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Vice Adm. Bill French gives his remarks at the Commander, Navy Installations Command, (CNIC) change of command ceremony while Vice Adm. Michael Vitale looks on. French relieved Vitale as CNIC during the ceremony held Feb. 3. (Photo by MC1(SW/AW) Monique Hilley)

## CNIC helm changes

**By Patrick Foughty**  
CNIC Public Affairs

Vice Adm. William D. French relieved Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale as Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) during a change of command ceremony in CNIC Headquarters at the Washington Navy Yard, Feb. 3.

Vitale has served as the chief officer leading the Navy's entire shore infrastructure for nearly three years and was the third commander in the history of CNIC. This infrastructure, also known as the CNIC Enterprise; includes 11 Navy Regions, 70 Installations, and 127 Naval Operations Support Centers, and is responsible for 31 business lines and 122 critical shore capabilities across three major categories; operations, quality of life, and facilities management.

Throughout his tenure Vitale lead efforts to standardize, align, synchronize and innovate new methods and processes that furthered CNIC's mission to deliver effective and efficient readiness from the shore that sustain the fleet, enable the fighter, and support families.

Vitale praised the numerous accomplishments of the personnel under his command and of the entire CNIC Enterprise; from molding the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) into the model Personnel Accountability System used across the services, to the development of new shore integration methods and a Total Workforce, capable of continuously supporting operations and services.

"The personnel here at the Headquarters, and throughout the entire Enterprise have faced growing numbers of issues and challenges," Vitale said. "I've had the pleasure of witnessing this Enterprise solve complex and dynamic problems, some self-imposed, some caused by outside forces, and forge a way ahead toward a model of shore integration that has forever changed how we do business and provide service the Fleet, Fighter and Family."

Vitale also thanked the many Navy communities throughout the world that support and allow the Navy to operate in close proximity to their homes and livelihoods, acknowledging the importance of maintaining close ties from the smallest installation

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## VITA opens doors Feb. 14

It's tax season: Time to dig out necessary papers, receipts and forms.

And, it's time for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to gear up.

This year, VITA will be held at the Fleet and Family Support Center, from Feb. 14, through April 16, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are some significant changes to the program this year, which will affect tax preparation assistance.

The changes can be found in NAVADMIN 357/11. It specifies that the VITA program is now a "self service" center meaning customers will come in on a walk-in basis and do their own taxes, with an IRS-certified preparer available to assist.

"The move to self-service is being put into operation in order to increase the total number of clients who can be helped and to familiarize them how to complete their own returns," said ET1(SW) Michael Wolfe, NAS Kingsville's VITA program manager.

Retirees and former spouses with an adjusted gross income greater than \$57,000

will not be eligible to use VITA services and will be referred to a commercial tax preparation service. Full service VITA is now only available to Wounded Warriors and those with physical limitations. If you qualify for full service, call 516-6333, to set up an appointment.

There is no fee for using the VITA center or the assistance of a VITA volunteer. The websites used for filing taxes offer varying options. Federal returns can be e-filed for free. Most websites offer at least one state free e-file, but others may offer more than one state free.

In order to file a return, customers must bring the following documents: Social Security cards for the taxpayer and all dependents being claimed; last year's tax returns; all current W-2s for the taxpayer and spouse; all 1099s and documentation of other income; mortgage interest statements; 1099-B transaction statements for all stocks sold; student tuition paid by the taxpayer; student loan interest paid; receipts of contributions

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## Snow much fun!

Madelyn, daughter of John and Brienne Schumann, was just one of several youngsters at NAS Kingsville's Child Development Center who played in a Winter Wonderland recently. CDC staff brought in synthetic snow, ice bricks and more for the kids to enjoy a day "playing in the snow." For more photos, turn to page 7. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

On Feb. 3, Vice Adm. William D. French assumed command as the Commander, Navy Installations Command, from Vice Adm. Michael Vitale. CNIC is the Echelon II command that we ultimately report to.

Vice Adm. French has commanded three Regions within CNIC: Region Northwest, Joint Region Marianas Guam and Region Southwest. In his first address to CNIC last Friday, he emphasized that his "vision is simple, to support CNO Greenert's Sailing Directions and Vision," which he summarized in just six words: "warfighting first, operate forward and be ready."

