous in their contributions. CFC is a voluntary program but I ask each and every one of you to consider contributing to this year's campaign. Please see your CFC coordinator for more details.

Finally, I extend a "Welcome Back" to two fine gentlemen, both of whom paced the hangars and flew the air space of NAS Kingsville for many years as commanding officers. The first welcome is to Capt. (Ret.) James "Buster" Crabbe, USN, who was both a Commanding Officer of VT-21 and NAS Kingsville, and second, to Cmdr. (Ret.) Jed Munn, USN, who was the Commanding Officer of VT-21 just a few years ago. Both Buster and Jed have had a significant impact on NAS Kingsville, Training Air Wing

sixth month. Those selected for Chief through Master Chief Petty Officer were advanced at a rate of 5 percent per month for 11 months, with the remaining 45 percent advanced in the final month.

*Q. Will this be standard for future promotion cycles?*

A. Navy enlisted advancement phasing is approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel. This change is in effect through Sept. 30, 2011, and will be revisited annually.

*Q. Who is responsible for developing the phasing plan?*

A. The enlisted advancement phasing plan is developed by the Enlisted Advancement Planner, on the staff of the Director, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education Policy Division (N13).

*Q. How does the Navy decide who gets advanced first?*

A. Advancement order to E-4, E-5 and E-6 within each rating is determined by Final Multiple Score (FMS). Advancement order for Chief through Master Chief Petty Officer within each rating is based on seniority within the particular rating. Number of advancees per increment for any given rating is based on the total number of advancees in that rating.

*Q. What is the law regarding advancement phasing plans?*

A. There is no statutory guidance regarding phasing plans. As a matter of policy, Navy advances all Sailors during the six months of the advancement cycle.

*Q. Will frocking be affected?*

A. No, commands will still be able to frock Sailors selected for advancement once advancement results are released.

*Q. Does the law restrict how many Sailors can be frocked?*

TWO and my own personal career, and I'd be remiss if I didn't publicly acknowledge their return to NAS Kingsville. Both are employees of the Fidelity Corporation working in the Ground Training Building as contract simulator/ground school instructors. Welcome home guys!

In closing – don't forget to get your tickets to the Navy Birthday Ball while you still can. There will be free child care at the Child Development Center (CDC) and Youth Activities Center (YAC) that evening for children of personnel attending the ball! (Ages 6 weeks to 5 years at the CDC and 5-12 years old at the YAC.) Both programs will be open Oct. 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and reservations must be made in advance and no later than Oct. 13. Sponsors must present their Navy Ball tickets that evening for verification, and for children who don't use the CDC or YAC on a regular basis, an up-to-date immunization record must be presented. Call the CDC at 516-6569 for additional details.

Until next time, Skipper Mac

A. There are no statutory limits on frocking enlisted Sailors.

*Q. What are the impacts to retirement plans under the high 3 system since people will be promoted later than expected?*

A. Effective date of advancement is used to determine retirement eligibility. Sailors in pay grades E-7 to E-9 must serve two years active duty in grade before being able to transfer to the Fleet Reserve/retire at that grade. E-6 Sailors must serve six months in that pay grade before being eligible to transfer to the Fleet Reserve/retire. If a Sailor's effective date of advancement is later in the fiscal year, he'll accumulate the required time in grade later.

*Q. How will this affect my performance evaluation?*

A. The only impact to evaluations may be that some Sailors will be evaluated in a "frocked" status, when they may have been in a "regular" status had they advanced earlier under a previous phasing plan.

