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What does it take
to be stronger
than the Hulk?

Turn to page 6,
to find out.

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In honor of --

Nearly 100 people took part in an event honoring those who lost their lives due to the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001. This "Freedom Walk," took participants – from Navy captains, chief petty officers, enlisted members, civilians, community leaders, to retirees and family members -- from the Headquarters Building, where honors were rendered to the national ensign during colors, around the air station to McFall Memorial Chapel, where a ceremony was held. The ceremony included testimonials, words of leadership and a bell-ringing ceremony. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

Ombudsmen recognized for service to South Texas commands

South Texas commands recognized their ombudsmen and the 42 years of service supporting the Navy and Navy families with a dinner and dance on Sept. 15, at the Corpus Christi Town Club.

The Ombudsman Program was introduced to the Navy on Sept. 14, 1970, by CNO Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, in Z-gram 24, as a means to address issues and concerns that are unique to Navy families.

"Since commanders and commanding officers are charged with the responsibility for the morale, health and welfare of command personnel and by extension, their families ... you are our eyes and ears," said Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, Chief of Naval Air Training chief of staff, who was the guest speaker for the event.

Hollingsworth told those gathered that ombudsmen are much more than the conscience of the command, a caring mentor, a reasonable voice, a check and balance, an honest broker and a trusted confidant.

"Whether it's emergency preparedness, or
see *Ombudsmen* on page 7



Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Laurie Harrison, NAS Kingsville's ombudsman, with a certificate of appreciation for her support to the command and Navy families. Also pictured is NAS Kingsville Command Master Chief Randy Foust.

Freedom Walk honors 9/11 victims, heros

Following morning colors, the sounds of freedom filled the skies. Jet trainers launched and were flying over head as nearly 100 people took part in NAS Kingsville's Freedom Walk on Sept. 11.

The event began with morning colors. Then Sailors, civilians, retirees, family members and community leaders came together and strode from the headquarters building around the air station to McFall Memorial Chapel, where a ceremony was held honoring the victims of Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony included prayer, testimonials, words of leadership and a two-bell-ringing ceremony.

"Many gave their lives during this vicious act of terrorism," said Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO. "There are others who made a choice that day -- police, firefighters, citizens -- who found themselves at a certain place at a certain time. They needed to make a choice.

"Like the passengers on Flight 93. They chose to come together. They were just average people. They made a choice much bigger than themselves. They will always be remembered because of what they did."

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From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville.

October is Energy Awareness Month on board NAS Kingsville. For the nearly 2,000 of us that work on the base, I need your help in reducing our energy footprint.

So how do we do that?

Beforehand, let me tell you that you will be reminded throughout the base with signs and notices announcing the continued efforts to save energy.

To have a direct impact on energy savings, each and every one of you please perform these three simple acts.

Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM(EXW/SW)
Randy Foust
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

Here we are at the end of September; rating exams completed, school is back in full swing, NFL has survived the first full week of replacement referees and of course our fiscal year is in the books.

What's next?

We have national elections this year! As we saw at the conventions, there are two

First, turn off your lights. If you don't need the lights on in your office because you have access to natural light from the outside, give it a whirl and keep the light switch off. If you leave your office, turn off the lights please. Our lighting part of the total energy usage on the base accounts for nearly 50 percent of the entire utility bill we have to pay monthly.

Second, turn your computer off at the end of your shift. Believe it when I say that NMCI does not require you to keep your computer running throughout the night. If and when NMCI needs to make a push to your computer, they can and will remotely turn on your computer and make the push.

Third, if you notice a problem with our facilities, such as the air conditioning is too cold or a window or door won't close properly, please call our Public Works Department so we can get it fixed. On the air conditioning side, please leave the room ad-

distinct choices! Take the time to register and VOTE! I need your voice to be heard. If you need an assistance getting registered please see Frank Firmatura at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Earlier this month we saw the start of the "Javelina season," don't miss any of their games. FREE tickets are available. Let your Chiefs know and they will work to get you seats.

Once reserved, the tickets will be available prior to 5:45 p.m. at the Navy League/MWR Tailgate Tent outside the Javelina Stadium. Don't just show up and grab the tickets. Come out early and enjoy the great food prepared and provided by the Navy League for you.

So that you can plan ahead, here are the

justments to our Public Works staff. They have the daunting task of balancing HVAC units for our buildings, some of which are in the tens of thousands of square feet. Balancing HVAC systems ensures they will perform the tasks without failing when we need them most.

