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Colorado shooting claims lives of Sailor, Airman

The July 20 mass shooting in a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., has claimed the lives of two U.S. service members, according to military officials.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John Larimer, 27, of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jesse Childress died from injuries sustained in the incident, officials said.

One other Sailor was treated for injuries and released at the scene, according to a U.S. Navy news release. Both Sailors were from a unit that belongs to U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Tenth Fleet, located at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo.

Childress, who also worked at Buckley, died at the scene, Pentagon spokesman Air Force Lt. Col. Jack Miller said.

"I am incredibly saddened by the loss of Petty Officer John Larimer --he was an outstanding shipmate," Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Jakuboski, Larimer's commanding officer, stated in the Navy release. "A valued member of our Navy team, he will be missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to John's family, friends and loved ones, as well as to all victims of this horrible tragedy."

Larimer joined the Navy on June 16,

2011, and was a cryptologic technician third class, and had been stationed in Aurora since October 2011, the release said.

Suspected gunman James Holmes allegedly killed at least 12 people and wounded 59 others early July 20 during the midnight premier of the new Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, a suburb of Denver.

"I know that many are struggling to understand why these innocent lives were taken from us, and how such a tragedy could occur in this country," said Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. "Even as we try to make sense of this evil act, we are also moved to learn more about the actions of men and women like SSgt. Childress, who threw himself in front of his friend in the movie theater to shield her from the gunman. His selflessness saved her life, at the cost of his own."

In his weekly video message to the nation July 21, President Barack Obama asked citizens to take "some time for prayer and reflection -- for the victims of this terrible tragedy, for the people who knew them and loved them, for those who are still

struggling to recover, and for all the victims of the less publicized acts of violence that plague our communities on a daily basis."

The president also directed that flags be flown at half staff on military installations and federal buildings through July 31 in

memory of those who died in the shooting.

"Let us keep all these Americans in our prayers," Obama added. "And to the people of Aurora, may the Lord bring you comfort and healing in the hard days to come." (American Forces Press Service)



Oncoming and outgoing NAS Kingsville Command Duty Officers and Duty Drivers render honors during colors July 24. From left are (front row) HTC(SW/AW) David Moser, ET2(SW) Richard Alaniz, ET1(SW) Sam Sanchez, (back row) ABH2 Philip Baker and FC1(SW) John Sessions. The president directed that flags be flown at half staff on military installations and federal buildings through July 31 in memory of those who died in the shooting. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)



Hi-There --

NAS Kingsville School Liaison Officer Jeanie Alexander, wearing a highlighter costume she and her husband Sandy made, waves to base personnel as they enter the air station July 24, reminding personnel that Operation School Supplies is underway. Jeanie is collecting donated school supplies for children for the upcoming school year. The program runs through Aug. 3, and donation boxes are located at the Santiago Fitness Center, Clinic, Commissary, Navy Exchange and Headquarters Building. Items needed include crayons, folders, paper, glue, rulers, pens, backpacks and more. For more information, call (361) 675-0112. (Photo by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs)



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CMDCM(EXW/SW)
Randy Foust
Command Master Chief

Team Kingsville,

Reviewing the past year of NAS Kingsville community relations, I see participation is impressive. What a great indicator of the open relationship we enjoy with the City of Kingsville!

I would like to highlight a few ongoing events: Feds Feed Families - this program is run through our Chapel and all donations go to the food pantry at the First Christian Church in Kingsville to provide assistance to any family in the Kingsville area.

Operation School Supplies - sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, coordinated by our School Liaison Officer Jeanie Alexander, distributed through the Chapel. This program is meant to help offset the rising expenses our families will experience as they prepare to send their children back to school next month.

While I am discussing volunteers and programs, I need every Sailor to think about how we can give back to each other. There are several ways you can directly contribute to the health and morale of our Shipmates. Here are a few key programs:

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Advocate (SAPR) - our program is in need of more volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer, please plan to attend training which will be held Aug. 14-17, at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Honor Guard and Rifle Team: these units are significant to honoring those that have come before us, and sharing our pride and professionalism with the community in

the seven counties in South Texas that we support.

These are only a few of the programs that we have here and that help take care of each other. Some other programs that are just as significant are Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO), Command Assessment Team (CAT), Command Fitness Leader (CFL), Urinalysis Program Coordinator (UPC), Auxiliary Security Force (ASF), Command Financial Specialist (CFS), and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). If you are interested in any of these or just want to know more about these programs, ask your leading petty officer and or chief. They would be glad to talk to you about any

of the programs.