*Q. Are FTS Sailors affected? If so, how?*

A. Yes, FTS advancement phasing is the same as regular active component Sailors.

*Q. How will being promoted at a later date affect my upcoming orders?*

A. There will be no effect. We will continue to meet mission requirements and current projected rotation dates.

*Q. How is the phasing plan determined for each rating?*

A. The enlisted advancement phasing plan is not specific to ratings.

*Q. I just got advanced off the last exam; when am I getting paid?*

A. Advancement increments are uploaded

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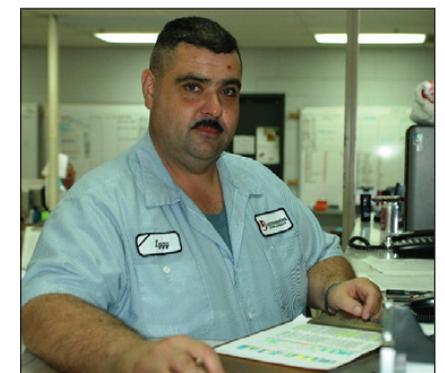
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# Together we can achieve ‘strength through energy security’

**By Fifi Kieschnick**  
 NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Energy efficiency – seems like that’s all we hear about at work.

It kind of feels as though we’re being beaten over the head by it... Reduce energy consumption. Turn off lights. Shut off computers. Conserve. Save.

Reduce. Reduce. Reduce.

It’s a given; we are trying to reduce the amount of energy we use and trim the amount required to provide products and services.

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We install fluorescent lights or natural skylights to reduce the amount of energy required to illuminate our homes compared to using traditional incandescent light bulbs.

We turn up the thermostat in the summer and turn it down in the winter.

We turn off lights when we leave a room.

We use ceiling fans in our homes to help maintain a comfortable temperature.

So, why isn’t it automatic at work?

Or is it?

“It takes everyone to be aware of the

energy they use day-to-day,” said Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, NAS Kingsville Public Works Officer. “With everyone’s help, we can significantly decrease the Navy’s energy consumption and meet the DoD’s goal of decreasing energy consumption by 3 percent a year.”

This month of October, the Department of the Navy is participating in National Energy Awareness month. This year’s theme is “Strength through Energy Security.”

What does that mean? Energy security?

It means attaining efficiency and increasing use of alternative energy sources.

The U.S. government is working toward energy security, reducing the amount of energy we consume. Officials want us to lead the nation toward energy independence, to set the example for other companies, groups, organizations, to follow.

In keeping with this, the Secretary of the Navy has outlined five energy goals. They seek to enhance and better enable our combat capabilities, sustain the environment for future generations, and promote a clean energy economy.

The SecNav’s energy goals are:

Energy Efficient Acquisition - Evaluating energy factors will be mandatory when awarding contracts for systems and see *Energy* on page 9



David de los Santos wheels a new energy efficient refrigerator to Bldg. 3740. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

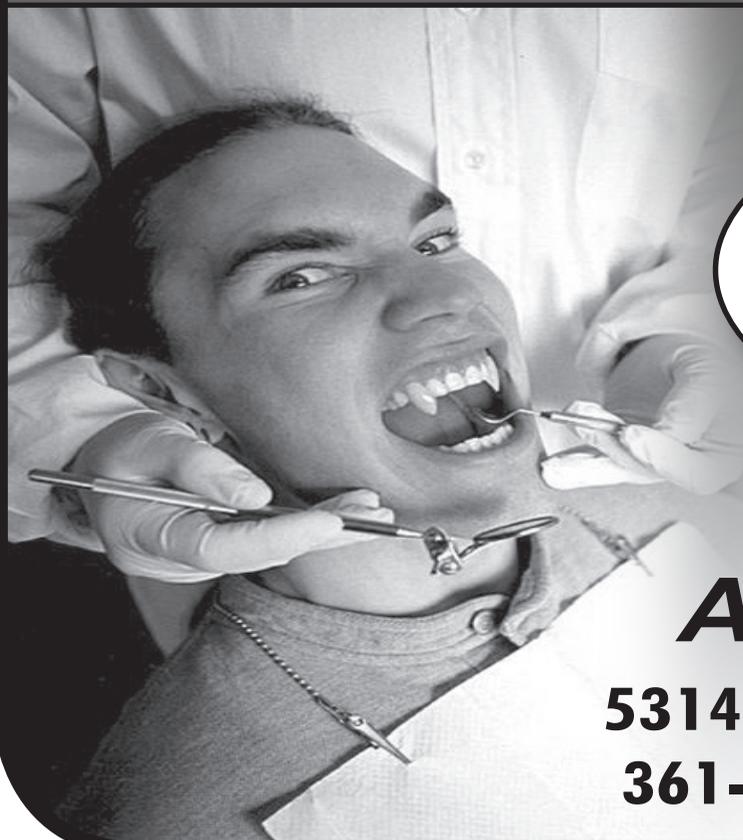
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## Kleberg County Airport holds fly-in, open house