I've asked you in the past to help me with energy savings and you have answered the call marvelously. To date, NAS Kingsville has already achieved DoD goals set for us to be achieved by 2015. In fact, we have exceeded those goals and have reduced our electrical usage by 35 percent from the 2003 baseline. Additionally, the incorporation of solar powered photovoltaic projects around the base have already saved us over \$100,000 in energy purchases for this year from our supplier. We can still do better and I'm asking again to pass the word that energy savings is everyone's business.

Until next time~ Skipper Mac

home game dates and the organizations supporting the Tailgate tent:

Sept. 22 - First Class Petty Officers Association

Oct. 6 - Chief Petty Officers Association

Oct. 13 - Navy League

Oct. 27 - Junior Enlisted Association

Nov. 10 - Training Air Wing TWO

Don't forget, the Navy Ball is just around the corner. Make plans to come and celebrate our heritage on Oct. 13, at the Captains Club. Keep your eyes open -- tickets will be available very soon.

Thank you for your service,

Keep cool, stay safe and have fun!

CMC

NAS Kingsville, CNRSE installations recognized for energy management efforts

Several installations across the Navy Southeast Region have recently been named winners of the Secretary of the Navy Energy and Water Management Awards in recognition of their energy and water conservation programs.

NAS Kingsville was named a Gold level winner.

The annual awards are presented to commands that have made notable progress toward the Department of the Navy (DON) goals to reduce energy and water consumption, increase use of renewable energy sources, and construct sustainable facilities. The DON Energy Program evaluates and classifies the overall energy and water management performance of each installation. Awardees are categorized according to SECNAV winners as platinum, gold and blue level achievement.

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City was awarded a top honor by being named a Platinum level award winner.

Other Gold level winners are NAS Pensacola, NAS Jacksonville, Naval Station

(NS) Mayport, Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay, NS Guantanamo Bay, NAS Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth, NSA Orlando, and Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

Blue level winners include NAS Corpus Christi, NAS JRB New Orleans, NAS Key West, NAS Whiting Field and NAS Meridian.

"Being recognized for supporting SECNAV's goal of shrinking the Navy's energy and water consumption footprint is a testament to our base personnel's commitment," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer.

NAS Kingsville has become an energy "champion" through efforts such as mechanics practicing preventive maintenance to keep facilities "tuned-up" and building energy monitors (BEMs) reporting energy leaks.

Doug Mercer, Director of Infrastructure Assessment for CNRSE, said that seeing every installation in the Southeast Region earn a SECNAV award for energy and water conservation shows that meeting energy

reduction goals is a team effort.

"We have come a long way in spreading the culture of energy conservation," Mercer said. "People are realizing they can make an individual contribution to our energy independence, and that the funding we reduce in our utility bills goes directly to the training and equipment needed to maintain the U.S. Navy as the preeminent force in the world."

"In 2007, less than 30 percent of Region Southeast installations received any level of recognition. Since then, concerted efforts across the region emphasized the importance of the program piece, and shored up its key components at each installation," said Rubio. "Fiscal Year 2010 was the first year that all Region Southeast installations were recognized for their efforts with a SECNAV energy award level of blue or higher. This trend has continued and improves today," said Andrew Rubio, an energy projects engineer with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast.

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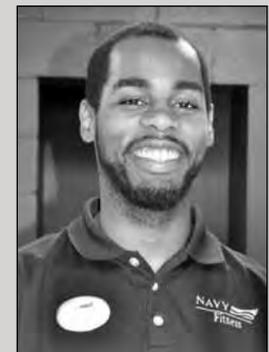
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This paper is published for people like Travis King, recreation assistant who has been working aboard NAS Kingsville since February for Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The Kingsville native is a business major at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and most days can be found working the counter at the Santiago Fitness Center.

Act-Care-Talk

September recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

“Our people are our most valuable asset,” said Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk, deputy chief of naval operations for manpower, personnel, training and education, in a Navywide message.

“Promoting a lifestyle of total fitness – physically, mentally, socially and spiritually – reinforces the Secretary of the Navy’s 21st century Sailor and Marine initiative and supports the Chief of Naval Operation’s sailing directions. Supporting a lifestyle of total fitness will keep us on a course to preventing suicides.

