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Planning underway for 2012 'Wings Over South Texas' air show

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville is looking ahead to an exciting year on board the air station as it celebrates 70th anniversary of the station's original commissioning on July 4, 1942. Headlining the list of events that will be planned around the anniversary is the 2012 Wings Over South Texas air show, April 14-15.

"We're lining up our acts for the 2012 show now," said Air Show Committee chair and Air Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson this week. "We already have the Blue Angels on line and having the Blues makes adding additional acts much easier. The Blues will conduct their normal action-packed performances, as well as the team's C-130 Fat Albert aircraft. We have also lined up a Super Hornet demo for the show from VFA-122 at NAS Lemoore. But we're not stopping there; this is going to be a great show for South Texas and our 70th anniversary."

Anderson attended the annual International Convention of Air Shows (ICAS) in

Las Vegas last week. He said the event provided him an opportunity to talk to a number of air show performers who were looking to fill their 2012 planning calendars. He also met with representatives of other military acts.

"There have been some scheduling changes this year as far as military flight demonstrations are concerned," Anderson added, "but I'm confident that our line-up is going to be action-packed from top to bottom."

Anderson said he was expecting to have 12-13 acts on the card for the weekend shows, which will make for a full day of flying. In addition, Anderson said the Air Show Committee is lining up more static display aircraft than in past years, and he is confident that the Committee will be able to land the biggest and best interactive displays from Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force recruiting commands.

"Something for everybody, that's what we want," he said.

Aside from the aerial performances, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation department

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Holiday on parade

Lisa Bockholt (left), and Kristen and Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Kingsville, wave to the throngs of people lining the streets to view the 22nd annual La Posada Parade of Lights held Saturday, Dec. 3. Despite early worries about the weather, the event was held under beautiful conditions that highlighted the many unique entries and participants. The theme of this year's parade was "A Red, White, and Blue Christmas," to honor all first responders on this tenth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks. The Navy had three entries in the parade that had nearly 100 entries. NAS Kingsville's float was a salute to Lisa and Jerry Bockholt and their efforts with the local Toys for Tots campaign. Training Squadron 21 and the Chief Petty Officers Mess also were represented in the parade. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

As the end of the year approaches rapidly, I felt it was now the time to extend to everyone at NAS Kingsville a huge "Thank You" for a job well done!

As I visit many of the buildings and tenants on the base, it is very enjoyable to witness everyone going about their daily business and making a difference. Making a difference is probably an understatement. Here is what I'm talking about that doesn't normally make the papers or newscasts.

Nov. 30, I received a memorandum from the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services acknowledging and commending NAS Kingsville for being recognized as a "Million Dollar Board" installation. It boils

down to everyone on the base who were not using equipment or needed additional resources and reached out to DLA-DS to either reutilized excess military property or correctly disposed of surplus property for others to use. Total cost avoidance for NAS Kingsville in 2011 was \$1,090,343. That is awesome!

Nov. 16, I received from Navy Region Southeast the Navy Funeral Honors Customer Satisfaction report. I don't have all the past reports at my fingertips, but similar to this current report, our Sailors who answer the call for Military Honors at funerals and other special events have received perfect scores from the patrons. Not to go unnoticed is the fact that our Military Honors Sailors perform or render honors at hundreds of events each year and do it voluntarily with no compensation from the government in cleaning bills for dress uniforms or meals when traveling. They do it out of pride and because our former and fellow service members from all branches of the military deserve the military honors when the time comes. Well done shipmates!

How about the Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Fleet and Family Support Service Departments! They both stepped it up this holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas-themed luncheons and the basewide Christmas parties for both the children and adults. Additionally, they have provided the support to our Sailors and their families in times of need. To David Haigh and Frank Firmatura, well done gentlemen; you and your teams do a great service for the base.

I could go on and on about all the great work performed by all of you this past year. Instead, I will close by saying that I am really excited about the new Navy Gateway Inns and Suites and the new Athletic Facility. Both will be open in the Spring and the increased level of quality for all our patrons will be easily noticed.