Vice Adm. French will visit NAS Kingsville the first week of March. True to our reputation, we will show him our first-rate Naval Air Station.

Shifting gears for a moment, I would like to announce to those that may not truly be up to speed on current events around the base, we are hosting a group from the Navy Inspector General's office. They are here to look at many of our programs and will engage with many of you in round-table discussions. This is your chance to engage directly with the IG staff on issues that are pertinent to NAS Kingsville and I urge all of you to be open and honest with the staff.

In closing, please keep reading our *Flying K* and visit our Facebook page for all the updates to our 2012 Wings over South Texas Air Show. This event is coming together very well and is scheduled for the weekend of April 14-15. Mark your calendars for a tremendous event that won't cost you a dime for admittance.

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac

### NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

#### Sunday

at McFall Memorial Chapel  
10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Services  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship

#### Thursday

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



Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert congratulates Vice Adm. Bill French, right, as he assumes command of Commander, Navy Installations Command. French relieved Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, left, as CNIC during a change of command ceremony held Feb. 3. CNIC is a global enterprise tasked with managing the Navy's entire shore infrastructure and oversees a \$12 billion budget, more than 83,000 facilities, and 58,000 personnel. (Photo by MC1(SW/AW) Monique Hilley)

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to the headquarters level.

"It's the communities, both in the U.S. and abroad, that invite us to live and operate in their backyard, and it's the communities, both within the Navy and outside, that are the anchor of our ability to maintain and operate the best Naval force in the world, and I want to thank each one for their support, patience, and welcoming spirit," Vitale said.

French thanked Vitale for his wisdom and guidance and spoke briefly about his optimism and vision for the future of CNIC.

"During the last 6 years I have been with the CNIC Enterprise I have learned that we have some of the best, brightest, and most talented professionals in the Navy," French said. "Under Vice Admiral Vitale's leadership, the CNIC team has set the example for how an Enterprise should function and has established immense credibility on meeting customer needs. I'm honored to be taking command at this point in the history of the command."

French was promoted shortly before the

event after having a successful tour at Navy Region Southwest in San Diego, Calif., where he accomplished major milestones toward energy and water conservation and numerous other green initiatives.

French, the son of an Air Force officer and native of San Antonio, is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program in May 1979. He earned a master of science degree from Naval Postgraduate School in 1985 and a master of arts from the Naval War College in 1999.

A career submarine officer, French has served on a number of submarines and commanded USS Salt Lake City (SSN 716) and Submarine Squadron 3 in Pearl Harbor. His prior Flag Officer commands include tours at Navy Region Northwest, Navy Region Marianas in Guam, and Navy Region Southwest.

"I am proud to be part of such a superb organization, and look forward to working with you over the next few years," French added.

## Vitale bids farewell to CNIC, the Navy

By MC1 (SW/AW) Monique K. Hilley  
CNIC Public Affairs

As the pipe is blown and Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale passes through sideboys for the last time, he leaves behind a legacy at Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC).

Vice Adm. William D. French relieved Vitale as Commander, Navy Installations Command, Feb. 3.

"The daily challenge of leading 60,000 dedicated men and women who provide all of the operational support, facilities management, and quality of life services at our

70 bases to our Sailors, their families, and our retirees, has been the most rewarding of my Navy career," said Vitale.

During his tenure as CNIC since taking the helm in January 2009, Vitale was responsible for all Navy installations and their activities worldwide including 11 Regions and 70 Installations.

Recognizing that the impact of installations and regions extended beyond the fence lines of the naval bases, Vitale led the Enterprise in achieving three priorities: Delivering Sustained and Improve Shore Readiness; Shaping the Future Shore De-

