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## Fuel spill exercise tests first responders

By Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville first responders took part in a training exercise March 24, to test emergency response to a simulated fuel spill at the air station's fuel farm.

The exercise was one of four Navy Region Southeast (NRSE)-mandated training evolutions required to be conducted each year to ensure NRSE commands have a proven and effective plan for responding to emergency situations.

"The purpose of this exercise was to train our team to the response requirements of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) utilizing our base Facilities Response Plan (FRP)," said NAS Kingsville Training Of-

ficer Jim Lawrence. The exercise included response teams from the NAS Kingsville Fire and Emergency Services Department, the city of Kingsville Fire Department, base Security, Safety, Emergency Management Department, Environmental Services, Public Affairs, the NAVSUP Jacksonville Fleet Logistics Center Detachment NAS Kingsville, and the command Emergency Operations Center.

"Our command first responders took action during this training exercise with total professionalism and dedication, and were able to accomplish all training objectives with superior results," Lawrence said. "The training scenario was developed to exercise multiple aspects of base mission areas to in-

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NAS Kingsville firefighters transport a simulated injured responder, from the fuel spill exercise held March 24, to an awaiting ambulance for emergency medical care. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)



## 60 years and counting --

Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville, is joined by Kingsville Economic Development Council Director Dick Messbarger, left, and Kingsville Commissioner Stan Laskowski Jr. for the cake-cutting ceremony at the Captain's Club April 1, marking 60 consecutive years of flight training on board the air station since the base reopened on April 1, 1951. The Air Station began supporting pilot training on July 4, 1942, during the intense efforts to train pilots for combat missions during World War II. On Sept. 12, 1946, the air field was placed in a caretaker status. The land was leased to Texas A&I College (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) for use as an agricultural station. On April 1, 1951, the base was reopened as a Naval Air Auxiliary Station. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville.

The past few weeks have been pretty busy around here and I'd like to start by offering my congratulations to all participants involved in the Explosive Safety Inspection.

NAS Kingsville received a grade of "Satisfactory," and our processes for explosive safety are sound and must be practiced continuously. Well done to all the members from NASK, tenant commands and Weps, great job!

Spring has arrived, and as I'm typing

## Deckplate Leadership



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



Team Kingsville,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The purpose of SAAM is to increase awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and public education.

The Department of Defense's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO), which is responsible for oversight of the department's sexual assault policy, uses

right now, I'd have to say it is more like summer outside. The grounds are looking great and the completion of the Army Reserve Center is almost final. Plans are being developed for the U.S. Army's move into the new facility and we will have a formal ribbon cutting ceremony within the next few weeks.

With this warm weather, I'd like to remind everyone how important it is to practice energy conservation. Our *Flying K* runs status reports on utilities usage, but if you don't follow that series, the best practices you can do to help me with the base is to secure unnecessary electrical usage.

Our huge air conditioning systems throughout the base draw a tremendous amount of energy, as well as lighting and computer operations. Public Works sets the thermostats, so please do not try to adjust them.

As for other electrical demands, please

SAAM to focus on the effects sexual assault has on the military's mission readiness.

This is very important because a sexual assault can reverberate throughout a command and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the life of the victim and impeding the command's ability to work as an effective team.

The NAS Kingsville Sailors who make-up our SAPR team have already kicked off what looks to be a very proactive SAAM for our command. They conducted a car wash last Friday and raised \$500 dollars that will be donated to the South Texas Women's Shelter in Corpus Christi.

They also have a Sexual Assault Awareness event scheduled for Friday, April 15, at 11 a.m. This event, which will be held at the Captain's Club, will feature two guest speakers. SAPR team members are prepar-

shut those lights off and secure your computers at the end of each workday. That savings goes a very long way with our utility bill, which is close to \$6 per minute on average.

Additionally, if you see a fault with air conditioning or lighting, report it to Public Works so we can get it repaired.