From the Executive Office at NAS Kingsville, Janie Ramos, Cmdr. Wilmot and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and enjoy what vacation time you may take -- you certainly earned it.

Until next time~Skipper Mac



Family affairs -- Pictured above, AC2 Wesley Mooney, reenlisted for four more years of U.S. Naval service on Dec. 8. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native was accompanied by his wife Meagan and son Jackson, 4. Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control facilities officer, served as the reenlisting officer. Kite also presented Meagan and Jackson (right) a certificate of appreciation for their support of their Sailor. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



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This time of the year offers us an opportunity to spend time with family, friends and loved ones, and I hope each and every one of you have the opportunity to do just that.

I would also like to thank all of you for your service to our great nation. I know everyone has worked extremely hard this year and the holiday season will provide you with a chance to relax and recharge your batteries. Please take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy your time off.

As you celebrate this holiday season, please do so responsibly and be safe in ev-

erything you do. Lookout for yourself and your shipmates and remember - we want everyone back safe and sound following the holiday season.

Finally, I would ask that you keep those Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, and civilian employees who are forward-deployed in your thoughts and prayers.

I know I am extremely grateful for the sacrifices they are making and I know that you are, too.

V/R
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Holiday Greetings Team Kingsville,

In this week's column I would like to wish the Sailors, Navy civilians, contractors and families of Naval Air Station Kingsville a joyous holiday season.

Transition Benefits: OCHR launches civilian careers campaign

By MC3(SW) Mikelle D. Smith
Defense Media Activity - Navy

The Department of the Navy's (DoN) Office of Civilian Human Resources (OCHR) held a leadership conference at the Admiral Gooding Center on board Washington Navy Yard, Dec. 8.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) the Honorable Juan M. Garcia III., a speaker at the event, announced DoN's official launch of the new Civilian Careers campaign.

The campaign, developed as a response after OCHR recognized the changing environments that currently exist in the DoN, will address and modernize tools and processes in recruiting non-military personnel and veterans to the civilian component of the Navy.

"The Department of the Navy is one of the largest most complex organizations in the world," said Garcia.

"We need the best talent we can get, so we go from corner to corner in the country searching for the best of the best ... if they have the desire to serve we can use their talents."

During the event, Garcia touched on a variety of discussion topics, including Enlisted Retention Boards (ERB), Perform-to-Serve (PTS), and Selective Early Retirement Boards (SERB).

"With an unprecedented level of reten-

tion [in the Navy] we had to make some very tough decisions," said Garcia. "We had to ask a lot of great Americans and exceptional Sailors to leave the active component. But, it is important to know that over 50 percent of our civilian teammates are veterans, and we need more of those folks to go from shipmates to workmates."

Former Sailor and Civilian Careers spokesperson Connie Vitiello, said she decided to rejoin the ranks of the military when she applied for a position with the Marine Corps.

"The sense of urgency and pride that I felt while I was in the Navy was my motivation for pursuing a civilian career with the military," said Vitiello.

"In the Navy I valued the camaraderie and the work ethic that I found while I served ... I found what I was looking for when I realized I could still feel that and support the active duty military while continuing to be with my family."

A web site has been setup to help encourage Sailors who may be affected by ERB, PTS and SERB to consider continuing their service to country in the civilian sector of the DoN.

Visit the site at <http://www.public.navy.mil/donhr/Employment/Vets/Pages/Default.aspx>.

"We hope the Sailors we had to ask to leave active duty will consider bringing those talents and training they received in

the Navy over to the civilian side," said Garcia. "If we [the Navy] are going to ask the private sector to hire our Sailors it only

makes sense that we lead from the front and transition those individuals that want to stay Navy to our civilian services."



Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan Garcia speaks at the Department of the Navy (DON) Human Resource meeting highlighting the civilian career campaign kickoff. The DON Office of Civilian Human Resources (OCHR) recognizes the changing mission requirements for the DON and talents/skills needed to meet those challenges, along with the modernization of its tools and processes. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Danals).

