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## Intelligence, secrecy drove U.S.'s bin Laden operation

By Lisa Daniel  
American Forces Press Service

In the early morning hours of darkness May 1, about 35 miles northeast of Islamabad, Pakistan, dozens of U.S. special operations members and CIA agents readied themselves aboard military helicopters for the operation of a lifetime.

U.S. intelligence officers had been gathering evidence since August that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was not in a cave along the U.S.-Pakistan border, as had become lore, but was living comfortably with his family and others in a \$1 million compound in Abbottabad, a suburb of the Pakistani capital, Defense Department and CIA officials who spoke on background about the operation said earlier this week.

## Obama taps Panetta for SECDEF

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama thanked Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates for his service April 28, as he officially announced his intention to nominate CIA Director Leon E. Panetta to lead the Pentagon after Gates retires June 30.

Obama said Gates will go down in history as one of the finest defense secretaries in U.S. history.

The president also announced his intention to nominate Leon Panetta as Secretary of Defense.

David H. Petraeus will succeed Panetta at the CIA and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John R. Allen to succeed Petraeus as commander of

Intelligence officers spent the next eight months gathering information, which flowed heavily early this year, in part from detained fighters with the Afghanistan insurgency, they said. "The intelligence on the compound was shared with no one outside the U.S. government, and only a small number inside," an intelligence official said.

President Barack Obama "pushed this to an actionable level," a senior defense official said, holding numerous meetings with his national security team to consider all possible scenarios.

The special operations team, meanwhile, used its intelligence information to train for the operation, including developing contingency plans for anything they could think of that might not go as planned. With no one other than a small group of U.S. national

the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

"Given the pivotal period that we're entering, I felt that it was absolutely critical that we had this team in place so that we can stay focused on our missions, maintain our momentum and keep our nation secure," Obama said.

Gates will step down after serving more than four and a half years in office. President George W. Bush nominated Gates when the surge of U.S. forces into Iraq was hitting its stride.

"Today, every American must know that because he helped to responsibly wind down the war in Iraq, we're in a better position to support our troops and manage the transition in Afghanistan," Obama said. "Because he challenged conventional thinking, our troops have the lifesaving equipment they need, and our military is better prepared for today's wars.

"And because he cut unnecessary spend-

security officials aware of the operation, officials said, the team was flown in to take bin Laden dead or alive.

Officials would not say how the forces got inside the compound, which has walls that range from 10 to 18 feet high around the perimeter, are topped with barbed wire and cover an acre of land. Once inside the triangular-shaped fortress, the team engaged in a firefight that killed two men who lived there in separate, smaller homes outside the three-story home of bin Laden and his family, officials said. The men are believed to

have been brothers; one owned the property and was a courier for bin Laden, deputy national security advisor John O. Brennan said later at a White House briefing.

As expected, officials said, bin Laden resisted capture and was killed in the firefight with U.S. forces on the third floor of the home. Bin Laden's adult son and a woman believed to be his wife also were killed in the shootout, and two women were wounded, they added.

U.S. forces were in the compound for  
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**Dancing into retirement** -- NAS Kingsville Security Officer Cesar Cavazos dances with his wife Irma following a retirement ceremony that brought to a close a career in law enforcement that spanned more than four decades. Turn to page 8 for the story and more photos. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

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# HURREX/Citadel Gale 2011 tests readiness