An Open House & Fly-in will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Kleberg County Airport. The fly-in will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free hot dogs and chips served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free pumpkins will be handed out to the first 50 children through the gates.

The fun-filled family day will include door prizes, performances, music, a classic car show, hands-on PC computer flight simulator, and more. Also, children may register to win a free plane ride.

Performances scheduled include "flour sack bomb drops" and "spot landings."

Flour sack bomb drops consist of pilots flying over designated areas and dropping flour sacks on targeted spots. Spot landings are landing maneuvers that are tested by creating a line across the runway. The pilots try to see how close they can get to landing and stopping on the designated spot.

The event also features the Patriot Guard Riders, a diverse amalgamation of motorcycle riders from across the nation with an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America's freedom and security.

The Kleberg County Airport is in the process of renovating its facilities and this Open House will show the citizens of Kleberg County the first phase of the remodel. Also, the Kleberg County Airport Advisory Commission has organized this event to raise awareness of aviation.

The Kleberg County Airport is located 10 miles west of Kingsville along Highway 141.

For more information, call Judy Muzyczyn at (361) 592-1225 or e-mail [eliteflyers@starband.net](mailto:eliteflyers@starband.net). You can also contact Rose Morales at (361)221-0822 or [rmorales@king-ranch.com](mailto:rmorales@king-ranch.com).

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into the Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS) monthly and spread across all ratings by paygrade. Once your pay date is determined, your Profile Sheet will be updated with the actual date of advancement. If your profile sheet status says SELECTEE, then you are not getting paid that month. Check it again the first week of the next month.

*Q. Is the enlisted phasing plan the same as pay increments?*

A. Yes, the phasing plan dictates how many Sailors will be officially advanced in a given month. Advanced Sailors are paid at their new paygrade when officially advanced (vice frocked).

*Q. How are the "pay increments" organized?*

A. E-7 cycle has 12 pay increments - Sept. through Aug.; Fall E-4/5/6 cycle has 6 increments - Jan. through June; Spring E-4/5/6 cycle has 6 increments - July through Dec.; E-8/9 cycle has 12 increments - July through Jun.

*Q. How many total Sailors will be affected by this change?*

A. On average, about 16,000 Sailors are advanced to E-4 through E-6 each cycle. Under the new policy, 21 percent will be advanced in a later month.

On average, about 5,700 Sailors are

advanced to E-7 through E-9 each year. Under the new policy, 51 percent will be advanced later.

*Q. What enlisted ratings are affected?*

A. All ratings are affected equally.

*Q. How are the "pay increments" organized?*

A. E-7 cycle has 12 pay increments - Sept. through Aug.; Fall E-4/5/6 cycle has 6 increments - Jan. through June; Spring E-4/5/6 cycle has 6 increments - July through Dec., and E-8/9 cycle has 12 increments - July through June.

If you'd like more information on this new program, contact your division leading chief or the NAS Kingsville Command Career Counselor.

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contribution across the entire year," Chaves said. "Last year, more than 90 percent of all CFC funds raised were made through payroll deduction.

"There's no simpler way for you to make good things happen for so many people than to contribute using the payroll deduction method."

For more information about the CFC, which runs through Nov. 15, contact Chief Rudy Oliva at x6140 or visit the Coastal Bend Area CFC web site [www.coastalbendareafc.org](http://www.coastalbendareafc.org).

