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NAS Kingsville's out-of-the-box planning results in record attendance for 'Wings Over South Texas' Air Show

By Jon Gagné

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Budgetary restraints aside, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels returned to the skies over South Texas this weekend for the biannual "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show at NAS Kingsville. "And by initial estimates, perfect weather and dazzling aerobatic performances led to record-setting attendance for the air station.

"I have no doubt we had record attendance," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Misner. "After hosting nearly 80,000 spectators on Saturday, we knew it was going to be a great weekend. Turns out, it was even better than we'd hoped for."

Early accounts for Sunday's show put attendance at nearly 65,000 spectators. Add that to Saturday's show, and Friday's community events in Kingsville that included a Pep Rally at Texas A&M University-Kingsville with nearly 7,000 children on hand, a practice show with more than 1,000 JROTC students in attendance, and about 1,500 people at the "Meet the Performers" event at the King Ranch Museum in downtown Kingsville and the record-setting total breaks the 150,000 mark.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the efforts of my air show team and our community partners for going above and beyond to make this show a huge success," Misner added. "And I'd like to personally thank all of the people who came to our air station to enjoy this great show. I have always said that great partners are force multipliers and that is certainly the case in Kingsville. This show is a win-win for the base and local community and we should be proud of the effort that our team put forward."

The NAS Kingsville team worked on a very short timetable to get ready for the show. Set-up on the flightline didn't begin until late Thursday, following the Blue Angels arrival. Sailor-power, aided by about 40 Training Air Wing TWO flight students, carried the bulk of the workload. MWR staff members coordinated the set-up of the Midway and KidZone.

By Saturday morning, the air station was ready to open its gates to the public, and from 8 a.m. on, traffic was non-stop. By about noon, traffic on Highway 77 began to back-up, due in part to the on-going construction on the highway, and, more people than expected



heading to the show.

The weekend weather forecast played a role as well with the number of attendees – there were blue skies, a light breeze and temperatures in the low 80's, as well as the return to South Texas by the Blue Angels. Deputy Air Operations Officer Patrick Paddock four months ago boldly predicted sunny skies and temperatures in the low 80's for air show weekend.

"This was by far the biggest Saturday and Sunday crowds we have ever had at the NAS Kingsville Air Show of the four I have been a part of," Paddock stated. "Being the first Naval Air Station to conduct an air show in 2014, post sequestration, being under completely new logistical and financial rules presented unique challenges. Overcoming those challenges was particularly difficult, which is why the outcome is so satisfying."

Paddock added that now that the show is over, base personnel are finding it difficult to re-adjust to their regular routines.

"Everyone is exhausted. I suspect it will

be another week before we get the soreness out. I don't think most of the people who come to something like this would believe that the entire event was set-up, executed, maintained each day, cleaned up and broken down by only 136 enlisted Sailors, 40 flight students and about 25 civilian counterparts. But that's the truth. It was truly a monumental effort!"

Performers for the 2014 show included the U.S. Navy Blue Angels; Randy Ball and his MiG 17F; Greg Colyer and his "Ace Maker" T-33 Shooting Star and former Navy pilot Justin Lewis and his FLS MicroJet. The Disabled American Veterans' Flight Team brought in the B-25 Mitchell Bomber, as did the Confederate Air Force.

Aerobatic performers included World Aerobatic Champion Rob Holland; Andrew Wright and his Carbon Fiber G202; Tiger Air Shows and their twin YAK 55's; and Jan Collmer and his Fina 300A. Skydive South Texas served as the jump team for the weekend's shows. Announcer Matt Jolley

kept the crowd informed throughout the weekend and Dave Shultz Air Shows handled the logistics.

Static displays included something for every member of the family. The Patriot Guard and Green Knights motorcycle clubs were on hand, as were the King Ranch, the Kingsville Fire Department and Volunteer Firefighters, classic cars, local attractions, health and safety booths, and a whole lot more.

The air show got a huge kick-off at Texas A&M University-Kingsville on March 28 with the annual Air Show Pep Rally. More than 7,000 students from throughout South Texas turned out for the event – including school bands and cheerleaders, with both groups playing a role in the event.

