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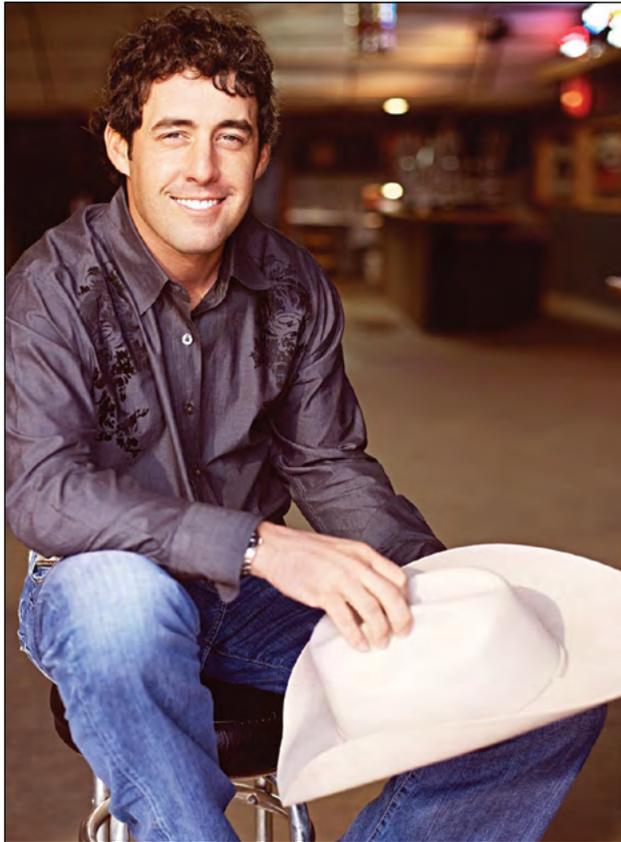
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Aaron Watson

4 more acts signed!

April 14-15 air show line up grows

Country Artist Aaron Watson to rock 'Wings Over South Texas' air show

by Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Naval Air Station Kingsville has added another feature to the 2012 "Wings Over South Texas" air show being held April 14 and 15. Abilene, Texas-based country singer and songwriter Aaron Watson will headline FREE concerts on both Saturday and Sunday, beginning at about 12 p.m. each day, on the air station's flight line.

Aaron Watson began his musical career about 10 years ago while attending Abilene Christian University. He put his first band together and was playing "gigs" on campus and around the region when he came to the attention of a local physician and part-time songwriter, Dr. Neal Lowry. Lowry became Watson's co-writer and an important force in the singer's growing career.

With two albums and a few years of hard touring under his belt, Watson released his third album, *Shut Up & Dance*. After a slow start, the third single from the album "Off the Record," took off in Texas radio. Watson and band soon moved from a cramped van to a roomy tour bus and began playing for sellout crowds all over the southwest.

For his next release, 2004's *The Honky Tonk Kid*, Watson joined veteran producer and Asleep at the Wheel leader Ray Benson. That album spawned another hit single "Reckless," and Watson followed up quickly with the 2005 concert recording, *Live at the Texas Hall of Fame*.

Watson's next release, *San Angelo*, was also produced by Benson. It debuted at No. 60 on the billboard chart and continued Watson's career momentum and album sales.

Usually, you'll find Watson somewhere on the road in Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, Missouri, Nevada, California, Illinois, Oklahoma, and New Mexico doing what he does best – playing timeless country music and shaking the hands of friends and fans night after night.

The Navy's Blue Angels will headline the 2012 "Wings Over South Texas" air show, which will include such aero-

nautical performers such as the Navy's Leap Frogs, 2008 World Aerobatic Champion Rob Holland, and Corpus Christi native Paul Fiala.

"More acts will continue to be added to the line-up," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer. "But we're thrilled to add two free concerts to the line-up of events that we will offer the community with this year's air show. We are working to make this the 'best ever' air show in South Texas."

Indy Boys bring jet-powered vehicles, extreme act to NAS Kingsville air show

Another spectacular act has been added to the 2012 "Wings Over South Texas" air show lineup being held April 14 and 15 aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville.

Indy Boys Inc., motor sports entertainment at its most extreme, will join the lineup of civilian acts for the air show. Paul Stender, vehicle builder and driver, will be bringing both his jet-powered school bus dubbed "School Time" and jet-powered outhouse.

The school bus is a high-speed dragster custom built by Stender with special metals and a jet engine lifted from an F-4 Phantom fighter jet. The bus can travel 367 mph and belches out 80-foot flames sending clouds of smoke billowing from the tailpipe.