“The month of September will see us continuing our efforts to prevent our Sailors from making suicide a choice to relieve the pain from stress, challenges and difficulties they may be facing,” Buskirk added.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and the Navy is using the month as a launch pad to focus on Navy’s ongoing suicide prevention efforts, officials announced in NAVADMIN 259/12 released last month.

Suicide prevention is an all-hands evolution, all of the time.

“We are asking you to ACT – ask, care, treat,” said MAC(SW) Bill Worthen, suicide prevention coordinator, at a recent safety stand down. “Pay attention to what people are saying to prevent a potential tragedy. The



Lindsay Avila, counselor at the Fleet and Family Support Center, says statistics show that suicide is the second leading cause of violent death in the Navy.

Navy has had 44 suicides already this year and our goal is to reduce the number of these tragedies through education and awareness.”

“Worldwide, one million people take their lives each year – that’s a suicide every 40 seconds,” said Lindsay Avila, counselor at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

“Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death, the second leading cause of violent death in the Navy and third leading cause of death in the Marine Corps.

“Females are three times more likely to attempt suicide,” Avila added. “But males are four times more likely to complete the

attempt.”

Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast, recently signed a suicide prevention awareness proclamation at NAS Jacksonville. The proclamation recognizes September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to raise suicide prevention awareness throughout the Southeast region.

“This proclamation brings to light an issue of paramount importance in our military today,” Scorby said. “Each year, we lose shipmates, co-workers and family members to suicide and these losses can be prevented. It’s our collective responsibility to remain alert to the warning signs and to be prepared to take action with those in our lives who might be at risk. An actively engaged force, including everyone in the Navy family, is key to the successful prevention of suicide.”

The tools and resources are available on www.suicide.navy.mil and www.navynavstress.com. These tools emphasize the themes of dedication, optimism, determination and humor.

“If you suspect that someone may be thinking about suicide, you need to act, care and treat,” Worthen added. “You need to take action. The worst thing that you can do is nothing.”

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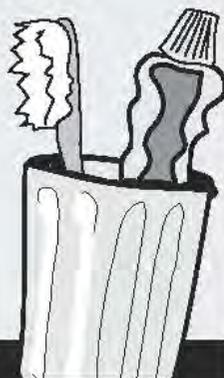
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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

This cool, wet weather has been such a relief from what we experienced in August! I hope that we have rounded the corner into fall.

Last week we paused for a moment to remember the tragic attack on our country on Sept. 11, 2001. Although we spoke and prayed for those souls who were lost on that awful day, the reason we pause and reflect on occasions such as this isn't just to praise the fallen heroes; it's about keeping alive our hope and our courage as a nation of people.

Tragic events such as 911 remind us of the truism that "freedom is not free." Sometimes freedom is paid for by military members overseas, sometimes by police officers or firefighters in our own communities, and sometimes it is paid by an average citizen, a neighbor, a parent, who least thought on the last morning they woke that they would give their life that day for our nation's freedom.

Our nation will face many more trials in our future, but as long as we have citizens

who choose personal sacrifice in order to preserve our nation's ideals and values, then we will always persevere.

Congratulations to our Student Naval Aviators who qualified on our last Carrier Qualification detachment. As many of you remember, those of us that participated on the detachment left Kingsville for Jacksonville, Fla., over Labor Day Weekend. I am certain that it cut short some summer celebrations, but the Navy knows no holidays while at sea. USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) was waiting for us off Florida's eastern seaboard as the remnants of Hurricane Isaac continued to batter the Gulf Coast states. Fortunately for us, the weather around our operating area at Jacksonville was beautiful.

Congratulations to Lt.j.g. Christopher Reilly, Lt.j.g. Joseph McAuliffe, Lt.j.g. Kyle Wilson, Lt.j.g. Mark Van Orden, Lt.j.g. Alexander Fletcher, Lt.j.g. Sean Rooks, Capt. Benjamin Boera, Capt. Thomas Farrington, 1st Lt. Karl Bronk, 1st Lt. Andrew Williamson, Lt.j.g. John Hamilton, Lt.j.g. Jonathan Hagerman, 1st Lt. Joshua McMinn, 1st Lt. Christopher Collins, Lt.j.g. Michael Bunnell, Lt.j.g. Stanton Sollenberger, Lt.j.g. Richard Patrick, Lt.j.g. Michael Bosworth, and Lt.j.g. Delano Steinacker. Great job guys!