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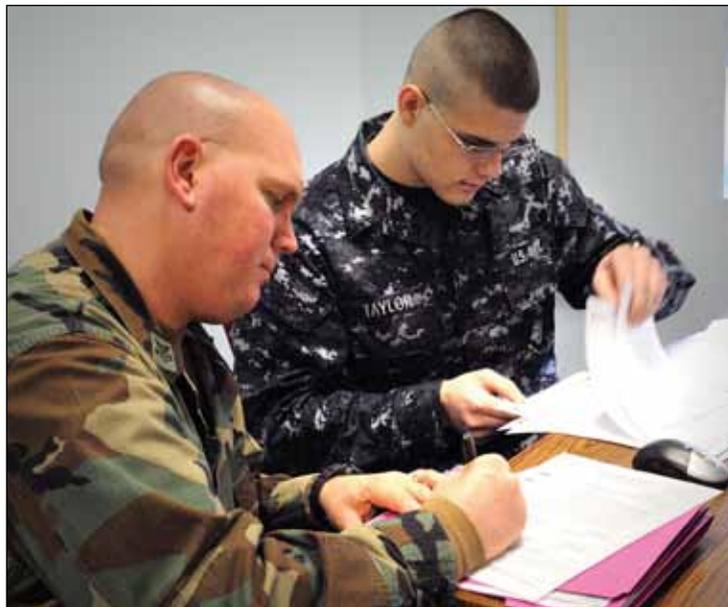
This paper is published for people like Shannon Gillaspia, a native of Ft. Worth, Texas. She works in human resources at Rolls-Royce and has been working on board NAS Kingsville since 2006.

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made to charitable organizations; bills of sale for new vehicles, boats and major purchases; rental income documentation; sale of property information; amounts contributed to IRAs; and all other documentation that pertains to income.

Note that when filing tax returns online, internet filing programs require taxpayers to have an e-mail address. The address is to ensure that the taxpayer can receive an e-mail confirmation that the IRS has accepted or returned their tax return.

For more information, contact ET1 Wolfe at 516-6622.

MM3 Austin Taylor, right, a volunteer income tax assistance member, assists UT1 Doak Walker, assigned to Naval Weapons Station Charleston, in preparing his 2009 Federal and state taxes. VITA volunteers provide free tax advice and assistance during the tax season to military members. (Photo by MC1 Jennifer R. Hudson)



## Navy tax assistance centers open for tax preparation

**By Dania Bardavid**  
Judge Advocate General Public Affairs

More than 100 Navy Tax Assistance Centers around the world are now open for business.

Tax Assistance Centers provide Sailors, retirees and their dependent family members, as well as Reservists in limited cases, and DoD civilians overseas or deployed with the U.S. Armed Forces, the ability to get help with their taxes for free by IRS-trained volunteers.

This program is designed to help Sailors, primarily junior enlisted Sailors and their dependents, by providing a means for them to get their taxes done at no cost. It is a great service that takes care of the Sailor so that they can focus on accomplishing their mission.

Navy tax assistance centers are a resource for Sailors to get free assistance with their taxes almost anywhere around the globe and afloat. Sailors who electronically file their taxes at our tax centers can expect to receive their refund within 8-15 days.

During the 2010 income tax season, Navy volunteers with the VITA/ELF program filed more than 58,000 federal and state tax returns, saving service members and their family members more than \$6.9 million in commercial tax preparation fees. The tax centers expedited \$75 million in tax refunds, with 59 percent of those for pay grades E-1 to E-6.

This year, Naval Legal Service Command is transitioning to self-service tax assistance. This will not affect overseas locations or tax assistance at most fleet-run sites.

The self-service program educates Sailors on tax preparation and promotes self-reliance and financial accountability, a life-long skill.

Under self-service, Sailors and their families file their own tax returns using free tax filing software on computers established in Navy tax centers with the assistance of

IRS-trained volunteers.

Taxes are submitted electronically, and refunds are deposited directly into a Sailor's bank account on an average of two weeks from the date of transmission.

Taxes are due this year on April 17, and tax assistance centers in the U.S. will be open through this date to accommodate Sailors.

Sailors overseas will receive an automatic two-month extension to file their taxes; so overseas VITA centers will stay open longer.

Sailors deployed to a combat zone or who are part of a contingency operation get an automatic extension to file their taxes for at least 180 days upon their return.

Sailors who wish to file 'married filing jointly' and who wish to file their tax return electronically must be present with their spouse to sign the required forms. If their spouse cannot be present, they will need a valid power of attorney for tax preparation.

Sailors who are deployed to a combat zone and wish to file 'married filing jointly' but did not give their spouse a power of attorney may still file their taxes. The spouse must attach a signed statement explaining that the Sailor is currently serving in a combat zone.

A complete list of U.S. Navy tax assistance centers is available online by accessing the Navy JAG website, and clicking the banner at the bottom of the home page for tax information.