Stender says he built the bus for two reasons. "The first is to entertain people ... The second is to inspire kids to stay off drugs," the motor-head says.

"That's why," he adds, "that we wrote our motto on the side of the bus, 'Jets are cool. Drugs are not.'"

Stender has created some of the fast and most unique jet-powered vehicles that perform worldwide.

World's only jet-powered outhouse, called the Port-O-Jet, was created by attaching a portable toilet to a go-kart chassis. A Boeing turbine engine was then stuck under the bowl. Add a 55-liter fuel tank and a pair of small tires, and all that was needed was a vision hole in the door for the driver.

What the machine lacks in aerodynamics it makes up for in power. The Port-O-Jet boasts 1,000 hp. Thirty-foot flames

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Ken Pietsch



DAV Flight Team



Indy Boys' will be bringing their jet-powered school bus called 'School Time' (left) and their jet-powered outhouse to the 'Wings Over South Texas' air show April 14-15.

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer

Greetings Team Kingsville,

With Spring Break for most area schools scheduled for next week and many of you planning some leave, I thought it would be a good time to get this information into your hands now, about our upcoming exercise

During the week of March 19 to 24, NAS Kingsville will participate in the Navywide exercise called "Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield." This exercise is geared toward our antiterrorism and force protection (AT/FP) plans and how we will execute them under simulated exercise injects.

For most of you, business will be normal the first part of the exercise week. However, come Wednesday and Thursday of the exercise week, our local injects will afford our Security Department and Fire and Emergency Services Department to some intense training scenarios. Likewise, there will be exercise events throughout the Navy that will lead the base to set a higher Force Protection Condition.

When we go to a higher state of force protection, we will closing many functions on the base that are "non-essential" and most notable to all will be the very high state of security and screening at the front gate entrance.

I ask each and every one of you who reside on the base to understand that this exercise is very important, especially to our first responders. Your cooperation throughout the exercise is greatly appreciated. Our Public Affairs and Training Department will be running numerous public notices about what to expect during the exercise period. Most notably will be your wait at the front gate for base access. Therefore, if you are looking for an opportune time to check out your tele-work capability, or would like to take a few days of vacation, the end of the exercise week would be a great time to take leave away from the base.

It has been determined that we cannot make you stay away from the base and incur leave during the exercise, since administrative leave is not authorized for this exercise. So if you decide to come to work, be patient with the force protection conditions in place, go along with the exercise, and please do not attempt to circumvent our security posture.

When the exercise concludes, my departments will be gathering lessons learned and I'll be looking for your honest assessments.

Enjoy the Spring Break and we look forward to a successful Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield Exercise.

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac



Staying Navy -- EN2(SW) James Phelps reenlisted Monday, March 5, with orders to USS Mustin (DDG 89) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Phelps, a native of Grand Blanc, Mich., has 8 years service and is currently working for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. Pictured above, Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control facilities officer, presents Phelps with his discharge certificate prior to reenlisting him for 6 more years of service. Phelps family was on hand for the ceremony, including his wife Autumn, son, Evan, 2, and daughter Farrah, 1. They received certificates of appreciation for their support of their Sailor. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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Greetings Team Kingsville,

Last month we enjoyed a terrific Black History Month Celebration at the Captain's Club. The celebration included several musical performances and several guest speakers. I want thank Edgar Williams, and the members of the NAS Kingsville Diversity Committee, for all of their hard work in planning and organizing that great event.

Last month's celebration was a testimony to the fact that the Navy does a good job of celebrating its diversity. More importantly, our Navy does a good job of leveraging diversity to make it an asset that strengthens our fighting force. There is no doubt that diversity makes our Navy stronger.

Speaking of diversity, the month of March is Women's History Month. And as I think of the significant things that women have contributed to the history of our great nation I can't help but focus on the remark-

able strides they have made in contributing to our great Navy.

Women have served in and with the Navy since the American Revolution and became an official part of the Navy with the establishment of the Navy Nurse Corps in 1908. Women then gained permanent status in the military as a result of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act in 1948.

In 1978, women were assigned to select non-combatant ships for the first time. In 1994, women began serving in combatants and piloting combat aircraft following the repeal of the Combat Exclusion Law. Finally, in 2010 the Navy changed its policy allowing women to serve on submarines and in November 2011, the first women reported on board ballistic missile submarines and guided missile submarines.

Throughout their history in our Navy, women have faced huge challenges in their efforts to break career barriers. Fortunately, through unparalleled dedication, tremendous perseverance, and outstanding professionalism, female Sailors today are succeeding in every aspect of Naval service. Way to go shipmates!