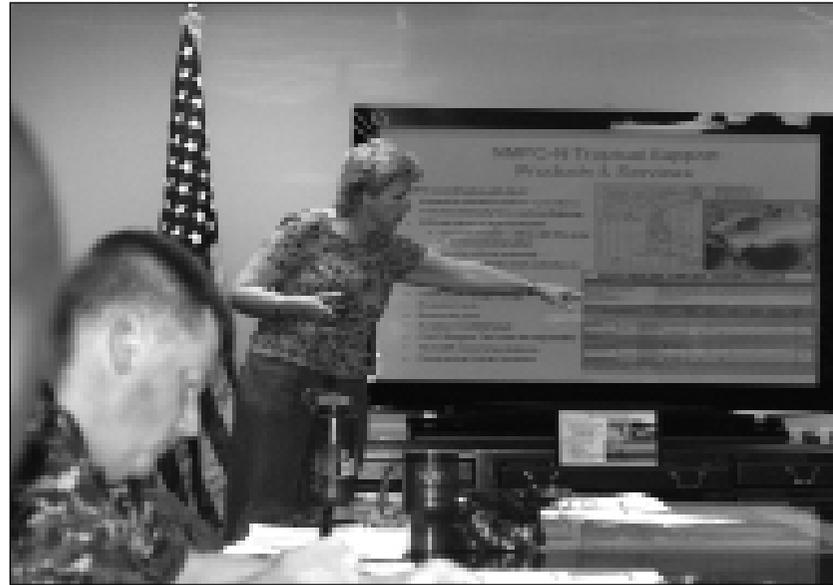
Navy facilities along the eastern seaboard of the United States participated in Hurricane Exercise (HURREX)/Citadel Gale 2011 April 25, in an effort to ensure installation readiness in the event of a hurricane. The annual U.S. Fleet Forces and Navy Installation Command exercise helps prepare commands for the Atlantic hurricane season, which begins June 1 and runs through Nov. 30. The exercise prepares the Navy to respond to extreme weather threats to U.S. coastal regions, and to maintain the ability to deploy forces even under the most adverse weather conditions.

This year's exercise involved two simulated storm systems developing and intensifying to hurricane strength, threatening the Caribbean Islands, and the U.S. East Coast and some Gulf Coast installations.

All Navy commands in those regions, ashore and afloat, in port and underway, participated in the exercise. Efforts ranged from reacting to simulated hurricane damage and recovery, to reviewing and exercising heavy weather instructions and procedures, and accounting for Sailors and Navy families in the affected regions through the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS).

While NAS Kingsville was not in the projected path of either of the exercise storms, Training Officer Jim Lawrence and Emergency Manager Monette Walker used the exercise to remind personnel about what can be expected as a hurricane approaches our area, how to react, command plans for evacuation and mustering of personnel.

"This exercise gave us the opportunity to review the command destructive weather check list, looking for those big ticket items that the Skipper needs to know as we move through the various Conditions of Readiness (CORs)" Walker said. "We also used the exercise



NAS Kingsville's Emergency Manager Monette Walker leads Kingsville personnel in a table top hurricane exercise. (Photo by Jon Gagné)

to train the Command Duty Officer (CDO) in the COR check list, reporting, and accountability procedures."

With hurricane season less than a month away, all commands and activities on board the air station should be reviewing destructive weather instructions and updating their personal contact information in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS).

The *Flying K's* annual hurricane issue will be published June 3.

## Performance Evaluation instruction updated

An update to the Navy Performance Evaluation System instruction BUPERSINST 1610.10C was released April 21 by Navy Personnel Command (NPC).

The update cancels BUPERSINST 1610.10B and incorporates several NAVADMINs affecting performance evaluations and fitness reports.

"The changes cover new E-5 promotion recommendation rules, Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) documentation, a new billet sub-category for performance reports, Reserve component unit reporting responsibilities, elimination of references to the enlisted field service record and other items," said James Price, director, Navy NPC Performance Evaluation Division.

One update incorporates new distribution rules for E-5 promotion recommendations announced in NAVADMIN 286/10, requiring the number of 'Early Promote' and 'Must Promote' recommendations not to exceed 60 percent of the E-5 group. In addition, the 'Must Promote' recommendation may be increased by one for each 'Early Promote' quota not used. The 'Early Promote' recommendation limit of 20 percent has not changed in the new instruction.

NAVFIT98A Version 29 was rolled out incorporating the new rules. Workstations on the unclassified Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) automatically received this new version. For non-NMCI users, the upgrade is available for download from the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) website.

Service members should verify they are using Version 29 by checking 'About NAVFIT98A' under the help tab in NAVFIT98A, which will display 'Version 2.2.0.29.'

Another update in BUPERSINST 1610.10C details new requirements announced in NAVADMIN 193/10 for documenting PFA results in performance evaluations. For performance reports with an end date of Aug. 1, 2010, or later, commands must now enter a one-letter PFA code in block 20 for each cycle completed during the reporting period.

Per NAVADMIN 215/10, a new billet subcategory was added. The code 'INDIV AUG' in block 21 of the performance report is now available for Individual Augmentee Manpower Management, Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment and Overseas Contingency Operation Support Assignment participants.

