



# Flying K

*Are you prepared?  
Hurricane season runs June 1 to Nov. 30.*

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## National Weather Service predicts near-normal 2012 Atlantic hurricane season

National Weather Service predicts near-normal conditions in the atmosphere and the Atlantic Ocean favor a near-normal hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin this season, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) announced last week from its Hurricane Research Division in Miami.

For the entire six-month season, which begins June 1, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center predicts a 70 percent chance of nine to 15 named storms (with top winds of 39 mph or higher), of which four to eight will strengthen to a hurricane (with top winds of 74 mph or higher) and of those one to three will become major hurricanes (with top winds of 111 mph or higher, ranking Category 3, 4 or 5). Based on the period 1981-2010, an average season produces 12 named storms with six hurricanes, including three major hurricanes.

"NOAA's outlook predicts a less active season compared to recent years," said NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. "But regardless of the outlook, it's vital for anyone living or vacationing in hurricane-prone locations to be prepared. We have a stark reminder this year with the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew." Andrew, the Category 5 hurricane that devastated South Florida on August 24, 1992, was the first storm in a late-starting season that produced only six named storms.

Favoring storm development in 2012 is the continuation of the overall conditions associated with the Atlantic high-activity era that began in 1995, in addition to near-average sea surface temperatures across much of the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, known as the Main Development Region. Two factors now in place that can limit storm development, if they persist, are: strong wind shear, which is hostile to hurricane formation in the Main Development Region, and cooler sea surface temperatures in the far eastern Atlantic.

"Another potentially competing climate factor would be El Niño if it develops by late summer to early fall. In that case,

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### **Remembering those who have gone before us**

Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO, and Kleberg County Judge Juan Escobar place a wreath during a Memorial Day Ceremony held Monday, May 28, at the Veterans War Memorial in Kingsville. Memorial Day honors those who have gone before us. (Photo by Jon Gagné)

## How prepared are you as hurricane season begins?

**By Fifi Kieschnick**  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters, according to the National Hurricane Center website.

By knowing what you need to do and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a disaster.

But, you need to do more than "know what you need to do." You need to get prepared, take the steps necessary so that you are acting instead of reacting when a storm approaches.

Hurricane season begins June 1, but two tropical storms have already formed this year. That means the ocean water tempera-

tures are at least 80 degrees and atmospheric conditions are "ripe." So, even though those two tropical storms were a "passing mention," the next one might not be.

"We have a false sense of security in South Texas," Monette Walker, NAS Kingsville emergency manager, told NAS Kingsville personnel at a semi-annual safety standdown held May 25, "because a major storm hasn't hit here since 1970."

According to data gathered by the National Weather Service, there have been 63 hurricanes that have hit the Texas Coast since 1851 – that's one every three years, and 22 of them have been major hurricanes.

"Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected," Walker added.

"Time to make a plan is now and make

sure information in TWMS (Total Workforce Management Service), NFAAS (Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System), ATHOC (mass notification system), and for military, check your ESR (Electronic Service Record) for Page 2, SGLI and family care information to make sure they are up-to-date."

With the season, it is more than tropical storms forming into hurricanes that everyone needs to be aware of; it's also accompanying storm surges, tornadoes, damaging winds, heavy rainfall and inland flooding.

Last week, national weather forecasters predicted that this year's hurricane season would provide a normal number of about

*see Prepare on page 6*

## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

I hope all enjoyed their Memorial Day Holiday weekend!

Last Friday as we were beginning our Safety Standdown, the Command Master Chief handed me the list of NAS Kingsville Sailors selected for promotion. Congratulations to ABF2 Michael Barnes, ET1 Lauren Hosey, AC2 Shauna Johnson, CS2 James Merritt, ABH2 Kevin Mitchell, EN1 Charles Roberts, FC1 John Sessions, CS2 Michael White and ABH2 John Zapata. There is nothing better in this job than greeting Sailors with the news that they have been promoted to the next higher pay grade. Well done!