Happy Women's History Month!
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This paper is published for people like Stephanie Borfield, ombudsman of the Branch Health Clinic Kingsville and wife of HM2 Michael Borfield. Stephanie, a store associate at the Commissary, is from Ozark, Alabama, and has been in South Texas about a year.

African-American History Month celebrated with music, more

Naval Air Station Kingsville Diversity Committee celebrated African-American History Month with an event Feb. 23, which featured musical presentations and speakers.

Black History Month, or National African-American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African-Americans in U.S. history.

The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African-Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Kleberg County Sheriff Ed Mata talked to the group about "opening doors," providing opportunities for others. He said it took someone to address the needs of the many to set a trend for others to have opportunities available today.

"Who would have thought," Mata said, "that one day I'd be standing next to the vice president. I was standing with Vice President Cheney – not behind him, but next to him.... I also stood next to former Governor Bush.

"Be part of the solution, don't deny anyone anything," Mata added. "Give of yourself."

Former Army Sgt. Latoya Holliday, another guest speaker at the event, is someone who gave of herself for her country. She received a Purple Heart for her actions in Iraq. While Holliday only spoke briefly to those assembled, she did say that it was because of people like Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson,

the first African-American woman to become a two-star general, that she was afforded the opportunities she has today.

Holliday added that her grandfather had a dream deferred and an explosion in Iraq caused her to change her dreams, but "I still have a dream. And, for all of us with a dream, keep it going."

The celebration also included Juan Carlos Gonzales, an H.M. King High School student, singing the national anthem to open the event. There were also special performances by "The Innovators," St. Paul's Methodist Church's "The Anointed Ones," and "Youth 'N Motion." Rev. James Gaddis sang a hymn and Minister Al Lewis talked to those assembled about the importance of Black history to American history.

The event was put together by NAS Kingsville's Diversity Committee, which also provided a meal and table decorations that articulated the month's theme, "Black Women in History and Culture."

Rev. James Gaddis sings a hymn as part of the diversity celebration held Feb. 23, at the Captain's Club.



HN Michael Mangel, right, serves traditional foods during the NAS Kingsville Diversity Committee's African-American History Month celebration held Feb. 23. Also "on the menu" of the celebration were Kleberg County Sheriff Ed Mata, Former Army Sgt. Latoya Holliday, Minister Al Lewis and various musical and dance performances. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)

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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
 Commander
 Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

As I sit at my desk this Monday afternoon writing this column, it is hard not to admire how beautifully blue the sky is this afternoon. What a great day to fly – which I did, twice! With a day like today, you can almost forget how bad the flying weather has been this past month. The morning fog, haze, low ceilings and rain washed away one-half of our scheduled sorties during four of the last five weeks. Although, I hate to think how oppressively hot the summer will be, I am ready for more of these clear and bright days such as this one.

As usual, we have a lot of operational activity coming up this month. Our latest Carrier Qualification (CQ) class started lectures already and will soon begin “bouncing” at Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove, an outlying field 40 miles northwest of Kingsville. They will be hook down on USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla., on March 24. Some of those going to the “boat” will

be winged on March 30. On the backside of that winging, we will both be sending a Weapons Detachment to El Centro and commencing another April CQ class.

The VT-21 Fighting Redhawks wrapped up last week with a Spouses' Appreciation Day. The Redhawk spouses attended a day of activities at the hangar sporting their pilots' flight suits. We can never fully thank our under-appreciated military spouses who stress through flights schedules and PCS moves right along with us but don't get to enjoy the thrill of flying. I am sure that a great time was had by all. Well done Redhawks.

On a final note, it is a great honor to congratulate Training Air Wing TWO's newest class of Naval Aviators: Lt.j.g. Calvin Stark (VT-21), who selected Super Hornets in Lemoore, Calif.; Lt.j.g. Steven Shaw (VT-21), who selected Hornets in Oceana, Va.; Lt.j.g. Justin Grofic (VT-21), who selected Hornets in Lemoore; 1st Lt. Rick Dunlap (VT-21), who selected Hornets in Oceana; Lt.j.g. Matt Goldthwaite (VT-22), who selected Hornets in Oceana; Lt.j.g. Jason Ely (VT-22), who selected Super Hornets in Lemoore; and 1st Lt. Clement (VT-22), who was retained as a SERGRAD instructor pilot. The ceremony was held at the NASK Captain's Club on Friday, Feb. 24.