For Reserve Sailors, the fourth chapter of the new instruction enables authorized mobilization unit commanding officers to write concurrent reports for Cross Assigned In (CAI) personnel, while the training unit commanding officer retains regular reporting responsibilities.

These are a few of the updates published in BUPERSINST 1610.10C. To see more, review the instruction on the NPC website at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformanceEvaluation/>. NAVFIT98A version 29 and an updated user guide is available under the CareerInfo tab.

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This paper is published for people like Kingsville native Sylvia Calderon. Calderon has been working with the Navy Exchange aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville for the past 30 years.

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about 40 minutes and took no casualties, officials said. During that time, they also seized numerous items that are being investigated, they said. Obama and his national security team anxiously monitored the operation in real time, Brennan said.

"The president was very concerned about the security of our personnel," he said.

"Clearly, it was very tense. A lot of people were holding their breath, and there was a fair degree of silence as we got the updates." Technical problems with one of the helicopters added to the tension, he said.

After the U.S. team was safely out of the country, officials said, Obama and other members of the national security team began calling government leaders in Pakistan and Afghanistan and members of Congress.

"The accomplishment that these very brave personnel from the U.S. government were able to do is very significant" to the broader effort against terrorism, Brennan said. "This is decapitating the head of the snake. This is something we've been after for 15 years."

An intelligence official who spoke to Pentagon reporters on background said the operation demonstrated "the tremendous partnership between the CIA and the U.S. military since 9/11."

As intelligence allowed them to piece together details of the compound and its occupants, he said, it became clear bin Laden "was more or less living in plain sight" while al-Qaida's lower level operatives "are living in dire conditions."

# SECNAV Mabus cites need for globally deployed Navy

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

The operations of the past year highlight the need for the United States to maintain responsive and flexible global forces, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said at a Defense Writers Group breakfast in Washington, D.C., April 27. Mabus said he had just returned from Japan, where he met with 7,000 Sailors and Marines who worked in Operation Tomadachi to provide relief for earthquake and tsunami victims.

“A couple of things struck me: One of them was the amazing skill of these men and women in uniform, and secondly was the flexibility that they showed,” he said.

Mabus visited the USS Ronald Reagan during his trip. The ship was heading to provide combat aviation over Afghanistan when the earthquake hit. It immediately turned around and began providing disaster relief and humanitarian assistance, he noted.

“They used the same targeting formulas

that they would use for combat to make sure that humanitarian assistance got to the right place, at the right time,” he said.

Mabus said it is important that the United States takes a fundamental look at the roles and missions of the military in a fiscally constrained environment. The Navy has been trying to “buy things smarter” and has been looking at everything from platforms to personnel in an effort to save money yet still provide the capabilities the nation needs, he said.

Operations over the past months have highlighted the flexibility the Navy brings to the U.S. government’s toolbox, Mabus told the group. Some 18 ships and thousands of personnel on the ground helped in Japan. Navy submarines, big-deck amphibious ships and frigates participated in the initial strikes in Libya. At the same time, he said, aircraft carriers provided support to forces in Afghanistan and in the Persian Gulf, and Navy ships also are part of the antipiracy patrols in the Gulf and off the coast of Somalia.

What makes the fleet flexible, the secretary said, is that it comes from the sea. “We don’t have to take up an inch of anybody’s ground to project power or deliver aid,” he said. “We can sail on the sea lanes that we keep open.”

And this flexibility will only increase, he said. The Navy and the country need to look at budget constraints with an eye toward results, Mabus said.

Mabus compared the Marines to a middleweight fighter — fast and agile with enough punching power to hold until heavier capabilities arrive. Still, he said, “there will be more Marines doing things like special operations enablers.”

Going forward, he said, officials need to keep three questions in mind: “For anything, what’s the mission? What do we need to do the mission? How cheaply can you get there?”

The Navy has seen personnel changes, Mabus said, and those will continue. As part of the efficiency effort, the service has



Navy Secretary Mabus

moved Sailors from shore billets to ships, he said, and desk personnel to pierside. The littoral combat ships need fewer Sailors to man them, he added, and the new aircraft carriers will require 1,500 fewer Sailors to operate.