As we head into June, I'll put out the pitch for our upcoming Navy Ball Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will be held at the L.E. Ramey Golf Course on Friday, June 29, and will be in a four-person scramble format. Get your teams together and contact ETC Eric Smith to get on the list. Of course, all the proceeds from the Navy Ball Golf Tournament, and the tremendous sponsorships from many businesses and individuals from the local community, go toward funding the Navy Ball. I look forward to seeing you at the course.

Be safe in outdoor activities as the heat begins to rise and remember to drink plenty of fluids.

Until Next Time~Skipper Mac

## Petty officers see advancement improvement

More than 29,000 Sailors are on their way to advancement to E-4, E-5 and E-6 with the release of the Petty Officer list May 25.

Navy leaders opened advancement opportunity to higher levels this cycle to fill Fleet vacancies with Sailors possessing the skills and experience required.

"As part of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative focus on readiness, our goal is to provide the Fleet with the right Sailor with the right skills and the right experience level to maximize Navy's readiness," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director of Military Personnel Plans and Policy.

Sailors taking the E-4 test saw their advancement opportunity increase from 30.97 percent to 45.83 percent while E-5 advancement opportunity increased from 20.68 percent to 30.94 percent. Those taking the E-6

test saw opportunity increase from 10.75 percent to 16.18 percent.

No ratings had zero back to back opportunity and only one rating (at only the E-6 level) saw zero opportunity this cycle. However, officials point out, future advancement opportunity may not be as high as this cycle; but will move closer to historic advancement levels.

Navy's continued efforts to provide a balanced force are proving successful, officials said. As the force becomes more balanced, future advancement opportunity will become more stable offering more consistent promotion opportunity to Sailors over the long term.

Advancement results are posted on the Navy Personnel Command's Bupers On-Line Web page at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil). (From *Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*)

## Staying Navy --

RP2 Quentin Williams, of the Chaplain's Office, reenlisted May 18 in the U.S. Navy for 4 more years of service with orders to USS Antietam (CG 54) homeported in San Diego, Calif. Williams is a native of Augusta, Ga., and has 3 years of service. Pictured here, Lt. Mark Haley, command chaplain, issues the oath of enlistment to Williams. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)



## Deckplate Leadership



CSCM (SW/AW)  
Fidel Medina  
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

As the month of June begins and we transition from spring to summer, we should take a moment and reflect back to one of the most important battles of U.S. Naval history: the Battle of Midway, which took place from June 4 to 7, 1942. It was a turning point of the Pacific Ocean control during World War II. Our Pacific Fleet engaged in battle against the Imperial Japanese fleet near Midway Island. This time period was very busy due to the Battle of Coral Sea one month prior, which followed Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor six months

earlier. The Battle of Coral Sea had greatly weakened the Japanese Naval forces, resulting in their need to quickly gain strategic advantage over U.S. forces.

Admiral Chester Nimitz was Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet during this time frame. His intelligence team had received information that Japan was planning a full scale attack on the U.S. Fleet following their failure at the Battle of Coral Sea. Under control of Admiral Jack Fletcher, Rear Adm. Raymond Spruance led Task Force 16 composed of the carriers USS Enterprise, USS Hornet, and USS Yorktown, six cruisers, nine destroyers and two tankers. Task Force 16's goal was to stop Japan from gaining control of Midway Island, which would allow Japan's further extension of control of the Pacific.

Japan's Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto was Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet, and he believed that Japan would only gain control of the Pacific following a full

out naval battle with the United States. He believed Japan's defeat over the U.S. would result in allowing Japan to extend its control to all of the Pacific area. Adm. Yamamoto tasked four of Japan's eight carriers, their largest battleship, two smaller battleships, and multiple cruisers and destroyers to engage the United States fleet forces. Japan made several crucial mistakes prior to entering this battle. They placed their carriers too close to the battle, underestimated Task Force 16 and 17, and didn't realize that a large fleet of American ships would be waiting for their arrival. On June 4, 1942, the Japanese attacked power plants and oil stations located on Midway Island, but Japan overextended their fleet by launching too many aircraft, resulting in a large aerial attack against them by planes from the USS Hornet and USS Enterprise. American dive-bombers took out multiple Japanese ships, and within five minutes the Japanese

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This paper is published for people like ACAA Gerardo Cantu, who recently reported to NAS Kingsville from A School in Pensacola, Fla. Cantu is a native of Laredo, Texas, and has been in the Navy about 14 months.