For the pilots, keep 'em safe as we ramp up with this great weather!

v/r,

“Joe Bags” Evans



Recognizing superb airmanship -- Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO, awarded two Commodore's Safety Coins recently to a Training Squadron 22 student and instructor pilot. While descending into the NAS Kingsville airfield recently, the T-45 Goshawk 1st Lt. Marshall Clinkscales, student Naval aviator, and Lt. Cmdr. John Hamiter, instructor, were flying collided with a red-tailed hawk at approximately 300 knots. The bird penetrated the canopy and obscured both men's vision. Through great teamwork between the student and instructor, they were able to take control of the situation and land the aircraft uneventfully, without further damage to the aircraft or injury to themselves. Their superb airmanship helped prevent a dangerous situation from becoming catastrophic. (Courtesy photo)

NAS Kingsville to take part in Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield

NAS Kingsville will participate in a Navy-wide training exercise March 19-24. Exercise "Solid Curtain - Citadel Shield 2012" is a force protection exercise that will be conducted on all continental United States (CONUS) Navy installations and Navy ships, and will impact all Naval forces including installation commands and tenant activities.

"Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield will enhance the training and readiness of our security personnel and first responders," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin. "The exercise also creates a learning environment for installation personnel to test and evaluate functional plans and operational capabilities."

McLaughlin also stressed the importance of the training. "This exercise will test our ability to prepare for and adapt to diverse and fast-moving situations. The more opportunities we have to train, the more proficient we become in dealing with real-world events."

Exercise scenarios range from low-key events to high-tempo and active simulated emergencies. Traffic flow on and off the installation could be affected during certain portions of the exercise, and increased security measures may be initiated in response to certain training evolutions without prior notice.

Military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, retirees, and family members should factor in additional time for getting through gates to conduct their business on all Navy Region Southeast installations throughout this training exercise. 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.

Command activities should inform vendors and contractor employees of the exercise and how these training evolutions may affect their installation access. Prior coordination with servicing outlets could prevent confusion and frustration during the exercise.

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

Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield is a regularly scheduled Navywide exercise and is not being conducted in response to any specific threat.

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***“Wings of Gold”
winging ceremony
Feb. 17 at McFall
Memorial Chapel***

From left are (front row) Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO; Cmdr. Darren Guenther, commanding officer, VT-22; Lt.j.g. Conor O’Neil; Lt.j.g. Candice Nunley; Cmdr. Quino Alonzo, commanding officer, VT-21; Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, NAS Kingsville; Cmdr. Rey Molina, chief staff officer, TW-2; (back row) Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, executive officer, VT-22; Lt.j.g. Richard Tiberio; Lt.j.g. Adam Fisel; and Cmdr. Brian Beck, executive officer, VT-21. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



***“Wings of Gold”
winging ceremony
Feb. 24 at Captain’s
Club***

Seven student pilots received their Wings of Gold during a winging ceremony held Feb. 24, at the Captain’s Club. From left are: (front row) Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, VT-22 executive officer; Capt. Joseph Evans, commander, TW-2; Cmdr. Quino Alonzo, VT-21 commanding officer; Lt.j.g. Calvin Stark; 1st Lt. Richard Dunlap; 1st Lt. Gregory Clement; Lt.j.g. Matthew Goldthwaite; Cmdr. Darren Guenther, VT-22 commanding officer; Col. Marshall Denney III, MATSG 22 commanding officer; (second row) Capt. Jason Leshikar; Cmdr. Brian Beck, VT-21 executive officer; Lt.j.g. Steven Shaw; Lt. j.g. Justin Gorfik; Lt.j.g. Jason Ely; Maj. Chris Reinhart, Sr. Marine VT-21; Maj. Derek Bibby. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



TA-4J Skyhawk returns home to NAS Kingsville after 18 years away

Photos & story by Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

A dedicated team of NAS Kingsville personnel and workers from Munchkin Erection, Co., joined together to bring a TA-4J "Skyhawk" home to NAS Kingsville Feb. 11. The aircraft, which departed the base in 1994, hadn't been very far from home during the 18 years away, just 3 or 4 miles from the main gate of the air station, tucked neatly inside an aviation maintenance building at H.M. King High School.

The aircraft had been loaned to the Kingsville Independent School District (KISD) by the National Museum of Naval Aviation to use as a display for the aviation maintenance class. Due to limitations on what the school could and could not do with the aircraft, set by the Naval Aviation Museum, it pretty much was only used for display inside the building, taking up a heck of a lot of space.

The high school dropped the aviation maintenance program in 2010, and KISD decided to return the aircraft to the Navy and the Museum, but they didn't have any funding available to ship the plane back. So, they asked NAS Kingsville for some assistance, and the base was happy to oblige.