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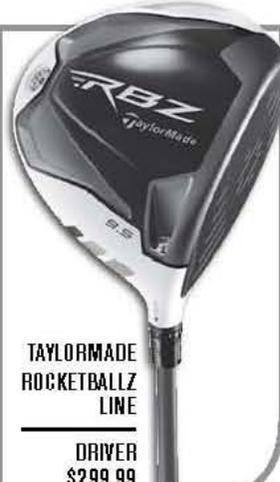
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## In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville  
and Training Air Wing TWO,

It is another action packed week for Training Air Wing TWO. Just last Friday, Feb. 3, we sent 29 Student Naval Aviators off to Key West, Fla., to be formally initiated into the true rite of Carrier Naval Aviation – their first carrier arrested landing. USS George H.W. Bush is cruising somewhere off of the Keys of Southern Florida awaiting the arrival of the finest young pilots that TW-2 has to offer. By the date of this publication, all of our student pilots should have had their turn, hook down, behind the stern of our newest aircraft carrier and the last of the Nimitz Class. Two hook-up “touch and goes” and 10 “traps” later, it is a “qual” and a catapult shot to the beach.

There is perhaps no more exciting point in the jet training pipeline than carrier qualification. Best of luck to all of our student aviators!

By the time of my next column, we will be engaged in the first of two February winging ceremonies. Most of the students going through carrier qualifications this week will be winged later this month. Many of those same students have yet to finish the Air Combat stage of training and will be extremely busy studying and flying their way into the last phase of advanced training.

With all of the intense operations, I hope most of you take time to enjoy some of the finer entertainment right here at NAS Kingsville. If I weren't on my way to Key West this week, I would be enjoying MWR's Casino Night this Friday evening. The best part of it is that you can have all the fun of Vegas without losing your shirt in the process. Oh, and don't forget about Valentine's Day!

Wish our “Tailhookers” the best of luck, and I will see you at the Winging in two weeks.

Best to all,  
“Joe Bags” Evans



## Safety Award

Capt. Joseph Evans, commodore, Training Air Wing TWO, presents Eddie Earwood, BASH program manager with the first Commodore's Safety Coin Award. It's a new program recognizing people who do great things for safety, according to Lt. Cmdr. Brian Merritt, TW-2's safety officer. Earwood received the award for noticing several large birds on the ground at the approach end of 35L. He quickly initiated a delta pattern -- the aircraft are told to stay overhead the field at 600 feet -- with the air traffic control tower while he cleared the birds out of the area. After the birds were cleared, the tower allowed the aircraft to land. Jets had been passing within 100 feet of the birds and it was a matter of time before the birds took off and potentially caused a considerable issue. Earwood's actions significantly mitigated the chance of a bird strike and the endangerment of the aircraft and aircrew. (Photo by Meg Cross)



Vice Admiral Michael C. Vitale leaves behind a legacy at Commander, Navy Installations Command, as he retires from the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy Photo)

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sign as the Shore Readiness Integrator; and Developing the Total Workforce.

Successful accomplishment of these priorities directly supported the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) goal of maintaining and improving warfighting readiness.

Vitale, born and raised in Binghamton, N.Y. until his family moved to Greenville, S.C., where he graduated from H.L. Mann High School. Vitale received his commission upon graduation from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Program in 1977 at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Ky.

Vitale served in various leadership positions aboard USS Reeves (CG 24), USS Comte De Grasse (DDG 974), USS Bainbridge (CG 25), USS Yorktown (CG 48) and Carrier Group 4. He served as commanding officer of USS John S. McCain and commanded Destroyer Squadron 24 in Mayport, Fla.

As a flag officer, Vitale commanded Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. He also commanded the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group (CSG 2) before assuming command of Navy Region Southeast.

Ashore, he has served in leadership positions at Navy Recruiting District Indianapolis, the Navy Mobile Recruiting Team located in Orlando, Fla., the Joint Chiefs of Staff directorate for plans and interoperability, and the Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington as the director of Navy Senate Liaison.

Vitale has a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy

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## Bravo Zulu

### NAS Kingsville recognizes personnel

Naval Air Station Kingsville recently recognized the following personnel at an all-hands call. **Glenn Jones** was recognized as Sr. Civilian of the Fourth Quarter of 2011. **Todd Hackleman** was recognized as Civilian of the Fourth Quarter of 2011.

