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Pictured above, carrying the colors for NAS Kingsville are, from left, AC2 Quade Petsche, AC3 Austin Graves, AC3 Austin Wolfe and ACAN Chantel Peterkin.. Right top photo, CS2 Jeff Hall, left, and ABH1 (AW/SW) Edwin Castro provide their grades to Ode Moreno for food entries at the City of Kingsville's downtown pavilion. Right center photo, AC2 (AW/SW) Chris Hogan, left, and AC1 (AW/SW) Elicio Catalan (back) are served food samples by Ode Moreno. Right bottom photo, From left, CS2 Jeff Hall, ABH1 (AW/SW) Edwin Castro, AC1 (AW/SW) Elicio Catalan and AC2 (AW/SW) Chris Hogan samples entries in the "Taste of Soul" cook-off. (Photos by Jon Gagné)

Sailors support salute to MLK

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Enlisted personnel from NAS Kingsville helped the City of Kingsville celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 21. The theme of this year's tribute to Dr. King was entitled "What are you doing for others?" as part of the annual Day of Service salute.

The City of Kingsville and the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Committee salute included a parade and freedom march through downtown Kingsville, which included the NAS Kingsville color guard, local schools and civic groups, and the H. M. King High School marching band. Mayor Sam Fugate and several city commissioners participated in the march.

The parade and march concluded at the City's downtown pavilion, where a formal ceremony honoring the life and service of Dr. King was held. Speakers included Mayor Fugate, Kingsville KISD Superintendent Edward Blaha, Ode Moreno, Madeline Caraway, Rev. Jerry Miller, Rev. Betty Gaddis, Rev. James Gaddis, Rev. Jesse Battle, Pastor Idotha Battle, B.J. Woodruff and Sandra Jefferson.

Prior to the parade and downtown ceremony, a "Taste of Soul" cook-off was held and Sailors from NAS Kingsville served as judges. Participating were ABH1 (AW/SW) Edwin Castro; AC1 (AW) Elicio Catalan, AC2 (AW/SW) Christopher Hogan, and CS2 Jeff Hall.

From the Bridge

Capt. Chris Misner
Commanding Officer

Counting down the days

Shipmates,

I wanted to take this opportunity to discuss the rounds of Captain's Calls we have held over the past few weeks. First, I'd like to thank everyone for their time and attention. I realize we are all busy and have conflicting schedules, priorities and commitments, but the turn-out has been excellent and the feedback really great.

In my many years of command experience, I can say this was the best round of Captain's calls I have seen. I was also excited to weave our civilian workforce into the mix. I don't just say, "one team-one fight," I truly believe that. Getting the thoughts of that portion of the workforce is critical as the leadership team and I begin to formulate our plans and priorities for 2014.

I was encouraged by the many issues that came out of these meetings. Trust me, we don't mind the work. I appreciate being able to take a hard look and our business practices and changing and improving as required. Getting an issue I can really fix is great. We used the galley example over and over in the context of something I simply cannot deliver. We used it as a joke of sorts, but I think it helped shape the calls to get to the real heart of the matter.

I know, I know… Some of you may be thinking, "another useless round of Captain's Calls that will never get acted on." What I plan to do is to prepare a detailed list of the key concerns and come up with a game-plan to execute or provide details why I cannot. I plan to publish those lists and details in the Flying K in future issues.

2014 will be a busy year. I ask that everyone do their part to make 2014 a great one. I have laid out my priorities to senior leadership. If you have questions, ask. At the end of the day, our number one priority continues to be to deliver on the promise of producing the nation's next generation of combat aviators. That will always be job one. We will do it safely, efficiently and effectively. While accomplishing that, we need to execute an Air Show, our Safety Evaluation, our CNO Vulnerability Assessment (CNOIVA), a potential Reduction in Force (RIF), continue to be brilliant on the basics, enhance our family readiness and much more. I know we are up to the challenge.

Thank you for what you did for this air station in 2013, and what you will do as we continue through 2014.

One Team, One Fight, One Focus!

Skipper

Frocking -- AC2 Garrett Scanlin, of Air Operations, was recently frocked to the next highest rank. Pictured here, Capt. Chris Misner, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, presents Scanlin with his letter authorizing him to assume the title and wear the uniform of a petty officer second class. His appointment carries with it the obligation that he will exercise increased authority and willingly accepts greater responsibility. (Photo by FC1 (SW) John Sessions)

Deckplate Leadership

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Randy Foust
Command Master Chief

Team Kingsville,

This month I want to take an opportunity to talk about the Basics.