Munchkin Erection Co. was contracted by KISD to remove a portion of the building in order to expand the door opening so the aircraft could be moved from the shop area. This presented a number of problems in itself, such as maneuvering the aircraft inside the building to avoid the 16-foot high tail from hitting the steel beams that held the roof, and figuring out how to get the aircraft's 26-foot-6-inch wingspan through a 24-foot opening. The original opening was only 12-feet wide, so the construction team had to remove the steel beams that held the garage door sections of the building in order to make the opening large enough for the aircraft.

The construction crew began their work on Friday, Feb. 10, and the opening enlargement was completed at about noon the next day. That's when the NAS Kingsville crew sprung into action, under the direction of Chief Aviation Hydraulics and Structural Mechanic Stan Pendergrass, with assistance from ABH32 Lance Carter.

"Petty Officer Carter and I didn't really have a lot to do the first day of the project," Pendergrass said. "We removed the fuel tanks from the wings of the aircraft and then raised the nose strut of the plane to lower the tail so we could avoid the steel beams in the ceiling."

Early Saturday, the aircraft's nose saw the first rays of sunshine in nearly 20 years. But the project was far from over. Getting the aircraft's wings out of the doorway proved to be quite a battle.

Two large steel beams on each side of the opening prevented the construction crews from making the opening wider, so the teams would have to join together to



Left, ABE1 Daniel Garcia uses a forklift to raise the nose of the TA-4J aircraft and lower the tail. Below, workers from Munchkin Erection Company work from a lift to remove a steel-beam section of the building, while Jacob Hospodar uses a forklift to remove the door section. A dedicated team of NAS Kingsville personnel and workers from Munchkin Erection Company joined together to bring the TA-4J "Skyhawk" home to NAS Kingsville Feb. 11.

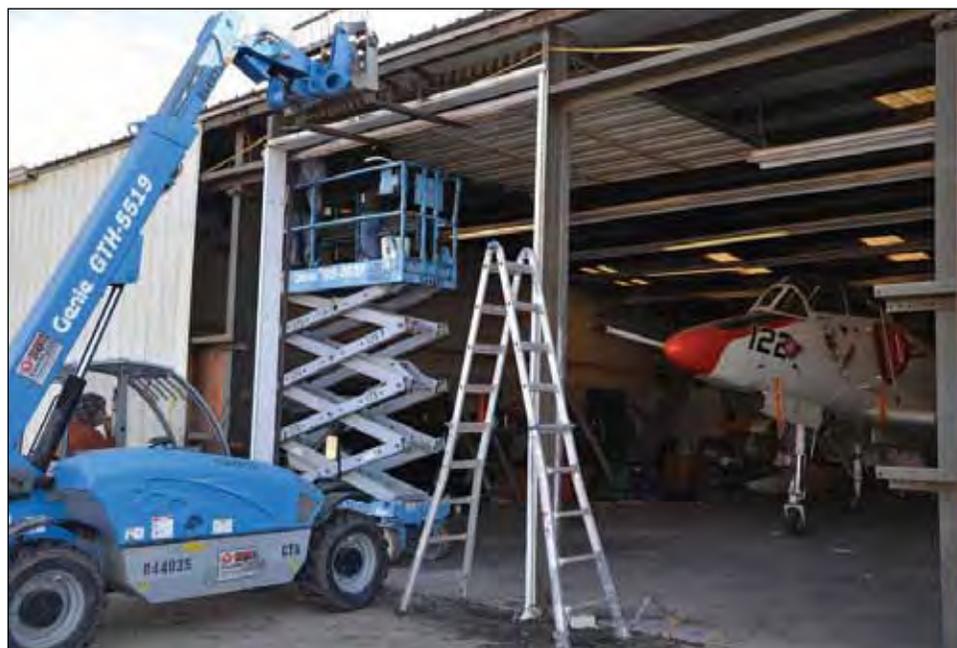


figure out how to make up for the 18-inch difference between the opening and the aircraft's wing span in order to get the plane completely outside – without damaging the aircraft in any way. While the move would require moving the aircraft about 20 feet, it wasn't going to be easy.

"Saturday was a rough day," Pendergrass recalled. "It took the construction team about five hours to remove the door and an additional side of the building before we could even attempt to move the plane outside. Once the crew completed the work on the doorway, we were ready to give it a shot."

"We didn't think it would take us very long to get the plane out once the doors and the section of the building were removed," said ABE1 Daniel Garcia, who assisted Pendergrass and the construction team on

Saturday. "But we soon found out that we were wrong."