SAFETY NOTE - As our chief petty officer board-eligible Sailors prepare for the pending CPO transition season, you may have noticed us formation running around the base. We are "PTing" on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 a.m. Please be mindful of our presence and be patient. We will run on the back roads, but we do run from the Santiago Fitness Center and back, so be aware. Thank you to those drivers who we have "met" over the past few weeks always slowing down and giving us plenty of room.

Be safe, stay cool and have fun!

V/R,
CMC



Staying Navy -- Lt. Cmdr. Chad Webster, air operations officer, gives the oath of enlistment to ABE2(AW) Kendall Butler as she reenlists for 5 more years of U.S. Navy service. Butler, a native of Greenville, S.C., has 9 years service and received orders to USS George W. Bush (CVN 77), which is homeported in Virginia.

Navy issues new shore energy policy to achieve energy security goals

The Navy issued a new energy policy that will drive energy consumption reduction at all Navy installations, transform the shore energy culture and seek new or existing technical solutions for reducing energy, officials announced July 10.

The Shore Energy Management Instruction signifies a complete revision from the previous version that was published in 1994.

The instruction codifies Navy's policy and strategy to ensure energy security as a strategic imperative, meet federal mandates and executive orders, and achieve Department of the Navy (DoN) shore energy goals.

Since naval forces require constant support from shore installations, Navy is mitigating its vulnerabilities related to the electrical grid - such as outages from natural disasters and man-made events - by lowering consumption, integrating renewable energy sources and increasing

control of energy supply and distribution. Energy reliability, resiliency and redundancy are essential components of the Navy's Critical Infrastructure Protection program.

"Energy security is critical because warfighters need assured access to reliable supplies of energy to meet operational needs afloat or ashore," said Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, Vice Adm. Phil Cullom. "This instruction is just one example of how we are driving a spartan energy ethos in our shore operations. We are committed to cost-effectively achieving our energy goals by pursuing energy efficiency, transforming our energy culture, and integrating renewable energy technologies, where viable."

The revised instruction includes specific responsibilities and actions that commands and personnel ashore must take in implementing the Navy Shore Energy program.

For example, each Navy installation will have a tailored energy consumption reduction goal based on its unique energy situation. By increasing energy efficiency, Navy can reduce operating costs, multiply the impact of current and future alternative energy sources and achieve DoN renewable energy targets.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus laid out five aggressive energy goals in October 2009 to improve energy security and efficiency afloat and ashore and increase our energy security.

To review the instruction, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/files/2012/07/OPNAVINST-4100.5E.pdf>.

For more information about the Navy's Energy Program, visit www.greenfleet.dodlive.mil or www.facebook.com/naalenergy. (From Chief of Naval Operations Shore Readiness Division)

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This paper is published for people like Maria Cerda, front desk supervisor at the Navy Gateway Inn & Suites. Cerda is a Kingsville native and has been working at NGIS for 5 years.

Liberty coordinator making a difference for NAS Kingsville Single Sailors

By Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

He says that if there's one thing you should know about him it's that he's approachable. But, you can tell that from the minute you come near him. And, you can sense right away that he's willing to talk to people and listen to what they have to say.

That's why Earl Olsen is in a great spot as the Liberty Coordinator.

Olsen has been on the job for less than a year, and has already made a difference in the programs for the single Sailors, who are his main customers.

Among other things, he has spruced up the Liberty Center, located in the Captain's Club, with posters, and added free snacks and sodas for the Sailors who stop by. Olsen brings the Sailors doughnuts once a month and feeds them a pizza dinner the day before pay day.

"I try to 'run' something each day. Mondays we have a PS3 tournament; Tuesdays a pool or ping pong tournament. Winners receive a \$10 gift card. Wednesday is movie night. We offer new movies and serve the Sailors free Hot Pockets and other snacks. Thursdays we have Trivia on Tap; and once a month we have a trip, like going to Fiesta Texas or San Antonio's River Walk."

CS2(SW) Michael White is one of the approximately 40 single Sailors that the Cen-

ter supports. He says that in his "spare time" he goes to school and studies so he doesn't take a d v a n t a g e of the Liberty Center as much as he'd like to, but when he does, "It's nice to use to watch movies, hang out and do other things," said the 5-year Navy veteran.

Olsen says most of his "clients" live in the barracks. And, soon those Sailors looking for something to do will only have to step out their front door and go one floor up.

"I'm working on the funding, through a grant, to move the Liberty Center to the Barracks," Olsen said. "It will draw a lot more people into the Liberty Program, especially with the gym being across the street and a movie theater on the third deck (of the barracks)."