**AC3 Samantha Townsend**, of Air Operations, was awarded Room of the Month by the Bachelors Quarters staff. **ET1(SW) Monseise Madrigal** received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as Sailor of the Quarter. **ABH2 Jonathan Negron** received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as Junior Sailor of the Quarter. **ET3 Jessica Korenek** received a Letter of Commendation for her selection as Blue Jacket of the Quarter.

**ABH2(AW/SW) Shannon Dockum** was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his achievement while serving as master detainee information management system operator with Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from January to December 2011. Dockum delivered safe, humane, legal, transparent care and custody of more than 120 detained enemy combatants in high-risk, medium-to-maximum security conditions.

He conducted daily camp operations in a physically and psychologically demanding operational environment, directly contributing to Joint Task Force Strategic Detention mission success.

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### CNRSE congratulates housing

Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, commander, Navy Region Southeast, sent the following message to all personnel in the region:

"I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the following instal-

lations on their recent Housing Program accomplishments for earning various CEL & Associates 2011 National Customer Service Awards for Excellence. The "A List" Award is based on a service score of at least 85 percent and a response rate of at least 20 percent. The "Crystal" Award is based on a consolidated service score of at least 85 percent and a response rate of at least 20 percent for all neighborhoods. The "Platinum" award requires a service score of at least 93.6 percent and a response rate of at least 20 percent.

"These awards were given based on responses from your valued residents who agreed that you have achieved a high level and quality of services at your respective locations. We at Navy Region Southeast would like to pass along a personal thank you and appreciation for the improvement with quality services and living environments that you provide our deserving service members and their supportive families.

"I'm extremely proud of all the hard work and excellent service our Housing team provides across the region. We have real professionals out there who demonstrate outstanding examples of customer service. Congratulations to the winners and BZ to all members of our outstanding Housing team."

South Texas Military Housing, LP, Realm Group  
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"A List Platinum" Award  
"Crystal" Award

Navy Southeast Housing, LLC, Balfour Beatty Communities, **Hawks Landing**  
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Kingsville II Family Housing, Ltd., Hunt Military Communities, LLC, **Hunters Cove**  
"A List" Award  
"A List Platinum" Award  
"Crystal" Award

The following Unaccompanied Housing Programs received the "A List" Award:  
Naval Station Mayport  
Naval Air Station Key West  
Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station Fort Worth  
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi  
**Naval Air Station Kingsville**  
Naval Air Station Pensacola  
Naval Air Station Whiting Field

The following Unaccompanied Housing Program received the "A List Platinum" Award:  
Naval Air Station Jacksonville

The following Unaccompanied Housing Program received the "Crystal" Award:  
Naval Air Station Pensacola



**Family affair --** Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control facilities officer, awards Matthew Davis, son of AC2(AW/SW) Jason Davis, with a certificate of appreciation for supporting his dad. Davis, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., was reenlisted Jan. 27, by Kite, for another 6-year term in the U.S. Navy. Davis' wife Melanie also attended the ceremony and received a certificate of appreciation for her support. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

The following Family Housing Programs received the "A List" Award:  
Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

grams received the "A List Platinum" Award:  
Naval Station Guantanamo Bay  
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi  
**Naval Air Station Kingsville**

The following Family Housing Pro-



**Staying Navy --** Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control facilities officer, gives AC2 James B. Kemerer the oath of office as he reenlists Kemerer for another 3 years of U.S. Naval service with orders to Training Squadron TWENTY-TWO in Little Creek, Va. Kemerer, an Orlando, Fla., native, has 4 years service. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)



Dockum



Townsend

## Playing in a Winter Wonderland

Youth ranging in age from 1 to 5 from the Child Development Center enjoyed "playing in the snow" on Jan. 27. Besides making snow balls with synthetic snow, the children were able to build igloos with "ice bricks," play pin-the-nose-on-the-snowman, make snowmen out of marshmallows and pretzels, and more. CDC has openings for youths over the age of 12 months. Both hourly and full day care are available. Call 516-6176 for more information.



Lily Taylor, above, and Emily Perez, below, enjoy "cooling off" with ice during the winter play day held at the CDC recently. Lily, is the daughter of MWR's Heather Taylor. Emily is the daughter of Joseph and Jennovie Perez. Joseph Perez works at Security.