The final process took about 5 hours to complete. In order to move the aircraft, the teams had to take baby steps ... measured in inches ... in order to twist and turn the aircraft so that one wing could move outside the building and the aircraft could be then repositioned to get the other wing out. It was a long process, but at about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Skyhawk finally left the building.

"We knew that once we got the plane out of the building we'd be ready to take a short, well-deserved break before starting to put the building back together," said Doug "Munchkin" Hospodar, owner of Munchkin Erection Co. He and his son Jacob and their crew – along with volunteers from the high school metal shop – dealt with one small de-

lay after another, but refused to let frustration take over. "So we just kept at it, moving it a few inches at a time."

The culprit of the delay was a failed strut on the front of the aircraft, a strut that Pendergrass has raised the day before to allow the tail section of the plane to be lowered enough to be moved from the back of the building. Now, with the nose peaking outside, the tail was once again touching the beams on the ceiling.

"Munchkin and his team had everything on site they needed," Pendergrass said, "we were able to use their fork lift to drape a band over the nose and lift the aircraft up enough to get the tail section to drop back down while we moved the aircraft a few inches forward, and then a few inches back. But it was a very slow process."

At about 4:30 p.m., the team had finally got the aircraft where they needed it to be. With three people pushing from the back of the plane, and two people operating a tow tractor, the aircraft finally left the building.

"To say we were excited when we finally got the plane outside is an understatement," Hospodar said.

With the most difficult part of the job behind them, the NAS Kingsville team faced another challenge – getting the aircraft back to the air station. The plan was to move the plane early Sunday morning with a police escort from both the Kingsville Police Department and the Kleberg County sheriff's office. The team would take the aircraft out onto 14th Ave., make a left hand turn and head down Brahma Blvd. They would then make a left hand turn onto Gen. Cavazos Blvd., and move the aircraft a mile down the road and under the Highway 77 overpass,

see *Skyhawk* on page 9



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shoot from the tailpipe and fire shoots from the roof vent. The outhouse is not driven by remote control, but driver Paul Stender is steering from "the hot seat" inside the outhouse. When it's time to refuel, he simply dumps some jet fuel into the urinal, which doubles as a funnel for the fuel tank. With a good tail wind, the Port-O-Jet can reach up to 70 mph, which isn't bad for a toilet.

Stender has created some of the fastest and most unique jet-powered vehicles that perform worldwide. He is a native of Big Bend, Wis., and grew up racing motorcycles and snowmobiles. Stender made the jump into the big leagues racing Badger and USAC Midgets, then later as an Outlaw Sprint Car Driver. After seeing a jet-powered funny car race, Stender took speed to a whole other level when he decided to step into the outrageous world of jet cars. He raced his first jet vehicle in 1995, the Jazz Jet Funny Car at speeds of nearly 300 mph. In his first full year of racing, Paul was honored with the prestigious Pro-Jet Rookie of the Year Award in 1997, and has been setting the jet world on fire ever since. He is currently the top booking act in the industry today.

Therese Stender, Paul's wife, is the team's crew chief and she travels extensively as a performer and part of the Indy Boy's Motorsports Entertainment Racing Team. Therese began a college sports career playing both volleyball and sailing. After com-



The world's only jet-powered outhouse, called the Port-O-Jet, boasts 1,000 hp, can reach up to 70 mph, and is not driven by remote control. Driver Paul Stender is steering from "the hot seat."

pleting a marketing degree from Indiana University, Therese worked in Indianapolis. Later, she came on tour with Stender and has enjoyed traveling along with their two Great Danes.

"This act will thrill and entertain kids of all ages and we are excited they are part of this year's air show line-up," said Lt. Cmdr. David Anderson, air show coordinator. "We're adding new acts every week to this year's schedule. Check out our website www.wingsoversouthtexas.org for up-to-date information. And, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the show April 14 and 15."

Flying Ace Kent Pietsch adds comedy to air show line up

NAS Kingsville has added more excitement and comedy to the 2012 Wings Over South Texas air show line-up – Flying Ace Kent Pietsch in his 1942 Interstate Cadet.

Pietsch flies a comedy act, which includes extreme maneuvers, such as the aileron falling off in mid air. (An aileron is a piece of the aircraft used to control the aircraft in a roll.) Another one of his exhilarating maneuvers includes performing a dead-stick aerobatic routine from 6,000 feet. (Dead stick maneuvers are done with total power off to the aircraft.)

Pietsch also has an RV modified with a runway on top that he lands on. However, he can't see the RV as he lands, making this maneuver extremely difficult. The finale of

Pietsch's performance includes him landing in front of the crowd and placing the aircraft's spinner into the hand of an individual.