Olsen, who is originally from California, has been working with youth and Sailors his entire career. He is not someone you will



Earl Olsen



NAS Kingsville's Liberty Center is currently located in the Captain's Club. But, Liberty Coordinator Earl Olsen is working on getting funding to move the Center to the barracks.

find sitting behind a desk, but "out there" making a difference wherever he goes.

And, the married father of two really enjoys what he does. "I've got the best job ever," Olsen says. "I'm a manager with a flexible schedule who wears shorts to work."

NAS Kingsville's Liberty Center is open

Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 7 p.m. The center features large-screen televisions, video gaming, computers, and an inviting and relaxing atmosphere. Have questions about the Liberty Center? Give Olsen a call at (361) 696-9008.

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Free passes -- Congratulations to Curtis Brooks, 8, who recently won movie passes to see the new Ice Age film. The passes were courtesy of the NAS Kingsville Library. Pictured here, Sadie Hamm, summer hire library assistant, gives Curtis the passes. Curtis is participating in the Youth Activities Center summer program and is the son of Shylar and Laura Brooks.

NMCRS has visiting nurse supporting Kingsville, Corpus Christi

By Tambi Parker
 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Locally, Cheryl Mills, a registered nurse and certified lactation consultant, is available to provide health education and information about health-related resources, as the Kingsville-Corpus Christi area visiting nurse.

Mills is available to make hospital or home visits to eligible clients of any age to help improve their quality of life by promoting understanding of information about health issues. The free-of-charge visits are made to new mothers and infants, patients recovering from surgery, and those with chronic health problems.

All Navy and Marine Corps active-duty or retired service members, their family members and their survivors, in the Corpus Christi and Kingsville area may be eligible for visiting nurse services. Mills may also offer resource information by telephone or mail to individuals outside the local driving

area.

Referrals to Mills may be made by military or civilian doctors, nurses or social workers or a patient may contact Mills directly by calling (361)961-6677 or (361)537-8719.

Also, NMCRS' Visiting Nurse Program, in partnership with the Navy's Bureau of Medicine has developed a publication entitled, *Your Baby and You: Birth to One Year*. It is designed to provide useful information about how to care for a child at home. The publication can be downloaded from the NMCRS website, www.nmcrs.org.



Cheryl Mills is available to make hospital or home visits to eligible clients.

NAS Kingsville announces top civilian employees of the quarter

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville PAO

NAS Kingsville recently announced their top civilian employees for the first and second quarter of fiscal year 2012.

Richard Hormann was selected as the junior civilian of the quarter for the first quarter FY-2012.

Hormann, a native of Sisseton, S.D., resides in Aransas Pass with his wife Barbara. He is a retired Navy Chief Mineman, retiring from active duty in 2005 aboard his final ship, USS Devastator (MCM 6), homported at Naval Station Ingleside.

After his retirement from active duty, Hormann spent the next three years working at numerous jobs before he decided to return to the Navy as a civilian employee. He accepted a temporary position at Naval Station Ingleside in 2008, in the administrative department and remained there until 2010, when the naval station officially closed as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) act of 2010.

Hormann then transferred to NAS Kingsville, accepting a position as assistant Security Manager, managing DoD Information and Personnel Security Programs for the host command.

"Rich is an extremely dedicated individual who goes out of his way to support our Sailors," said NAS Kingsville Administrative Officer Maryann Shramko. "As a retired chief petty officer, he is well respected throughout the command, and he is a tireless and dedicated employee."

Hormann is an active member of the NAS Kingsville Chief Petty Officers Association and routinely volunteers for special events throughout the air station. He assisted the Public Affairs Office with media relations and photography requirements for the 2012 Wings Over South Texas air show, and has



Hormann

participated in several static aircraft washes – assisting with the upkeep and appearance of NAS Kingsville air park aircraft.

When it comes to providing assistance to Sailors, Hormann is the go-to-guy for the Admin Department. "It's nice to be recognized for the work that you do," Hormann said of his selection.