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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

The holiday season is upon us with Christmas and New Year's Day right around the corner. You would hardly know it from watching the Air Wing as we are as busy as ever preparing for a Winging this evening and a Weapons Detachment in early January. Several Student Naval Aviators will receive their Wings of Gold this evening. Winging ceremonies are always special, but perhaps even more so right on the cusp of Christmas.

As we approach the holidays I hope that all of you will be able to celebrate amongst friends and/or family. Perhaps the greatest gift of all is that of keeping yourself as well as your friends and family safe. As always but especially now, please use common sense and think through your actions using

the same risk management tools that you use at work. If you are traveling, give yourself ample time to arrive at your destination with periodic rest breaks. If you are out celebrating, please use a designated driver; and as always stay away from the fruit cake. Safety is about both knowing your limits as well as using good judgment.

Finally, while we are at home this season visiting friends and family, let us keep in our thoughts and prayers those military members deployed both at sea and in the field, those recovering in military hospitals, and those whom have suffered the ultimate loss. It is because of the shared sacrifices of these men and women, as well as their supporting families, that we are able to enjoy the holiday season in peace and tranquility. We truly are a blessed nation, and the list is long of those to whom we owe eternal gratitude for the price they paid and continue to pay in the purchase of our freedoms and our way of life.

I wish you and your loved ones a festive holiday season, and tidings of peace in the coming new year.

Best to all and Merry Christmas.

v/r

"Joe Bags" Evans

Flight Plans

VT-21 cookbooks

The Training Squadron 21 cookbook is available just in time for Christmas. Cost is \$15 per book, cash or check made out to "VT-21 OSC." The cookbook includes photos of T-45s, squadron lore and recipes submitted by spouses, instructor pilots, student pilots, and Wing and VT-21 staff.

A portion of the proceeds benefit charitable initiatives of the Officers' Spouses Club, which include Wounded Warriors, Toys for Tots, Operation Shipmate, and more.

To purchase a cookbook, call Rose at 516-6166.

VITA volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing income tax returns for the 2012 tax season. If you or someone you know is interested in being a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant, call ET1 Michael Wolfe at 516-6985.

No experience is necessary. Volunteers will be trained to prepare returns Jan. 9 to 13.

Register to vote

It is time to submit your voter registration and ballot request for the upcoming January, February and March primaries. The request must be timed according to your state's election date requirements: Florida, Jan. 31; Missouri, Feb. 7; Arizona, Feb. 28; Georgia, March 6; Ohio, March 6; Oklahoma, March 6; Tennessee, March 6; Texas, March 6; Virginia, March 6; Alabama, March 13; and Mississippi, March 13.

For the following states, the request

form is valid only in the year it is submitted: Michigan, Feb. 28; Massachusetts, March 6; Vermont, March 6; and Illinois, March 20.

To ensure your request is valid for all elections in 2012, submit a registration/ballot request for as soon as possible after Dec. 31.

Go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program website, FVAP.gov, and get started – it only takes a few minutes. The FVAP.gov web portal also offers voting assistance.

When registering at FVAP.gov, be sure to include an e-mail address, phone number and/or fax number on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. Remember, many states allow you to submit your form electronically and deliver your ballot electronically or provide online ballot access. Go to FVAP.gov or your state's election website for more information.

To find out the status of your registration or absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html>, or visit your state website.

Check your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election officer. Find your state's website via FVAP's web portal, <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>.

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The Branch Health Clinic Kingsville pharmacy will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 30. Appointments will not be booked on those afternoons as well.

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will be sponsoring a bigger and better Kids Zone for children, food booths and merchandise vendors, and a mid-show concert for both days that will feature a well-known, top country performing artist. "We'll announce the name of our performer once we get the contract worked out," Anderson said. "But I'll say this – the performer is no stranger to Texas."