We have a Winging coming up next Friday. Please come to the ceremony and help us celebrate the winging of our country's newest Naval Aviators.

Best to all,
"Joe Bags" Evans

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Evans said that he prays there won't be other such acts of terrorism, but being a realist, he said he thinks there will be.

"I know in my heart, as long as we believe that freedom is not free, we will persevere and be able to come together to survive that situation, and good will come out of it," Evans said.

"As we continue the day today, keep those who made the choice of sacrifice in your hearts."

Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO, provided "words of leadership" to those assembled in McFall Memorial Chapel to honor the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, 2001.

NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

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

Wednesday
7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship
at Hunter's Cove Community Center

Thursday
11:30 - Luncheon Bible Study
in the Chapel
4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. - Protestant Music/Prayer
6 p.m. - Dinner Fellowship
with Bible Study

**Signature no longer needed
for some NEX credit card purchases**

By Kristine M. Sturkie
NEXCOM Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) announced, Sept. 10, that NEX customers who make a purchase for \$25 or less using a credit card will no longer need to sign a sales receipt.

This option is available to customers who make a purchase using a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or Military Star Card.

For those customers using an American Express card to pay for purchases, a signature will still be required.

“This change [makes] it easier and more efficient for customers to complete their NEX purchase,” said Richard Dow, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) senior vice president, Store Operations. “We know our customers, often times, run into their NEX to make a small purchase such as a cold beverage, snack or other convenience item, especially in our mini marts. This new procedure will make shopping at your NEX even more convenient.”

Customers will still receive a printed receipt for all purchases.

Bowling Leagues

**In the Doghouse League
Standings as of Sept. 11**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Here 4 Beer	9	3
2	DNA	8	4
3	Los Leones	7	5
4	Alley Cats	5	7
5	Spare Tires	5	7
6	Three J's	4	8
7	3 Minds/Gutter	4	8
8	Ghost	0	0

High Score Game-Men: Eric Summers, 225; Jerry Brooks, 222.

High Score Series-Men: Jerry Brooks, 590; John Zapalac, 581.

**Wednesday Nite Mixed
Standings as of Sept. 12**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	5	3
2	Rattlers	5	3
3	Big K Rollers	4	4
4	Petes Angels	4	4
5	DUH's	4	4
6	Laugh Out Loud	4	4
7	Slow Moving	3	5
8	I Can't Believe	3	5

High Score Game-Men: Michael Shipley, 241; Ralph Duffy, 233; Eric Joles, 232.

High Score Series-Men: Buddy Wilson, 618; Eric Joles, 615; Josh Nunez, 563.

High Score Game-Women: Amelia Goff, 191; Doris Wallis, 171; Lee Peters & Kathy Court, 170.

High Score Series-Women: Lee Peters, 481; Amelia Goff, 462; Doris Wallis, 460.

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NAS Kingsville Sailor is Navy strongman

By Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Are you stronger than the Incredible Hulk?

That's what MA1 Torey Taylor's 5-year old son asks when he sees his dad.

And, is he strong enough to be called, "King of the Beach?"

That's what Taylor, of NAS Kingsville's Security Department, is going to find out, taking part in a "raw" powerlifting "King of the Beach" competition in Pensacola, Fla., this weekend.

The 40-year old has been competing since 2002 and said he started getting serious with powerlifting when he was competing in a bench-press competition at NAS Signanella, Sicily.

"I took second place and Cmdr. Jackson (a competitor who was visiting the base) asked if I was interested in joining the Navy's powerlifting team and told me how to join."

Taylor's first national competition representing the Navy was in Ft. Hood, Texas, later that year.

There he earned a bronze medal, his first of many medals. He earned his first gold medal representing the Navy in 2004 at Ft. Hood, Texas, and now has six gold medals, in addition to a couple of bench-press records.

Taylor said when he was stationed overseas he began competing for the Navy, so he didn't get to many national competitions. And, though he's only been competing nationally for about 10 years, Taylor says he began lifting in high school.

"I'm from a small town in Alabama –



MA1 Torey Taylor warms up with bicep curls. The Navy strongman trains 5-to-6 times a week, but doesn't push himself too hard because he works out without a spotter. Instead, Taylor says, his regimen includes completing a lot of reps. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)

Georgiana -- where everyone is into football. I started playing for the high school team as a running back," Taylor said. "When I was training, my cousins and buddies noticed I was pretty strong and urged me to start lifting.