I'll close with an announcement that we are within 60 days of the official start to hurricane season. I don't put a lot of faith in long-range forecasts, but the experts in this field say we are to expect another above average season for tropical storms and hurricanes.

Now is the time to begin personal preparations, and for the base, we will be working our emergency plans and exercises over the next few weeks.

We will keep you posted.

Until next time~Skipper Mac

ing food for the event and donations will be accepted. All donations from this event will also be donated to the South Texas Women's Shelter.

The NAS Kingsville SAPR team's proactive approach to preventing sexual assault and their tremendous focus on victim support was recently recognized.

The team was selected by the Coalition for Crime Victims Rights for a group award. They will be presented the award at the Coalition for Crime Victims Rights Award Ceremony, which will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 3915 Golihar Road, in Corpus Christi, at 6:30 p.m., on April 12.

V/R,  
CMC

## Advocates available aboard NAS Kingsville to help sexual assault victims

By IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth  
NASK Public Affairs

Sexual assault is a crime.

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to contact a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) advocate, who can provide invaluable information and support. Advocates will help the victim be comfortable and informed about the reporting process.

When reporting an assault with a SAPR advocate, the victim has two options: restricted or unrestricted.

The first option, "restricted," keeps the victim's identity and all details of the report confidential, including the identity of the accused. No one is reported for wrongful behavior because the entire situation will remain undisclosed.

The second option, "unrestricted," means the victim can talk to anyone about the incident.

"Being an advocate has changed my



life on a personal basis," said Pat Kapitan, sexual assault response coordinator. "I have learned a great deal about myself and how to help those I truly love that have or may become victims.

"On a professional side, as an advocate, I have learned a great deal about responsible

behavior for both men and women."

SAPR Advocate, IC1 (SW) Bernardino Martinez, who has been a trained advocate since April 2010, commented on how training to become an advocate has opened his eyes to what can happen. "It has made me be more on the lookout for yellow and red flags at home, the community and work," he said.

Treating others with respect and discouraging inappropriate behavior are key, according to SAPR Advocate CS1 (SW) Erasmo Guerrero. "Sailors should take care of other Sailors, and not let an escalating situation be okay. Say something and do something, because action is important to prevention."

"Education is key, and to be aware of what's going on around you," said NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley, command SAPR point of contact.

For more information or to report an assault call (361) 533-0454 anytime.

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This paper is published for people like Mary Esquivel, a primary care giver for children 1 to 2 years old at the Child Development Center. The Woodsboro, Texas, native has been working at the Child Development Center for the past 36 years.



## April is Month of the Military Child

### Celebrating our children --

Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville, signs a proclamation recently declaring April as Month of the Military Child. There are currently about 1.7 million American children under the age of 18 who have a parent serving in the military. More than half of these children have seen their parents deploy numerous times. Military children face many challenges due to their parents' service. They are forced to move frequently, adjust to being separated from a parent who deploys, and celebrate many holidays without their parents who are serving their country, just to name a few. Military children from the NAS Kingsville Child Development Center's preschool class helped the Captain with the proclamation. Also pictured with their "wards" are Lead Preschool Teachers Marcy Speller, left, and Michelle Smith, right. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth. Inset photo by Jon Gagné)



## NMCRS seeks donations during annual fund drive

By Fifi Kieschnick  
NASK Public Affairs

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for a few good donors.

They are still conducting their annual fund drive through April 15, raising money to provide financial assistance to Sailors and Marines with budget counseling, grants and interest-free loans.

Last year, Naval Air Station Kingsville personnel donated \$12,185 in the annual fund drive, according to Tambi Parker, director of the local NMCRS. "The NMCRS Kingsville office issued \$29,000 in interest free loans and grants in 31 financial cases last year."

Navywide, one in every five active-duty Sailors and Marines turned to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society for financial assistance in 2010. A total of \$49.9 million in financial assistance was provided in 99,854 financial cases, while donations totaled \$10.3 million.