**Reaching out to the Women’s Shelter --** NAS Kingsville Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) team members recently presented a check for \$668.75 to the South Texas Women’s Shelter. The funds were donated by NAS Kingsville personnel through the committee’s SAPR Awareness Luncheon held in March. Pictured from left: Vickie Jacobson; Traci McClellan; CS1(SW) Holly Clow; Jessica Hernandez; CS1(SW) Erasmo Guerrero; NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley; Adrienne Sportsman; Adela Garcia; CSC(SW/SCW) Pearlina Myers; Rosa Balderas; CS2 Chris Crocker; Celina Utley; Cristina Longoria; and Jill Watson. In addition to hosting events on base that spotlight the SAPR Program, the SAPR team has selected the South Texas Women’s Shelter as one of their Community Outreach support programs. If you’d like to be part of this committee, contact NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley at x6291. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

## Reenlisting for 3 more years --

On April 22, Lt. Cmdr. Dave “Gravy” Anderson, Air Operations officer, reenlisted AC1(AW) Roberto Hernandez pictured right. Hernandez, a native of Brighton, Mass., reenlisted for another three years, which will extend his time in the U.S. Navy until he retires. His wife Wabanookwe and children, Jayden and Janessa, joined him during his reenlistment. Pictured below, Hernandez’ wife Wabanookwe, while holding Janessa, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Anderson. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)



### NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

**Sunday at McFall Memorial Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Services  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass  
**Tuesday**  
11:30 a.m. - Bible Study, in Bldg. 2741

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship  
**Thursday**  
4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

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ing,” the president continued, “we’ll save hundreds of billions of dollars that can be invested in the 21st-century military that our troops deserve.”

The United States military has fought in two wars every day of Gates’ tenure. Service members have also stood watch elsewhere around the globe. “It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve and to lead our men and women in uniform and our defense civilians,” he said. “They are the

best America has to offer.

“My highest priority from my first day in office,” Gates added, “has been to do everything I could for our uniformed men and women in harm’s way to help them accomplish their mission, to come home safely, and if wounded, to get them the best possible care from battlefield to homefront. I’ve done my best to care for them as though they were my own sons and daughters, and I will miss them deeply.”

The president said Panetta has the right skills to take over for Gates. The president said he has played a decisive role in the fight against violent extremism, serving as CIA director for more than two years.

“And as a former [Office of Management and Budget] director, he will ensure that even as we make tough budget decisions, we will ... keep our military the very best in the world,” Obama added.



Sailors and Marines stand in formation during an award ceremony aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD2). Essex is part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group on patrol in the western Pacific Ocean. Sailors whose Perform-to-Serve (PTS) quotas expired March 1 have until May 1, to request reinstatement. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Casey H. Kyhl)

## Command, Sailor share PTS responsibilities

By MC1(AW) LaTunya Howard  
Navy Personnel Command

Sailors whose Perform-to-Serve (PTS) quotas expired March 1, in accordance with NAVADMIN 352/10, have until May 1, to request reinstatement.

Eligible Sailors must submit a NAVPERS 1306/7 to their respective enlisted community manager (ECM) to have their PTS quota restored. Reenlistments or extensions to meet obligated service requirements must be executed no later than 45 days from ECM approval.

"If you're in a leadership position, this should be a top priority," said Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon D. Port. "Sailors E-6 and below with up to 14 years active service must use PTS/Fleet Rating Identification Engine (RIDE) to remain in the Navy. They must carefully watch those time lines and work with their command retention team to ensure timely application."

According to Port, the command career counselor, lead petty officer, lead chief petty officer and the Perform-to-Serve coordinator are members of the command retention team. Guidance on PTS requirements can be directed to these members.

"PTS is as much the Sailor's responsibil-

ity as it is a command responsibility," Port added. "But Sailors need to be provided the tools and information to do this. That informational role rests with the command retention team."

An approved PTS application is required before negotiating orders, reenlisting or extending. An application must be submitted even if a Sailor intends to separate from the Navy or is not recommended for reenlistment.

"Getting into PTS on time is not enough," said Joseph Kelly, PTS/Fleet RIDE program manager. "Sailors must also pay attention and start negotiating orders and handling reenlistment prerequisites to ensure the quota doesn't expire."