## Summer months mark DoD peak moving season

The summer months herald the busiest move season of the year as hundreds of thousands of Department of Defense (DoD) and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) service members receive orders to new assignments across the nation and worldwide.

NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (GLS) Household Goods Assistant Program Manager Andrea Gergen advises those transferring to book their moves early. The period of May 15 through August 31 is the annual peak move season.

Gergen said movers should give their Household Goods offices a minimum of three weeks lead time to initiate an effective, smoother move experience.

DoD and the USCG book an estimated 225,000 household goods shipments each

summer, Gergen said.

In addition to these moves, many federal civilian employees also choose to schedule their moves during the summer, since most schools are out of session and the relocation will be less disruptive for children.

Service members who are faced with trying to move during this bottleneck period might find themselves with fewer options if they wait too long to book a move date.

Gergen suggested families be flexible with their moving dates, plan ahead, and recognize that now is the time to get rid of unwanted items to reduce their shipment's weight.

"No one wants to get a bill for being overweight on their shipment," Gergen said.

Service members have two options for

moving their household goods. They can choose a government arranged move, in which a contractor packs and ships their household goods, or they may perform a Personally Procured Move (PPM) formerly known as a "DITY" move, where the customer arranges to rent a truck or trailer, or uses their own vehicle to move their items.

For more information on either option and to start the move process, customers should go to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil). For questions or concerns about moving, customers may e-mail [householdgoods@navy.mil](mailto:householdgoods@navy.mil) for assistance or contact their local personal property shipping office. (From NAVSUP GLS Office of Corporate Communication)

## Navy League to host annual Navy Ball golf tournament

The Kingsville Chapter of the Navy League will be hosting their annual Navy Ball Golf Tournament at the L.E. Ramey Golf Course in Kingsville on Friday, June 29. The event is open to active duty military, base civilian and contract employees, and civilians from the local community. Entry fee is \$40 per person or \$120 per team.

Teams will be made up of four golfers playing a scramble format. The maximum field size is 20 teams. Play will be from a shotgun start, at 9 a.m. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, along with closest-to-the pin winners on all four par three holes, a longest drive hole, and a lot of door prize drawings.

Hole and tee box sponsorships are still available for commands or departments who would like to provide sponsorship. Contact ETC Eric Smith at 516-6388 if your department or activity is interested in sponsoring a hole or tee box. Proceeds from this annual event are donated by the Navy League to the NAS Kingsville Navy Ball committee.

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Navy lost half of its carrier force. The Japanese had lost four aircraft carriers, while the U.S. only lost one, USS Yorktown. This battle was a critical win for the U.S. and a turning point of World War II in the Pacific.

One important event observed annually during the month of June is Flag Day. The initial idea of having an annual day specifically for celebrating our flag is believed to have first originated on June 14,

1885, by a school teacher of the Wisconsin Public School District named B.J. Cigrand. Following the first observance, the State Board of Education in New York adopted the holiday in 1889. The idea of a flag day grew throughout the U.S., resulting in Flag Day officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916, noting the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. Following President Wilson's proclama-

tion, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Please take a moment this year to honor our national ensign on June 14, as well as take some time to read up on the Battle of Midway.

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## In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend that kicked off the official start of summer. We had some awfully nice BBQ weather, and I don't know about yours but my kids are now out of school for the summer.

I also hope that everyone took some time over the beautiful weekend to contemplate what Memorial Day is all about. We all certainly have a lot for which to be thankful with regards to the liberties and freedoms and we enjoy on a daily basis. Those that went before us have left us a rich legacy of freedom that is almost too easy to take for granted.

We have been conducting flight training at NASK for nearly 70 years, and I bet that if our ready room and hangar walls could talk, that they could tell quite a story

of aviators, air crewmen and maintenance personnel that passed through our air station either on the way to - or the way back from combat. When I jog around the remains of South Field or see what is left of the HQ building footings across from the Simulator building, it's hard for me not to wonder who those men and women were and where they came from. Most of those men and women of course came home, but many did not. Memorial Day is of course about keeping the memory alive for those that didn't come back home.