NMCRS is a non-profit organization with programs and services funded entirely by charitable donations. The annual fund drive is used not only to raise funds, but to raise awareness of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society programs -- financial counseling, emergency assistance, Baby Boot

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**Wings of Gold --** Training Air Wing Two held a winging ceremony Friday, April 1 at the Captain's Club to present Navy and Marine corps Wings of Gold to the latest graduates of undergraduate jet/strike training. Special guest for the ceremony was the Indian Navy military attaché, Commodore Monty Khanna from the Indian Embassy in Washington, DC. Pictured above are Lt. Snehil Sood, Lt. Saurav Kothiyal, Commodore Khanna, and Lt. Rajiv Ravi. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs).

## Security's Spiewak returns from IA assignment at GTMO

By IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth  
NASK Public Affairs

MA1(SW/AW) Doug Spiewak recently returned to NAS Kingsville after serving as an Individual Augmentee (IA) at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba. At GTMO, he served as a Security Watch Commander supervising more than 110 Sailors, Marines and Soldiers for the Naval Expeditionary Command.

According to Spiewak, the biggest impact the deployment had on him was his learning experience with the detainees in GTMO.

"The interaction with the detainees was not what I had expected. They are experienced opponents at psychological warfare, and it was a fast lesson to be learned for me," Spiewak said.

"The camaraderie was the most important and best part of my tour, because it is so isolated that's all we really had."

Spiewak was welcomed back by the Security Department with a luncheon held on March 21.

"We are glad to have him back, because we could really use his leadership and experience," said MACS Theodore Dudek, leading chief petty officer in the Security Department.

Security Director Cesar Cavazos added, "He's the trained Command Investigator for NAS Kingsville, and his expertise and



Security personnel held a luncheon for MA1(SW/AW) Doug Spiewak, right, welcoming him back to South Texas from an IA assignment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

knowledge is a great contribution. We are glad to have him back."

Spiewak is a native of Denham Springs, La., and a veteran of 15 years in the U.S. Navy.



A counseling lab is available Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The lab allows up to eight customers at a time to complete their on-line move applications with direct supervision and assistance from one of the Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO) counselors. (Photo by Laura McLaughlin, FISC det NASCC)

## Lab available to help you with the DPS website

**By Pete Lutz**  
Personal Property Shipping Office, NASCC

The Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO) has established a counseling lab for the use of the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) website.

The lab allows up to eight customers at a time to complete their on-line applications with direct supervision and assistance from one of the PPSO counselors.

The counseling lab was set up after customers reported difficulty with the DPS website, saying it was either not user-friendly, not working on their home computers, or both.

If you have a permanent change of station, separation or retirement looming, there is no time like the present to sign up for a DPS Lab session. Before you can sign up, however, you will need to register as a DPS user. To do this, follow the four steps below to get your password:

1. Go to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil).

NOTE: Ensure pop-up blockers are OFF.

2. Click on "DPS Registration" tab.

3. Register for DPS under "DoD Service Member" button.

4. Respond to series of security questions. You will see a notification that an e-mail will be forthcoming within 72 hours. That e-mail will contain a link that will lead you to your password. Write it down or print out that page.

Customer computers are available at PPSO for advance registration, but you will not be able to access your personal e-mail from these computers to access your password.

Since DPS usage is mandatory for all service members and all DoD civilians who are expecting to conduct a PCS, separation or retirement move, this lab is available to all concerned.

Sessions will be held Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., on a space-available basis. Call prior to attending a Tuesday-morning lab to inquire about open slots for that day's session. If you have registered with DPS, bring your password with you. You will not be required to have orders to submit an application, but they will be required prior to your application being processed. If you do have orders, please make one copy and bring it with you. Children will not be allowed to attend.

If you have not registered with DPS, a user name and password will be provided for training purposes only.