Leila Hoefelmeyer, daughter of Laurie Guajardo, lead scheduler for Fidelity Technologies simulators, plays with her hand-made snowman during the winter play day held Jan. 27 at the CDC.



Elijah Lerma, son of Eryca Thompson of the CDC, checks out the construction of this "ice brick." The youngsters were taking the paper off the "bricks," crumpling it and throwing "snowballs" during the winter play day.



Left, Ivan Tello, son of Victor and Nakita Tello, prepares to make a snowman out of pretzels and marshmallows. Nakita Tello works at the CDC. Below, Merenda Haynes, CDC training and curriculum specialist, helps Journey Matthews, daughter of VT-21's Jerri Matthews, pin the nose on the snowman.



## Would you know what to do?

# Active shooter situations evolve quickly, are unpredictable

by Fifi Kieschnick  
NASK Public Affairs

We see and hear on the news about people in a fit of rage or despondency take a gun into a public place and shoot people. On TV, it doesn't really affect us.

Or does it?

Could it?

And, more importantly, would we know what to do if we were faced with this situation?

The Department of Homeland Security terms this as an "active shooter," someone actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.

In most cases, active shooters use firearms and do not have a pattern or method to their selection of victims. The situation evolves quickly and is unpredictable. Often the active-shooter situation is over before law enforcement arrives on the scene.

What should we do if we are confronted with someone waving a gun around? In an emergency, with limited to no warning time, what should we do?

"All personnel need to understand that they are to take actions that protect themselves and personnel in the immediate area," said Monette Walker, NAS Kingsville emergency manager. "Remain clear of windows, lock doors and listen for instructions and warnings via the Giant Voice or Athoc. If you are under immediate danger or have any type of medical emergency, call 911."

It's important to be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation. We should always be aware of our environment and any possible dangers.

"Being aware means knowing where nearby exits are, in addition to rooms that can be secured and places to hide," Walker added.

"If you can't leave the area or hide, remain calm. Call 911, if possible, to alert police to the shooter's location. If you can't speak, leave the line open so that the dispatcher can determine the call's location and listen in," Walker added.

The Citadel Shield, Solid Curtain annual exercise this year in March will include a scenario with a "home-grown violent extremist" actively shooting.

"Each and every person should know what is expected of him or her in any situation," said Jim Lawrence, NAS Kingsville training officer. "An active shooter exercise will expose all personnel to enhanced security posture and possible weaknesses that our first responders may encounter."

In this scenario, normal operations may be suspended, slightly reduced or expanded, depending on the activity. Focus is shifted to maintaining critical fleet operations, force and asset protection, and critical support functions.

"Getting the word out will be key,"



Jim Lawrence, NAS Kingsville training officer, talks to key base personnel about procedures to take in a terrorist situation. NAS Kingsville personnel are preparing for Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield, which is slated to be held next month.

Cmdr. Scott Wilmot, NAS Kingsville executive officer, said. "There won't be one specific system that will be able to get the word out to everyone. So, how the word gets pushed down so everyone gets notified will be important."

"If you are not in immediate danger, not in the immediate vicinity of the shooter, what do you do," Lawrence asks? "You stay clear. Shelter in place and evacuate when ordered. And, return to work when directed."

Accountability is also important, knowing who was on base when the incident occurred and accounting for their whereabouts.

### *Vitale from page 5*

from the National War College in Washington.

In addition to various campaign and service decorations, Vitale has been awarded the six Legion of Merits, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.

Vitale said, "I will forever be grateful for the experiences I had, traveling around the

"As we prepare for this exercise, we can plan how we can make notifications and accountability for any situation," Wilmot added.

"Security's first concern is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible," said MAC William Worthen, physical security leading chief petty officer. "Security will proceed directly to the area where the shots were last heard. We may shout commands, but our primary concern is to stop the shooter and ensure that no additional casualties occur."

If you're in the vicinity of the gunman, your absolute last resort is to take action against the person. According to the Depart-

ment of Homeland Security, you should try to disrupt and/or incapacitate the shooter by acting as aggressively as possible against the person, throwing items and improvising weapons, yelling and committing to your actions.