Friday evening, Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville welcomed nearly 1,500 people to the King Ranch Museum for the "Meet the Performers" event. Free food, music and the chance to meet the performers

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From the Bridge



Capt. Chris Misner
Commanding Officer



Team Kingsville,

I wanted to use this issues column space to take a moment to say thank you to every Sailor and Civilian who worked so hard to make "Wings Over South Texas 2014" a huge success. Initial estimates place the numbers for all of the events at 150,000.

We started the weekend with a few key influencers getting to ride Blue Angel #7. That is more than just a good deal for a lucky few. The goal is for those folks to spread the good news of the Navy and how hard our Sailors and Civilians work on in the community. We got a lot of positive press on the TV, radio and a huge layout in the local paper for one of the riders. Having 100 young school children watch their teacher fly with the Blues will have a lasting impression and could potentially change a life. We also had more than 7,000 school-aged children come to TAMUK Stadium and have the chance to enjoy a great morning and listen to the Blues talk about goal setting, teamwork and the value of staying in school.

Friday night the City and County hosted the Blues in a packed house. Hundreds of well-wishers came out to have some fun and get their picture with the team. This event was the best in our show history and we owe

Drumbeats

Current issues on the forefront of the minds and hearts of our people ...

By Lt. William Hardison
Command Chaplain

Domestic Violence: On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. National Domestic Violence Hotline advocates are available 24/7 at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) in over 170 languages. All calls are confidential and anonymous. <http://www.thehotline.org/help/>

SAPR: Active Bystander Intervention: One of the most effective methods of preventing sexual assault is bystander intervention. What is Active Bystander Intervention?

*This approach encourages people to identify situations that might lead to a sexual assault and then safely intervene to prevent an assault from occurring.

*The approach also allows for a change in cultural expectations by empowering everyone to say or do something when they see inappropriate or harmful behavior.

*This method of intervention places the

a lot to our strategic partners and neighbors from outside the wire.

Saturday and Sunday was the big show and for the first time in recent memory, the weather was so perfect it allowed us to see two jumps to start the show and two high-shows to end it. At least 140,000 folks attended the show and that eclipses the previous records by 30,000 or more.

I am so grateful to our team. Operations, Marketing, Public Affairs, Security, Safety, Fire/EMS, Public Works and every department did a super job coordinating the show. Sure, there will be lessons learned and some suggestions to make it better. By now, you all know I am in the weeds at times and that certainly will include how we catalogue some of these issues.

I know this was tough. As the first military air show in the post sequestration era, there were scores of new rules and regulations that made it challenging at times. At the end of the day, it was worth it. The people of South Texas needed this. During tough times, people need something or someone to look up to. This was not just about the Blue Angels. This was also about giving the American people who foot the bill for this military an opportunity to see it and come sat thank you to the folks that serve it.

My wife Shannon and I spent most of Sunday walking the midway. We started the day by handing a family an all-access VIP pass to my tent. They were the first car in the line and they drove from Houston. Do you think that made a difference in their lives? We also had the chance to host a

responsibility of sexual assault prevention on both men and women.

Help Someone You Know - When choosing what form of assistance to use, there are a variety of ways to intervene. Some of them are direct, and some of them are less obvious to the perpetrator:

*Making up an excuse to get him/her out of a potentially dangerous situation.

*Letting a friend or co-worker know that his or her actions may lead to serious consequences.

*Never leaving his/her side, despite the efforts of someone to get him/her alone or away from you.

*Using a group of friends to remind someone behaving inappropriately that his or her behavior should be respectful.

*Taking steps to curb someone's use of alcohol before problems occur.

*Calling the authorities when the situation warrants.

Suicide Prevention: If you, your shipmate, or a loved one is having trouble navigating stress or experiencing a crisis, help is ALWAYS available. Seeking help is a sign of strength.

MILITARY CRISIS LINE-Connects active duty service members and veterans in crisis with qualified and caring Dept. of Veterans Affairs responders through a

young cancer patient for a little while during the Blues' performance. We sometime think these events inspire them when in reality it is they who inspire us. The courage some of these young kids show when dealing with life-long and life-threatening illnesses is awe inspiring. If you ask me, getting the chance to give someone like that the chance to have a wonderful afternoon is worth the time and effort to plan the entire show.

