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Lighting improvement of Bldg. 3757 has immediately cut energy costs. See story and photos inside.

## Winter storm shuts down air station, roads

By Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

A severe winter storm passed over Texas Feb. 3-4, dropping temperatures into the teens in some cities with snow and freezing rain across most of North Texas including Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

The storm came on the heels of a three-day arctic front that had dropped temperatures in the 20's all the way to the Texas-Mexico border. Power outages, some planned - some not, were scattered throughout the state Feb. 3.

Kingsville - and Corpus Christi - expected to receive freezing rain and possible snow from the storm, resulting in the closures of area schools and local businesses on Feb. 3. NAS Kingsville went a step further, releasing all non-essential personnel at noon on Thursday, Feb. 3, and closing the base to all but essential personnel on Friday, Feb. 4., in order to keep personnel off the roadways and out of harms' way. NAS Corpus Christi followed a similar course of action.

"With freezing rain and sleet possible, I wanted to be sure that base personnel would be able to avoid driving on slippery road-



Freezing precipitation last week created an icy winter wonderland that hadn't been seen in years aboard NAS Kingsville and in South Texas. (Photo by Jon Gagné)

ways as the front came through," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin. "As such, Training Air Wing TWO concluded flight operations at noon on

Thursday and cancelled training flights for Friday. So, we had no operational requirements that would risk anyone's personal

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## Ready for move in

The \$13.2 million renovation project that started in August 2008 is now complete. The opening of Building 760, now Hangar 3, pictured right, became official when Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, public works officer; Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville; and Richard Dodson, vice president of Marshall Company, pictured far right, cut the ceremonial red ribbon on Tuesday. The job took 70,000 man hours to complete the 55,560



sq. ft. T-45 Flight Line Re-Capitalization project. The future plan is to move NASK Field Support back into Hanger 3, and when the U.S. Army SAR/MEDEVAC unit arrives

in March, they will occupy Hangar 3 as well. For more information about the facility, turn the page and read the Skipper's column. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)



## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Building 760, also known as Hangar 3, was one of the original structures to be built on the air station. Over the years since it was built, it has been home to VT-22, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, NAS Kingsville Field Support and a host of other tenants. (File Photo)

Greetings Team Kingsville.

This week marked two ribbon cutting ceremonies. The first was on Monday when we held the official ribbon cutting for the Branch Health Clinic. I had previously discussed in the *Flying K* what a wonderful facility the newly remodeled BHC is, so I'll anchor on the second ceremony for Hangar 3 (Bldg. 760), held on Tuesday.

After a thorough search of the Public Affairs Officer's archives, Jon Gagne' and I discovered a number of interesting facts about the base and Hangar 3. First and foremost, it is one of the few remaining structures on the base from its commissioning back in WWII.

NAS Kingsville began as an idea from a group of prominent Kingsville civic leaders that felt the climate and sparsely populated area would be ideal for aviation training. In the fall of 1941, this group approached the U.S. Army Air Corps in Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, to propose the Army consider the Kingsville location for a future training base. The Army declined, fearing the location would be too close to the existing Navy air training at NAS Corpus Christi. Thus, the group approached Capt. Alva Bernhard, commanding officer of NAS Corpus Christi, with the same proposal.

No immediate promises were made from the Navy to the Kingsville civic group, but all that changed on Dec. 7, 1941. As you can

imagine, military information following the attack on Pearl Harbor was difficult to obtain; however, Jan. 14, 1942, the headline in the Kingsville Record newspaper announced the construction of a Naval Air Training facility just east of the City of Kingsville. The 3,000 acres of land for the air station was purchased from the B.O. Sims family along Angle Road -- the road we call Carlos Truan today which leads to our front gate. On March 11, 1942, a spur of the railroad was built to the center of the base to assist in moving the supplies required for construction, and on July 4, 1942, the Navy commissioned the base, even though its name was simply known as "P-4" and was only 85 percent complete.

By late summer of 1942, P-4 was renamed to Naval Auxiliary Airfield Kingsville, with a North and South Field and a centrally positioned administrative area designed to train pilots for WWII. One of the original structures to be built was Building 760, or Hangar 3, as we know it today. Over the years since it was built, Hangar 3 has been home to VT-22, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, NAS Kingsville Field Support and a host of other tenants. There was an identical

hangar, called Building 759, which was home to VT-21 and was located on the site where the current Hangar 4 north end (VT-21 end) is today.