"Whenever NAS Kingsville can be involved in a training scenario, we learn something we can do that may mitigate a chance of what someone may do during their lifespan," Lawrence added. "Enhancing what we may do with all the life challenges we have each and every day and understanding what someone else can do to help any human being is priceless."

world, and for what the Navy has taught me: to be a good leader and person, to always get the job done well and take care of my people at the same time. For 35 years, it has never been a job, but always an adventure."

Vice Adm. Vitale and his wife, Debbie, plan to retire locally in the Washington, D.C. area. Their two children, daughter, Laura, and son, Joseph, attend Virginia Tech University and George Mason University respectively.

"The men and women who are in our military today are the best I've ever seen in my 35 years, so I don't believe the stories about our education system," Vitale said. "These young men and women are doing amazingly courageous acts under very complex circumstance on a daily basis in the name of democracy and freedom because they know it is making the world a better place. It has been my honor to service with and for them for 35 years."

## DeCA offers scholarships for military children

By Tammy L. Read  
DeCA Marketing

Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children Program are now available at commissaries worldwide as well as online through a link on <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Awards will be based on funds available, but the program awards at least one \$1,500 scholarship to a student at each commissary. Scholarships are funded by donations from commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public. Every dollar donated goes directly to funding scholarships. No taxpayer dollars are expended on the scholarship program.

If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary are used to award an additional scholarship at another store.

The scholarship program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the readiness of U.S. armed forces and the commissary's role in the military community. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded more than \$9.3 million in scholarships to 6,069 military children from 62,000-plus applicants.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be a dependent, unmarried child, no older than 21 -- or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university -- of a service member on active duty, Reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2012 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

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Scholarship applications are available in commissaries and online at <http://www.commissaries.com> - choose the "News & Info" tab and then the "Scholarship Info" tab. Applications are also available at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The scholarship program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers evaluate applications and awards these scholarships. If students have questions about the scholarship program application, call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or e-mail them at [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

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Ens. Richard Tiberio, right, from Training Squadron 22, goes up against 1st Lt. Randy Brazile, of VT-21, for the tip-off of the game held between the two squadrons on Jan. 30. VT-22 won the game 43-28. Basketball season aboard NAS Kingsville runs through the beginning of March. MWR will hold an all-star game and 3-point shootout skills challenge on Feb. 28. Call 516-6494 for more information. (Courtesy photo by Caitlin Stickley)



## Navy joins our nation in celebrating African American/Black History Month

By Ensign Amber Lynn Daniel  
Diversity and Inclusion Public Affairs

As announced by NAVADMIN 026/12 released Jan. 24, the Navy joins our nation in celebrating African American/Black History Month throughout the month of February.

With a theme of "Black Women in American History and Culture," commands are encouraged to learn more about the contributions of African Americans to the Navy, including the Navy's female Sailors.

In December 1944, Lt. j.g. Harriet Ida Pickens and Ensign Frances Willis made history when they became the first African American officers in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) program. African American females first enlisted in the Navy during World War I, and continue to serve with distinction and honor today.

When she was 12 years old, Michelle Howard told her older brother she wanted to join the Navy. A quarter century later, Cmdr. Howard became the skipper of the USS Rushmore and the first African American woman to command a U.S. warship. Howard went on to lead an amphibious squadron, serve as senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, and ultimately achieve flag rank. In 2010, she was selected to two-star rank and began serving as Chief

of Staff to the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff.

African American/Black History Month serves as an important time for all Sailors to reflect on the history of our Navy, as well as its future. More information, including the many milestones achieved by African American Sailors and the history of the African American Navy experience can be found at the Naval History and Heritage Command <http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/africanamerican/african-hist.htm>.

More information on Navy diversity events, including African American and Black history, can be found on the Navy Diversity and Inclusion calendar. To view a list of all of the upcoming diversity events, visit [www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/diversity](http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/diversity).

Complete educational presentations on African American/Black History month can also be found on the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) website. Links include special observance presentations and a downloadable commemorative poster. For a complete list of available materials, visit <http://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/presentations.cfm?CatID=2>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel - Diversity and Inclusion, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/).

## 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.

**Feb. 10**  
Casino Night  
in the K-Bar from 7 to 11 p.m.

Kids Night Out  
7 to 11 p.m.  
Call 516-4FUN for info.