The junior civilian of the quarter for the 2nd Quarter of FY-2012 is Phyllis Bell, of the NAS Kingsville Security Department. A native of Tupelo, Miss., Bell is a four-year member of the Security staff. Bell was originally hired as a contract security employee with Securiguard in 2008. When the contract Security positions were eliminated and merged into the Government

... *"I enjoy assisting others to the best of my abilities and being a team player."*

-- Hormann

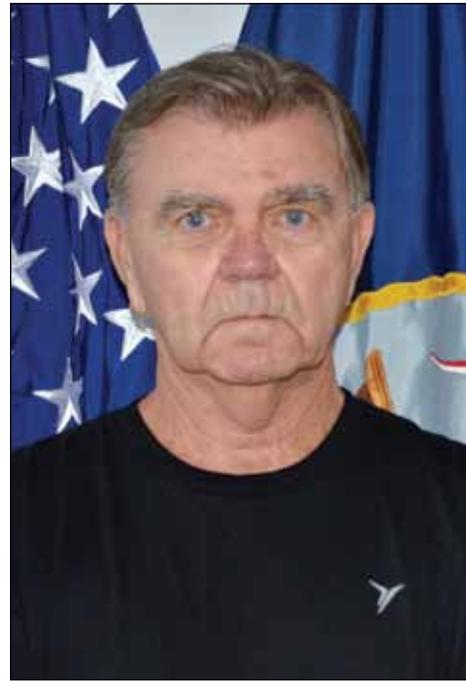
Service (GS) work force last year, Bell was one of the employees asked to remain on board to transition from contractor to government civilian.

"I wanted to continue to be a member of NASK Security team because I like my coworkers and I enjoy making sure that the people here are safe," Bell said recently.

"What I like about my job the most is that I get to interact with the employees of NASK [and visitors to the base] on a daily basis. I enjoy assisting others to the best of my abilities and being a team player."

Bell makes a point of sharing her positive outlook on life with base personnel each day as she greets them at the main gate. Her smile and cheerful attitude are infectious.

"I love to see people with smiles on their faces," Bell admits. "So I try to stay in a good mood for the next person. I never know



Mahaffey

when someone may need a smile, laughter, or an encouraging word; so if I stay positive I will always be ready to help someone in need. I am very proud, grateful and thankful for being selected as civilian of the quarter."

The senior civilian of the quarter for the first quarter of FY-2012 is Ken Mahaffey of the Public Works Department/Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast. Mahaffey is a Performance Assurance Representative assigned to the Facility Engineering and Acquisition Development division.

In this role, Mahaffey monitors contractor performance for grounds and facility maintenance, airfield sweeping, refuse, elevator maintenance, and pest control.

"Ken is a reliable, no-nonsense, get-the-job-done guy who goes above and beyond to ensure mission accomplishment," said Steve Phalon, assistant Public Works Officer who has worked with Mahaffey for the past two and a half years. "He is a huge asset to our Public Works team."

Mahaffey, who resides in Corpus Christi, is a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and retired Navy Reservist – with more than 24 years of combined service. He retired shortly after returning from his second active Reserve stint in Kuwait as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003.

These days, though, Ken is a familiar sight around the air station – whether it be eliminating animal and pest problems or assisting with elevator repairs, he's the go-to-guy.

"Ken is an extremely dedicated worker," said Kevin Wong, Facilities Engineering and Acquisition supervisor.

"He comes to work early when he thinks he needs to and often stays late to ensure that the things under his control are right. He's extremely dedicated to the command, and the people that work on the air station.

If you need something done, done right and right now, he's the guy."

The senior civilian of the quarter for the second quarter of FY-2012 is Fifi Kieschnick of the Public Affairs Office.

A 31-year civil service employee, Kieschnick served as the public affairs officer at Naval Station Ingleside from 1992 to 2010, when the Naval Station was closed. She accepted a position at NAS Kingsville in January in 2010.

Since her arrival here, Kieschnick has been a valuable member of the command's public affairs team – as both the editor of the command newspaper, *Flying K*, and assistant public affairs officer. During the

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-- Bell

past quarter, Kieschnick played a key role in planning publicity for the 2012 Wings Over South Texas air show and all related media relations and public affairs events for the show and performers. She also assisted with the media relations for a T-45 Goshawk crash, and several major events on board the air station in addition to the air show.

"Fifi is a proven public affairs professional," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin. "She's an award-winning writer and a respected member of the Navy public affairs community and we are fortunate to have her as part of our public affairs staff."

In addition to Kieschnick's primary duty as newspaper editor, she also handles the command Community Outreach Program, Fleet Home Town News program, and assists with Media Relations. Kieschnick resides in Corpus Christi.



Bell



Kieschnick

Have you met ?.....

Cathy Hines



Cathy Hines is the new Youth Director at MWR. She manages school-age children activities, programs and care.

"My number one priority," Hines says, "is to ensure the youth entrusted to my care are safe, and provide educational and recreational programs, and activities for them."

The Midwesterner may be new to Texas, NAS Kingsville and working with the military, but she is not new to working with children. Her prior experience includes working for a city parks and recreation department programming youth activities.

She also holds a masters degree in recreation management and has spent some time working as an MWR intern in Millington, Tenn.