Over nearly seven decades of South Texas weather, Hangar 3 had taken a beating. The intention was to demolish the structure, but the Texas State Historical Preservation Office had other ideas. Due to its arched roof and design features that remained virtually unchanged from origination, Hangar 3 was designated a historical landmark and restoration began to preserve and bring the building up to standards.

Most of the original wood material was removed and replaced with metal and the west-facing administrative offices were extended by 20 feet. Hangar 3 is a beautiful facility today thanks to the efforts of a number of contractors and NAVFAC. The future plan is to move NASK Field Support back into Hangar 3, and when the U.S. Army SAR/MEDEVAC unit arrives in March, they will occupy Hangar 3 as well. Come on out and take a look at a piece of NAS Kingsville history.

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac

## Deckplate Leadership



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



and Portsmouth, Va.

I'm really glad to see our "Docs" get a new home. The majority of these brave young men and women have already completed successful tours with the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) and those who haven't will be doing so in the near future. As an old Corpsman who has completed two FMF tours, I can tell you that deployment with the Marine Corps is much different than deployment with the Navy. Meals and berthing are challenging at best and the environment can be harsh. What is so different between my six years of service with the Marines and that of

these brave warriors is that my service was training for combat and theirs is actually going into combat. And that, my friends, is a very big difference.

However, the young Corpsmen I have talked to are proud of their combat service with the Marine Corps and are actually eager to return to FMF duty. That makes me very happy for them and very proud to have been a Corpsman myself. Enjoy your new health clinic shipmates and get motivated for that next FMF tour! Ooh Rah!!

V/R  
CMC

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10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Services  
with Children's Church  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

#### Tuesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bible Study  
in Bldg. 2741

#### Wednesday

7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship  
Call Dr. Joe Humphrey  
at (847) 502-7085,  
for more information.

#### Thursday at McFall Memorial Chapel

4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

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This paper is published for people like Border Patrol Agent Fadil Lee, a native of Chicago, Ill. Lee, who arrived for duty aboard NAS Kingsville in December, has been working for the Border Patrol since July 2009.

## Navy leadership disturbed by rise in 'Spice' usage

By MC1(AW) Tim Comerford  
The Flagship

Navy leaders are expressing alarm at recent statistics that show that Sailors' use of "Spice" and similar so-called designer drugs rose in the last quarter of 2010. Spice and similar products are essentially an herbal, synthetic form of marijuana, mimicking the chemical compounds found in the drug. These products are banned for Navy personnel.

"The number of incidents of designer drug usage is rising at an alarming rate in our Navy. In the last four months alone, 79 of our Fleet Forces Sailors and 72 Pacific Fleet Sailors have been accused of using or in possession of the drug. That's 151 Sailors that if found guilty will be processed for administrative separation from our Navy," said Adm. John C. Harvey, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Harvey believes it's everyone's responsibility to deal with what could be a dangerous trend.

"I need each and every one of our Sailors looking out for each other," Harvey said. "Talk to your shipmates about Spice and make sure they understand the dangers and consequences involved with its use."

In response to the rising concerns of the military over Spice and similar products, the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board of Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina placed 10 businesses in

Hampton Roads off-limits to service members in November.

Since the release of Naval Administrative Message (NAVADMIN) 108/10 in March 2010, which reemphasized the Navy's drug policy, the U.S. Navy has been proactively campaigning to reduce the number of incidents related to the use of synthetic marijuana.

"Our Navy has zero tolerance for drug use. If you are considering using Spice or a similar drug, I strongly urge you to reconsider," Harvey said. "If you are caught using it, even once, you will be processed for separation from the Navy. There is no second chance."

Navy personnel determined to be unlawfully using, possessing, promoting, manufacturing or distributing drugs and/or drug abuse paraphernalia shall be disciplined, as appropriate and processed for administrative separation, according to Navy regulations.