Let's talk about the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO's) Tenets.

"Why, Master Chief, should we worry about the CNO's Tenets -- we are way out here in South Texas?"

We have to know what our leadership is thinking so we can know what we should be looking at. By understanding where our Navy is headed, you know what our Type Commander (TYCOM), who is Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC), is looking toward. That tells you where Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC), Commander Naval Region Southeast (CNRSE), is expecting us to go, and ultimately it signals where we need to be headed.

War Fighting, Operating Forward and Be Ready -- these are the CNO's Tenets. In support of the CNO's Tenets the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) promulgates, "Zeroing on Excellence: Developing Leaders, Good Order and Discipline and Controlling What you Own."

Warfighting. We, at NAS Kingsville, know better than most that it's our responsibility to support our Navy through our support of the training and development of the most powerful warfighting asset, Navy and Marine Strike Pilots. They are destined to employ the Navy and Marine's most powerful weapon systems, as we continue to project our Nation's will!

Operating Forward. As we know, the world is so volatile, as forces try to get their piece of whatever nation they belong to. We are dedicated to supporting our allies by taking the fight to the enemy on their land, their ports, their territories, not ours! We keep the sea lanes open through deterrence projection of our force.

Be Ready. Nothing like a loaded expectation! In a nutshell, be a 21st Century Sailor!! Support diversity, celebrate our differences that make us the strongest force available. Treat each other fairly and with respect. Disregard color, sex, race, religion, and sexual preference when it comes to how we interact with one another.

Care for each other (A-C-T; SEE Something SAY Something). Make sure we are not taking advantage of each other with, sexual assault or harassment, hazing, fraternization or favoritism.

Be qualified to the highest level of your rank. Complete your required trainings: General Military Training(GMT), Navy Pride and Professionalism(NP&P), Alcohol and Drug Abuse Managers/Supervisors(ADAMS), Enterprise Safety Applications Management System(ESAMS) Training.

Take care of yourself. PT regularly. Utilize the Navy's nutrition web site. Take care of your family; utilize all the resources available to you from the base services like Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Child Development Center (CDC) and Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

Be mindful of operational stress management. Never feel you can't turn to leadership for assistance. Attend higher levels of training, college or trade school. Be a part of the community on and off the base.

Knowing what the focus is always makes getting the job done a little bit easier. From the CNO's perspective, it's a very broad view. So for you and I on the deckplates, it may not be so focused, but we need to turn to our Chief and see the "laser-guided" direction we must go in to accomplish the requirements.

As always Stay Safe, Keep Cool and Have Fun

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This paper is published for people like CS2 (SW/AW) Johnathan Smith who recently checked aboard NAS Kingsville, Unaccompanied Housing. The Sapulpa, Okla., native has five years U.S. Navy service and was previously stationed aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Who are your SAPR Victim Advocates?

HN Colleen Allison is one of more than 10 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates aboard NAS Kingsville. Allison works at the Branch Health Clinic Kingsville as a family practice technician. If you are a victim of Sexual Assault, you may contact Allison at (361) 516-6131, or call the NASK SAPR victim advocate help line (361) 533-0454, or the DoD help line (877) 995-5247.

Optimized Fleet Response Plan changes deployment rotations

The Navy's new Optimized Fleet Response Plan (O-FRP) was unveiled in a keynote address delivered at the 26th Annual Surface Navy Association National Symposium in Crystal City, Va., Jan. 15.

Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command Adm. Bill Gortney explained the changes to the new O-FRP, addressing Quality of Service and blending both Quality of Work and Quality of Life efforts by providing stability and predictability to deployment schedules over a 36 month O-FRP cycle. One of the highlights from his address was the Navy's efforts to lock in eight month deployment schedules for Sailors. These changes are intended to return a sense of normalcy to a Sailor's schedule by evening out the Sailor's family life and increasing retention rates and Quality of Work for their command.

"What's happened here is that over time ... we lost predictability in the way we generate readiness," said Gortney.

His address began by naming the problems with the current Fleet Response Plan, placing an emphasis on readiness through training.