Supervisory personnel and Command Career Counselors who have not used DPS before are encouraged to attend a lab session and create a mock application, so that they may better assist their personnel as they approach PCS, separation or retirement.

To sign up for a DPS Lab session, contact the PPSO at 361-961-3742, or visit the office on the third floor of Building 10 on Ocean Drive on board NAS Corpus Christi.

## In the Break



Cmdr. John Kelsey  
Commanding Officer  
VT-21



### "Wingsville...then and now"

Upon completion of Primary Flight training, in either Corpus Christi or Pensacola, Navy and Marine Corps student aviators submit a dream sheet in which they request jets, helos or propellers. This selection process happens fairly quickly and early in the young pilots' careers. They must decide which aviation community they want to spend the next 10-20 years in as a pilot and officer.

In order to select jets, primary students' grades must be in the top 20 percent of their class, thus ensuring that the newest generation of Tom Cruises start with not just competence but also a lot of confidence that they can become the world's best pilots.

After selection, while the newly selected jet pilots play volleyball on the beach in their jeans with dog tags flowing in the wind, there is still some drama to play out. They call, text, e-mail, Facebook their buddies with a simple question: "Kingsville or Meridian?"

Since Beeville's Naval Air Station Chase Field closed in 1992, NAS Kingsville and NAS Meridian are the Navy's only two advanced strike training bases, with each producing 50 percent of the world's carrier-based jet pilots.

Based on the needs of the Navy and the desires of the individuals, the student pilots get orders to either South Texas or Mississippi.

Historical student pilot lore has claimed that Kingsville is the easier place to get winged (aka "Wingsville"), while Meridian's nickname is "Attridian," for a rumored high attrition number. Yet despite these rumors of higher winging percentage in Kingsville that have been passed down for years, Meridian is a very desirable choice for many due to its location that is drivable to urban population centers and access to the East Coast.

It is interesting how my perspective has changed from a fledgling ensign many years ago to now an old CO in the last two months of what is most likely my last flying tour.

NAS Kingsville isn't a much different place from what it was when I first entered the main gate on General Cavazos Blvd. in 1993. There are some striking differences

though. The large and ominous White House building 700 used to greet visitors as they entered. The base buzzed with activity as thousands of Sailors manned the base and three squadrons were flying an incredible number of sorties in three different types of training jets. The O'Club bar was in a different place. There was a golf course on base.

Maybe this was paradise after all. What else could a student ask for besides a bar, a golf course and a flight line of jets, all while even being fairly close to a beach? "Wingsville" lived up to its name as over 200 pilots a year were getting winged here throughout the early 1990s.

Although the spot where the White House once stood is now a grassy field and Sailors are more scarce as only civilian-maintained T-45s scream around the city's skies, NAS Kingsville is still "Wingsville."

But maybe I see it that way for different reasons now.

We have always had the best airspace in the United States, with little serious encroachment from urban sprawl and few commercial traffic conflicts, so that hasn't changed. Just recently we have gone to an all modern T-45C Fleet with glass cockpits, GPS and upgraded HUDs with the associated matching and modern simulators. To keep us safe, the Navy recently purchased for the base the most advanced radar in the U.S. To operate it, we have better trained Sailors than ever before.

There is an exceptional bombing range with a new and accurate computer-based scoring system and an Outlying Field in Orange Grove that eases congestion in the landing pattern -- that has proven to be invaluable. Newly refurbished runways, aircraft protective shelters, brand-new arresting gear and a modern, state-of-the-art tower round out the first-rate aviation facilities located at Kingsville.

I had an epiphany while looking at the enthusiastically supportive community, professional and experienced maintenance contractors, simulator instructors and a Training Wing and base leadership team that has focused on the mission and quality of life issues for officers, Sailors and civilians. I think I finally figured out why we are really "Wingsville." It is not because it is easier here. That is just student pilot ancient and disprovable lore. It's due to the dedicated and talented folks here that work hard every day to make this place the premier Navy Training Wing and Naval Air Station.

