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Who was 'top flight' at the Navy Ball golf tourney? Turn to page 6 for details.

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Skies set ablaze aboard NAS Kingsville July 4

Food, fun and fireworks thrived aboard NAS Kingsville July 4, for the annual Independence Day celebration and marking the air station's 70th anniversary. More than 700 people attended the event sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation and held at the Captain's Club. The festivities began at dusk with the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas group ride around the air station.

There was a number of games for children and adults inside the Club, as well as music provided by the Beau Walker Band. There was also free hot dogs, hamburgers and water for guests, as well as other food and drink items for purchase.

The final event of the evening was a spectacular fireworks show.

"I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities put on by our MWR Department," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer. "They put on an outstanding celebration that was culminated by an exceptional fireworks show. It was a great opportunity for family and friends to come together and enjoy food, fun, entertainment and world-class fireworks display."

The annual event celebrates our nation's independence from Great Britain and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. July 4 also marks the commissioning of NAS Kingsville and establishment of the city of Kingsville.

For more photos, turn to page 7.



The Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas kicked off the July 4 celebration aboard NAS Kingsville with a group ride. More than 700 people attended the event that included free food, entertainment and fireworks, pictured right.



Patriotic Salute -- Members of Kingsville's Coldwell Banker Homestead Properties came aboard the air station July 2 to place American flags along the base's main entrance, decorating in celebration of Independence Day, as

they have done for the past several years. Pictured above are, from left, Peggy Cox; Lynn Yaklin; Madison Yaklin, Robert McCreight; Ricki Cunningham; LeAnn Kramer; Lupita Perez and Pee Wee Brown.



From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

What a great 4th of July party and fireworks at NAS Kingsville! Thanks to all those who made our National Holiday a safe and enjoyable event. If you didn't catch the other stories from the 4th, we celebrated the base's 70th birthday as well. So here is your history lesson on our founding.

First, the thought of an airfield in Kingsville was an idea, a dream of the Kingsville residents, and in the fall of 1941, a group of civic leaders decided that the City's desirable climate and scarcely populated area would be suitable for a military airfield. Representatives from the group journeyed to San Antonio and presented their views to military leaders of the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field. The Army agreed that Kingsville had many advantages, but declined the offer because of the close proximity to the newly commissioned Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi. The Army recommended the group approach the Navy, and they did just that.

Several proposed sites for an airfield had been shown to Navy leaders at NAS Corpus Christi, and Captain Alva D. Bernhard, Commanding Officer of NAS Corpus Christi at the time, was most impressed with the Kingsville site situated along Angle Road west of San Fernando creek. All plans for a Kingsville airfield remained just plans until 7 December, 1941, when the bombing of Pearl Harbor brought the United States into

WWII.

The story was finally revealed in the Kingsville Record on Jan. 14, 1942 with the headline: "Naval Auxiliary Airfield Planned for Kingsville." The farmland site of 3,000 acres was purchased and no time was wasted in the base's construction. Three construction contractors pooled their resources and together they began the enormous task of building the north and south airfields and the central administrative area. More than 2,000 workers were hired for construction and on March 11, 1942, a spur of the Missouri Pacific Railroad was routed to the heart of the developing base to expedite transportation of building supplies.

On July 4, 1942, NAAS Kingsville was

commissioned and Cmdr. Donald S. MacMahan was the first Commanding Officer of the base. The station was 85 percent complete at the time, yet it housed four squadrons, more than 300 aircraft and training in fighter and bomber tactics began. During the peak of WWII, NAAS Kingsville's population soared to over 6,000 and added the gunnery school for combat air crewmen as well as a temporary "boot camp" to meet war demands.

Today, the airfield is named Bernhard Field in honor of Captain Alva D. Bernhard and his vision that eventually became NAS Kingsville.

Until Next Time~Skipper Mac



Congrats -- Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, congratulates EN1(SW) Jesse Lindner after frocking him to his current rank. Lindner, a native of Medina Lake, Texas, has more than 6 years U.S. Navy service. He works for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dept. at Escondido Ranch.

Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM(EXW/SW)
Randy Foust
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Fourth of July celebration last week! I know my family and I had a great time. I had the opportunity to participate in the challenge softball game between Base Leadership and City Leadership. Then, we joined in the awesome event here on base put on by MWR that included a phenomenal fireworks display! Thank you so very much to the staff and volunteers!