**Feb. 14**  
Valentines Day 5K Fun Run/Walk  
5 p.m. at the Fitness Center  
Call 516-6802 for details.

**Feb. 15**  
Learn at Lunch Parent Education  
Workshop at 11:30 a.m.  
in the CDC conference room  
Call 516-6176 for details.

Liberty Movie at 7 p.m.  
The Rum Diary

**Feb. 18**  
Single Sailor Splatter Action  
Paintball Trip  
Begins at 11 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.  
Register by Feb. 17.  
Call 516-4386 for info.

Saturday Family Movie  
Puss In Boots, at 1 p.m., at Club

**Feb. 21**  
Power Lifting Competition  
at Fitness Center beginning at 2 p.m.

**Feb. 22**  
Liberty Movie at 7 p.m.  
50/50

**Feb. 27**  
"Last Buck Pizza"  
at the barracks at 2 p.m.  
Call 516-4386 for info.

**Feb. 28**  
NASK Basketball 3 Point Shootout  
and All Star game, at 6 p.m.  
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**Feb. 29**  
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### Bowling Leagues

#### In the Doghouse League Standings as of Jan. 31

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Alley Cats	53	27
2	Lane Breakers	49	31
3	Three J's	46.5	33.5
4	3 Minds/Gutter	40.5	39.5
5	The Guys	40	40
6	The Dusters	39	41
7	DNA	27	53
8	Spare Tires	24	56

**High Score Game-Men:** Jerry Brooks, 266; Lindy Conner, 234.

**High Score Series-Men:** Lindy Conner, 675; Jerry Brooks, 658.

#### Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Feb. 1

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	44	32
2	Big K Rollers	41	35
3	Petes Angels	41	35
4	DUH's	37	39
5	Rat'Lers	37	39
6	I Can't Believe	37	39
7	Bad Azz	35	41
8	Laugh Out Loud	32	44

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

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

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

**High Score Series-Women:** Lucy Clarkson, 522; Delia Monroe, 518; Shirlye Duffy, 518.

### Bowling tourney slated

The 2012 Annual Open Tournament will be held Feb. 25 and 26.

The event is sanctioned by the U.S. Bowling Congress. Participants must use USBC sanctioned league averages. Substitutes may be used if eligibility is established with the tournament management.

Doubles and singles will play Saturday and teams will play on Sunday. Entry fee is \$10.50 per person per event. Additional fees include \$5.25 bowling free, \$5.25 prize fund and \$34 for all bowling. Prize fund will be returned 100 percent: first place team will receive 50 percent of the prize fund; second, 30 percent; and third, 20 percent.

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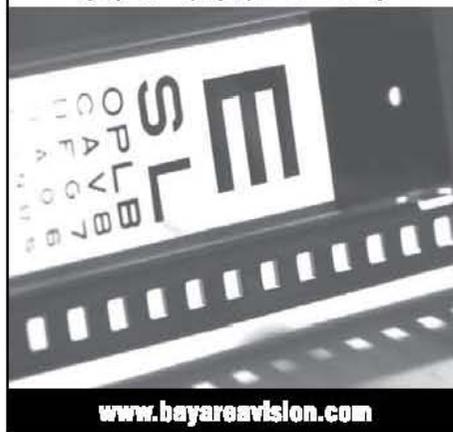


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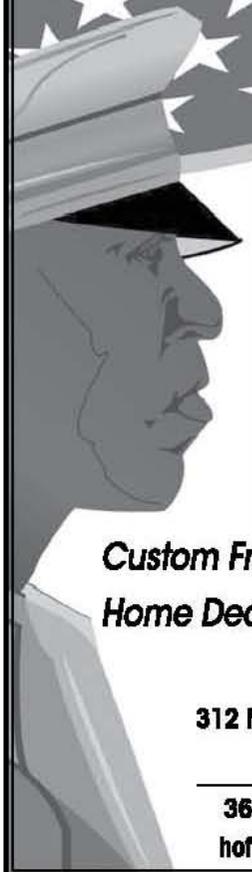
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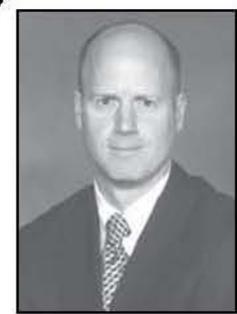
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