In the Navy, drug abuse includes: the wrongful use, possession, manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance. Drug abuse also includes: the unlawful use of controlled substance analogues (designer drugs), natural substances (e.g., fungi, excretions), chemicals (e.g., chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants), propellants and/or prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement or stupefaction of the central nervous system and will subject

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**Bravo Zulu** -- Capt. Randy Kelley, left, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presents HM2(FMF) Carlos Morgado with a Navy Commendation Medal for serving as facilities manager, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville from Oct. 1 to Jan. 31. As facilities manager, Morgado organized the \$5.5 million renovation of the Clinic, as the facility and personnel transitioned to renovated Building 3775. During this time, he provided over 2,800 man-hours coordinating the efforts of 45 different contractors and subcontractors toward the completion of the renovation. He also successfully planned, coordinated and directed the efforts of five moving companies enabling the Clinic to resume services in less than three business days. (U.S. Navy photo by Bill W.Love, NHC Corpus Christi)



NAS Kingsville's CS1 Holly Clow receives an award from the Toys for Tots 2010 Campaign for serving for the second consecutive year as volunteer coordinator. Also pictured is Lisa Bockholt, center, and her husband Jerry who coordinated the local Toys for Tots Drive. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

## Toys for Tots 2010 exceeds expectations

In spite of what some may say is a sluggish economy, the local 2010 Toys for Tots Campaign exceeded its goals and set new records for numbers of children helped and monies raised.

According to Lisa Bockholt, coordinator for the Kleberg and Kenedy Counties program, 1,675 children from more than 1,000 families were provided with approximately 6,000 toys, up from 1,495 kids who received about 5,200 toys in 2009.

Less toys were donated directly from the community this year: 3,550 toys vice 3,980 donated in 2009. However, the campaign saw an increase in monetary donations, which offset the decrease in numbers of toys received.

The campaign began with a 5,717 surplus of toys the previous year's campaign.

According to Bockholt, the surplus was due to the last minute shipment of toys donated to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation from wholesale toy vendors. That inventory, along with the community's donations, was enhanced further by more toy donations from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

As in years' past, NAS Kingsville played a big role in this year's campaign. Some of what NAS Kingsville personnel provided includes:

Chaplain Mark Haley kicked off the campaign with prayer.

Parishoners from the McFall Memorial Chapel donated \$500.

Maj. Filip Heist coordinated efforts of active duty Marines, who volunteered in record numbers assisting local coordinators by

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## Flight Plans

### Black History Month celebrations

Naval Air Station Kingsville Diversity Committee is putting together a Black History Month Celebration to be held Wednesday, Feb. 16, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Club. The event's theme is "African Americans and the Civil War."

The celebration will include a guest speaker, interpretive dance group and a meal that can be purchased from the committee, before or during the event, for \$6 per plate.

Branch Health Clinic Diversity Committee members are also planning a Black History Month celebrating to be held on Feb. 17, in the Clinic, beginning at 11 a.m.

The celebration will include a guest speaker, a dance performance and step routine.

### VITA opening Feb. 14

The NAS Kingsville VITA office will open Feb. 14 and run through April 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office will be located at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Six trained volunteers will be available to complete tax returns free of charge.

In 2010, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team assisted 59 people who received returns amounting to \$154,000.

To schedule an appointment, call (361) 516-6635/6638, or (361) 438-6994.

### Commissary offers scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency

(DeCA) is offering scholarships to children of active duty, Reservists, guard members, or retired military personnel as part of their Scholarship for Military Children Program. Each commissary is awarding a scholarship of at least \$1,500, in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community.

Each commissary will award a scholarship unless there aren't eligible applicants from the local store. Applications must be turned into the commissary customer service or administrative office by Feb. 22. Applications must be delivered in person or sent by mail, FedEx or UPS. Applications faxed or e-mailed will not be considered.

For more information, contact the local commissary store or visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

### Hunter safety course Feb. 22, 23

A hunter's safety course will be held Feb. 22 and 23, in Bldg. 2740, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The course is open to all personnel who have access to the Naval Air Station ages 9 and older. Cost is \$15 and must be paid at time of the class.

Personnel interested in taking the course can sign up through ESAMS, [www.navy-motorcycle.com](http://www.navy-motorcycle.com), or by sending an e-mail to [Charles.e.young1.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:Charles.e.young1.ctr@navy.mil).

For more information, call 516-6153.



NAS Kingsville command staff and department heads take part in a Thursday morning weather brief led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's John Metz. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

## Winter from page 1

safety to get to - or from - the base as the storm came across South Texas."

With the base essentially shut down Thursday afternoon, personnel residing in Corpus Christi and other areas north of Kingsville were able to make it home safely before the roads began to ice-over.