The Kingsville community is going to be heavily involved in the 2012 event, as they were in 2010. Plans are already underway to host an air show pep rally at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for school-aged children on Friday, April 13 similar to the pep rally in 2010. But this year, NAS Kingsville School Liaison Officer Jeanie Alexander promises, "it's going to be even better."

"The folks at the college are excited about this year's show, and we're already in the planning mode for the Friday pep rally event," Alexander stated. "We had nearly 6,000 children at the pep rally in 2010 and we'd like to beat that total this time around."

Kingsville and Kleberg County will also host a "Meet the Performers" night at the J.K. Northway Convention Center at Kleberg Park Friday evening as they did in 2010. Both Friday events will be free of charge.

To stay up-to-date on the performing acts lined-up for the 2012 show, visit the air show web site at <http://wingsoversouth-texas.org>, or the NAS Kingsville web site at <http://cnic.navy.mil/kingsville>. Updates will also appear in coming issues of the *Flying K*.

Make your plans now to attend Wings Over South Texas 2012 – saluting the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of NAS Kingsville.

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Santa & Mrs. Claus drop in from North Pole

Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out from their busy schedule to visit Naval Air Station Kingsville and dozens of "good little girls and boys" on Dec. 1 (pictured above). Santa and Mrs. Claus were transported from the North Pole by the U.S. Army in one of their Black Hawk helos assigned to the MEDEVAC unit located aboard NAS Kingsville (pictured above right). Morale, Welfare and Recreation had an evening of fun planned including a Tree Lighting and a Candyland of activities for the youngsters. And, of course, the children had time to visit Santa and tell him if they'd been bad or good throughout the year. Pictured right, Aleia, granddaughter of AZ2 Darrell O'Neal (right) and his wife Ingar, has her photo taken with Santa. (Courtesy photos)



Selected for advancement

Ten Naval Air Station Kingsville Sailors were frocked recently, advancing from the September 2011 exam cycle. Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, presented each Sailor with a certificate acknowledging their achievement. Pictured left are (from left) RP2 Quentin Williams, ABH1(AW) Jesus Martinez, AC2 Samuel Bivens, AC2 Cory Nacin, AC2 Ronald Anderson, AC3 Michael Langston, AC3 Drew Wittmeyer, AC3 Garrett Scanlin, and AC3 Samantha Townsend. Pictured above, QM1(SW) Bryan Hastings receives his frocking certificate from McLaughlin. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

Worldwide audience sees Navy grind-out 27-21 win over Army

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

In all of sports, there is no rivalry that can match the annual Army-Navy football game. It's more than just a regional rivalry like Oklahoma-Texas, UCLA-Southern Cal or Yankees-Red Sox. It's a rivalry filled with honor and tradition. The game also salutes commitment to serve -- not only by the players on the field -- but all members of the nation's volunteer military services. This year's battle between the two service academies, played last Saturday just outside the nation's capital at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., lived up to that claim and more.

A crowd of 81,000 people attended the game -- including President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, and Army General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A worldwide television audience was able to watch the game live, thanks, in part, to the Armed Forces broadcasting network.

While this year's clash between the Black Knights and Midshipmen had no bearing on the NCAA football championship series or this year's bowl game picture, the 112th meeting of the two teams was equally important because it simply was Army-Navy.

"The Army-Navy game really is the highlight of a player's academy football career," said NAS Kingsville Air Boss Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson, a former tight end for the Naval Academy in 1989 and 1991, who attended the game last week. "As a player, there is nothing better to take away from playing for the Academy; all accomplishments are pitted against how well we did against Army."

Anderson said he ran into a number of



Navy quarterback Kris Proctor runs up-field during the second quarter of the 2011 Army-Navy football game Dec. 10. Proctor led the Navy's rushing attack with two touchdowns and 97 yards on the ground, as Navy beat Army for the 10th straight time, 27-21. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Chad Runge).

his former teammates at the game, and had the opportunity to sit in the same section as President Obama. He even snapped a few photos.

