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Festive fireworks filled the skies aboard NAS Kingsville on July 3 during the celebration marking our nation's birth and the air station's. For more photos and information, turn to page 7.



Celebrating the 4th

—The NAS Kingsville color guard led a parade throughout downtown Kingsville on July 4, celebrating not only our nation's birth, but also the city of Kingsville's. Color guard members, from left, are AC2 Ashley Smith, AC3 Austin Wolfe, AC3 Caleb Fearing, and AC3 Stephanie Thomson. The city of Kingsville celebrated July 4th with several parades including a bicycle and pet parade for the children, a patriotic ceremony at the downtown pavilion, and refreshments for those gathered. Capt. Christopher Misner, (above) NAS Kingsville commanding officer, was the guest speaker for the patriotic ceremony. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Flag Planting —Each year the office of Robert McCreight, Coldwell Banker Homestead Properties, volunteers to plant "Olde Glory" along the entrance to NAS Kingsville in observance of our independence as a nation. It really is a nice gesture and reminds us that this patriotic community truly supports our military and is proud to be called "American!" (Photo by FC1(SW) John Sessions)

From the Bridge



Capt. Chris Misner
Commanding Officer



Team Kingsville,

Whether you're new on base or you've been here for a while, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is a valuable resource for active-duty members, retired members, spouses and dependents. The FFSC has many programs to support individuals and families for readiness and adaptation to life in the Navy.

The three functional areas of FFSC are deployment readiness, career support and retention, and crisis response. They are available to assist service members during different planned and unplanned phases during their careers.

Deployment Readiness

The purpose of these programs are to anticipate, understand and cope with the demands associated with the Navy lifestyle. Mobilization/Deployment Programs are offered before, during and after deployment, and ensures family support. Individual Deployment Support (IDS) assists and supports family members during deployment and monthly contacts are provided to Individual Augmentee (IA) families to track needs and concerns. Life Skills Education includes stress and anger management.

The Ombudsman Support serves as a link between command leadership and families. Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) is designed to make the moving process run

smoothly for active-duty service members and their families; and mobilized Reservists and active Reserve personnel who are relocating.

Career Support and Retention

The purpose of these programs are to increase retention of service members, family support for retention and career support. Career support planning includes Transition Goals, Plans, Success (Transition GPS), which provides extensive tools and education for a successful transition from military service to the civilian community. Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) provides no-cost consultations to help family members in the job search process. The services include career planning, job seeking, resume writing, and interview preparation.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program, for sponsors with qualifying family members who have special needs. Enrollment ensures maximum provision of services to the family throughout the sponsor's career and ensures access to necessary resources. Special needs include special medical, dental, mental health, developmental or educational requirements, the requirement for adaptive equipment assistive technology devices and services and/or wheelchair accessibility.

Personal Financial Management (PFM) offers information and referral, education and training, and financial counseling to address the financial education needs of Sailors and their families.

Crisis Response

The goals of these programs are inter-

vention, prevention and treatment. Clinical counseling is available to help service members and families cope with stress caused by life's everyday challenges. Clinical counseling services are free-of-charge to retired members, active-duty personnel, and family members.

In addition to this, couples counseling is offered to non-married couples as long as one of the participants has a valid military ID. New Parent Support Home Visitation program is available for families with young children from pregnancy through age three.

Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is a treatment focused program for victims and offenders where domestic violence and child abuse is present. The goal is to prevent future abuse from occurring and help with the emotional impact of abuse. The Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate is available to provide support and helps make safety plans for victims of abuse. SAPR is geared toward preventing sexual assaults from occurring and providing victim support after an assault.

Along with the numerous excellent services that are provided by the FFSC, if there are any other services needed, an Information & Referral (I&R) service is also provided. The staff is well-equipped to answer your questions and if needed, refer you to resources in the community. If they don't know the answer, they'll find out. It's as easy as a phone call or a visit to the FFSC.

The Fleet and Family Support Center is located in Building 4724 (across from the Exchange) at 746 Rosendahl St. For more information, call (361) 516-6333.

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Reenlistment — LSCS (SW/AW) Marco Martinez, Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville detachment Kingsville Leading Chief Petty Officer, reenlisted for three additional years recently near NAS Kingsville's Blue Angel. Senior Chief Martinez has 23 years of Naval service and was given his oath of reenlistment by Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Harrell, FLCJ det. Kingsville Site Director. (Courtesy Photo)

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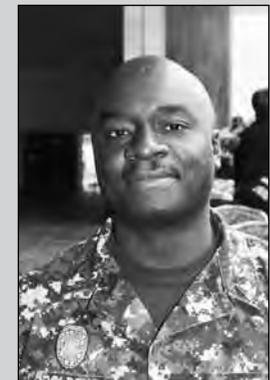
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This paper is published for people like MA2 Sylvester Bolden, a member of NAS Kingsville's Security force. Bolden is a native of Orlando, Fla., and has 18 years of U.S. Navy service.