Once the front came through, officials in Kleberg and Nueces counties began closing bridges, overpasses and roadways that would become dangerous due to ice accumulation. The intent was to keep people off the roadways until the conditions improved for safe travel. Still, more than 40 accidents were reported in the two-county area due to the icy conditions.

The air station kept Security, fire fighters and emergency dispatchers on duty throughout the two-day period to handle emergency situations if required, according to Emergency Manager Monette Walker. Public Works also had emergency trouble call personnel standing by.

The US Border Patrol Detachment

aboard NAS Kingsville was also operational, and base services – such as the Commissary, Navy Exchange and Subway restaurant adjusted their hours of operation.

"The Corpus Christi office of the National Weather Service announced that this was the biggest ice storm for our area since they began keeping records dating back to 1887," Walker stated. "Accumulations ranged from a tenth of an inch of ice across the I-35 corridor between Laredo and Cotulla to nearly a quarter of an inch elsewhere.

"Pockets of 3/8 of an inch were reported over the Southern Coastal Bend including Corpus Christi and Kingsville."

The NASK Public Affairs Office posted storm updates on the air station's Website and Facebook pages to keep personnel informed throughout the storm.

By Friday afternoon, the sun had broken through the clouds, the icy conditions began to disappear throughout the local area and driving conditions were back to normal.

## In the Break



Capt. Mark Brooks  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings from NAS Key West,

Training Wing Two, VT-21, and VT-22 are starting the second week of a detachment to NAS Key West, Fla. Last week both squadrons conducted Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM) training west of Key West in the airspace over the Gulf of Mexico. Both Instructor Pilots (IPs) and Student Naval Aviators (SNAs) performed superbly and completed all required training. Six SNAs were "soft winged" having completed the Strike training syllabus. Included in that group was 1st Lt. Stephen T. Davis, USMC, the final T-45A SNA. With his completion of the syllabus, all T-45 SNA training is now in the digital cockpit T-45C. Tailhook training is now all digital, all the time! This represents a significant milestone as the Naval Air Training Command strives to deliver the best trained combat quality aviation profes-

sionals to the fleet--a fleet that operates more and more complex aircraft with greater and greater capability. TW-2 IPs will continue to operate the venerable T-45A for several years as the remaining 'A' aircraft are converted to the 'C' configuration via the Required Avionics Modernization Program (RAMP). As of the end of this month, TW-2 should be down to 39 remaining T-45As awaiting conversion. With roughly one jet converted per month, all should be complete by the middle of 2014. With careful management of the T-45 fleet, we expect to use these fine aircraft for the next 15 or 20 years.

This morning TW-2 squadrons, along with their brethren from TW-1 began Carrier Qualification (CQ) aboard USS Harry Truman (CVN 75) in the waters off of Key West, with former Fighting Redhawk Skipper Cmdr. "Ferris" Bulis, running the show as the Air Boss, and former Golden Eagle Skipper Cmdr. "Sticky" Murphy running the ship as the Operations Officer. After dropping off three VT-21 SNAs, I returned from the ship with all appearing to go very well. Yet another crop of America's finest is joining the ranks of Tailhook Naval Aviation as I write. Life is good!

Regards, Fingers



Nancy Mejorado, left, of L-3/Vertex Aerospace receives recognition for spearheading toy drive efforts of L-3 and Rolls Royce. Larry Sahr of Rolls Royce, center, also accepts an award on behalf of L-3/Vertex Aerospace for top toy donors in a business category. Lisa Bockholt, second from left, and her husband Jerry, right, coordinated the local Toys for Tots Drive. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

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making uniformed public appearances and toy deliveries.

Public Affairs Officer Jon Gagne ensured collection boxes were placed at strategic locations on base.

Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff served as a main point of contact and coordination.

CS1 Holly Clow organized the scheduling of volunteers.

Navy Federal Credit Union created a heartwarming display that resulted in a record number of donations from its members.

Recognized at the local Toys for Tots After-Campaign Success Party last month was the combined efforts of aerospace contractors L-3 Vertex and Rolls Royce, located

aboard NAS Kingsville. They were awarded "Most Toys Donated" in the Business Category. They donated more than 311 toys, a campaign record, according to Bockholt.

"We could not come anywhere close to helping this community's less fortunate children without the support we receive each year in so many different forms from the base," said Lisa Bockholt.