I am convinced the squadrons in Training Air Wing TWO are the best places in the world to learn to fly jets and to earn Navy and Marine Corps Wings of Gold. It was Wingsville then, and it is Wingsville now.

### 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

## **Flying K staff claims awards for journalism excellence**

For the third straight year, the NAS Kingsville *Flying K* has come out a winner during the annual Chief of Navy Information Merit Awards competition for print and broadcast excellence.

The annual competition pits all Navy commands – afloat and ashore – against each other in a number of categories ranging from newspaper design and layout, to news and feature story writing, sports, commentaries, cruise books, and more.

Results of the 2010 competition were announced March 24, by Rear Adm. Dennis Moynihan, Chief of Navy Information.

“The CHINFO Merit Awards (CMA) program is all about our primary mission: producing the content to excel in telling the Navy story,” Moynihan stated. “The CMA recognizes the outstanding media products created by the professionals in our community.”

NAS Kingsville walked away with three newspaper awards – including two first place Navywide awards.

*Flying K* Editor Fifi Kieschnick picked up a first place award in the Sports Feature category, while the command also took home an honorable mention in the sports category, and claimed a first place award in the Newspaper Series category. Kieschnick’s award-winning entry featured MM2 Jaana Hahn’s efforts in preparing for the annual Military Cross Country Championships. Hahn is a former member of the NAVSUP Jacksonville Fleet Logistics Center Detachment NAS Kingsville team.

The Newspaper Series entry, written by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs Officer, was submitted as a unit award due to contributions from the entire Public Affairs team. It was entitled “Parading the Colors,” and focused on the NAS Kingsville Color Guard.

Color Guard leading petty officer AC1(AW/SW) Jarred Lee played a significant role in the series, as did a number of NAS Kingsville Sailors who make up the team.

## **Volunteers needed to assist Pre-K to 4th grade students**

Kleberg Elementary School and NAS Kingsville are looking for volunteers who would like to work with Pre K through 4th grade students at Kleberg Elementary.

Volunteers will assist students in reading,

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Camp, the Visiting Nurse Program, as well as the Combat Casualty Nursing Program.

“One hundred percent of all donations is used directly for program services and we rely heavily on volunteers,” Parker added.

“We are blessed with a dedicated, well-trained group of volunteers who continue to provide a safety net for a military families when the unexpected occurs. Our client base includes the active-duty and retired populations, as well as military widows. The services Navy Marine Corps Relief Society provides are needs-based and confidential.”

Donations may be made online at [http://donations.nmcrs.org/site/PageNavigator/2011\\_active\\_duty\\_home.html](http://donations.nmcrs.org/site/PageNavigator/2011_active_duty_home.html).

When donating online, please keep a

Both first place entries will represent the Navy at the DoD Thomas Jefferson Awards competition next month.

Rear Adm. Townsend Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, congratulated the region-wide winners, that included NAS Jacksonville, Fla., (3rd place, Metro Format Newspaper); Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, (Honorable Mention, Newsletter Format Newspaper); NAS Key West, Fla. (2nd place, Stinger Contribution in Photojournalism); and NAS Kingsville.

“I’m extremely proud of all the hard work and excellent content our media team across the region produces,” Alexander said. “We have some real pros and the award-winning content, although excellent examples of professional journalism, are far from the only outstanding pieces produced by [our] fantastic NRSE group this past year. Congratulations to the winners and BZ to all members of our outstanding region-wide public affairs media team!”

Navy Region Southeast winning entries:

Metro Format Newspaper – 3rd Place *JAX Air News*, NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

Newsletter Format Publication – Honorable Mention, *Guantanamo Bay Gazette*, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

Command Website – Honorable Mention, NAS Kingsville

Sports Feature – 1st Place, “Sailor Set for Cross-Country Championships,” Fifi Kieschnick, NAS Kingsville

Sports Feature – Honorable Mention, “Ambassadors Dazzle NASK All Stars,” Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville

Print Category Series – 1st Place, “Parading the Colors,” NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Print Contributions by a Stringer, Photojournalism – 2nd Place, “Practice Makes a Perfect Seabee,” EA2 David Laster, NAS Key West

math, science and social studies.