Last but certainly not least, we winged seven more Naval Aviators last week. Congratulations to 1st Lt. Derek R. Geyer who selected Prowlers at NAS Whidbey; Lt. j.g. Nick Zachman who selected Super Hornets at NAS Lemoore; Lt. j.g. Chris Dooley who selected Super Hornets at NAS Lemoore; Lt. j.g. Benjamin Dunn who selected Super Hornets at NAS Lemoore; Lt. j.g. Andrew Moore who selected Super Hornets at NAS Oceana; and Lt. j.g. Brad Tribble who was selectively retained by VT-21 as a SER-GRAD. All of us wish our "Wingees" the very best as they head off to Fleet Replacement Centers to learn their new aircraft.

Best to all,

Capt. "Joe Bags" Evans



**Scholarship** -- Britt Reynolds, son of retired Navy pilot Bob and Cynde Reynolds, was recently awarded a \$1,500 scholarship, provided by Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House. Above, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Reynolds with a citation awarding him the scholarship based on an essay he wrote about whose four faces should go on a 21st century Mount Rushmore. Reynolds, who recently graduated from Rivera High School, plans to study engineering at Texas A&M Kingsville in the fall. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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### Goshawk Ball presentation

-- The Boeing Company regional representative -- and former TW-2 Chief Staff Officer -- Dick "Bush Hog" Nelson, Cmdr., U.S. Navy retired, presents a check for \$4,200 to Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Joe Evans on behalf of the Boeing Company, and Kingsville Navy League for sponsorship of the 2012 Goshawk Ball.



Kingsville Navy League president and Rolls Royce site manager Jeff Lambert presents a check for \$2500 to Capt. Joe Evans, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO to help sponsor the 2012 Goshawk Ball. The check was presented by Rolls Royce through the Navy League and the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured are Maj. Daniel Rose, VT-22, and Dick Messbarger, Navy League.



Capt. Joe Evans, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO accepts a check from Kingsville Navy League president Jeff Lambert as part of the Navy League and Kingsville Chamber of Commerce support for the 2012 Goshawk Ball, hosted this year by Training Air Wing TWO and VT-22. Pictured from left are: Cmdr. Darren Guenther, VT-22 Skipper; Dick "Bush Hog" Nelson, the Boeing Company; Capt. Evans; Jeff Lambert; Maj. Daniel Rose, VT-22; and Dick Messbarger, Kingsville Navy League.

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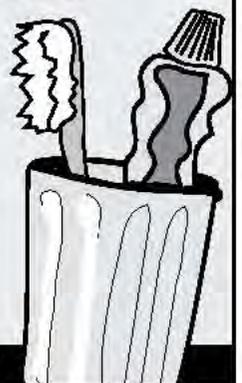
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## Prepare from page 1

nine to 15 tropical storms, with as many as four to eight of those becoming hurricanes.

However, a hurricane doesn't have to hit this area directly to cause damage here. Damages from hurricanes include storm surge, tornadoes, flooding from heavy rains and winds.

"Over the years, forecasting the tracking of storms has become more accurate," Walker added. "But, weather forecasters cannot predict the intensity of the storm once it hits land.

"Right now, everyone should be making a plan and putting together a basic disaster supplies kit," Walker said.

Emergency planning includes updating emergency contact information, reviewing and gathering important documents, making a home emergency kit that includes food, water and other supplies, and staying informed.

When you are told to evacuate the area because a storm is approaching, you should have your route preplanned, keep maps in your vehicles, make sure your vehicle is in good running order and filled with gas, plan for possible ATM outages, prepare for large traffic back-ups, have a plan for your pets and monitor various websites, including NAS Kingsville's, for updates of status changes.

"Your survivability – and that of your family's – is directly related to your degree of personal readiness," Walker said.

"Stay informed," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer. "If you stay informed, you'll make the right decision and be safe."