"This was our 20th year of coordinating the Toys For Tots program for Kleberg and Kenedy Counties and we continue to be amazed by the heartfelt support we receive from our community. It's their support that truly makes the Toys For Tots drive so successful."



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus delivers remarks as the guest speaker for the Climate and Energy Symposium at Johns Hopkins University. (Photo by MC2 Kevin S. O'Brien)

## SecNav pushes for use of alternative energy

By Chinara Lucas

Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

The Secretary of the Navy reached out to prominent industry leaders during a Washington, D.C., summit Jan. 25, in an effort to have them incorporate the use of alternative fuels in their push for a clean economy.

During the Clean Energy Summit, Secretary Ray Mabus began his review of the effects converting the Department of the Navy (DoN) from fossil fuels to alternative fuels will have on the economy on a basic level.

"A clean energy economy supports American workers and creates new jobs," said Mabus.

Mabus continued by trying to increase understanding of the implications of fossil-fuel by discussing our country's dependence on it.

"History has taught us the competition for resources has been one of the fundamental causes of war for centuries," said Mabus.

Maybus said the dependence on fossil fuel continued to produce bad results during the time of war by endangering Sailors and Marines charged with guarding convoys bringing energy to bases and machinery. He urged that the solution to this reliance and resulting war and loss of lives is the utilization of alternative fuels.

He relayed information about DoN flying an F/A-18 with a camelina-based biofuel and a MH-60 Seahawk helicopter on an algae-based biofuel. Maybus said substitutions such as this would reduce the need for alteration caused by limited availability.

"Neither feedstock impacts the food supply," said Mabus. "Camelina can be planted

## NAS Kingsville to participate in Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield later this month

NAS Kingsville will participate in a Navy-wide training exercise Feb. 21-25.

Exercise "Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2011" is an anti-terrorism/force protection exercise that will be conducted on all continental United States (CONUS) naval installations.

"This exercise will enhance the training and readiness of our security personnel and first responders," said Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast. "It will also create a learning environment for installation personnel to exercise functional plans and operational capabilities."

Alexander stressed the importance of the training. "This is the time to prepare and learn how to adapt to diverse and fast-moving situations. The more opportunities we have to train, the more proficient we'll be in dealing with real-world events."

Military personnel, civilian employees, retirees, and family members should factor in additional time for getting through gates to conduct their business on Navy Region Southeast installations. Vehicle drivers and passengers should carry proper identification with them at all times and be patient and follow the directions of security personnel on board the base during this exercise.

Local communities may also experience traffic delays on roadways leading to or in close proximity to the installations. Elevation of force protection conditions and increased security measures can be anticipated for the duration of the exercise.

Solid Curtain is an operational level training event. Citadel Shield, conducted by Commander Navy Installations Command, provides advance guidance for participants in individual field training exercises. Exercise scenarios range from low-key events, such as recognizing and countering base surveillance operations, to higher-tempo and active simulated emergencies, such as small boat attacks on waterfront bases and cyber attacks on installations.

in rotation, and algae – well, it's grown in a pond."

Benefits of alternative fuel extend beyond the abundance of ingredients necessary for their creation. Mabus said that implementing alternative fuels will save the American people money.

"I am very pleased that the cost of these fuels continues to decrease," said Mabus. "As more is produced – and as our demand signal grows, I am confident that price will continue to fall."

Mabus provided a hybrid-electric ship, the USS Makin Island (LHD 8), as an example of alternative fuels resulting in continued savings. During the course of the ship's life, Mabus said it will save up to \$250 million at today's fuel prices, and if fuel prices increase, the savings will become greater.

The use of cotton-seed by Marines in

## Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### Bowling Leagues

#### In the Doghouse League

##### Standings as of Jan. 18

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	50	26
2	The Other Guys	45	31
3	DNA	39	37
4	Alley Cats	37	39
5	The Players	35	41
6	Tumbalos	33	43
7	Minds in the Gutter	32.5	43.5
8	The "HR's"	32.5	43.5