"Being able to be close enough to get a photo of the president was awesome," he said.

This year's game was the first time President Obama has attended since his election in 2008. He participated in the pre-game coin toss and he and the vice president sat on opposite sides of the stadium -- switching places at halftime to ensure they maintained

'neutrality.' Also during halftime, Vice President Biden and his wife Jill met with 49 Soldiers, 18 Sailors, an Airman and two Marine wounded warriors and their families at the game.

Navy, winners of the last nine games between the two teams and owners of a 56-49-7 advantage in the series that dates back to 1891, took a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter, taking advantage of an Army fumble at the Black Knights' 26-yard line. Six plays later, Navy quarterback Kris Proctor carried it in from four yards out to put Navy on top.

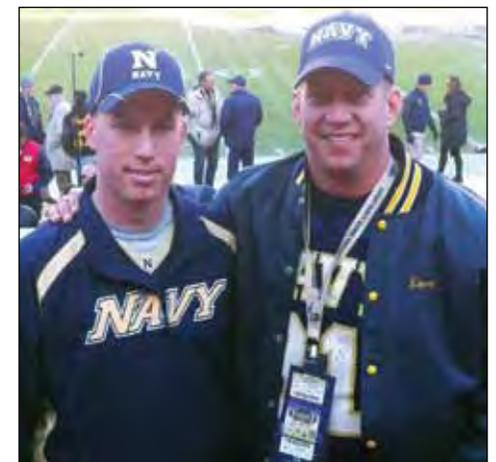
Navy made it 14-0 with 10 minutes left in the second quarter when fullback Alexander Teich scored on a 10-yard run, capping a 7-play, 55-yard drive. But Army came right back. The Black Knights took the ensuing kickoff and put together an 8-play drive of their own, culminating with a 34-yard touchdown run by quarterback Trent Steelman. The Army added another touchdown in the final seconds of the first half to tie the game 14-14.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first drives of the second half. Navy benefited from a 5-play, 52-yard drive to pay dirt, while Army put together a 6-play, 74-yard drive to tie the game, 21-21 heading into the fourth quarter.

Navy place-kicker Jon Teague added the final scoring for Navy with a pair of field goals; the first coming from 23 yards after a 6-minute, 7-play drive. Teague connected

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Pictured right, Student Naval Aviators, NAS Kingsville Sailors, friends and family members watch the Navy/Army game at the K-Bar. Food was provided by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Pictured far right, Naval Academy grads Dave Anderson, right, Class of 1992, and his half-brother Mark Sheggeby, Class of 2006 and F/A Super Hornet Weapons Systems Officer (WSO), pose for a photo prior to the kickoff of the 2011 Army-Navy football game at FedEx Field in Landover, Md. Navy won the game, 27-21. (Courtesy photos)





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Navy programs provide benefits for separating Sailors

Navy assistance programs for separating Sailors, as well as some enhanced transition benefits unique for Sailors not selected for retention by the Enlisted Retention Board, are outlined in NAVADMIN 332/11, released Nov. 4.

"If you've served in the Navy, you've been a good military team member, and we want to give you and your families the best possible transition benefits," said Rear Adm. Martha Herb, director of Personal Readiness and Community Support.

"If you are not selected to stay in the Navy, you can succeed on the outside with your proven military values, education, training, and experience. The transition tools we're providing for separating Sailors will help you get off to a good start."

The NAVADMIN outlines the full spectrum of separation benefits available to all Sailors leaving the Navy, which are designed to help them succeed in civilian life. Sailors separating via the ERB will receive targeted outreach assistance to ensure an individual transition plan is developed.

Historically high retention and low attrition led to the need for the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB).