If you’re interested, you may volunteer any amount of time you can provide. Contact AC1 Patrick Harrison at x6108 to volunteer or for more information.

copy of the transaction for your records and provide a copy to a local fund-drive keyperson for tracking purposes only.

You may also make contributions directly with the local office or keypersons. Aboard NAS Kingsville contact the following personnel: AOC(AW) Lorenzo Perez, Security Dept., at 516-6324; ET1(SW) Monseise Madrigal, Ground Electronics, at 516-6632; CS1 Holly Clow, Combined Bachelor Housing, at 516-6638; and MR1(SW) Lubert Moran, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Dept. at 516-6167.

Though the fund drive runs through April 15, donations are welcome anytime. Please contact Tambi Parker at (361) 961-3482 or [Tambi.Parker@nmcrs.org](mailto:Tambi.Parker@nmcrs.org).

## **VITA available as tax deadline nears**

The deadline to file an income tax return this year is April 18. Need more time to get your tax documents together? VITA can e-file an extension to help you get more time to file your tax return.

The NAS Kingsville Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site has certified volunteer preparers to provide free income tax return preparation for active duty and retired military personnel and family members who are filing a regular 1040 form.

## **New performance evaluation requirements take effect**

Navy performance evaluations and fitness reports now must conform to new policies announced in NAVADMIN 286/10.

To more clearly define top-performing Sailors, NAVADMIN 286/10 changed the promotion recommendation rules for E-5 Sailors and aligns them with E-6 Sailors under the same recommendation requirements. For reports dated March 15 and beyond, “Early Promote” and “Must Promote” recommendations combined cannot exceed 60 percent of the ranking group. In addition, “Must Promote” recommendations may increase by one for each “Early Promote” quota not used.

## **Morale, Welfare & Recreation**

### **Bowling Leagues**

#### **In the Doghouse League Standings as of March 29**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Alley Cats	69	47
2	Lane Breakers	66	50
3	The Other Guys	62.5	53.5
4	Minds in the Gutter	60.5	55.5
5	Tumbalos	60	56
6	The Players	53	63
7	DNA	48.5	67.5
8	The “HR’s”	44.5	71.5

**High Score Game-Men:** JD Monroe, 248; John Zapalac, 221.

**High Score Series-Men:** John Zapalac, 641; Lindy Conner, 586.

### **Wednesday Nite Mixed**

#### **Standings as of March 30**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Petes Angels	63	44
2	Big K Rollers	58.5	49.5
3	Slow Rollin	56.5	51.5
4	Bad Ass	56	52
5	Rat’Lers	54	54
6	Laugh Out Loud	52.5	55.5
7	Pin Bangers	49.5	58.5
8	DUH’s	42	66

**High Score Game (Year to Date) -Men:** Frank Goff, 278; Clinton Howell, 275; John Zapalac, 258.

**High Score Series (Year to Date) -Men:** John Zapalac, 671; Roberto Herrera, 657; Clinton Howell, 648.

**High Score Game-Women:** Lee Peters, 215; Doris Wallis, 212; Delia Monroe, 209.

**High Score Series-Women: Robin Robertson, 550;** Dina Kangas, 543; Lee Peters, 535.

As of March 25, VITA has prepared 44 returns saving individuals \$8,571 in tax prep fees and recovering \$121,947 in tax refunds.

The VITA site is located in the Fleet and Family Support Center, and office hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 361-516-6333 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments have priority.

An update to NAVFIT98A — known as “Version 29” — was rolled out to the fleet incorporating the new rules. Work stations on the unclassified Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) automatically received this new version. 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.”