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## In the Break



In addition to the T-45Cs that served as static displays, the nearly 5,000 people who took part in the Montrose Airport Appreciation Day were able to view two Air Force F-16s, a C-130H, a C-17, and a Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet.

## VT-21 pilots support Airport Appreciation Day

By Lt.j.g. Danielle Thiriot  
VT-21 Public Affairs

Two jets from Training Squadron 21 (VT-21) flew from South Texas to complete a cross-country training mission and support the Montrose, Colo., annual Airport Appreciation Day held Sept. 10.

“Everyone turned and looked up when you came in to land!” said Pat Blackwelder, who attended the event. “We don’t see many military jets here in Montrose. It was very exciting.”

With a population of 18,300, Montrose is located on the plain just below the San Juan mountain range making it an ideal spot for jet-setting skiers hitting the slopes of Western Colorado. The more temperate climate makes it a perfect location for a year-round airport.

The next day, Capt. David Forbell, Lt. j.g. Danielle Thiriot, 1st Lt. Sean Callison and 1st Lt. Timothy Burchett stood alongside the T-45C static displays answering questions all day long about the T-45 training program. They also had their photos taken with Montrose community members. Other aircraft displays at the event included two Air Force F-16s, a C-130H, a C-17, and a Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet.

“We had just under 5,000 people on the ramp throughout the day,” said Airport Operations Manager Ken Watson. “The crowd included 326 elementary and junior high school-aged children who were able to participate in the Young Eagles ‘Introduction to Flight’ program, which ran in conjunction with the Airport Appreciation Day.”

The Young Eagles program is run by local volunteer pilots with the purpose of introducing youth to aviation through flight experience. Using private aircraft, volunteers flew 132 sorties out of Montrose. During these sorties, each child was given the opportunity to try their hands at the

controls.

“The turnout for the Young Eagles program was the best we have ever had. The previous record was 149 children—we more than doubled participation this year and it was due in no small part to the military presence on the ramp,” said Watson.

After taking their first flight, the children were especially excited to see all the military jets and talk with the pilots about career opportunities in the military.

In addition to the young people, there were many veterans who attended the event.

“As a veteran myself, I have a great appreciation for what you guys do. It was wonderful for us to see the next generation of military pilots in our home town,” Watson said.

The community response was overwhelming and everywhere the VT-21 pilots turned there were people waiting to take photos and thank them for their service and support of the community event.

The show was a great opportunity for the VT-21 group to get outside of their daily training routine in Kingsville and share their experiences with a non-military community.



Capt. David Forbell, left, and Lt.j.g. Danielle Thiriot, were two of the four Training Squadron 21 pilots who stood alongside the T-45C static displays answering visitors' questions about the T-45 training program.

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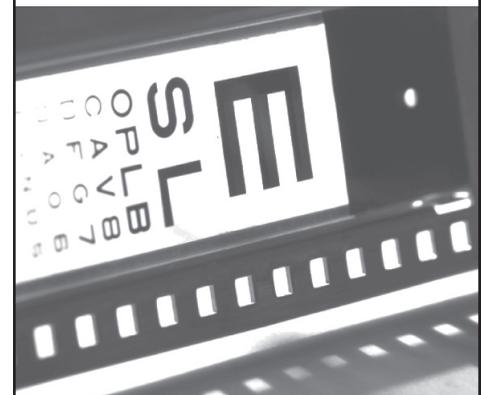


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## Flight Plans

### Hunting safety class offered

Hunting season is upon us and some of you are ready to "get out into the woods."

A hunters safety course will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18 and 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Each day classes will be held at the NAS Kingsville Headquarters Building, Bldg. 270, in Room 211. The course is open to everyone on the installation, including family members ages 9 years and older.

The two-day course costs \$15 per person (cash only). Upon course completion, participants will receive a license that will be good indefinitely in the U.S., Canada and parts of Mexico.

To take the class, contact Mr. Charles Young at 516-6397, or e-mail charles.e.young1.ctr@navy.mil or cpyoung@capefox-ps.com.