The following websites will help you keep informed:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm)

[www.texasprepares.org](http://www.texasprepares.org)

[www.cctexas.com](http://www.cctexas.com)

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

[www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php)

[www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsville/index.htm](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsville/index.htm)

Hurricane preparedness resources include:

-Command Info Line: 1-855-267-9197

-NASK EOC: 361-516-4170

-Command website: [www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsville/index.htm](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/kingsville/index.htm)

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-NFAAS: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>

-24-hour Navy Emergency Coordination: 1-877-414-5358

-Navy Marine corps Relief: 361-961-3482

-American Red Cross: 1-877-272-7337

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-TWMS – <https://twms.nmci.navy.mil>

-NFAAS – <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>

-ATHOC self service (on NMCI computers)

-Military personnel must keep their Page 2, SGLI and family care plan current

*Editor's note: Upcoming issues of the Flying K will provide additional information about hurricane season and preparedness.*



Monette Walker (back right), NAS Kingsville emergency manager, gives assembled personnel a hurricane brief during a safety shutdown held May 25 at the Captain's Club. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30 each year.

## Predicts from page 1

conditions could be less conducive for hurricane formation and intensification during the peak months (August-October) of the season, possibly shifting the activity toward the lower end of the predicted range," said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

"NOAA's improvement in monitoring and predicting hurricanes has been remarkable over the decades since Andrew, in large part because of our sustained commitment to research and better technology. But more work remains to unlock the secrets of hurricanes, especially in the area of rapid intensification and weakening of storms," said Lubchenco. "We're stepping up to meet this challenge through our Hurricane Forecast Improvement Project, which has already demonstrated exciting early progress toward improving storm intensity forecasts."

Lubchenco added that more accurate forecasts about a storm's intensity at landfall and extending the forecast period beyond five days will help America become a more Weather-Ready Nation.

In a more immediate example of research supporting hurricane forecasting, NOAA this season is introducing enhancements to two of the computer models available to hurricane forecasters - the Hurricane Weather Research and Forecasting (HWRF) and the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) models. The HWRF model has been upgraded with a higher resolution and improved atmospheric physics. This latest version has demonstrated a 20 to 25 percent improvement in track forecasts and a 15 percent improvement in intensity forecasts relative to the previous version while

also showing improvement in the representation of storm structure and size. Improvements to the GFDL model for 2012 include physics upgrades that are expected to reduce or eliminate a high bias in the model's intensity forecasts.

The seasonal outlook does not predict how many storms will hit land. Forecasts for individual storms and their impacts are provided by NOAA's National Hurricane Center, which continuously monitors the tropics for storm development and tracking throughout the season using an array of tools including satellites, advance computer modeling, hurricane hunter aircraft, and land- and ocean-based observations sources such as radars and buoys.

"Every hurricane season we ask families, communities, and businesses to ensure they are prepared and visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)," said Tim Manning, FEMA deputy administrator for protection and national preparedness. "Being prepared includes developing a family emergency plan, putting an emergency kit together or updating your existing kit, keeping important papers and valuables in a safe place, and getting involved to ensure your community is ready."

NOAA's outlook for the Eastern Pacific basin is for a near-normal hurricane season and the Central Pacific basin is expected to have a below-normal season. NOAA will issue an updated seasonal outlook for the Atlantic hurricane season in early August, just prior to the historical peak of the season.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

## Storm Names

Hurricane Season – runs June 1 to Nov. 30

These are the assigned names for the 2012 season's storms:

**Alberto**  
**Beryl**  
**Chris**  
**Debby**  
**Ernesto**  
**Florence**  
**Gordon**

**Helene**  
**Isaac**  
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**William**



**Pilot For a Day** -- NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO welcomed 7-year old Brownsville, Texas, youth, Oscar Galvan, as Pilot For a Day on May 17. Pictured above, Oscar and sponsor Capt. Rob MacDougall, VT-22, give a big thumbs up after Oscar is pinned with his Wings of Gold. Above right, Oscar and Firefighter Randy Ross work the fire hose and below, right, Oscar takes a break at the Captain's Club during lunch. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