As my family and I have been around looking at homes around Kingsville we've had an opportunity to meet a diverse group of folks. We are looking forward to getting

to know more and being able to get involved with such a great community.

Speaking of diversity, I understand our Diversity Committee put together an outstanding program last month. Unfortunately, I missed it but am looking forward to the next event.

Tricare and High Year Tenure: The Supreme Court and the Navy have announced changes that you may or may not be aware of. First, the Supreme Court rendered a decision on the Affordable Care Act. How does that affect Tricare beneficiaries? It will have no affect on us. In fact military health care was separated out of the Affordable Care Act. Go to: <http://www.navytimes.com/news/2012/06/military-tricare-supreme-court-health-care-law-062812w/> to find out more information. The article also discusses Tricare Young Adult, the coverage available for dependents up to age 26. I encourage everyone to take a moment to be aware of our benefits.

Another change we all need to be aware

of is the new High Year Tenure Gates that became effective July 1. MILPERSMAN ARTICLE 1160-120 has been updated. NAVADMIN 198/12 outlines some fine print details. If you do not know where to find these two references talk to your Chiefs and they will be glad to show you where to look. Remember, your career is YOUR responsibility, BUT you have a lot of us standing-by ready to help you grow in our Navy.

Next MCPON: I'm sure most of you are very aware that Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West will be retiring this fall on Sept. 28. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Jonathan Greenert, announced last week that MCPON West's relief will be Fleet Master Chief Michael D. Stevens, who is currently serving as the Fleet Master Chief for Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. Master Chief Stevens is a former aviation structural mechanic whose past CMC duty stations include VC-8, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads,

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This paper is published for people like ETSN Patricia Taylor, who recently reported to Ground Electronics. Taylor is a native of Grand Prairie, Texas, and has been in the Navy for 1.5 years.



Wings of Gold -- Bravo zulu to the 13 students who were winged Naval aviators on June 29. Pictured, from left are: (front row) Cmdr. Jem Jose, Indian navy; Cmdr. Darren Guenther, Training Squadron 22 commanding officer; Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer; Lt. Mohit Sharma; Lt.j.g. James Licata; Lt.j.g. Nicholas Bernard; Lt. Ajay Jayakrishnan; Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing 2; Cmdr. Quino Alonzo,

VT-21 commanding officer; Cmdr. Brian Beck, VT-21 executive officer; (second row) Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, VT-22 executive officer; Lt.j.g. Derrick DeGraaf; Lt.j.g. Daniel Armenteros; Lt.j.g. Siamack Jamshidipour; Ens. Justin Jones; (back row) 1st Lt. Kyle Wilson; Lt.j.g. Jon Hill; 1st Lt. Nils Alpers; Lt.j.g. Taylor Richmond; and 1st Lt. Phillip Smith. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville
and Training Air Wing TWO,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the 4th of July -- no matter where you were or how you observed it. There was certainly a lot of activity going on around "K-Rock," both in the celebration variety as well as in the taking care of business variety.

First of all, check out the article in this paper regarding the softball "leadership challenge" between NAS and the city. Jeanie Alexander led our NAS Kingsville team to victory, reversing the loss of last year to Kingsville's finest. The game was great fun. Kudos to Jeanie (head coach), Kristen Lokken (assistant coach) and Jon Gagne (announcer) for making this game happen (and for putting up with the special handling required from this base's leadership).

Besides the ball game, if you missed the fireworks on NAS Kingsville then you really missed the boat. MWR put on a great celebration and the fireworks were phenomenal. If you missed it, mark it on your calendar for next year.

Celebrating our country's 236th birthday, NAS Kingsville's 70th birthday and Kingsville's 108th birthday (yes, all on the 4th of July) was certainly the high point of the week, but the Wing kept busy throughout. Having just returned from a Carrier

Qualification det, we were in last minute preparations for another departure to El Centro, Calif., for a Weapons Detachment. By Saturday, the detachment had left Kingsville and is currently fully into the first week.