Shannon and I continue to be inspired by the young children we get to meet as well as each of you who work so hard to do a job day in and day out. Each of you, whether in uniform or not, are part of the Naval Air Station Kingsville family. We have a responsibility to each other to continue to always do what is best for the family. Whether it is a Safety Inspection, a Security Assessment, a visit from the Admiral, an Operational Assessment by the Region HQ, and unannounced MWR audit or an Air Show for 150,000 of our friends, we owe it to each other and the people who pay our salaries to give nothing less than our best efforts. And by the way, all of those things happened in the last few months. The pace at which this Air Station is operating would bring the largest, well equipped and over manned installation to its' knees. We continue to meet mission of training the best and simultaneously meeting all of our other requirements. Don't look now, but this air station is surpassing the rest in this region in many areas. I couldn't be happier and more proud of you than I am today.

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Alcohol: What Every Party Host Needs to Know

*Don't rely on coffee or a cold shower to sober up your guests. Only time can make someone sober.

*Beer and wine are just as intoxicating as hard liquor.

*Don't rely on someone's physical appearance to determine if he or she has had too much to drink.

*Mixers won't help dilute alcohol. Carbonated mixers like club soda or tonic water cause alcohol to be absorbed into a person's system more quickly. Fruit juice and other sweet mixers mask the taste of alcohol and may cause people to drink more.

How will I be held responsible if one of my guests is involved in a crash?

The laws vary from state to state, but you could be held responsible for the costs associated with the crash, including medical bills and property damage and be sued for emotional pain and suffering.

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Capt. Donald Nisbett Jr.
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

To start off, I would like to congratulate and recognize Estivaliz Dossantos of Training Squadron 21 as the Training Air

Wing TWO (TW-2) Junior Civilian of the Year and Tara Burney of Ground Training as the TW-2 Senior Civilian of the Year for 2013, for their exemplary performance and contribution to our training mission. Bravo Zulu!

Who else had fun at the Wings Over South Texas 2014 air show?

I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend talking to folks from all over the U.S. who took the time to come and visit our Naval Air Station, and see the static displays and the aerial acts, along with the Naval

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TW-2 Junior Civilian of the Year -- Capt. Donald Nisbett, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO, presents a certificate to Estivaliz Dossantos, office automation clerk for VT-21, for her selection of TW-2 Junior Civilian of the Year for 2013. Her hard work and initiative led to better organization of the squadron's administrative office. (Photo by Kelly Duque)



TW-2 Senior Civilian of the Year -- Capt. Donald Nisbett, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO, presents a certificate to Tara Burney, of Ground Training, for her selection of TW-2 Senior Civilian of the Year for 2013. Among her numerous accomplishments, she ensured that the new Flight Training Instruction was published. (Photo by Kelly Duque)

Below, Junior ROTC students take the Marine Corps challenge. Right, numerous Sailors contributed to the massive effort of containing Foreign Object Debris (FOD) throughout the air show.



Top center photo, CS1 William Mireles (second from left) help keep morale high during the long days working the air show. Pictured left, a member of the security team checks bags through the main entry point to the air show. Pictured below, Field Support personnel maneuver the DAV hard-nosed B-25 Mitchell bomber on the flightline.



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— including members of the Blue Angels — proved to be the recipe for success. There were also more than 1,100 JROTC students who attended the Friday practice show.

When the weekend finally did arrive, the performers took control with 14 aviation acts on the card. And each performer stepped-up their acts because of the record crowds.

"I thoroughly enjoyed participating in this air show," said aerobic performer Andrew Wright after Sunday's show. "This was my first trip to NAS Kingsville for Wings Over South Texas, and I was very impressed with the base and the local community. I'd say this was one of the best air shows ever."

Six months of planning went in to the show, and it when it came time to launch, everything worked like clockwork and no major incidents were reported.

"Our NAS Kingsville Security Forces integrated with a host of local law enforcement agencies to meet our mission of force protection for the show," said Ensign Carlos Jones, NASK Force Protection Officer.