### Ranch hands needed to serve breakfast

The 20th annual Ranch Hand Breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from 7 to 11 a.m., at the King Ranch, Highway 141. Volunteers are needed to serve up heaping plates of eggs, refried beans, biscuits and gravy, sausage, tortillas, coffee, juice and more to help make this a successful community event.

To volunteer, contact the Public Affairs Officer, Jon Gagne, at x6500.

### TA applying quarterly caps

The Navy's Tuition Assistance (TA) program is applying quarterly monetary caps on the TA funds distributed to the fleet starting Oct. 1. This does not apply to Navy College Program Afloat College Education.

"This policy change will allow Navy to equitably distribute funds throughout the year," said Ann Hunter, Navy's voluntary education service chief. "Sailors have demanding schedules, to include required training and deployments. By ensuring funds are available throughout the fiscal year, it enables Sailors who are unable to take advantage of the program at a certain time to leverage the opportunity when their schedule allows."

Quarterly cap amounts will be determined based on historic usage rates and available funds, according to NAVADMIN 245/10 released July 21.

Sailors may continue to submit TA applications at any time; however, they will be processed no more than 30 days from the beginning of the quarter for all courses that begin that quarter. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis until the quarterly cap is reached.

"We remain focused on providing  
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educational opportunities to the Force. Members who are affected by the delay of processing an application will be contacted by the Navy College Office to identify alternatives,” Hunter said. “In addition, we encourage Sailors to look at the full range of educational opportunities, such as Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, College-Level Examination Program, and Pell Grants, in order to maximize their voluntary education.” *(Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)*

**Sailors, it’s all about you**

Navy Personnel Command (NPC) has an all new “My Personnel Information” link on the NPC homepage, directing Sailors to a single grouping of web links for personnel information and career management.

“This is all about the individual Sailor,” said Capt. Hank Vitali, director of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation Office at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

“The ‘My Personnel Information’ page (the first listing under quick links) is a first step in response to requests from the fleet for a single self-service-online site for personnel service delivery capabilities,” Vitali said. “We are working to develop an enhanced ‘portal’ that provides Sailors direct access to the most commonly used applications and sources of career information.”

The page has four main functions; personnel records, self-support, training and education, and Customer Service Center support. Sailors can access their official military personnel file, their physical readiness information, submit an electronic-leave request, enter the Defense Travel System or request a Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript.

“There are 20 links to personnel records information, self service and support sites, training and education, customer service - even post-incident personnel accountability via the Navy Family and Accountability System,” said Vitali. “We’ll leverage the feedback and lessons learned from the ‘My Personnel Information’ page into the requirements for the future Navy Human Resources Portal under development for our active and Reserve Sailors.”

For more information or to provide feedback, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil> (quick links to the left), or contact NPC Customer Service Center at CSCMail@navy.mil or 1-866-U-ASK-NPC. *(Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs)*

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## Crabbe reaches 1K Goshawk hours, logs final flight at NAS Kingsville (from page 1)



Capt. James Crabbe brings his Goshawk home after recording his 1000th flight hour in the T-45 Sept. 24.



"Thumbs Up!" marks the milestone flight for the former VT-21 skipper and NAS Kingsville commanding officer.



1st Lt. Ryan Diehl, right, presents Crabbe with a 1000 flight hour patch on behalf of Training Air Wing TWO.



Final flight logged, Crabbe smiles as he sees fellow aviators waiting for him to get out of the aircraft for a special "Welcome Home."



Crabbe receives the traditional "wetting down" from Training Air Wing TWO personnel at the conclusion of his final flight on active duty.

### Weapons from page 1

and transshipment facilities. Weapons Departments Navywide are in the process of realigning under NMC.

Kingsville's component will continue at the current staffing levels, according to AOC(AW/SW) Michael Kistler, chief petty officer in charge.