NAVADMIN 352/10 explains the PTS/Fleet RIDE integration policies and procedures, and includes specific time lines Sailors have to meet stay in the Navy.

Sailors who need more information about how to request restoration of their PTS quota can visit the PTS/Fleet RIDE page linked at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

The "Decision Memorandum for Restoral of Rescinded PTS Quotas" gives the specific steps needed to restore a previously approved PTS quota.

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

## Rechargeable batteries accepted at NASK recycling center

Rechargeable batteries accepted at recycling center

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Recycling Center is accepting certain rechargeable batteries.

They are: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), and small

sealed lead batteries less than 11 pounds (Pb).

Customers may drop them off at the recycling office Monday through Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call (361) 516-6231.

## In the Break



Capt. Mark Brooks  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings to all.

It has been an eventful several weeks.

The instructors, students and maintainers of Training Air Wing TWO have accomplished much since I last wrote for the Flying K at the end of March: they led the largest Carrier Qualification Detachment in recent memory (63 total students for CNA-TRA) to a new location (Naval Station Mayport, Fla.) with 35 students participating from TW2, completed 30 Strike and E2C2 students in April with 28 getting their Wings of Gold, and executed another flawless Weapons Detachment to NAF El Centro, Calif., right on the heels of the huge CQ Detachment on the east coast.

BZ to everyone that made it all happen!

I have been away from the desk and the flight line for several weeks and I was wrapping up the latest event at NAS Pensacola, Fla., last week when the devastating severe weather hit several southern states April 27. My home state of Alabama suffered the most from a loss of life standpoint. I have

## Flight Plans

### Health & Safety Fair slated

The 3rd Annual NASK Health and Safety Fair will be held on May 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NASK Club. There will be many military and civilian vendors with information, displays, handouts and hands-on learning experiences, including Bicycle safety, fire safety, electrical safety, boating safety, and more.

Health booths include summer health topics such as hearing protection and insect control, as well as general health topics: blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and tobacco cessation, to name a few. Mark your calendars and come out on Friday, May 27. This event is open to all military ID card holders and all civilian employees on board the air station.

### Region Commander releases energy strategy

Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, announced the release of the region's 2011-2013 Energy Strategy in a podcast video. The video message is available at [www.cnrc.navy.mil/cnrse](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/cnrse) and [www.facebook.com/navyre-gionse](http://www.facebook.com/navyre-gionse).

Also available online are the Energy Strategy brochure and a quick reference card that Sailors, civilian employees, retirees, and family members can download. The brochure outlines the region's energy goals and the quick reference card provides

never seen that kind of random destruction in my lifetime and I hope I never see it again. An event like that reminds me that life is short and can be snatched from us in a fleeting moment—best to live every day like we mean it.

Lastly, I was made aware of the death of Osama Bin Laden like most everyone: the news flash on TV as we were getting ready to go to sleep. I have been aware of that terrorist's name for about half of my 26-year career as a Naval Officer. I am quite alright with the news of his passing. I am, however, somewhat disturbed to see the parties in the streets last night and the chants of "USA, USA" like it was some sort of Olympic event. As a professional Warfighter, that doesn't seem appropriate to me and I am reminded of the following passage from the Navy Flyer's Creed that I am privileged to read at the conclusion of every Winging Ceremony:

"When the going is fast and rough, I will not falter. I will be uncompromising in every blow I strike. I will be humble in victory."

Let's get on with our business of training the world's finest tactical aviators, so that they can accomplish the mission forward-deployed in harm's way, contribute to setting the conditions so that we can bring everyone home, and make the world a safer more peaceful place.

Regards, Fingers.

specific recommendations on how everyone can help reduce energy consumption.

The Energy Strategy is part of an ongoing effort to change behaviors from a culture of consumption to a culture of conservation. Aggressive conservation efforts at Region Southeast installations will enable the region to meet the Secretary of the Navy's goal of three percent energy usage reduction per year and a 30 percent reduction by 2015 relative to 2003.

As Rear Adm. Alexander announced in the brochure, "Everyone is an energy saver." (*Commander, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs*)

## VITA gets big pay back

The NAS Kingsville Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office was open from Feb. 14 Feb to April 18. During this time, VITA staff members assisted with 79 federal returns (68 e- filed, 11 paper), and 10 state returns (5 e- filed, 5 paper).