Besides adjusting to the heat and "learning the military" Hines says her immediate goals are to get the youth center organized.

"Since I'm an organized person, I'd like to get the center running like a smooth-functioning machine and provide the best

programs possible for the youth," Hines said. "I'd also like to increase the number of youth in my care, and help families understand and be excited about what we have to offer."

She says she likes camping and hiking and the outdoors.

And, doesn't like negativity.

"There's too much negativity in this world," Hines says. "I try to be as positive as I can so that my positive energy will affect the staff and kids."

She adds that if there is one thing you should know about her is that she tends to be a little quiet in a new environment. "People may perceive me as being standoffish because, right now, I'm a little quiet. But, I'm just learning and getting comfortable."

"I'm really excited to be here and work with the military."

Hines adds that her door is always open. "I'm here to serve (the military) and input is greatly appreciated."

Hawk's Landing, Hunter's Cove residents urged to complete survey

The annual Customer Satisfaction Survey, which evaluates resident satisfaction with Public Private Venture (PPV) and base housing units, were recently distributed to housing residents at Hawk's Landing and Hunter's Cove. The survey may be completed online or by completing the form provided and submitting to your housing provider.

The NASK Housing Service Center encourages all residents to complete their survey as accurately as possible as survey results will help identify areas where customers are satisfied and those where improvements need to be made.

"If we don't know of a problem or concern there is no way to address it," said NAS Kingsville Housing Director Lynn Early. "These surveys play an important role in helping us provide the very best housing service for base personnel."

The survey is anonymous, and no personal information will be requested.



Historic Wings -- Lt. j.g. Nicholas T. Bernard is presented his grandfather's wings of gold by his grandmother Helen Bernard, at a winging ceremony at the Captain's Club June 29. Bernard's grandfather, Harry Bernard, earned the wings in March 1943 and flew the TBM Avenger aboard the USS Hornet (CV 12). In 1944 on a mission over Palau in the South Pacific, Bernard's Avenger was hit by Japanese anti-aircraft fire and crashed into the sea. After spending 12 hours trying to swim to shore, Bernard was finally picked up by an American submarine. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA public affairs).



Congrats -- Bravo zulu to Lt. Jody Kite, NAS Kingsville's air traffic control facility officer, who received his sixth Navy Commendation Medal for his service from April 2009 to August 2012. Kite displayed superior leadership, supervised a highly successful air traffic control department through the completion of more than 690,000 flight operations resulting in the winging of 450 Naval and Marine Corps aviators. Kite was hand selected to fill the duties as Commander, Navy Region Southeast Air Traffic Control, Training and Readiness Officer, where he was directly responsible for 11 air traffic control facilities' operations, performance and safety of flight across the southern United States. Also, he was the cornerstone in the planning and execution of two phenomenally successful "Wings Over South Texas" air shows. Kite, a native of Grafton, W.V., has 23 years Naval service and is departing South Texas to head to Virginia Capes where he will be the air space officer and regional air space coordinator.

Help Your Cats and Dogs Beat the Heat

Rising temperatures can make your pet uncomfortable, or worse, put your pet at risk for heat stroke. Signs of heat stroke may include seizures, vomiting, difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling and complete collapse. To help your pet beat the heat, make sure you follow these five tips...



- 1. Seek Shade & Shelter** – Fur is great protection against the cold but can be a problem in hot weather. Unlike humans, dogs and cats mostly eliminate heat by panting. When the panting isn't enough, their body temperature rises, which can lead to heat stroke. So whether it's a covered patio, an umbrella, or even a tree, make sure your pet has access to shade and shelter.
- 2. Provide Plenty of Fresh Water** – It only takes a small amount of time playing or exercising outdoors in the sun for your pet to start feeling the effects of dehydration. Keep your pet cool and hydrated by providing them plenty of fresh, clean water — especially when it's hot outdoors.
- 3. Make a Splash** – Allowing your pet to jump in the pool is another great way to keep your pet cool. Please remember that not all dogs and cats know how or even like to swim. If they look like they are willing to give it a shot, you may want to introduce a flotation device to help them paddle along the pool easier. Remember to rinse your pet off once they are out of the pool. Many pools contain chlorine and other chemicals that may remain on the fur and cause an upset stomach or worse should your pet lick it off.
- 4. Careful with the Toes** – Sand, concrete and asphalt can easily blister and burn your pet's footpads during the summer months. Fortunately there are many brands of pet shoes or boots that will help minimize contact with the hot surface. Choose one that fits your pet's style or wardrobe.
- 5. Trim it Up** – Having your groomer trim off an inch or two from your pet's coat (more so for long-haired pets) will help prevent overheating. If your dog or cat doesn't take kindly to haircuts, you can also try brushing his or her coat more during the summer. This also helps prevent problems caused by excessive heat.