"But, what got me really dedicated in the sport was joining the Navy," he said.

The 19-year Navy veteran trains 5-to-6 times a week. He says he listens to his body to tell him when he's pushing too hard. "I

don't have a spotter when I train, so I don't push myself to the max. Instead, I do a lot of reps (repetitions)."

His current regimen is four sets of bench presses, squats and deadlifts, of 10 to 15 reps each each time he works out.

He said he started out in the 198-pound weight class, and most recently has been competing in the 220-pound class.

"Now I'm at 225 – the most I've ever weighed," he said, which moves him

to another class with a different set of opponents.

Taylor prefers to compete raw – without the aid of accessories such as power belts, wraps or suits, saying that he believes that's the purest form of the sport. And, he prefers USA Powerlifting (USAPL) sanctioned competitions which he knows are drug free.

Powerlifting is distinct from weightlifting. Weightlifting is made up of two lifts – the snatch and the clean-and-jerk, where the weight is lifted above the head. Powerlifting is comprised of three lifts – the squat, bench press and deadlift.

Athletes are categorized by sex, age and body weight, for competition. Each entrant is allowed three attempts at each lift, the best lift in each discipline being added to their total. The lifter with the highest total is the winner.

Taylor says it is easier for him to compete, since he transferred from Okinawa, Japan, this past March.

"I have to pay my own way," Taylor said. "The Navy doesn't fund any of the costs, they just give me the opportunity to train and represent the Navy. So I haven't been competing as much as I'd like to.

"I hope to do two competitions this year, and a body building show next year," Taylor said.

He recommends powerlifting and body building to others.

He adds, "I'm inspired by the older guys in their 50s and 60s. I see them in the gym, working out and realize it's a sport (powerlifting) you can continue until your body gives out."

That's what he plans to do.

Perfect his sport. And, continue until he



MA1 Torey Taylor enjoys working out and trains 5-to-6 times a week. Doing lat pull-downs is part of his work out.

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Ombudsmen from page 1

a family in crises, or just one of the curve balls that military life tends to sling our way, the value of your guidance ... and sometimes just your presence, is immeasurable," Hollingsworth said. "But you know what ... you're much more than that!"

"It's impossible to fully capture in words the value of a dedicated ombudsman. So just know this," he added, "when we present to you your certificate of appreciation, it's just our way to say thank you and to acknowledge in words some of what you do. But we know that you are ... much more than that."

The Navy family ombudsman is a trained volunteer who is able to offer support and guidance to command families and to act as an official liaison between the command and its families.

The ombudsman plays an important role in the success of a command's mission. Ombudsmen are the first step for family members to turn to during a crisis, guiding Navy families to the proper resources they need. That, in turn, helps their Sailors with assurance that their families are being taken care of at home.

These volunteers help them during all phases of deployment, disasters or crisis. They are also there to assist with the everyday questions and challenges facing Navy families.

Ombudsmen recognized were: Laurie Harrison, of NAS Kingsville; Kristi Calderon, of CNATRA; Doreen Lund, of Training Air Wing FOUR; Karma Saldana, of NAS Corpus Christi; Angela Collins, of



Pictured are command leadership with their ombudsmen. From left are: Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer; Laurie Harrison, NAS Kingsville ombudsman; Capt. Rex Curtin, Training Air Wing FOUR commodore; Doreen Lund, TW-4 ombudsman; Capt. Dave Edgecomb, NAS Corpus Christi commanding officer; Karma Saldana, NASCC ombudsman; Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, Chief of

Naval Operational Support Center Corpus Christi; and Stephanie Shanahan, of Training Squadron 27.

The event was sponsored by the NAS

Naval Air Training chief of staff; Kristi Calderon, CNATRA ombudsman; Cmdr. Gilbert Lara, Naval Operational Support Center Corpus Christi commanding officer; Angela Collins, NOSC Corpus Christi ombudsman; Jeannine Hardwick, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi ombudsman; and Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, NHCCC commanding officer.

Kingsville Fleet and Family Support Center. The NAS Corpus Christi FFSC also supported the event as well as the Corpus Christi Mayor's Committee for Veterans

Affairs, Fleet Reserve Association Branch 94 and Corpus Christi Navy League.

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can't anymore.