**High Score Game-Men:** John Zapalac, 220; Lindy Conner, 205.

**High Score Series-Men:** Lindy Conner, 577; John Zapalac, 524.

**High Score Game-Team (Year to Date):** Lane Breakers, 608; 3 Minds in the Gutter, 556; Alley Cats, 554.

### Wednesday Nite Mixed

#### Standings as of Feb. 2

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Petes Angels	43	33
2	Big K Rollers	41.5	34.5
3	Rat'Lers	40	36
4	Slow Rollin	39.5	36.5
5	Laugh Out Loud	38	38
6	Bad Ass	35.5	40.5
7	Pin Bangers	34.5	41.5
8	DUH's	32	44

**High Score Game (Year to Date) -Men:** Frank Goff, 278; John Zapalac, 258; Jerry Clark Jr., 256.

**High Score Series (Year to Date) -Men:** Roberto Herrera, 657; John Zapalac, 656; Clinton Howell, 648.

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

**High Score Series-Women:** Dina Kangas, 543; Lee Peters, 535; Delia Monroe, 519.

### Texting Program

Join the NAS Kingsville Texting Program. All you need to do is text the phrase "KingMWR" to phone number 30364, and you'll receive all the news about on base programs.

### Glide Scope Golf

The Glide Slope Disc Golf Course is open for free to all on base personnel. Simply check out discs from either Outdoor Recreation or the Front Desk of the Fitness Center. Call 516-6371, for more information.

### Saturdays

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

### 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.

### Vehicle Inspections

The MWR Auto Skills Center does Texas Vehicle Inspections. If you can drive your vehicle aboard NAS Kingsville we can inspect it.

Inspections are available for motorcycles, cars, and trucks up to RV-sized. The cost is \$14.50 (\$1 more for out-of-state vehicles), plus you must show proof of insurance.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. First come, first served. Appointments are not accepted due to state law, but the usual waiting time is less than 20 minutes. The MWR Auto Skills Center is located in Bldg 3783, across from the base water tower. Enter through the south gate to the compound, which faces the Club.

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the violator to punitive action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or adverse administrative action. Examples of other substances, the wrongful use of which constitutes drug abuse, includes, but is not limited to: Products that contain synthetic cannabinoid compounds, such as Spice, Genie, Blaze, Dream, Ex-Ses, Spark, Fusion, Dark Knight, Yukatan Fire and K2. Natural substances such as Salvia divinorum and mushrooms. Common items abused by inhaling or huffing, such as Dust-Off, glue, paint thinner and gasoline. Over-the-counter products such as Robitussin and Coricidin HBP. Prescription medications such as Oxycodone, Vicodin, Adderal and Valium.

Sangi, Afghanistan, was also presented by Mabus as an example of alternative energy at its best. Through this pilot program, Mabus said Marines have reduced the amount of fossil fuel they use by 20 percent. As a consequence, Marines utilize fuel convoys less.

"If this program can be expanded, it has the potential to achieve monetary savings," said Mabus. Even more important than saving money, fuel economy "will improve both the security and combat capability," said Mabus.

He said that increasing the amount of time between refueling ships and aircraft will respectively create more capable units and extend the range of strike missions.

"It's about ensuring the safety and the lives of our troops," said Mabus.

## Energy Conservation

# Lighting improvements provide fast payback

By Jon Gagne

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast and the NAS Kingsville Public Works department completed a lighting project at Bldg. 3757 in December that has immediately cut energy costs while saving the command nearly \$85,000 annually.

“The Bldg. 3757 lighting project is a fast-payback effort for the command,” said Public Works Officer Cmdr. Troy Hamilton. “Not only does it improve the interior and exterior lighting for the Hangar, it also provides immediate savings for the command in energy costs – with just a 39-month payback.”

The new lighting system controls lighting in specific zones, while light sensors control when the lights are needed to be on to provide proper lighting at the floor-level. Previously, interior hangar lights were on 24/7.

“This new lighting system is a dramatic improvement for Bldg. 3757,” said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin. “Not only does it provide an immediate reduction in our lighting costs, it’s also a positive step forward in energy conservation for the air station.”

The cost of the lighting project was \$274,000, with annual energy cost savings projected at \$85,000 per year.

*(Editor’s note: This is the first in an occasional series about energy conservation aboard NAS Kingsville.)*



Public Works personnel completed a lighting project at Building 3757 in December that has cut energy costs while saving the command nearly \$85,000 annually. Above is the west exterior of the building after the lighting program. There are 13 foot candles at the yellow center line, 400 Watt Induction Fixtures. Before, the exterior contained Illumination 0.5 Foot Candles at the yellow center line, with 1000 Watt Metal Halide Fixtures.