**Wings of Gold** -- Bravo zulu to the seven Student Naval Aviators who received their Wings of Gold during a winging ceremony held May 25, at the Captain's Club. The Navy's newest aviators are pictured with Training Air Wing TWO and squadron leadership. From left are, Cmdr. Darren Guenther, commanding officer, Training Squadron (VT) 22; Cmdr. Brian Beck, executive officer, VT-21; Maj. Chris Rheinhart,

senior Marine, VT-21; Lt.j.g. Andrew Moore; Lt.j.g. Brad Tribley; Lt.j.g. Benjamin Dunn; 1st Lt. Derek Geyer; Lt.j.g. Christopher Dooley; Lt.j.g. Nicholas Zachman; Lt.j.g. Kyle Gillette; Capt. Andrew Straessle, assistant senior Marine, VT-22; Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO; and Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, executive officer, VT-22. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

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## Vice Chief visits San Antonio Wounded Warrior Support and Joint Force Training Facilities

By Lt. Cmdr.  
**Chris Servello**  
VCNO Public Affairs

The vice chief of naval operations (VCNO) toured the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) and visited Navy and joint training sites during a May 24 trip to the greater San Antonio area.

Adm. Mark Ferguson interacted with patients, staff and family members at the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) and Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC), and then met with Sailors at the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) and Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) Lackland.

Ferguson began his day with visits to CFI and WFSC to better familiarize himself with the wounded warrior care and family support offered at SAMMC.

The mission of the CFI is to provide rehabilitation to personnel who have sustained amputation, burns, or functional limb loss; to provide education to military and Department of Veteran's Affairs professionals on rehabilitation; and to promote research in orthopedics, prosthetics and physical/occupational rehabilitation.

WFSC provides coordinated services to patients, next-of-kin and extended wounded warrior family members. Injured service members and their family visit the WFSC to receive emotional support, answers to their questions, and to extend their rehabilitation away from the hospital.

During his visit to METC and NTTC Lackland, Ferguson had the opportunity to address students, school officials and fam-



Adm. Mark Ferguson, Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO), is greeted by Sailors while visiting the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), home to Navy's Corpsmen "A" School. Ferguson toured San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) as well as Navy and joint training sites at Naval Technical Training Center, Lackland and METC. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Servello).

ily members as he toured living quarters, recreational facilities, and various training classrooms at the two sites.

At all-hands calls at both locations, Ferguson discussed the Sailing Directions from the Chief of Naval Operations. He provided the audiences real-world examples of how today's Navy was putting the tenets of Warfighting First, Operate Forward and Be Ready into practice worldwide.

Ferguson also thanked both groups of Sailors for their service and sacrifice. "You have all chosen to serve--to give up comforts and embark on a life of high standards--to be ready when the country is least ready."

In his METC remarks, Ferguson thanked Sailors training to be hospital corpsmen for their hard work, telling them that today's men and women were, "the best we have ever had. You are the most educated, intelligent and physically fit group of Sailors in the history of our Navy."

METC is the primary Department of Defense health care education campus and trains enlisted medical personnel in over 60 medical programs, graduating 24,000 joint service personnel annually.

At NTTC Lackland, Ferguson told an audience of Sailors training in the Master-at-arms (MA) rating, "you are making a difference because you make us safer – you protect us against terrorist and criminal threats."

Sailors attending the MA school are trained and tested in the areas of antiterrorism, security force fundamentals, and basic law enforcement.

### NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

**Sunday**

**at McFall Memorial Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Worship  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

**Wednesday**

7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship  
at Hunter's Cove Community Center

**Thursday**

11:30 - Luncheon Bible Study  
in the Chapel  
4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. - Protestant Music/Prayer  
6 p.m. - Dinner Fellowship  
with Bible Study

**Morale, Welfare & Recreation**



**Star service** -- MWR Participants from the latest "Star Service: Creating Stellar Customer Relations" class pose for a photo outside the new NAS Kingsville Fitness Center following their completion of the training. From left are, Jacob Buckalew, Auto Skills; Pam Ratliff, Fitness Center; Cory Buchanan, Fitness Center; Vince Montgomery, MWR Marketing; Denise Tienda, ITT; Jon English, Aquatics/Fitness; Christina Guajardo, CDC; Yerlin Machado, CDC; Tracy Rojas, Youth Center; and Kristin Lokken, Class Facilitator. The class was held May 23-24. Star Service is a Navywide MWR training program aimed to provide front line staff personnel with the tools and skills they need to provide stellar customer service.