Should he retire from the military, the Navy dog handler plans to train dogs – his second love – and continue competing and working out.

And, he can always fall back on helping others keep fit.

"I have a personal trainer's license, mostly because I like to work out so much," Taylor says.

He is motivated by setting and attaining goals. "I push myself to be as strong as possible," Taylor says. "I like the competition, love winning and hate losing."

He thinks about his "one loss" – not taking advantage of football scholarships that were offered to him when he was younger. "I will think about that the rest of my life," he says.

Today he concentrates on the present. He loves his job and representing the Navy in competition, and he tries to keep up with his son's demands of becoming stronger than the Incredible Hulk.

Note: You can see Taylor compete next month at the Bar Benders on the Bay raw powerlifting competition on Oct. 20, in Corpus Christi.

Pictured right, MA1 Torey Taylor does lat pull-downs as part of his work-out regime, using the max 295-pounds available.



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Device boosts Navy's ability to inspect, repair aircraft engines

By Rachel Lytle

Naval Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

The Naval Air Systems Command announced recently that it has developed a device that is doing for aircraft inspections what colonoscopies have done for cancer detection.

Used to inspect interior engine components and airframes for cracks, corrosion and other debris that can harm Navy and Marine Corps aircraft, the Common Video Borescope Set, or CVBS, is scheduled for "initial operating capability" in September when units will be delivered to Sailors and Marines.

"Compressor blades rotating in an aircraft engine power naval aviation on a daily basis, but anything accidentally entering the engine intake can create nicks and chip the blades," said Lt. Cmdr. Francini Clemmons, assistant deputy program manager for nondestructive inspection equipment, who oversees the CVBS project for the Aviation Support Equipment Program Office (PMA-260). "Instead of taking the engine apart, the video borescope allows inspectors to look into the jet engine, saving time and energy."

The borescope will not only bring commonality to the fleet and revolutionize the way the Department of the Navy inspects aircraft and engines but it will also provide real-time digital images and video for examination, Clemmons added. "The CVBS can be likened to a colon screening, but ours is kinder and gentler to the aircraft," he said. "It will instantly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our inspection procedures."

The CVBS is a naval modified version of a commercial-off-the-shelf product and will support all aircraft platforms requiring video borescope inspections of their airframes and engines. It offers many advantages over its varied predecessors, PMA-260 officials said.

While previous borescopes in the naval

inventory detected engine debris with a rigid probe and generated low-quality, black-and-white pictures, the CVBS has a 2-meter long, flexible, insertion tube that captures photos and video images on a 3.7-inch color screen. Technicians will use a joystick to maneuver the device's insertion tube, giving them a 360-degree view of hard-to-see places.

All CVBS handsets are capable of defect measurement and offer two hours of battery operation. The CVBS Type V variant comes with a working channel and tools that can retrieve debris.

At 3.74 pounds, the CVBS is also less expensive and lighter than its 30-pound predecessors. Many of the 27 varieties of legacy borescope systems could cost as much as \$30,000 per unit, Clemmons said. The Navy plans to buy 960 CVBS units at an approximate cost of \$15,000 each.

Marc Donohue, nondestructive inspection Common Support Equipment integrated program team lead for PMA-260, said he has received positive feedback from both fleet and fleet support team personnel who have used the CVBS during the test and evaluation phase.

"The unit is ruggedized, highly portable and over 80 percent lighter than many of the legacy units it replaces," Donohue said. "The CVBS improves equipment survivability and reliability while providing enhanced capability. The program achieves cost-wise readiness at less than 50 percent of the CVBS program's cost objective and at only 31 percent of the cost of sustaining legacy system requirements."

The Aviation Support Equipment Program Office manages the procurement, development and fielding of common ground support equipment and automatic test equipment, which support every type, model and series of aircraft within the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

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If you do not receive your state absentee ballot by Oct. 2, military members are urged to use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot.

"If you haven't received your absentee

ballot," Mireles said, "see a voting assistance representative to submit a 'back-up' ballot and mail it in."

Voting assistance representatives are available to help Navy personnel, including voting-age dependents, with voting registration and requesting a ballot.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's website has valuable information as well as ballots. Visit www.fvap.gov for info. Or, contact Voting Assistance Officer Frank Firmatura at 516-6333, Mireles at 516-6636, HM1(FMF) Danny Williams at 516-6332, or e-mail vote.kingsville@navy.mil.