NAVFAC Southeast opens call center supporting entire region in Jacksonville

By Sue Brink
NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last month at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast to officially celebrate the opening of its new Regional Call Center (RCC) projected to provide a \$1.2 million annual savings.

The center is where all emergency and routine service calls will be handled for U.S. Navy bases from Texas to Georgia and south to Key West, Fla. as well as its associated Navy Reserve Centers.

"The call center started operations on Jan. 30, servicing Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West, Fla. and on April 2 for NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, to implement the new program," said Brian deLumeau, RCC program manager. "Service to NAS Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport were added on July 1, to complete Phase I of the program.

"We expect the center to provide efficiency through work accomplished with less people saving an estimated \$1.2 million per year."

Service calls will be received at the center from each respective Public Works Department (PWD) or from a representative appointed on the base. The RCC staff will process the request through a Navy data management program and forward to a base operating support (BOS) contract dispatch center or the PWD Shop at each base to have the work completed.

The call center is located on board NAS Jacksonville and managed by NAVFAC Southeast's Public Works Business Line and is staffed by full-time government employees on a 24 hour, 7 days a week.

Currently, eight PWDs have in-house trouble desks and six have BOS-operated trouble desks. These separate call centers are estimated to contain the cost equivalent of 40 positions, costing approximately \$3 million per year.

"We believe that the new RCC can operate with 18 employees by regionalizing the work to this single location," said deLumeau. "The new program will also provide improved data integrity through quality control and one streamlined process throughout the region."

The team is getting positive responses from their customers and do not even notice that the move has been made to Jack-

sonville.

"People call us directly on our toll-free number or e-mail us at our public e-mail account," said Anne Rush who works in the RCC. "My old customers didn't realize that I had relocated and moved when I tell them that I am working out of the office in Jacksonville."

Phase II will begin Oct. 1 by adding Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.; NAS Kingsville, Texas; and Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Ft. Worth, Texas.

Phase III begins Oct. 1, 2013, at which time the remaining bases in the Southeast region will be supported including JRB New Orleans, La.; Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Miss.; NAS Pensacola, Fla.; NAS Whiting Field, Fla.; Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City, Fla.; and NSA Orlando, Fla.

The Regional Call Center set up required proper facilities, computer equipment and a phone system capable of receiving calls and evenly distributing them among the call center employees. This was done by developing a "round robin" type phone system which will ring service desk phones sequentially to distribute the workload.

Each computer is supplied with two monitors to allow multiple programs to open and fully viewable and a hands-free handset. This was anticipated to speed up the process and allow for more accurate data transfers. The computers access the Navy's Geographic Information System that gives operators access to maps and overhead photographs to pinpoint locations.

Historically, NAVFAC Southeast had issues with manning a call center at each base. Operational procedures were as diverse as the number of bases. Six bases had contractor-operated call centers and some in-house workforces were also used. Therefore, different procedures were used, different approval systems and distribution of costs associated with calls.

"The Regional Call Center provides proper training and consistent operating procedures to avoid old pitfalls," said deLumeau. "Now appropriate chains of approval will be used to ensure consistency with processing calls and associated costs with associated repairs."

deLumeau explained that as they attain full steady state, the Regional Call Center will handle more than 175,000 trouble calls annually.



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Food drive underway -- RP2 Quentin Williams sorts through nonperishable food items collected for the Feds Feed Families food drive, which runs through the end of August. The NAS Kingsville Religious Ministries Team has placed boxes throughout the air station to collect food items, which will help replenish local food banks. For more information, contact the Chaplain's office at (361) 516-6618.

HT-8 Instructor saves swimmer at Pensacola Beach

By Jay Cope
NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs

A relaxing and calm day at the beach for a Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT instructor pilot quickly turned intense when he heard cries for help from the gulf waters, July 6. With no lifeguard nearby, Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Somma jumped in the waters to aid the distressed swimmer.

Enjoying a bright, clear day on Pensacola Beach, Sunday, July 8, Somma and his family were sitting and enjoying the sunshine when someone yelled from the water. He and another man looked at each other and ran to the ocean, according to Somma. It was just a case of being in the right place at the right time, he said.

"Really, it was just instinct. Anybody in

that position would have done what I did."

But not everyone would have had his level of training.