"It doesn't matter how good the stuff is if people aren't there and they aren't properly trained," said Gortney. "Not only do they need to be on the ship ... they have to be there at the right time. If they show up after the training occurs just before deployment it's not going to work."

The plan aims to streamline pre-deployment inspection requirements and increase readiness by putting all the members of a strike group on the same maintenance and deployment schedule. Starting in fiscal year 15, all required maintenance, training, evaluations and single eight-month deployment will be efficiently scheduled throughout the cycle in such a manner to drive down costs and increase overall fleet readiness.

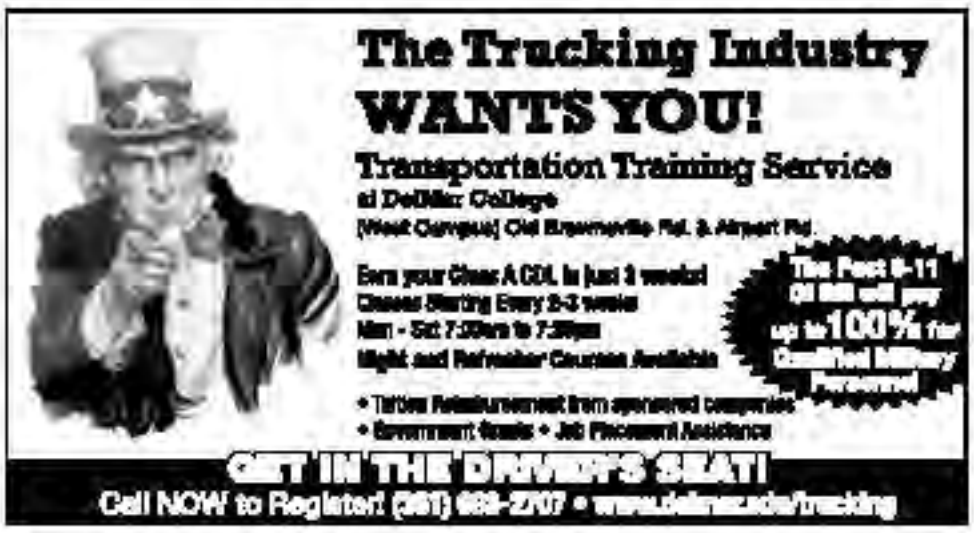
"The band is put together at the beginning of the maintenance period," said Gortney. "It's underneath a single chain of command for that entire 3-year period. It's got a stable maintenance plan."

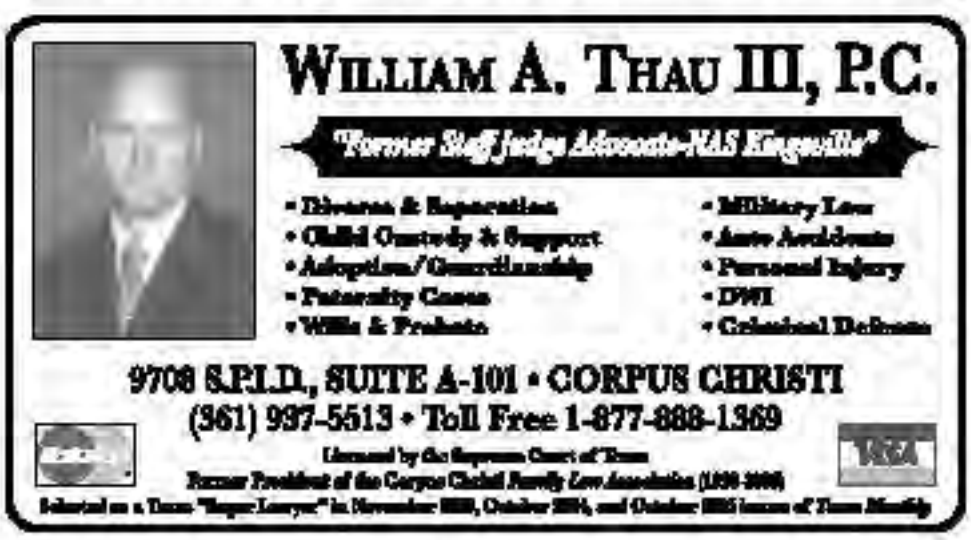
The plan puts a strong emphasis on training crews correctly.