Base personnel saved more than \$15,000 in federal return preparation fees (no fee recorded for prep of state returns) and netted \$155,787 in net refunds. (\$175,520 in refunds; \$19,733 in amount due). Just over 731 volunteer hours were recorded.

The final tally within the Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) Central's operating area reached the \$7 million mark.

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VITA volunteers are photographed with Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer (second from left). Pictured from left are: JoAnn Govea; McLaughlin; CSC(SW/SCW) Pearline Myers; CS2 Chris Crocker; Stephanie Walker; AZ2(AW) Darrell O'Neal; CS2(AW) Erick Soliz

Volunteers worked a total of 10,371.75 hours and completed 4,282 federal and 1,804 state federal returns. In all, military and civilian personnel were able to net \$7,598,737 in federal returns, while VITA volunteers saved them more than \$626,000 in federal tax preparation fees.

### Legal Office to draft wills

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Navy Legal Service Office will offer appointments to draft wills on June 8. Please call 361-516-6426 or email christie.mills@navy.mil, to schedule your appointment.

### Teen summer program accepting applications

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) is accepting applications for its 2011 Navy Teen Summer Adventure Scholarship Program, which will allow 180 eligible Navy teens, ages 13 to 17, to attend one of eight all-expenses paid summer camps, schools and workshops.

To apply for the 2011 Navy Teen Camp Scholarship Program, visit [www.cnic.navy.mil](http://www.cnic.navy.mil). Click "What We Do," then "Family Readiness." Or, visit [www.tinyurl.com/3vu7gz9](http://www.tinyurl.com/3vu7gz9) to read the brochure and complete the application. Teens are required to write an essay about the adventure they want to experience.

Eligibility requirements include: participant must be eligible to enroll in Navy Youth Programs; must be a dependent of Navy active-duty or Reservist; between the ages of 13 and 17 by June 1;

And, possess a valid passport if traveling from a foreign country or applying for sailing camp.

Applications must be received no later than May 20.

### Safety offers classes

NAS Kingsville's Safety Office is offering the basic motorcycle rider's course beginning May 23. The course is two days, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 2740, Room 212.

A driver safety class will be offered May 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 2740, room 212.

For either class, register through ESA-MS or contact the Safety Office at x6153 for more information.

### Stress management Training

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will host Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training from May 23 to 27, at St. Joseph's Hall, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Candidates for training are individuals who can serve as peers on critical incident management teams.

The class will involve Group Crisis Intervention the first two days of class. The next two days will be Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support and a disaster drill will be held the final day.

CISM is an intervention protocol developed specifically for dealing with traumatic events. It is a formal, structured and professionally recognized process for helping those involved in a critical incident to share their experiences, vent emotions, learn about stress reactions and symptoms and given referral for further help if required.

If you would like to attend this training, contact Pat Kapitan at 961-1670.

### DoD announces winners of Installation Excellence award

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates recently announced the winners of the 2011 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

They are: U.S. Army Garrison, Wiesbaden, Germany; Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Joint Base Pearl Har-

bor-Hickam, Honolulu, Hawaii; Spangdahlem Air Base, Spangdahlem, Germany; and, Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio

The Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The five recipients of this highly competitive Presidential award were selected for their exemplary support of Department of Defense missions.

Excellent installations enable better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for military men and women and their families. Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing and recreational conditions.

Naval Air Station Kingsville was selected to represent Navy Region Southeast in the annual competition.

### Response line available 24/7

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 response line at (361) 533-0454 or contact Pat Kapitan at (361) 961-1670 or (361) 947-3140.

### CO's Suggestion Box

Have an idea that can make Naval Air Station Kingsville a better place to work? Don't know how to get that idea to the right person?

NAS Kingsville now has two CO Suggestion Boxes placed just to get your input. One is located on the quarterdeck of the Headquarters Building 2740 and the other is on the quarterdeck at Air Operations.

## Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### Bowling Leagues

#### Wednesday Nite Mixed

#### Standings as of April 27

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Petes Angels	72	52
2	Slow Rollin'	67.5	56.5
3	Rat'Lers	64	60
4	Bad Ass	64	60
5	Big K Rollers	63.5	60.5
6	Laugh Out Loud	61.5	62.5
7	DUH's	53	58.5
8	DUH's	50.5	73.5

#### Weekly High Scores:

Regina Garcia, 177 game, 45 pins over average.