The heat in El Centro has been excruciatingly hot. It has been hitting 114-116 degrees all week long. Of course, we in Kingsville would say that El Centro has a "dry" heat, but 116 is hot no matter how you look at it.

Last but certainly not least, we winged seven more Naval Aviators last week. Congratulations to 1st Lt. Nils Alpers who selected Hornets at NAS Oceana; 1st Lt. Philip Smith who selected Harriers at MCAS Yuma; 1st Lt. Kyle Wilson who selected Hornets at MCAS Miramar; Lt.j.g. Nicholas Bernard who selected Super Hornets at NAS Oceana and was also our Top Hook awardee (congrats!); Lt.j.g. Siamack Jamshidipour who selected Super Hornets at NAS Lemoore; Lt.j.g. Justine Jones who selected Super Hornets at NAS Oceana; Lt.j.g. James Licata who selected Growlers at NAS Whidbey Island; Lt.j.g. Derrick DeGraaf who selected Super Hornets at NAS Lemoore; Lt.j.g. Daniel Armenteros who selected Super Hornets at NAS Oceana; Lt.j.g. Jon Hill who selected Hornets at NAS Oceana; and Lt. Taylor Richmond who selected Growlers at NAS Whidbey Island. We also winged two Indian naval aviators: Lt. Ajay Jayakrishnan and Lt. Mohit Sharma. All of us wish our "Wingees" the best as they head off to their Fleet Replacement Squadrons.

Best to all,
"Joe Bags" Evans

Navy training honors 2011 top instructors

By Steve Vanderwerff
NETC Public Affairs

Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced its 2011 Military Instructors of the Year (IOY) recently.

Lt.j.g. Evan P. Aluise, from Richardton, N.D., was selected as Officer Instructor of the Year. A 5-year veteran currently assigned to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command (NNPTC) in Goose Creek, S.C., he teaches thermodynamics, heat transfer and fluid flow in nuclear propulsion applications. Aluise said he enjoys being an instructor and influencing the future of the Navy.

The Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year is AMC(AW/NAC) David W. Soucy, from Bristol, Conn. A 20-year veteran recently assigned to Naval Services Training Command's, Officer Training Command in Newport, R.I., Soucy says he became an instructor because he thought it was important to pass along the knowledge he gained during his career.

Mid-Grade Enlisted Instructor of the Year honors went to 16-year Navy veteran

ND1(DSW/PJ) Brandon L. Hamilton, a native of Gary, Ind., assigned to the Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving's (CEODD) Learning Site, Great Lakes, Ill.

The Junior Enlisted Instructor of the Year is GM2(SW) Andrew R. Liley from Wichita Falls, Texas. A 7-year veteran he is currently assigned to the Center for Security Forces, Naval Technical Training Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, teaching Small Arms Marksmanship fundamentals. He credits enjoying his job and wanting to help Sailors advance their careers for his selection.

The NETC Military Instructor of the Year award program recognizes Navy and Marine Corps instructors and facilitators who exemplify personal excellence and display outstanding instructional and leadership performance. The program highlights the significant contributions of individuals throughout the Naval Education and Training enterprise who have been nominated by their command based on their sustained superior performance over the course of the past year.

New MCPON named

By MC2(SW) Kyle P. Malloy
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Jonathan Greenert, recently announced his selection of Fleet Master Chief (FLTCM) (AW/NAC) Michael D. Stevens as the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON).



Stevens

"I was extremely proud to have such a highly and fully qualified group of candidates," said Greenert. "After a thorough and deliberate process I selected FLTCM Stevens to be our Navy's senior enlisted leader and my advisor for dealing in matters with enlisted personnel and their families."

Stevens has served as the fleet master chief at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. since August 2010. His prior command master chief tours include U.S. 2nd Fleet, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14, and Naval Air Station Pensacola. A native of Montana, Stevens joined the Navy in 1983. He will relieve MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West during a ceremony Sept. 28 at the Washington Navy Yard.

Greenert also praised West who took the helm in December 2008, citing his outstanding leadership and lifetime of dedicated service.

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy serves as an advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters of importance to enlisted personnel and their families. The MCPON is also an advisor to the many boards focused on enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and, maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.

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P.R.; NAS Pensacola; Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14 (HM 14) and Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic. He also served as Command Master Chief for the U.S. Second Fleet, and has served in his present role as the 16th Fleet Master Chief for Fleet Forces Command since August 2010.