Those with questions or concerns can contact NPC customer service at toll-free (866) 827-5672, DSN 882-5672 or by emailing [cscmailbox@navy.mil](mailto:cscmailbox@navy.mil). (*Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs*)

### **MWR Event Calendar**

#### **Tuesdays**

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

#### **Zumba Fitness**

Zumba Fitness will be held at the Fitness Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. Call 516-4386, for more information.

#### **K-Rock Coffee Shop**

Buy 10 Cups get one free!!

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### ***Serving our local schools --***

Naval Air Station Kingsville personnel volunteered to serve as judges for several science fairs held at local schools in Kingsville and Bishop at the end of March. Top, left photo: CS2 Jeff Hall (from left) of Combined Bachelor Housing; Lt. Mark Haley, NASK chaplain; and AC2(AW) Mary Greenwood-Drumheller of Public Works, review the students' work before the children make their oral presentations about their science fair projects. They judged science projects of students in kindergarten through sixth grade at St. Lutheran Elementary School in Bishop. Top, right photo: CS1(SW) Erasmo Guerrero of NAS Kingsville's Combined Bachelor Housing introduces himself to one of the Jesus R. Perez Elementary School students. Left: While volunteering as a judge for the Perez Elementary School science fair projects, AC1(SW) Jarred Lee of Air Operations and Linda Koenig, NAS Kingsville safety officer, listen to a 1st grader explain her findings. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth.)



***Cleaning up --*** Family Support Center staff and NAS Kingsville Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates held a car wash last Friday to raise funds for the South Texas Women's Shelter. They "cleaned up" raising \$500 for the shelter and awareness of the SAPR program. Pictured left are CSC(SW/SCW) Pearline Myers (foreground) and Vickie Jacobson. Pictured above are from right, Ramon Panganiban, Frank Firmatura and Lucy Clarkson. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Above, Command Duty Officer ET1(SW) Abel Camarillo (center) and ET1(SW) Samuel Sanchez, right, gather information on the exercise, while training team member ABHC(AW/SW) Rudy Oliva observes. Below, a Kingsville firefighter lowers a Stokes basket stretcher from the support transfer lines.



Pictured above, one firefighter calms the injured responder while two others attach the safety straps to the basket stretcher for safe transport from the scene. Pictured right, Fuels Officer Paul Evdosuk plays an injured first responder calling out for help on the fuel tank stairwell, as Jim Lawrence (right), training officer, watches the activity of the first responders in the exercise.



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teract together and learn how each mission area responds to an incident on board the air station.”

Training evolutions like this, Lawrence added, allow first responders to exercise their own standard operating procedures (SOP) and continue to learn how each mission area affects the outcome of their expertise during an incident. With multiple professional entities training together, the teams transfer knowledge to other mission area personnel on what is expected as they respond to evolutions such as this simulated oil spill in order to maintain environmental compliance and preserve precious cultural and natural resources during the response.

The exercise focused on a major fuel spill within a containment area, with one of the first people on scene suffering injuries. While that scenario sounds simple enough, there were a lot of pieces to the response puzzle, including getting the fuel spill under control, protecting the spill area and eliminating the environmental risks, and treating the injured responder and getting him safely out of the area.

NAS Kingsville firefighters, with the help of a ladder truck from the city of Kingsville Fire Department, played the lead role in the response. Aside from simulating the containment of the fuel spill, firefighters also responded to the injured worker, assessing his injuries and developing a plan to get the man safely out of the spill area.

Fuels Officer Paul Evdosuk, who played the injured responder during the exercise and would normally be one of the first people on scene during an actual event, said training evolutions such as this that require a total team effort provide a good foundation for response planning.

“[This] exercise provided much needed training and insight on possible emergency situations to all of our personnel,” Evdosuk stated. “It opened our eyes to what is expected when a real time emergent situation arises.”



Firefighters join together on the litter support lines to transfer an injured responder from the fuel spill area during the exercise. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)