#### High Series: (Year to Date):

(Men): John Zapalac, 671; Roberto Herrera, 657; (Women): Robin Robertson, 550; Lee Peters, 547

High Game: (Men) Frank Goff 278; Darrell Beal 278. Women: Lee Peters, 215; Doris Wallis, 212; Delia Monroe, 209.

### MWR Event Calendar

#### Tuesdays

Ultimate Frisbee Under the Lights, 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the football field.

#### Wednesdays

Wednesdays, at 7 p.m., movies are shown free of charge at the ITT Liberty Lounge.

#### Saturdays

Saturdays, at 2 p.m., children's movies are shown free of charge at the ITT Liberty Lounge.

#### Trivia on Tap

Trivia Night at the K-Bar is held Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Teams of four compete by answering trivia questions. Great K-Bar prizes available to winners.

Call 516-6371, for more information.

#### Bowling Center

Free bowling weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with purchase of a meal.

#### K-Rock Coffee Shop

Buy 10 Cups get one free!!

## Enlisted Early Transition Program extended

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With the release of NAVADMIN 142/11, April 22, the Navy has extended the Enlisted Early Transition Program (EETP) to Sept. 30, 2013.

Due to the Navy's unprecedented retention and successful recruitment, Sailors are being offered a voluntary early separation option.

"Our over-manning in certain ratings was a consideration for the extension of this program," said Mike Dawson, head enlisted community manager, Navy Personnel Command. "Our community managers have also received a lot of feedback from Sailors that they would apply for an early-out if they were eligible."

EETP differs from the Early Career Transition Program (ECTP), which allows Sailors to transition into the Selective Reserve (SELRES) prior to their End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) by submitting a request three-to-15 months in advance. EETP allows Sailors to request early separation up to 24 months prior to their scheduled EAOS or extended EAOS.

Qualified Sailors may submit their request for early separation to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (COMNAVPERSCOM) via their commanding officer (CO). Commanding officers have final disapproval authority under this program and should not forward a request they cannot support. COMNAVPERSCOM has final approval authority for requests with positive CO endorsement.

MILPERSMAN 1910-102 requirement for "separation by reason" does not apply to this program. Sailors are not required to state a reason for making the request since this is a voluntary program.

Approval for Sailors with critical Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC) will be based on individual community requirements.

Early separation requests will not be approved for Sailors: In nuclear ratings; in receipt of permanent change of station orders; identified to fill or currently serving on a Global War on Terrorism/Overseas Contingency Operation, or Individual Augmentee assignment whose rotation date would be affected; in the National Call to Service Program; in any sea warfare combat program; Sailors serving in a rating and/or holding an NEC listed in any enlistment bonus, Selective Re-enlistment Bonus, or similar special and incentive pay program in effect at any time within the fiscal year of the request or separation; assigned to a Department of Defense area tour and have not completed the tour requirement, including overseas tour extension incentive program for which a benefit has been received; or who are retirement eligible.

For more on the EETP read NAVADMIN 142/11, call the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC, 1-866-827-5672 or email at [cscmailbox@navy.mil](mailto:cscmailbox@navy.mil).



Left, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, designates Irma Cavazos as a "Yellow Rose of Texas" as her husband, Cesar, retires from federal service. Also pictured from left are their son Cesario Cavazos Jr. and daughter Carmen Pratt.



Above, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Cesar Cavazos with a Civilian Meritorious Service Medal as he retires with more than 42 years from federal service.

## NAS Kingsville Security Officer marks 42-years federal service with retirement ceremony

By Jon Gagné  
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NAS Kingsville Security Officer Cesar Cavazos brought to a close a career in law enforcement that spanned more than four decades April 29, with an official retirement ceremony at the Captain's Club. Cavazos, who is a native of Kingsville and current resident of Riviera, was joined by his wife Irma, an L-3 Vertex employee, their children and friends at the ceremony. NAS Kingsville Training Officer Jim Lawrence, a retired Master Chief, served as the master of ceremonies, while NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin served as presiding officer and guest speaker.