In closing, enlisted advancement exams are right around the corner. The E-6 exam will be held Sept. 6; the E-5 exam will be conducted on Sept. 13; and E-4 exam will be held a week later on Sept. 20. For all the Sailors eligible -- STUDY-STUDY-STUDY! If you have any doubt about where to find the material to study - please ask!

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Sports

NAS Kingsville leadership bests city in softball rematch

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Scott Schoeman belted a tie-breaking two-run home run in the top of the seventh inning and Mark McLaughlin added a pair of solo shots to lead the NAS Kingsville Kings to a 13-10 win over the City of Kingsville Spurs in the second annual Leadership softball challenge at Kleberg Park July 4. The win for NAS Kingsville evened the series at 1-1.

"This was a good game for us," Kings coach Jeanie Alexander said after the game. "I think everybody – both teams – played well, and the score was close throughout. That's the way it should be. I'm proud of my team today."

City manager and coach Dick Messbarger accepted the loss by tossing kudos to the Kings coach, players and fans.

"I have to hand it to Coach Alexander," Messbarger said after the game. "She put together a true leadership roster of for the air station that represented the leadership of every command and activity aboard the base. It was a good game, well played by both teams, and I congratulate the air station on their win."

The Kings jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning. With one out, Mike Crisman picked up the first hit of the game with a single to left center. One out later, Chad Webster singled to left to send Crisman to second. Randy Foust's single to left drove in the first run of the game, and a single by Mike Kistler scored Webster to make it 2-0. A throwing error produced another run, and a single by David Haigh scored Kistler with the fourth run of the inning.

The City of Kingsville came right back with three runs in the bottom of the first, all coming on a three-run home run to left field by Paul Ruiz.

NAS Kingsville added another run in the second as Schoeman doubled to score Johnny Tienda who had reached on an error. The City Spurs failed to score in the bottom of the second, giving the Kings a 5-3 lead.

McLaughlin got things going for the Kings in the top of the third with a leadoff home run over the center field fence. Singles by Crisman, Webster, Foust and Kistler plated another run and the Kings had a 7-3 lead. But that lead would be short-lived.

Mike Trujillo reached on an error to see *Softball on page 9*



Mike Crisman gives Mark McLaughlin a "high five" as McLaughlin rounds the bases for his second home run of the game.



Fidel Medina lines up a putt. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Joe Evans on the tee box.



Lauren Hosey tallies entry fees while Eric Smith, middle, talks to Johnny Tienda about door-prize drawings.



Volunteer Cobey Coles waits for someone to make a hole-in-one at the 13th hole during the golf tournament held June 29.



Team Air Operations took top honors at the golf tournament by turning in a 20-under par 52. Team members from left are Mike Treadway, Patrick Harrison, Alex Ford and Mike Downes.

20 teams battle it out at Navy League golf tourney

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Twenty teams of four teed-it-up for the annual Navy Ball Golf Tournament presented by the Kingsville Navy League June 29 at L.E. Ramey Golf Course in Kingsville. Missing from the line-up were the winners of the last two tournaments, Team Crisman of NAS Kingsville and Team Acme Truck Lines of Corpus Christi. But the absence of previous winners didn't seem to bother the

see *Golf on page 10*

Celebration from page 1

About 700 people enjoyed NAS Kingsville's July 4 celebration. Below, MWR personnel give guests free food and drinks.



Fireworks topped off the July 4 celebration aboard NAS Kingsville, pictured far right. Also, games and activities for youngsters of all ages was set up inside the Captain's Club (top middle and bottom middle) giving them a break from the heat of the afternoon. Free musical entertainment was provided by the Beau Walker Band (middle photo). Also, capturing the event was (pictured above) Benny Guerra, center, and Michael Grigsby from KING-TV 69 of Kingsville. The video will be packaged and be able to be viewed on Kingsville's channel 69. (Photos by Jon Gagné)





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Navy announces new training for sexual assault prevention, response

As part of the Navy's continuing efforts to eliminate sexual assaults and promote positive culture changes within the fleet, the Chief of Naval Personnel announced June 28 the creation of new Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training.