A competitive swimmer from his youth, Somma still trains intensely for both his Coast Guard career and his enjoyment of Triathlon meets. He swam out to help bring 60-year old Margaret Murphy back to shore. She had drifted out into deeper water and got caught in some of the Gulf Coast's erratic currents. Kicking together, they were able to move closer to shore when the other Samaritan arrived and helped pull Murphy into shallower waters where they could walk to shore. Murphy, a tourist visiting Pensacola, was scared, but uninjured during the ordeal.

Despite his high level of fitness and

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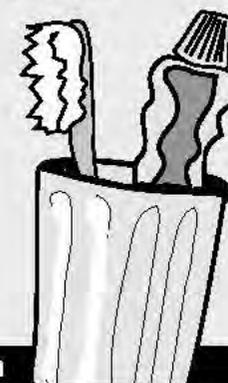
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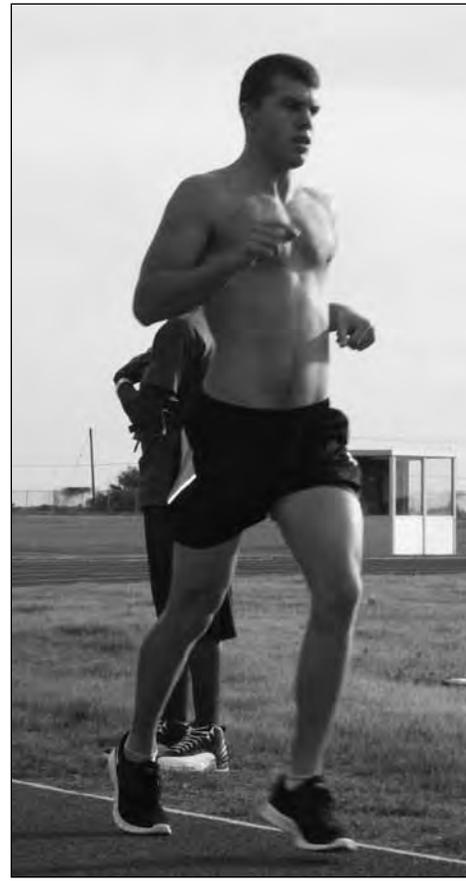
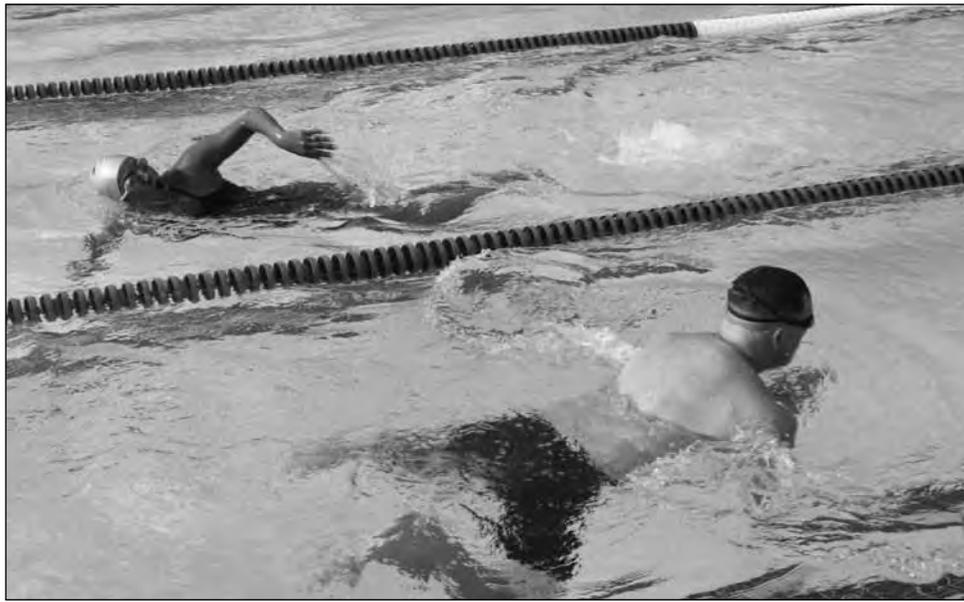
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Splash 'n Dash --

Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a Splash and Dash contest on July 19. The event consisted of swimming 450 meters and then running 1.5 miles. Pictured far right, Jonathan English, a lifeguard, took top honors with a time of 20:29:7. First place

prize was a Polar watch. Ryan Moore, in the middle photo, took second place with a time of 20:59:6. Pictured below are (left) Valerie Hennessey, who placed 15th overall, and Scott Schoeman, who placed 9th overall. (Photos courtesy Ivon Gomez)



Navy researchers seek to improve weather prediction for global operations

With the Atlantic hurricane season already underway, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) is pursuing a number of projects to help Navy forecasters and meteorologists around the world predict storms better.