Pictured right: Those gathered for the ribbon cutting of Navy Munitions Command aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville on Sept. 29, from left, are: Rudolfo Liserio, munitions handler; MAC(SW) William Worthen, NAS Kingsville Security Department; AO2(AW/SW) Joel Ramirez; AOC(AW/SW) Michael Kistler, Kingsville Weapons Officer; Capt. Charles Marks, Commander, Navy Munitions Command; Capt. Mark McLaughlin, Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville; AOC(AW) Tim Samulak, chief petty officer in charge, Detachment Fort Worth; CMDCM(SS) Harold Miller, command master chief, Navy Munitions Command; Lt.j.g. Ricardo Cerna, assistant security officer, NAS Kingsville; and Oscar Delgado, munitions handler.



## 18 winged at largest ceremony of the year

Training Air Wing TWO held its largest winging ceremony of the year Friday, Oct. 1 at the Captain's Club and more than 250 people filled the Captain's Club ballroom for the event. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Rear Adm. Terry Kraft, commander, Carrier Strike Group 12. Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. Bill Sizemore, and Capt. Mark Brooks, commander, Training Air Wing TWO presided over the ceremony.

The winging ceremony marked the end of nearly 14 months of undergraduate jet/strike training for the students, who will now move on to their Fleet Replacement Squadron to learn their selected fleet aircraft.

Receiving their wings from VT-21 were:

1st Lt. John Beattie, Philadelphia, Pa.; 1st Lt. David Campbell, Burke, Va.; Lt. j.g. Peter Daniels, Hudson, Ohio; 1st Lt. Ryan Diehl, Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. j.g. Scott Elwell, Oscoda, Mich.; Lt. j.g. William



Front row, from left are Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville; Lt. Cmdr. Pat Cole, VT-21 acting executive officer; Cmdr. Chip Kelsey, commanding officer, VT-21; Rear Adm. Bill Sizemore, chief of Naval Air Training; Rear Adm. Terry Kraft, commander, Carrier Strike Group 12; Lt. Col. Terrence Latorre, commanding officer, VT-22; Col. Marshall Denney III, commanding officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22; Capt. Mark Brooks, commander, Training Air Wing TWO. Second row, Cmdr. Rey Molina, chief staff officer, TW-2; Lt.j.g. William Gifford; 1st

Lt. j.g. Patrick Lakusta, Humble, Texas; Lt. j.g. Reid Smith, Annapolis, Md.; 1st Lt. Robert Wilkins, Beaufort, S.C.; Lt. j.g. Robert Williams, San Antonio, Texas; and Lt. Andrew Wyrick,

Louisville, Ky.

Receiving their wings from VT-22 were:

Lt. Joshua Feinberg, Pascagoula, Miss.; Lt. j.g. Robert Gordon, Virginia Beach, Va.; Lt. j.g. Robert Hartzell III, Lubbock, Texas;

Lt. David Campbell; Lt.j.g. Reid Smith; 1st Lt. Ryan Diehl; Lt.j.g. Robert Gordon; 1st Lt. John Beattie; Cmdr. Darren Guenther, executive officer, VT-22. Third row, Maj. Erik Sprague, VT-21 Senior Marine; Lt.j.g. Joshua Feinberg; Lt.j.g. Brett Mitchell; Lt.j.g. Donald Thompson; Lt.j.g. Scott Elwell; Lt.j.g. Robert Williams; Capt. Jon Maher, VT-22. Top row, Lt.j.g. Robert Hartzell III; 1st Lt. George Mellone; Lt.j.g. Peter Daniels; Lt. Andrew Wyrick; Lt.j.g. William Mohr; Lt.j.g. Patrick Lakusta; 1st Lt. Robert Wilkins. (Photo by Richard Stewart)

1st Lt. George Mellone, Seattle, Wash.; Lt. j.g. Brett Mitchell, Houston, Texas; Lt. William Mohr, Howell, N.J.; Lt. j.g. Donald Thompson, Mansfield, Pa.

### *Energy from page 3*

buildings.