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Bravo Zulu

Castro, White, Wright named top Sailors for third quarter

NAS Kingsville recently announced their top Sailors for the Third Quarter of FY 2012.

ABH1(AW/SW) Edwin Castro, of NALF Orange Grove, was selected as Senior Sailor of the Quarter. The 14-year Navy veteran is a native of Los Angeles, Calif.

“Hard work does pay off,” Castro said. “It doesn’t go unseen.”

To junior Sailors his advice is, “Work hard, make sure you earn all your qualifications and take college courses.”

CS2(SW) Michael White, of the Combined Bachelor Quarters, was named Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

“I am honored and proud,” White said of his selection.

“CS2 White is a hardworking Sailor who puts pride in his work on a daily basis,” said CSCM(SW/AW) Fidel Medina, CBH department head. “He volunteers most of his off duty time to the community of Kingsville.”

The Round Rock, Texas, native has nearly 6 years of Naval service and is currently attending Upper Iowa University online to finish his bachelor’s degree with emphasis on business administration. His future goal in his career is to attend Officer Candidate School.



Castro



White



Wright

ACAN Daniel Wright, of Air Operations, was selected as the Blue Jacket of the Quarter.

The native of Mission Viejo, Calif., has 2 years of Naval service.

“ACAN Wright is an outstanding air traffic controller who has been designated as a Tower Supervisor at one of the Navy’s busiest approach control facilities, said ACCS(AW/SW) Brian Carr, air traffic

control leading chief petty officer. “AN Wright is a dedicated member of the NAS Kingsville Honor Guard earning the Navy Achievement Medal for his efforts.”

Air Operations personnel recognized for volunteer, outstanding service

Bravo zulu to the following personnel who were recognized recently.

AC1(AW/SW/FMF) Ramon AlvarezRivera was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his service as amphibious air traffic control center supervisor on board USS Bataan (LHD 5) from April 2009 to March 2012. AlvarezRivera was instrumental in the execution of over 28,900 flight operations, more than 5,000 case III recoveries, and over 4,600 mishap-free flight hours encompassing three deployments to Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Fleets. AlvarezRivera’s comprehensive training plan resulted in over 45 professional qualifications in AATCC, greatly increasing Bataan’s overall combat readiness and ability to conduct safe flight operations in support of national tasking.

AC1(AW) Praise Sii received her second Navy Achievement Medal for her achievement while serving as tower branch manager and facility watch supervisor, NAS Kingsville, from January to December 2011. Sii motivated Sailors to achieve their full potential, which realized over 75 controller qualifications and 20 critical supervisory designations within the most advanced air traffic control facility in the Navy. She was instrumental in Training Air Wing TWO and Training Air Wing FOUR’s safe completion of over 250,000 flight operations. Sii’s pursuit of excellence, allegiance to safety and dedication to command mission resulted in her selection as 2011 Commander, Navy Region Southeast Air Traffic Controller of

the Year.

AC2(AW/SW) Joshua Hight was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for outstanding public service from May 2009 to August 2012. Specifically, he volunteered more than 360 hours with Big Brothers Big Sisters South Texas as a mentor with the program. Hight continues to help support troubled youth in the local community as well as volunteer for numerous charity events through BBBS. He played a key role in coordinating a group of 20 Sailors from NAS Kingsville to be part of this year’s Special Olympics Spring Games. Hight also dedicated countless hours to several other organizations and events such as Adopt-a-Beach cleanup, Kingsville Independent School District, Feast of Sharing, Hand Up Youth Pantry and Second Chance Community Job and Resource Fair.

The following Sailors were awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for professional achievement while serving as air traffic controller and command honor guard member, NAS Kingsville, from April 2010 to May 2012. Bravo Zulu to: **AC2(AW/SW) Joshua Hight, AC2 Israel Cansino, AC2 Terry Walker Jr., AC3 David Case, and AC2 Shauna Johnson and AC3 Garrett Scanlin.**



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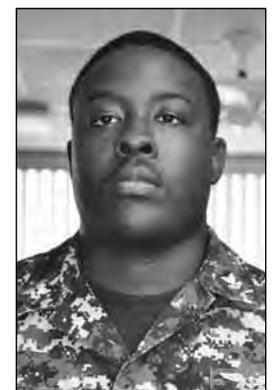
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