Included were the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office, the Kingsville Police Department, the Joint Task Force, Texas Office of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Customs and Border Patrol Command of Kingsville. Military support was provided by Naval Security Force Reserve Harlingen, Naval Security Force Reserve Corpus Christi, and Naval Security Force Reserve Base Forth Worth.

"As a team we worked together to ensure the safety of the installation and the public without any major incidents," Jones added. "I'd like to thank all of our participating agencies for the resources and support they provided; without their support we could have not been as successful as we were."

Smith added that there were a number of Security MVP's who worked long and hard to put their security plan together, including MAC Michael Hill, MA1 John Eaton, MA1 William Peoples, and MA1 Andrew Smith.

There were rock stars from other departments, too, including Air Operations, MWR, Supply Fuels, Emergency Management, L-3, the Branch Health Clinic and more. Add to that, more than 300 volunteers from the local community each day working the vendor booths, and a host of folks sponsoring community information booths and static displays, and you can see why the 2014 Wings Over South Texas Air Show was a huge success.

Now, it's on to the 2016 show with big shoes to fill.



Above, ET3 Demarkus Conway was one of the many volunteers who worked various food booths during the air show. Pictured left, lunch was provided to air show workers courtesy the USO. Center photo, courtesy MatchPointOne Aviation.com, is an aerial shot of the flightline Sunday afternoon.

Air show photos by Maryann Shramko, FC1(SW) John Sessions and Fifi Kieschnick





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Meet the Performers

Members of the community were able to meet all the Wings Over South Texas air show performers at a "Meet the Blues" social held Friday night, March 28, at the Henrietta Memorial Center in downtown Kingsville. Hundreds of people turned out for the event, which was sponsored by the city of Kingsville and Kleberg County.



Andrew Wright of Carbon Fiber Air Shows, gives a youngster his autograph during the event. Community members were able to meet, talk to and get autographs of all the air show performers during the event held Friday night, March 28.



Justin Lewis, right, who flies the FLS MicroJet, talks to a young autograph-seeker.



Lt. Cmdr. Michael Cheng, Blue Angel 8, attempts to give a "High Five" to a shy future Blue Angel pilot.



The entire Blue Angels team was introduced to the hundreds of people who attended the event. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Sexual Assault Prevention -- Capt. Chris Misner, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville, signs a proclamation designating April as Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month. Accompanying him for the signing are Mike Domitz, founder of The Date Safe Project, and Pat Kapitan, sexual assault response coordinator.



Staying Navy -- Lt. Cmdr. Shane Dudley, air traffic control facilities officer, presents AC2 Patrick Nemeth with a Certificate of Reenlistment during Nemeth's reenlistment ceremony March 21. Nemeth, a native of Canton, Mich., has three years of U.S. Navy service and reenlisted for three more. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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Navy e-Learning now offers direct access

By Ed Barker
NETC Public Affairs

Delivering on their goal of providing access to Navy training anytime, anyplace, the Navy Education and Training Command and the Sea Warrior Program Office announced Feb. 13 the availability of direct Internet access to Navy e-Learning (NeL) content.

"Most Navy Learners were previously accessing NeL through Navy Knowledge Online," said Hank Reeves, NeL project director. "That was a multi-step process that is now streamlined with the ability to access courses directly, without going through NKO."

Using the direct NeL link of <https://www.aas.prod.nel.training.navy.mil> will take you directly to the 'My Learning' and 'Course Catalog' tabs of the NeL learning management system after login.

"Going directly to NeL will make searching for their desired content much easier," said Brenda McCreary, NKO service desk manager.

Although direct access to NeL is available through the Internet, a Common Access Card (CAC) is still required for NeL login. Courses on NeL have been standardized to run using the Internet Explorer (IE) browser.

"Many of our courses take advantage of the latest in multi-media content to improve the learning experience," Reeves added. "In order to ensure compatibility with these courses, NeL provides configuration guides for many of the latest versions of IE. NeL also provides a plug-in analyzer to help customers confirm they are able to access and run the multi-media content, and both of these services are on one page. To access them, customers may simply click on the 'Browser Configuration' link, located in the NeL Help section, on the right-hand side of the 'My Learning' page."