Operation School Supply – School supplies are being collected aboard NAS Kingsville until July 31. There are boxes located at Gym, Medical, Security, Air Ops, Public Works, NEX, Commissary, Bowling Center, FFSC, Club, Navy Federal, and Buildings 2740 and 2741, for your convenience. Pictured left, members of the Junior Enlisted Association, who distributed the boxes, pose with gym employees and the school liaison officer, around a collection box placed at the entryway to the Fitness Center. Supplies will be distributed at the Chaplain's office from Aug. 5 through 7. All military and DoD families are eligible to receive the collected school supplies. For more information, contact the School Liaison Officer at (361) 675-0112.

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Capt. Donald Nisbett Jr.
 Commander
 Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

Hopefully, like most Americans, you were able to enjoy the time off over this past Fourth of July holiday weekend. Celebrations in honor of our American independence included fireworks, parades, concerts and barbecues. I wanted to personally thank MWR and all those individuals responsible for the fireworks display held on base on July 3. In case you missed it, I would simply describe it as spectacular!

This week, the skies over Kingsville will be quieter as the squadrons of TW-2 depart the local training area for detachments to Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., for weapons training and to Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., for carrier qualification



aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

The accurate delivery of ordnance on surface targets is one of the primary missions of naval aviation and the weapons stage will develop those basis skills of low-level navigation and weapons delivery in the air-to-ground arena.

Another skill set that sets a Navy-trained jet pilot, apart from all other pilots, is the ability to land a jet aircraft precisely and safely on an aircraft carrier deck. This is one of the most demanding and memorable phases of training and marks the introduction to carrier aviation for our Student Naval Aviators. Upon successful completion of the CQ stage, our newest tailhookers will be one step closer to earning their Wings of Gold.

Finally, mark your calendars for the next Winging ceremony, which will be held at the Captain's Club aboard NAS Kingsville on July 25, beginning at 4 p.m. Please join us in the celebration of the achievements of the Navy and Marine Corps newest Naval Aviators.

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Staying Navy — ABF2 Michael Barnes recently reenlisted in the U.S. Navy for three more years of service. The Dallas native is a sentry with the Security Department and has eight years of service. Ensign Carlos Jones, (right) assistant security officer, served as the reenlisting officer. (Courtesy photo)

Bravo Zulu

NASK personnel recognized

Bravo zulu to the following NAS Kingsville personnel who were recognized recently.

AC1(AW) Roberto Hernandez was awarded his third Navy Achievement Medal for serving as Security Department Pass and Decal Leading Petty Officer aboard NAS Kingsville from January 2012 to September 2014. Hernandez supervised four personnel; ensured 100 percent accountability of more than 14,600 DoD vehicle decals and 6,387 base passes; conducted 6,384 background checks; and provided finger printing services for more than 616 customers. He also volunteered 27 hours of his off-duty time conducting traffic management and crowd control for 152,000 visitors during the 2014 Wings Over South Texas Air Show.

FC1(SW) John Sessions was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his outstanding public serviced with numerous community organizations since August 2013. He coordinated all command volunteer efforts with local community organizations and schools throughout Kleberg and Nueces Counties solidifying the command's Community Outreach Program, engaging in a multitude of supporting programs. Sessions personally dedicated more than 240 volunteer hours to support the command Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and coordinated the volunteer efforts of base personnel for more than 50 community relations programs that ranged from school and district science fairs, to significant community events. In August 2013, he volunteered more than 20 man-hours to assist Kleberg County in the installation of new support lines for their static A-4 Skyhawk display on Highway 77. In November 2013, Sessions coordinated the volunteer efforts of 61 base personnel for the annual King Ranch "Ranch Hand Breakfast," and in December, he dedicated more than 20 hours to construct a command float for the annual La Posada de Kingsville Parade. In March 2014, he played a key role in the planning of the Wings Over South Texas Air Show Pep Rally at Texas A&M University-Kingsville ensuring that the event would be a hit with more than 6,000 students from throughout South Texas who attended. In May, Sessions volunteered off-duty time to support the U.S. Coast Guard detachment NAS Corpus Christi's "Wheelers for the Wounded" Program.

AC1(AW/SW) Clark Lee received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as NAS Kingsville's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2014.

Kathleen Buckalew, of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, was recognized as Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014.