Pictured above, the top photo is of the interior before, with 384 lights, each 400 watt metal halide fixtures, 60 Foot Candles Illumination. After: 240 lights, each 226 watt, 4 Lamp T5/HO Fixtures, 100 Foot Candles Illumination.



Pictured above, is the exterior of Bldg. 3757 prior to the project. Before: 68 lights, (each 1000 Watt) Metal Halide. Pictured to the left, after the completed project, 68 lights (each 400 Watt) Induction. (Photos courtesy of NAVFAC Southeast/Public Works)

# Kingsville Health Clinic grand re-opening was three years in the making



From left, Capt. Randy Kelley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, retired Lt. Cmdr. Dawn Hardin, former officer in charge, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville (BHCK), Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville, Lt. Cmdr. Russ Braden, officer in charge, BHCK cut the ribbon during the grand reopening of the Clinic's newly renovated building. The \$5.5 million renovation and transition back to building 3775 scheduled for completion in nine months took three years. (Photo by Bill W. Love)

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Branch Health Clinic Kingsville held a grand re-opening ceremony Monday that was three years in the making.

"It has been an 'epic journey' to get to into this new building," said Capt. Randall Kelley, commanding officer of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, making a reference to a car commercial that played during the Super Bowl.

Kelley remarked on the "hiccups" along the way that turned the renovations into "an epic story." However each time there was a "hiccup," he said, such as the foundation, it was taken care of. "A lot of hard work from a lot of people made this happen," Kelley added.

Lt. Cmdr. Russell Braden, officer in charge of the Kingsville Clinic said that Building 3775 was originally built in 1976. The Clinic moved to Building 2787 in January 2008 while renovations were made. Braden said that the total cost of the project was \$5.5 million and included a new roof, foundation, tile flooring, plumbing, paint, and new equipment.

Work done to renovate the Health Clinic building included solving various moisture intrusion programs that had plagued the structure. Repairs included removing damaged materials, modifying the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, installing vapor barriers and adding insulation, according to Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, NAS Kingsville public works officer.

"We have top-notch medical equipment for the top-notch medical care we provide you," Braden added.

Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Kingsville, said that the facility is needed. "If you drew a circle with a 100-mile circumference around this facility, you would find 19,000 retirees that the Clinic supports." That's in addition to thousands of active duty personnel and their family members, who rely on the Clinic to provide medical and dental care.

During the ceremony Dawn Hardin, retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. and former officer in charge of the Clinic, received the "OIC" sign that had hung over her office door.

Additionally, HM2(FMF) Carlos Morgado, received a Navy Commendation Medal, for coordinating the logistics involved in moving into the "new" facility.

Holding the ends of the ribbon that was cut at the end of the ceremony were the Sailors who had been assigned to the Clinic the longest – HM1(FMF) Levon Hansford – and the shortest – HN(FMF) Timothy Williams.

## *Fair Winds and Following Seas* Gonzalez retires with 20 years service

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UT1(SCW/FMF) Adrian R. Gonzalez retired on Jan. 28, after serving 20-years in the U. S. Navy.

His family was on hand to witness his retirement ceremony, including his mother Maria, his wife Elsa, and children Leanna and Adrian Jr., along with several other family members.

"He has done a fantastic job here at Naval Air Station Kingsville, and has made a difference in Public Works to say the least," said his retirement officer, Cmdr. Troy Hamilton. "His infectious 'can-do' attitude has helped write a chapter in Seabee history."

As Gonzalez departed, he shared a few words, "To my son, you are, by far, the smartest person I've ever met, please continue your education.

"To my daughter, you have amazed me with your philosophy and art since elementary.

"To my wife, thank you for putting up with me, because with you at my side, we can accomplish anything. I am so glad that we have kept the promises we made over 23 years ago.

"As for the Sailors I have served with, you can't let one bad moment spoil the good ones, because life is a journey, not a guided tour. So enjoy it as it happens."

Gonzalez plans to continue serving the Navy as a civil service employee, wherever they need him most, he said.



On behalf of the First Class Petty Officers Association, BU1 Marcos Arreola, left, and CS1 Erasmo Guerrero present UT1 Adrian R. Gonzalez with a shadow box representing his 20 years of U.S. Navy service. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)