Pietsch thrills and entertains crowds with his unique act of classic and gyroscopic aerobatic maneuvers. He loves to fly and says the audience always is his number-one priority. He maintains a perfect safety record for his 38 years as a pilot.

Pietsch flies an 800-pound Interstate Cadet with a 37-foot wingspan. The plane's horizontally opposed four-cylinder engine can generate 90 hp and a G-force ranging from -3 to +5. Jelly Belly Candy Company, a family owned candy manufacturer, is his sponsor.

Historical element added to air show with DAV Flight Team

NAS Kingsville has added a historical act to the 2012 Wings Over South Texas air show line-up – Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Flight Team and their B-25 Mitchell Bomber.

"I'm thrilled that South Texans will be able to see their act here," said Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson, air show coordinator.

The DAV Flight Team's act includes solo performances and simulated bombing missions with their B-25. The B-25 is a twin-engine medium bomber, which was used during World War II. The aircraft gained notoriety in the famed Doolittle Raid over Tokyo, Japan, 70 years ago. Under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, 16 B-25s

launched from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet and attacked Tokyo in a daring raid on April 18, 1942, which helped America rally after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The B-25's max speed is 272 mph, and has a bomb load of 3,000 pounds, wing span of 67 feet 7 inches, length of 53 feet 6 inches and height of 16 feet 4 inches.

A typical B-25 crew consists of six crew members: pilot, copilot, navigator, engineer, waist gunner and tail gunner.

For updates on the 2012 show, including performers and static displays, show times, and other information, visit the air show's official web site at <http://www.wingsoversouthtexas.org/wost>.

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which has a 16-foot-4-inch height limit. If it was able to get through the underpass, it would be a short route up the on-ramp to Highway 77 to Caesar Street and through the back gate to NAS Kingsville.

The NAS Kingsville team arrived back at the high school at 4 a.m. on Sunday. Prior to moving the aircraft, Chief Pendergrass decided to measure the height of the aircraft again, because the nose strut of the plane had dropped during the move. But had it dropped enough to move the tail higher than 16 feet 4 inches?

The result wasn't good news – 16 feet 9 inches -- the plane would not fit under the Highway 77 overpass. Plan "A" wasn't go-



AMC Stan Pendergrass checks the aircraft brake line for fluid prior to moving the aircraft.

NAS Kingsville vet reaches T-45 3,000 flight-hour milestone

Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eric "Vinny" Newstrom, a Functional Check Flight contract pilot for M-1 Support Services and L-3 Vertex at NAS Kingsville, surpassed 3,000 flight hours in the T-45 Goshawk on Dec. 16, 2011. Newstrom became only the fourth pilot to obtain this milestone since the T-45 went into service in 1992.

Two of the four pilots obtained the 3,000 T-45 flight hour milestone while on active duty while the other two obtained the milestone while flying as contractors performing Functional Check Flights (FCF). Newstrom flew 2,410 T-45 flight hours while on active duty and has flown more than 620 hours since October 2008 for M-1 Support Services at NAS Kingsville. M-1 Support Services is a subcontractor to L-3 Vertex Aerospace on the T-45 CLS program, responsible for flying Functional Check Flights following maintenance. The Boeing T-45 is used to train all Navy and Marine Corps strike (jet carrier) pilots and Naval Flight Officers, all E-2 pilots, and jet carrier pilots from allied nations.

Newstrom earned his Navy wings at NAS Kingsville on Oct. 1, 1986, and went to the fleet to fly the A-6 Intruder. He came back to NAS Kingsville in June 1991, as a TA-4J Instructor Pilot with VT-22.

Following his instructor duty tour, Newstrom departed for sea duty. But by the spring of 1997, he was back at NAS Kingsville and rapidly qualified as a Flight Instructor in the T-45. From 1999 to 2001, Newstrom was serving out of the cockpit in a non-flight status, but he returned to NAS Kingsville again

ing to work, so the team had to come up with a new plan. Fortunately, it was an easy fix.

"We actually decided to just move the aircraft down 14th Ave. to Caesar Street," Pendergrass said, "and then go about a mile and a half down Caesar Street to Highway 77, and then straight across the road to the back gate. It took us about an hour to make the move from the high school to the base – and we didn't have any problems."

Chief Tim Knight handled the coordination with local law enforcement officials for the police escort, and then, the entourage headed toward "home." The rest of the trip to the base was uneventful.

Hospodar and his Munchkin Erection Company crew arrived back at the school at about 11 a.m. Sunday and spent about four hours putting the building back together. Once they were finished, Hospodar said he was grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the project.