For the first time, targeted and comprehensive sexual assault prevention training will be delivered to every active and reserve uniformed member in the Navy. The training follows the Navy's all-hands efforts for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, during which all Sailors around the world took part in stand-down sessions highlighting varying aspects of sexual assault and each Sailors' role in eliminating this crime.

The training will also complement the Navy's multi-faceted approach to education and awareness; prevention and intervention; victim advocacy and resiliency; and investigation and accountability.

Training programs have been developed for command leadership (SAPR-Leadership) and for the Fleet (SAPR-Fleet). This initiative ensures that all Sailors are motivated and able to intervene to stop sexual assault, according to Rear Adm. Martha Herb, director of Personnel Readiness and Community Support.

Embedded in the response portion of SAPR-L, representatives of the Office of the Judge Advocate General's Corps will provide facilitated training on the Secretary of Defense's new initiatives regarding Summary Court-Martial Convening Authority and the new changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice as they pertain to SAPR.

"In the last fiscal year alone, the Navy received 582 reports of sexual assault, affecting Sailors across all ranks. This crime is corrosive to both our morale and to our operational readiness," said Herb. "Just as all Sailors are affected, all hands must work together to reduce and ultimately eliminate these crimes.

"Both SAPR-L and SAPR-F training will provide our team the critical tools to eliminate sexual assault and promote the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment that define our culture of respect and professionalism," Herb added.

NAVADMIN 199/12 details the process for fleet-wide training. Starting July 16, Master Mobile Training Teams (MMTTs) will deploy globally to provide SAPR-L preparation training to command leadership triads (commanding officer/officer in

charge, executive officer/assistant officer in charge and command master chief/chief of the boat/senior enlisted advisor) in Fleet concentration areas and locations with significant Navy presence.

After receiving the MTT training, command triads will return to their units and provide SAPR-L training to their khaki leadership (E-7 and above) through interactive video and facilitated face-to-face discussions. This 2-hour training course is designed to raise leaders' awareness about the reality of sexual assault in the Navy and emphasize their key prevention and response roles, provide leaders with tools and techniques to prevent assaults.

To ensure all hands are trained, command leadership will then deliver SAPR-F training to all Sailors E-6 and below. This training will focus on the importance of bystander intervention and will equip Sailors with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage, address and positively impact behavior at the deckplate level.

"Not only are SAPR-L and SAPR-F part of the Secretary of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, but support for this initiative from the top down to the deckplate will enable our Navy to create command climates and environments based on mutual respect, trust and professional relationships," added Herb.

Completion of all SAPR training will be reported using the Fleet Training Management Planning System (FLTMPS). Commands are required to complete SAPR-L training by Sept. 30 and SAPR-F training no later than Dec. 31.

Commands may access Navy SAPR-L and SAPR-F training information, policy information, training schedules and locations, FAQs, and FLTMPS reporting instructions at www.sapr.navy.mil. The site is also where command leadership triads register for SAPR-L preparation training.

Sexual assault prevention is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy (DoN). DoN is working aggressively to prevent sexual assaults, to support sexual assault victims, and to hold offenders accountable. (*Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*)

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start things off for Kingsville in the bottom of the third, and consecutive singles by Kellum, Anthony Luna and Kurt Branson accounted for three runs to make it 7-6. Then, with no outs and runners on second and third, the Kings issued an intentional walk to Paul Ruiz to load the bases. Lupe Ruiz spoiled that strategy by singling to right to score Luna with the fourth run of the inning, and one out later, Lupe scored on an infield grounder by Kaden Branson to put Kingsville in the lead. An RBI single by Jae Early produced the final run of the inning for the Spurs as they headed into the top of the fourth holding their first lead of the game, 9-7.



Dave Kistler pitches to the City of Kingsville Spurs as Randy Foust watches from the third baseline.

The Kings tied the game 9-9 with a pair of runs in the fourth, but the Spurs quickly regained control on a solo home run Kurt Branson in the bottom of the inning. The Kings would tie the game again, 10-10, in the top of the fifth as McLaughlin would score on a single by Joe Evans, and that's how the game would stay until the seventh inning.