Sail the "Great Green Fleet"—Department of the Navy will demonstrate a Green Strike Group in local operations by 2012 and sail it by 2016.

Reduce Non-Tactical Petroleum Use - By 2015, the Navy will reduce petroleum use in the commercial vehicle fleet by 50 percent.

Increase Alternative Energy Ashore - By 2020, the Navy will produce at least 50 percent of shore-

based energy requirements from alternative sources; 50 percent of Navy installations will be net-zero.



Barracks room received new energy efficient refrigerators this week. Mike Medrano unpacks refrigerators waiting to replace the old ones. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

Increase Alternative Energy Use Navy-wide - By 2020, 50 percent of total Navy energy consumption will come from

alternative sources.

SecNav's goals seem ambitious, don't they?

It will take all of us working as a team to reach these goals.

We must change the way we act. Modify our daily routines, habits.

But the SecNav's goals are attainable—we have been reducing our energy consumption per gross square foot.

Yes, we have. According to the Navy Office of Information, Navy and Marine Corps shore installations reduced energy consumption per gross square foot by 14 percent relative to the 2003 baseline, exceeding the 12 percent interim goal for the year per the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Our energy conservation has been measurable.

So, we need to continue to tweak what we do.

To help you become more energy efficient, here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of Energy:

Appliances can drain power when not in use. To save energy and money, connect them to a power strip and turn the strip off when not in use.

Refrigerators account for nearly 7 percent of an energy bill. Fridges made before 1980 cost \$150 more per year to operate than newer models.

Used properly, a programmable thermostat can save an average of \$150 a year.

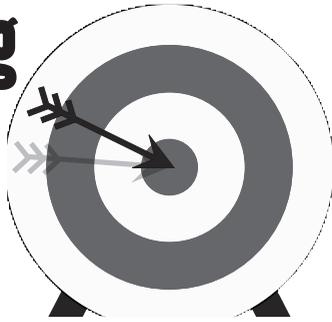
Compact fluorescent light bulbs can turn 2 watt of electricity into 100 lumens of light, while "normal" light bulbs create only 15 lumens.

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For more tips and information, visit the Department of Energy's web site at <http://www.energy.gov/>.

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## Heritage, diversity, integrity, honor theme during Hispanic Heritage Month celebration

The Navy has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month since Sept. 15. This year's theme is "Heritage, diversity, integrity and honor: the renewed hope of America."

Naval Air Station Kingsville's Diversity Committee will host a Hispanic heritage celebration on Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Club. All authorized base personnel are invited to attend. Hispanic inspired food and refreshments will be served, along with Hispanic style entertainment.

The tradition of observing Hispanic Heritage began in September 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson designated a week in mid-September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. Twenty years later, President Ronald Reagan extended that week to a month-long commemoration to celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking national of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting

point of the commemoration because it is the anniversary of the independence of the five Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and 18, respectively.

"The strength of our Navy and nation is a direct reflection of the diversity of our people," said Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations.

"Today, more than 63,000 Hispanic or Latino Sailors or civilians serve honorably in the United States Navy. Every day, and in every facet of Naval operations, these talented professionals of our total force work, serve and sacrifice for our nation and fellow citizens," Roughead added. "Each brings unique perspectives and experiences to our Navy, enhancing our culture and improving our mission readiness."

A showcase of Hispanic Americans in Naval history by the Naval History and Heritage Command can be found

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## Local Toys for Tots coordinators announced

Kingsville residents and business owners Jerry and Lisa Bockholt have been authorized and approved as the 2010 local Toys for Tots Campaign coordinators for Kleberg and Kenedy Counties by the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Foundation. This marks the 23rd consecutive year the Bockholts have chaired the local Toys for Tots drive.

Since there is not a Marine Reserve Unit in the area, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation guidelines allow for the establishment of a local campaign manned by civilian volunteers.