Kirk Hurst, of Grond Electronics, was

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Top Hook — Ensign Rajiv Stone earned the “Top Hook” award for the recent carrier qualification detachment. The Columbia, Md., native was the best in both grade point average for landing grades and boarding rate, a percentage of successful attempts to catch a wire, out of all the Student Naval Aviators who qualified aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) last month. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

Wings of Gold — A winging ceremony was held June 27, at the NAS Kingsville Armed Forces Reserve Center. Congratulations to the Student Naval Aviators who earned their coveted Wings of Gold. Pictured below are leadership and students who were “winged.” From left are (back row) Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, CNATRA; Capt. Donald Nisbett, Commander, TW-2; Cmdr. Charles Stahl, CO, VT-21; Lt.j.g. Spencer Johnson; Lt.j.g. Gerald Anderson; Lt.j.g. Peter Fultz; 1st Lt. Matthew Orman; Lt.j.g. Jonathan McClellan; Lt.j.g. Joshua Young; Lt.j.g. Kyle Crowder; Lt. Col. Robert George, XO, VT-22; Cmdr. Natesh Rao, CO, VT-22; Cmdr. Matthew Perun, CSO, TW-2; Cmdr. Corey Plocher, XO, VT-21; (front row) Ensign Charity Somma; Lt.j.g. Erin Coulter; Lt.j.g. Andrew Weatherholt; Lt.j.g. Dylan Nelson; Lt.j.g. Rajiv Stone; Ensign Alexander Wordsworth. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)





Independence Day Celebration – NAS Kingsville personnel and their families took some time to celebrate our nation's Independence Day and NAS Kingsville's 72nd birthday during an event held on July 3 at the Captain's Club. Festivities included live music from the Beau Walker Band, food and drinks provided by MWR, bounce house fun for the children, and a spectacular fireworks show. Top left photo, the Beau Walker Band entertained the crowd playing a variety of music. Above, numerous games were available for the children throughout the evening including a dart game and ring toss. Middle left photo, ABCM(AW/SW) William Wallace prepares to cut a birthday cake celebrating our nation's birth and the Naval Air Station's, as Capt. Christopher Misner, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, looks on. Pictured left, another activity provided for the children included the bounce house. Hundreds of personnel and their guests enjoyed the entertainment provided throughout the evening, including free food and drinks. (Photos by FC1(SW) John Sessions and Maryann Shramko)

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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.

Navy Chaplain Care - Sometimes Sailors and their families would prefer to trust and confide in a Navy Chaplain to receive guidance or help seeing things more clearly. Chaplains are available to talk 24/7...just a click or phone call away through Navy311. Communications with Navy Chaplains are 100 percent confidential unless the service member decides otherwise. For more information, call the Chaplain's Office at 516-6618.

Alcohol

You've worked hard for your career as a Sailor. Only one-third of 17-to-24 year olds in the United States are even eligible for

Navy service, and even fewer are capable of enduring the physical and emotional challenges of being a Sailor. From boot camp to advancement exams, job training and deployments, you have conquered them all through hard work, sacrifice and dedication.

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- * Civilian consequences, such as fines and jail time

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Drug Use

According to a recent survey conducted by the Department of Defense, one in eight active duty military personnel are current users of illicit drugs. This is largely driven by prescription drug abuse, reported by one in nine service members — more than double the rate of the civilian population!

- * 1 in 8 active-duty military personnel are current users of illicit drugs
- * 60 percent of the 140,000 veterans in Federal and state prisons struggle with substance abuse
- * \$541.7 million dollars in Federal funding has been requested for veterans' treatment programs in fiscal year 2012.

Energy/Water Conservation

Energy Conservation is unquestionably of great importance to all of us, since we rely on energy for everything we do every single day. Energy supplies are limited and to maintain a good quality of life, we must find ways to use energy wisely.

Embrace energy conservation by making small changes that will lead to a significant difference in our overall energy consumption. Your efforts, combined with those of others will benefit your life and the lives of future generations, as well as our environment.

Useful tips for conserving energy include:

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The bottom line shipmates: In all of the above, YOU are the key to our success in the Navy! Intervene, speak up and look out for one another and all our resources!!!

Water Tower Dismantling

The water tower aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville was dismantled last week. It was one of the last vestiges of the water line that had been in place aboard the air station since it was originally built in the 1940s. The water tower had been erected in 1975 by Universal Tank and Iron Works. It was a 500,000 gallon tank and stood 130 feet tall at its peak. The water plant and three other in-ground water storage tanks will be demolished as early as next week.

“NAS Kingsville’s new water system is now connected to The City of Kingsville with lines along both Caesar and Forrestal Streets,” said Gilbert Huff, construction manager aboard the air station. “Having both sources will provide the additional pressure and volume needed in the event of a fire.”

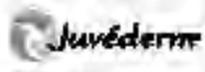




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recognized as Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014.

Wayne Silhavy, of Navy Gateway Inn and Suites, was recognized as Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014.

Vince Montgomery, of MWR, was

recognized as NAF Senior Civilian of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014.

Gail Marsh, of MWR, received a certificate for 15 years of Federal service.

James Escatiola, of Fire and Emergency Services, received a certificate for 15 years of Federal service.



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