Johnny Tienda started the winning rally in the seventh for the Kings by roping a single to left. Schoeman followed with a two-run home run to center to give NAS Kingsville a 12-10 lead, and one out later,

McLaughlin added his second solo shot of the game to make it 13-10.

Kingsville got a lead-off single by Sage Bynum to get things started in the bottom of the seventh, but their rally ended there, and NAS Kingsville claimed the 13-10 win.

Schoeman led the Kings hitting attack, going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double and four runs batted in. McLaughlin went 3-for-4 with a pair of home runs and three runs scored, and Mike Crisman went 3-for-4 and scored a run. Randy Foust went 2-for-3 with an RBI, Dave Kistler went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI's, and Chad Webster went 2-for-4 with two runs scored. John Tienda went 1-for-3 and scored three runs.

Paul Perez paced the City offense with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate that included a three-run home run in the first inning, a single, intentional walk and four runs batted in. Mike Kellum had three hits and scored twice, Lupe Perez had three hits and drove in a run, Kurt Branson went 3-for-4 with a home run and three runs batted in, and Anthony Luna went 2-for-4 with a pair of runs scored.

Kistler went the distance on the mound for the Kings to pick up the win, allowing 10 runs (8 earned) on 16 hits, and one walk.



Waiting for their turn at bat are, from left, Scott Schoeman, Randy Foust, Lynn Early and Brian Beck. In the dugout is Russell Braden.



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Sports & Recreation



Good wet fun -- The annual cardboard regatta was held at the NAS Kingsville pool June 23. Teams had to build boats out of cardboard and duct tape and paddle across the pool. Pictured left is the team of Will and Dan Houf who won fastest time with "The Bomber." Below left is Chad and Katelyn Hennessy who won the Titanic Round with "Tank Battalion." Other winners included David, Christian and Jackson Isely for "The Boat" as most creative. Runners up was the team of Drew Schnabel and Jon Michael Chombeau with "Fat Camp/The Blob." Below participants place their crafts in the water prior to starting the regatta. (Courtesy photos by Kristin Lokken)



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eventually winning team, Team Air Operations, as they pretty much tamed the course by turning in a 20-under par 52 to claim top honors. Team Air Ops consisted of Patrick Harrison, Mike Treadway, Alex Ford and Mike Downes.

VT-21's Longballers came in second at 17-under par, three shots off the pace. VT-21's team included Drew Schnabel, Chad Duncan, Andrew Ginetti and Ben Boera. Team Ground Electronics finished in third place with a 16-under par 55. The GE team consisted of Fidel Medina, Monty Madrigal, Sam Sanchez and Matt Watson.

The Navy League raised more than \$3,000 from the tournament, which they plan to donate to the NAS Kingsville Navy Ball Committee to help offset the expenses of hosting the annual salute to the Navy's birthday.

"The Kingsville Navy League has been sponsoring this tournament as a fund raiser for our support of the Navy Ball at NAS Kingsville for years," said Dick Messbarger, Navy League member. "We obtain sponsorships from local businesses and civic groups and also participate in the tournament. It's one of our most popular fundraisers that we hold each year."

Ground Training Officer Forrest Patton and ETC (SW) Eric Smith served as the tournament coordinators this time around. Smith was pleased with the number of teams that participated, and by the number of sponsorships from base commands and activities.

"Rolls-Royce, the Boeing Corp. and Navy Federal Credit Union provided their usual support of the tournament once again," Smith said, "along with the Junior Enlisted Association. Navy Ball Committee members volunteered to assist with the tournament by driving beverage carts, collecting entry fees, and serving as marshals on the course. Overall, everything seemed to go pretty smoothly."

While just about every team in the competition seemed to enjoy more than their share of birdies on their scorecards, the team from NALF Orange Grove wasn't as fortunate. The "Nog Dogs" crawled in with a nine over par 81 score – 29 shots behind the leaders.

Prizes were awarded to the top three teams, while individual honors were rewarded for the Longest drive and Closest-to-the-Pin on all four par 3 holes.



Winners --

Pictured from right are the winners of the NAS Kingsville Independence Day 5K run, ACC Dale Wagner and ACCS Brian Carr tied for first place with a winning time of 23:46. On the far left is Lt. Jody Kite with a time of, well at least he finished. (Courtesy photo)

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