"You know, there's a history with this aircraft and the Navy," he said, "and it makes me feel good that our team was able to help bring this aircraft back home. I'm very proud of my team."

Hospodar's son Jacob was equally pleased, saying it was the first time he'd ever been involved in such a project. "I've always been a fan of airplanes," Jacob said. "And to be able to do something like this for the school and the Navy is really special."



Dick "Bush Hog" Nelson, right, presented Eric "Vinny" Newstrom his 3,000 flight-hour patch.

in 2001, for his twilight tour, again flying the T-45.

"The question I got asked most often," Newstrom said recently, "is 'what's the difference between the A-4 and the T-45 Goshawk?' Obviously, the A-4 was a larger and more powerful aircraft, but the T-45 has distinct advantages. The first is its self-start capability, on board oxygen generating system, and superior avionics and navigation equipment. This opened up almost any airport in the country with 6,000 feet of runway for T-45 cross country destinations. The second and my favorite advantage is the carrier launch bar. In comparison to the A-4, it vastly reduced the amount of time to launch from aircraft carriers."

Retired Navy Cmdr. Dick "Bush Hog" Nelson, The Boeing Company, presented Newstrom his 3,000 flight-hour patch on a recent visit to NAS Kingsville. Nelson was the high flight time T-45 pilot when he retired in 1997 at Kingsville with more than 1,500 T-45 flight hours.

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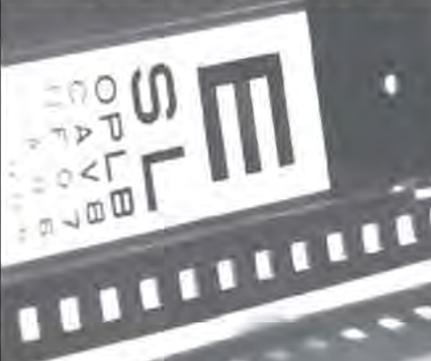
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Heavy lifting --
 Ensign Mark Van Orden, a student at Training Squadron 21 performs his final dead lift of 505 lbs., making it the second highest in the powerlifting competition held by Morale, Welfare and Recreation recently. Top honors went to Noe Barrera, Navy League member, at 510 lbs. There were 17 participants in the competition -- 16 males and one female. Overall winners were: first place, Barrera at 285 lbs. with a total lift of 1,500 lbs.; second, Van Orden at 218 lbs. with a total lift of 1,330 lbs; and third, Travis Charles at 157 lbs. with a total lift of 1,235 lbs. Courtesy photo by Ivan Gomez, MWR fitness center)

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

MWR Event Calendar

- Tuesdays**
 Ping Pong Tournament
 Liberty Center at 6 p.m.
- Fridays**
 Dominos Tournament
 6 p.m. at Liberty center
- Thursdays**
 Trivia on Tap
 at K-Bar at 7 p.m.
- March 14**
 Woof Walk @ Fitness Center
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- March 15**
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- March 16**
 Texas Hold 'Em Poker
 at K-Bar, 7 p.m.
 Kids' Night Out 7 p.m. to 12 midnight

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League Standings as of Feb. 28

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Alley Cats	61	35
2	Lane Breakers	58	38
3	Three J's	56.5	39.5
4	The Guys	49	47
5	3 Minds/Gutter	48.5	47.5
6	The Dusters	43	53
7	DNA	39	57
8	Spare Tires	28	68

High Score Game-Men: Lindy Conner, 237; Jerry Brooks, 216.
High Score Series-Men: Lindy Conner, 603; Jerry Brooks, 583.

Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Feb. 29

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Big K Rollers	52	40
2	Petes Angels	50	42
3	IBowlers	50	42
4	Rat'Lers	47	45
5	Bad Azz	47	45
6	DUH's	44	48
7	I Can't Believe	41	51
8	Laugh Out Loud	37	55

High Score Game-Men: Darrell Beal, 278; Clinton Howell, 276; JD Monroe, 275.

High Score Series-Men: John Zapalac, 724; Clinton Howell, 704; Frank Goff, 700.

High Score Game-Women: Dina Kangas, 221; Amelia Goff, 212; Tilde Hyndyman, 201; Mary Gonzales, 201.

High Score Series-Women: Dina Kangas, 532; Lucy Clarkson, 522; Delia Monroe, 518; Shirlie Duffy, 518.

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 12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

Wednesday
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Thursday
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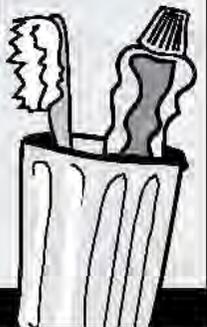
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