Held in two phases, the board considered the records of about 16,000 Sailors from 31 overmanned ratings to determine who will be recommended for retention. Phase I convened Aug. 22 to review the records of E-4 and E-5 Sailors, and Phase II convened Oct. 11 to review the records of Sailors in pay grades E-6 through E-8. Those Sailors not selected for retention will have access to the full spectrum of Navy support services, as well as several enhanced transition benefits.

Benefits for separating Sailors include:

- The DoD Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) which includes the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop. Other programs offered at Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) worldwide include assistance with resume writing, financial counseling, relocation counseling, and educational benefits and opportunities.

- Continuing education and credentialing opportunities, including the Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) program (<https://www.cool.navy.mil>), which assists Sailors in obtaining civilian licenses and certifications aligned with their job or rating; and through Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) educa-

tion counselors in Navy College Offices (<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>).

- Information regarding government civilian opportunities through the Office of Civilian Human Resources (OCHR) Employment Information Center (EIC) (<http://www.public.navy.mil/donhr/Employment/Vets/Pages/Default.aspx>) and by e-mail (DONE-IC@navy.mil) or phone 1-800-378-4559.

- Authorized permissive temporary duty for job-hunting;

- Opportunities for eligible Sailors to affiliate with the Navy Reserve;

- Education benefits via the Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bills;

- Department of Veterans Affairs health care and life insurance;

Benefits for all Sailors who are separated involuntarily in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction 1332.29, including those affected by the ERB, consist of:

- Involuntary separation pay.

- Transitional TRICARE coverage for six months for Sailors and their families, as well as the option to purchase health care coverage through the Continued Health Care Benefit Program for up to 18 additional months.

- Continued ID card possession for two years to access medical and other benefits;

- Commissary and exchange benefits for two years after separation.

In addition to resources provided to all separating members, Sailors separating by the ERB will be eligible for other enhanced transition benefits.

For more information on transition assistance benefits and resources, Sailors can check out a reference handbook posted at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx>.

Sailors and their family members are also encouraged to access the full range of stress management resources available to them during this transition, including their command leadership, ombudsmen, medical and mental health specialists, and counselors at FFSCs. Information about Navy chaplain support is available at <http://chaplaincare.navy.mil/>. Education, relocation, counseling and stress control resources are also available through Military One Source at <http://www.militaryonesource.com/>. (From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)

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again from 44-yards shortly after Army fumbled the ensuing kickoff.

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Army still had a shot at winning. The Black Knights started at their own 23-yard line and put together a 12-play, 55 yard drive. But the drive stalled at the Navy 25-yard line, and the Midshipmen took over from there and ran the clock out for the victory.

NAS Kingsville had planned an Army-Navy game of its own for Saturday – a flag football contest pitting a base team against a

team of Army Reservists prior to the broadcast of the real game, followed by a base-wide viewing of the actual game at the K-Bar. But inclement weather forced the game to be cancelled. The rain did not, however, dampen the spirits of those who turned out to play or watch the game ... they simply channeled their energy into the real game on TV.

In the end, they were treated to a heck of a football game, free food, and a lot of fun courtesy of MWR. No losers here, my friends.

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NAS Kingsville's Public Works 'dispatches' Burgard to retire

By IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Public Works (PW) Transportation Dispatcher, Becky Burgard, is retiring.

She has been the "PW Dispatcher" for majority of her 32-year civil service career on board NAS Kingsville. Her job includes dispatching vehicles, and tracking and reporting requirements for transportation. Burgard said, "I'll miss the challenges of the job and the feeling of accomplishment when everything turns out well."

"Her work is an integral part of supporting NAS Kingsville's mission to train fighter pilots. All the maintenance and movement with the aircraft and on the air field requires supports, which uphold sustained transportation requirements," said Russell Messer, Burgard's supervisor.

"She is meticulous and thorough, and positively loyal," Messer continued. "Her willingness and reliability with assignments, and her vast knowledge through all the years of experience have truly made her an asset to our department. She will be missed."

Throughout Burgard's service on board the naval air station, she has worked in different fields and offices, and has enjoyed the variety of learning experiences.