ONR's efforts in funding ocean research are yielding enhanced weather and ocean prediction models-highlighted in a new video-that help Navy leaders understand how to route ships around the globe to avoid storms, reduce fuel consumption, avoid Arctic ice flows and promote safety at sea.

"Weather is one of the most significant factors affecting naval operations at sea," said Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder. "ONR-funded research in weather prediction is improving the Navy's forecasting capability and accuracy for any location around the world where our Sailors and Marines are conducting missions."

At the Fleet Weather Center in Norfolk, Va., Navy meteorologists depend on ONR-developed weather models and tools to provide timely, comprehensive and tactically-relevant products and services to

support fleet training and operations. "We use real-time sensing data, observations from ships and combine that with modeling outputs to try and get as far ahead of the bad weather as possible," said Cmdr. Adam Newton, operations officer. "This information improves safety at sea and can give the fleet a real warfighting advantage."

While the Navy forecasters focus on supporting Fleet operations around the world, ONR often partners with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) because the same data and weather models that Navy forecasters use also help NOAA to provide accurate weather prediction and storm warnings across the country.

"There is a concerted effort to link various atmospheric and oceanic models together to attain more accurate weather forecasts," said Dan Eleuterio, an ONR program officer. Eleuterio is working on a new computer model called the Tropical Cyclone Coupled Ocean/Atmospheric Mesoscale Prediction System, or TC-COAMPS, which allows

scientists to forecast storms' track and strength in real time at high resolution. It was the first dynamic model to demonstrate better skill than statistical approaches at NOAA's National Hurricane Center, and is one of several Navy and NOAA models being evaluated by the National Weather Service's Hurricane Forecast Improvement Program.

"Up until now, predicting the intensity of storms was done with statistical-dynamical models," said Eleuterio. "What that means is that forecasters would look at several decades of observed data and they would simply say that if a storm is in this place this season, it is most likely going to get stronger or weaker or change. It wasn't an actual prediction, and TC-COAMPS will change that as a next-generation weather prediction model."

ONR researchers work with underwater autonomous vehicles, ocean gliders and other sensors to collect information about how much the ocean environment drives global weather patterns. That data helps scientists improve mathematical equations for computer models that predict weather, ocean, sea, and even Arctic ice conditions.

The Navy has a long history of conducting missions in the Arctic for research and military purposes, and in 2009 published the Navy Arctic Roadmap to help ensure naval readiness and capability and promote maritime security in the Arctic region. Developed by the Navy's Task Force Climate Change, the plan includes increasing operational experience, promoting cooperative partnerships and improving environmental understanding.

"The Arctic ice flows are retreating,

and that has strategic implications for our country and naval operations in that region of the world as sea lanes open for shipping," said Rear Adm. David Titley, director of the Navy's Task Force Climate Change. "ONR research is helping us understand the Arctic environment, which helps us predict conditions and design future Navy ships better suited for that tough mission."

Tracking the sea ice cover is the responsibility of the National Ice Center (NIC), a multi-agency organization operated by the Navy, NOAA and the United States Coast Guard in Suitland, Md. "Weather modeling is really key to better understanding and forecasting of changing ice conditions in the Arctic," said Pablo Clemente-Colón, NIC's chief scientist.

In the future, ONR researchers hope to combine multiple weather prediction models to create a comprehensive coupled global model that will greatly extend prediction capability, accuracy and our understanding of the world's environment.

The Department of the Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) provides the science and technology necessary to maintain the Navy and Marine Corps' technological advantage. Through its affiliates, ONR is a leader in science and technology with engagement in 50 states, 70 countries, 1,035 institutions of higher learning and 914 industry partners. ONR employs approximately 1,400 people, comprising uniformed, civilian and contract personnel, with additional employees at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. (From *Office of Naval Research Public Affairs*)

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competence, Somma was still exhausted afterwards. The effort gave him a new-found admiration for the work rescue swimmers do. As an HH-65 "Dolphin" pilot for the Coast Guard, he has been in the front seat for many rescues, but this was his first in the water.

"It's a lot easier in the helo," he said. "What they do is very physically demanding. I have a real appreciation for the power and the skill of our rescue swimmers."

Ultimately the courage Somma showed is an extension of his uniformed service said Cmdr. Paul Bowdich, commanding officer of HT-8.

"It is always nice to know our service members out in town are still living up to the expectations we have of a military officer. Even when we take off the uniform, we never lose our responsibilities to our community, our service and our country."

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