According to Reeves, NeL is the world's largest learning management system in terms of volume.

"Virtually every Sailor, government civilian and contractor uses NeL to keep current with required General Military Training, including the newly-updated Department of Defense Cyber Awareness Challenge Course," said Reeves.

"From the beginning, it was a goal as we implemented our new Learning Management System to offer direct access to our NeL users in addition to access through NKO," added Reeves.

Since 2001, Sailors have depended on Navy e-Learning (NeL) to help advance their careers and stay current with training requirements. Trainees using NeL complete between four and five million online courses annually from an offering of more than 8,700 courses. The Naval Education and Training Command relies on NeL for use in schoolhouses for individual skills and skill refresher training.

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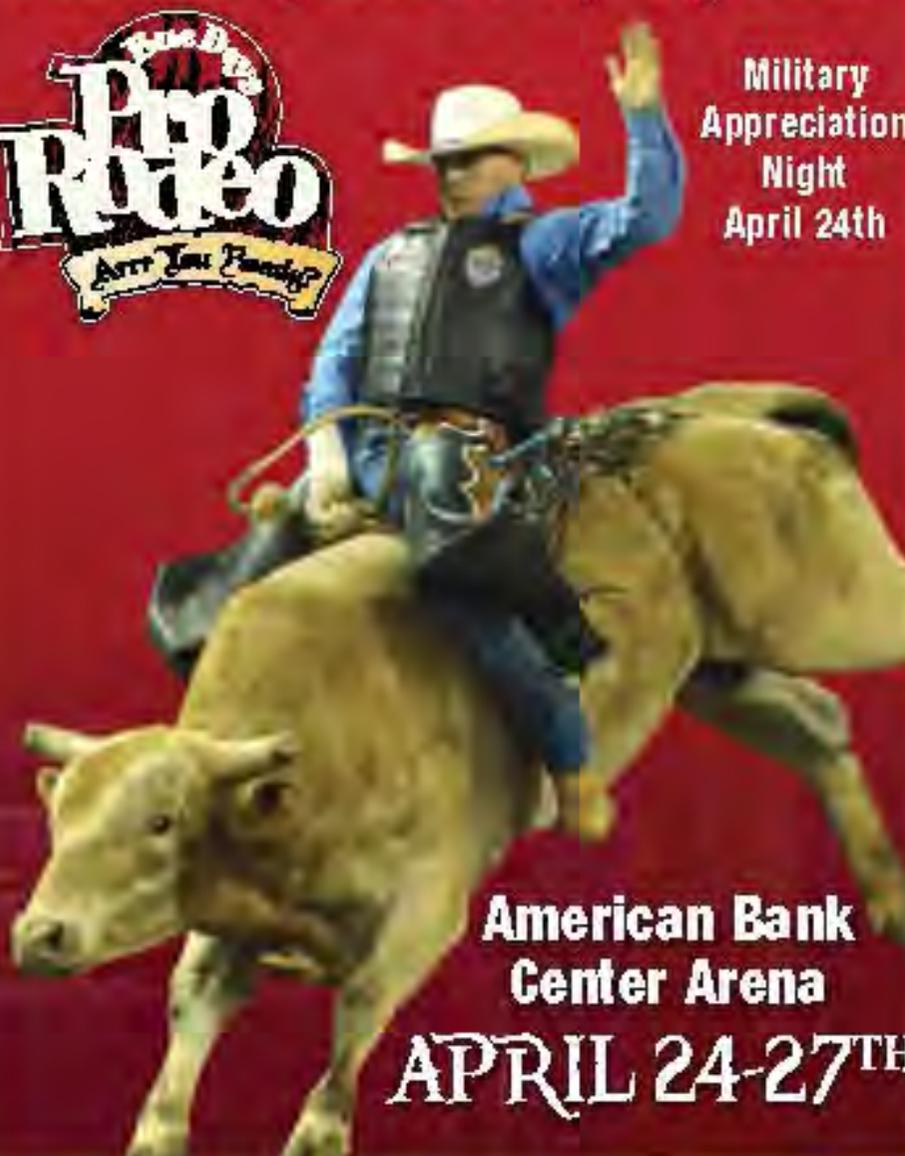
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