"The Bockholt's have demonstrated a long-standing commitment towards the success of this program, and have continued to uphold the highest principles and values of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation," said Maj. (Ret.) Brian Murray, vice president for operations, Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

"Each year, campaign coverage and

public awareness across the country increases," said Murray. "This has resulted in Toys for Tots becoming the nation's largest known toy collection and distribution effort to assist less fortunate families during the holiday season. Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' principal and premier community outreach program. Therefore, it's imperative that all active duty, Reserve, retired, or civilian volunteers, adhere to program rules established by the Marine Corps, and guidelines published by the Foundation."

The local campaign officially kicks off with a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony, Oct. 20, at the Kingsville Stop-n-Lube Quick Oil Change & Car Care Center, on King Ave., which serves as campaign headquarters. (Time of ribbon cutting ceremony to be announced).

For more information, or to get involved in this year's campaign, contact Lisa Bockholt at (361) 595-0909.

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at [www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm).

A presentation is available on the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute web site at [www.deomi.org/specialobservance/presentations](http://www.deomi.org/specialobservance/presentations).

[www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm) cfm?catid=6.

For more information about the celebration being planned here Oct. 13, contact ABE1 Maurice Thigpen at x6356 or ABEC Bernard Diaz at x6884.

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**Sunday, October 17 TEXAS JAZZ FESTIVAL** will be held in Heritage Park in Corpus Christi. Texas A&M-Kingsville Jazz Bands I, II and III, under the direction of Dr. Paul Hageman and James Warth, will be participating. For more information, call 361-593-2803.

Island in the Son United Methodist Church, 15602 Hwy 361, Corpus Christi, will hold its annual **Fall Arts and Crafts Festival on October 23, 2010** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come by and check out the many vendors with all types of items from jewelry to fishing lures.

King Ranch is a showcase for the incredible diversity of wintering and resident tropical birds in South Texas.

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# FLYING K DINING GUIDE

## What's Happening, from page 12

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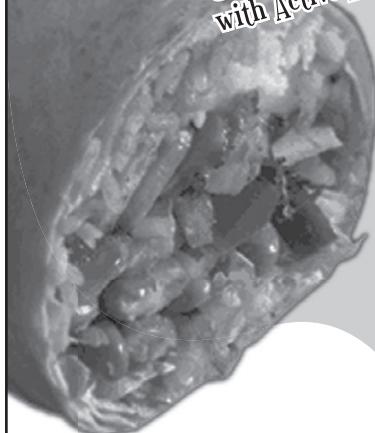
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- 1 cup blueberries -- fresh or frozen

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For a party, double or triple this recipe and serve in a punch bowl. Drape some gummy worms over the rim of your bowl for a particularly swampy-looking effect!



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## MWR Sports

### Bowling Leagues

#### In the Doghouse League Standings as of Sept. 28

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Tumbalos	14	6
2	Lane Breakers	13	7
3	The "HRs"	12	8
4	The Players	11	9
5	Alley Cats	10	10
6	3 Minds / Gutter	7	13
7	DNA	7	13
8	The Other Guys	6	14

**High Score Game-Men:** Eric Joles, 249;  
John Zapalac, 247

**High Score Series-Men:** Eric Joles, 641;  
Vic Kuntscher, 627.

### Wednesday Nite Mixed

#### Standings as of Sept. 29

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Pin Bangers	12	4
2	Slow Rollin	9	7
3	Big K Rollers	8	8
4	Laugh Out Loud	8	8
5	Bad Ass	8	8
6	DUH's	7	9
7	Rat'lers	7	9
8	Petes Angels	5	11

**High Score Game-Men:** Jerry Clark Jr.,  
237; Rodney Malin, 234; Darrell Beal, 229.

**High Score Series-Men:** Jerry Clark Jr.,  
631; Monty Bryant, 622; Bryan Hastings,  
592.

**High Score Game-Women:** Doris Wallis,  
212; Delia Monroe, 198; Shirlie Duffy, 190.

**High School Series-Women:** Delia  
Monroe, 513; Doris Wallis, 512; Amelia  
Goff, 507.

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