Cesar Cavazos tells those assembled that until his wife retires, he plans to spend time with family and friends, and go fishing.

Cavazos laid the foundation for his career in 1957, while still in high school, enlisting in the National Guard at the age of 15. When he graduated from high school four years later he immediately hopped on a bus for San Antonio and enlisted in the Army. A year later he found himself in Germany, as-

signed to the Army's 2nd Artillery Division. Four years later, as a staff sergeant looking to get closer to home, Cavazos accepted orders to Fort Riley, Kan., with the 9th Infantry Division. But shortly after arriving stateside, his unit shipped out to Vietnam. He spent 14 months in country before returning home in May 1967, and separating from the Army.

After returning home, he took an entrance exam for the Kingsville police department. Cavazos said to his surprise, at 26, he was hired as a patrolman. He spent several years on the Kingsville police force, advancing to the rank of lieutenant. But in 1975, he was ready to move again.

Cavazos applied for a job with the NAS Kingsville security department in June 1975, and was hired as a command investigator. At the same time, he re-enlisted in the National Guard as a staff sergeant (E-6). He was advanced to E-8 in 1988, and officially retired from the Guard in 1991.

In his civilian job, he was promoted to a security specialist position and then assistant security officer in 1985, and remained in that role for the next 14 years.

In 1999, he was appointed acting security director for the air station and when the command officially filled the position the following year, he was the obvious choice for the job.

The rest, as they say, is history.

"Kingsville has always been a quiet base," Cavazos said recently as he reflected back on his career. "In the 70s and 80s the population of the base was much larger and there were a lot of things going on, but

we've always been fortunate that crime on base was not an issue. That's not to say that we didn't have our share of problems and events, [because] we did. But we handled them professionally."

During his 35 years on board NAS Kingsville, Cavazos has witnessed a lot of changes. But change, Cavazos admits, is part of life. Adapting to change, he adds, is the challenge. "When your job is telling people they have to turn left when they want to turn right, or stop when they want to go, you're going to have challenges."

Now, with spare time on his hands for the first time in nearly 50 years, Cavazos looks forward to relaxing and enjoying life. Fishing is high on his list, as is working on small engines, and helping his friends and neighbors. Spending more time with his grandchildren is up there, too.

"My wife still has a few years left before she can retire," he explained, "so those things will do for now. When Irma's retirement comes, then we'll do some traveling. But for now, family, friends and fishing sounds pretty good."



Cesar Cavazos, center, poses with Security Department leadership as he retires from federal service.



## Pilot for a Day

NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO welcomed 8-year old Ingleside, Texas, youth, Jesus Martinez III, as “Pilot for a Day,” on April 21. Jesus is a patient at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi. He was joined by his uncle and brother during his day-long visit to the air station.

Pictured clockwise from top left are:

While visiting the tower at Air Operations, AC2 Christy Collins points to an aircraft leaving final check and about to take off, so Pilot for a Day Jesus “Jesse” Martinez III can watch.

Instructor Pilot at Training Squadron 21, Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Dierks explains the purpose of all the gadgets inside the cockpit of a T-45 Goshawk to Jesse.

At the Paraloft, Instructor Pilot at Training Squadron 21, Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Dierks and Frank Casarez Jr. assist Jesse into the harness straps to experience the effect of hanging when the parachute deploys.



And, at the Fire Department, Firefighter Matthew Koenig shows Jesse and his brother Japheth how to operate and handle the nozzle of a pressured fire hose. (Photos by IC1(SW) Jesse Booth)



## JROTC students learn first-hand about the Navy as they visit, tour NAS Kingsville

Twenty Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AJROTC) students from Harlingen High School (North) visited Naval Air Station Kingsville on Apr. 15.

On April 20, 25 Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) students from Rio Hondo High School toured the air station.

Touring NAS Kingsville helps high school student cadets learn the functions and personal experiences of active-duty Sailors. Pictured left, Charlie Michalk, ground training officer, talks to students from Harlingen High School about the significance of wearing flight gear to prevent the impact of G-force on the pilots in flight.

Pictured right AC2 Brian Heaver explains the duties of each watch station in Air Operations and the relationship between Approach Control Radar and the aircraft in the air to the Rio Hondo High School Air Force JROTC cadets. AC2 Christy Collins, right, looks on. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)