She said her favorite part about the job was meeting people from all over the world.

"I have had a lot of fun working here [at NAS Kingsville] and was able to meet a lot of people from everywhere," Burgard said. "It has been interesting to meet people coming to Kingsville from different coasts and states, even different countries."

Burgard is a native of Kingsville and started out at the air station working at Ground Training, where she compiled flight training simulations and typed instructions. Afterward, she moved to the Supply department as the impress fund cashier before temporarily taking over as the VT-21 command secretary.

She took a five-year break at one point in her career to raise her children and spend time with her family. When she returned to work, she continued working in Supply. After spending one year as the item manager taking care of the procurement of the fuel and engines, she transferred to Public Works, initially taking care of the trouble calls, and eventually moving over to transportation.

"She is hard-working and very efficient, and it is time for her to enjoy a break; she deserves it," said Libby Kopatz, a colleague.

Burgard is ready for retirement. "I look forward to having the time to take more care of my mom and perhaps travel abroad with my sister to wherever we end up!"



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Football champs

The MWR Flag Football league ended Saturday, Dec. 10, with a playoff game pitting Air Ops team "Get Stupid Loose" (above) against Training Squadron 21 (right). Air Ops' team took first. (Courtesy photos by Kristin Lokken)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

MWR Event Calendar

Mondays

7:30 p.m. - Monday Night Football
& Build your own Nachos at Liberty

Tuesdays

6 p.m. - Spinning at Fitness Center
7 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee pickup game

Wednesdays

11:30 a.m. - Cardio Overdrive
6 p.m. - Zumba at Fitness Center
7 p.m. - Free movies at Liberty/Single Sailor Lounge

Thursdays

5 p.m. - Flag Football League
6 p.m. - Spinning at Fitness Center

Fridays

Fabulous Friday Table Games
& Snacks at Liberty, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sundays

All day football & burgers at Liberty

Scavenger Hunt

Beginning Jan. 1, all eligible MWR patrons (ages 18 and up) can participate in a smart phone/mobile internet device scavenger hunt called "Leap Into The New Year With MWR!" More details to follow; call Liberty for more information, 516-4FUN (386).

Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

Candlelight Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Chapel on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Family Bible Service at 10:30 a.m. and Catholic Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League Standings as of Nov. 29

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Alley Cats	35	17
2	Three J's	31.5	20.5
3	Lane Breakers	30	22
4	3 Minds/Gutter	26.5	25.5
5	DNA	25	27
6	The Guys	24	28
7	The Dusters	23	29
8	Spare Tires	13	39

High Score Game-Men: Lindy Conner, 279; Jerry Brooks, 277; Clinton Howell, 264.
High Score Series-Men: Lindy Conner, 730; John Zapalac, 705; Jerry Brooks, 673.

Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Dec. 7

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	34	18
2	Petes Angels	32	20
3	Big K Rollers	26.5	25.5
4	Bad Azz	24.5	27.5
5	DUH's	24	28
6	Rat'Lers	23	29
7	Laugh Out Loud	22	30
8	I Can't Believe	22	30

High Score Game-Men: JD Monroe, 275; Rodney Malin, 269; John Zapalac, 267.

High Score Series-Men: John Zapalac, 724; Rodney Malin, 679; Clinton Howell, 671.

High Score Game-Women: Tilde Hyndyman, 201; Mary Gonzales, 201; Lee Peters, 192.

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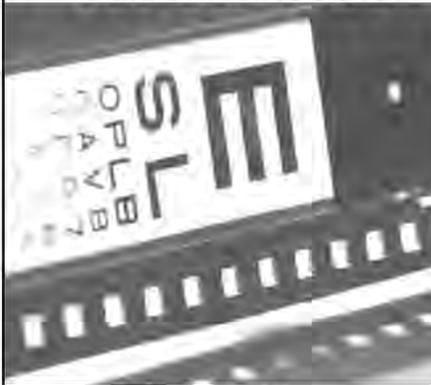


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