Participants in the "Out with the Old, In with the New" 5K Run wave goodbye to the old gym before running a 5K route around base, May 24. The race started at the old gymnasium, which is in the process of being torn down, and concluded at the new Fitness Center, which opened for partial business last week. The new fitness complex, which includes a heated outdoor pool, sports field, inside gym, racquetball courts, and fitness areas, will officially open on June 7. (Photo by Ivan Gomez, MWR)

**MWR Event Calendar**

**June 5-6: Disc Golf Tournament.**  
Check out discs at the fitness center front desk and play the course located around the pond, across from the old NGIS. All who check out discs and play a round will get a prize! Lowest score turned in will win a championship T-shirt.

**Softball Playoffs for the 2012 Captain's Cup softball league will begin June 3.**

**June 12: Dodgeball League Begins.**  
Sign up your team at the Fitness Center. A captain's meeting will be held at the Fitness Center on Thursday, June 7 at 6 p.m. All teams must have a representative at this meeting.

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## Bravo Zulu

### NAS Kingsville personnel recognized

Bravo zulu to the following personnel who were recently recognized for their outstanding achievements.

**David Round**, of NAS Kingsville's Security Department, received Top Gun recognition for the Rifle Academy Class 12-02. Round received a score of 171. Round also was recognized for academic excellence in maintaining an overall test score average of 98 percent in the CNIC Navy Security Forces Training Class held last month.

Congratulations to **Richard Hormann**, of NAS Kingsville's Admin Department, who was selected as the Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter.

**Firefighter John M. Davis** was recognized for 15 years of government service.

**RP2 Quentin Williams** received his first Good Conduct Award.

**EN2(SW) Charles Roberts** received a Letter of Commendation for his performance as maintenance man, Auxiliaries Division, Engineering Department on board USS Stethem (DDG 63) in November 2011. Roberts was hand-selected as military-to-military liaison between the U.S. Navy and the Timor-Leste navy. He trained Timor-Leste sailors in basic engineering practices, troubleshooting and repairs. His expertise directly impacted the mission and led to the repair of one diesel generator, set one fire pump, multiple ventilation systems and the correction of various smaller discrepancies within the propulsion plans of three newly procured patrol crafts.



Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents RP2 Quentin Williams his first good conduct medal. (Photos by Fifi Kiseschnick)



Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents EN2(SW) Charles Roberts with a Letter of Commendation for his performance aboard USS Stethem (DDG 63).



Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Firefighter John Davis with a certificate recognizing his 15 years of government service.



Above, Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents David Round a certificate for his achievements. Below, McLaughlin presents Richard Hormann an award for his selection as Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter.

## Navy Corpsman saves drowning victim at Corpus Christi Beach

By **Bill W. Love**

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Public Affairs

A Sailor assigned to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) was awarded a medal for saving a child's life during a family outing May 6.

HM1(FMF) Jesus A. Cordova, who thought two surfers were playing with their children coming out of the surf, realized that each of the two youngsters were lifeless.

"Once I noticed the children's situation and the anxiety on the surfers' faces, I rushed out and carried on as I've been trained without any thoughts but to resuscitate the child successfully," Cordova said.

Cordova continued cardiopulmonary resuscitation while simultaneously monitoring another adult's

lifesaving efforts on the second child.

"It's a state of mind for EMTs, a course I am well-versed in as I have taught it throughout my career," he said.

Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, commanding officer at NHCCC, praised the El Paso, Texas, Navy corpsman for his heroic achievement by presenting him the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

"HM1 Cordova you had a lot of self-trust that day," Jaeger said, referring to Ralph Waldo Emerson's quote about the essence of heroism. "It is a wonderful thing that you did, saving someone's life, and we really appreciate it. And you are just a fine example of the Sailors we have here at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, so again, thank you."



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