"We're going to be training a lot of ships at the same time through that cycle," said Gortney. "A resource they need is trainers. We have to synchronize it so the trainers are there and everyone gets their reps and sets with the proper oversight that happens to be there and they're assessed at the right time."

The O-FRP is set to roll out implementation in 2014 with the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group after its current deployment. It will initially be focused on Carrier Strike Groups and eventually will roll out to all U.S. Navy assets from the ARG/MEU to submarines and expeditionary forces. *(From Defense Media Activity)*

Adm. Bill Gortney, commander U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) leads a discussion about the Optimized Fleet Response Plan (O-FRP) at the 26th annual Surface Navy Association Symposium (SNA) Jan. 15. USFF and Pacific Fleet have worked together to develop O-FRP in to a full realignment of the Fleet's maintenance, training and deployment cycles into a standard 36-month rotation. O-FRP will be integrated into the fleet beginning with the TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group in November 2014. (Photo by Capt. Jane Campbell)





In the Break

Capt. Donald Nisbett Jr.
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings NAS Kingsville
and Training Air Wing TWO,

2014 has started off in earnest and now that we are fully back into the swing of things, TW-2 continues to train our future military leaders and the next generation of Naval Aviators.

Our training squadrons have completed another busy week with the first month of the year almost behind us. We have been very fortunate these past few weeks, enjoying great flying weather, not only here in Kingsville, but also in El Centro, Calif., and NAS Key West, Fla. All phases and stages of flight training are currently taking place in all three sites, from low level navigation and weapons delivery training to carrier qualification.

TW-2 is also partnering with the Naval Air Station in the preliminary planning phase to make this year's "Wings over South Texas" Air Show a major success. The show's website is up and running and information on the performers and acts is being updated weekly. For more details, please visit: http://www.wost2014.com/. See you March 29-30!

Finally, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Observance was held this past Monday, Jan. 20. This year marked the 31st anniversary since its establishment and served to honor the legacy of the slain civil rights leader who sought to bring about change in our nation through the principles of non-violence. The recurring theme of this federal observance, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off," empowers us to reflect on the teachings of Dr. King and to celebrate his leadership through service. What are you doing to serve? For more information on Dr. King's life and teachings into community action to solve social problems, please visit: http://mlkday.gov/.

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Pride, Professionalism and Purpose"
Commodore

MCPON talks future force at SNA symposium

By MC2 Sean Hurt,
Defense Media Activity

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens outlined his key concerns about the future force of the Navy during a speech Jan. 16 at the 26th Annual Surface Navy Association National Symposium.

Stevens said the future force he envisions would be built upon strength through diversity, which includes opening more combat roles to women.

"We've made a lot of progress in that area," said Stevens. "The Navy's been working on this a long time. In 2016 we plan on putting [female] enlisted Sailors on our Virginia class submarines. This is an exciting time for women to serve in the Navy because of all the opportunities that are out there."

Stevens also talked about the drawdown in Afghanistan and the impact it would have on the individual augmentee program.

"In 2012, we had 6,812 Sailors in individual augmentee billets," said Stevens. "In 2013, that number dropped to 4,300. That's a 48-percent reduction over the last three years. Right now, the Navy as a force is 324,000 strong. The good news is there's no plan right now to draw the Navy down any smaller."

Stevens also spoke about suicide and its impact on the force.

"[Suicide] is a tragic event when it occurs. It impacts readiness, it impacts the morale of our units," said Stevens. "The good news is we're seeing the trends come down. We've seen our numbers drop from last year [2012] to this year [2013] by 18."

Stevens also condemned the prevalence of sexual assault in the military.

"Sexual assault is going to be the challenge of our time," said Stevens. "It's a tragedy, it's a crime, and it undermines the very fabric of who we are as an organization."

Stevens said that although the problem will not be fixed overnight, he is optimistic about the steps leaders are taking to correct sexual assault in the ranks.

"What we can hope for and work towards is continuous progress every single day," said Stevens. "We're doing that first and foremost through awareness. Our Sailors know what sexual assault is and they know how to report it."

Stevens emphasized good leadership is the best weapon against these challenges.

"I believe whether it's suicide, sexual assault or any of the other challenges that we face, the best weapons system against that enemy is good, sound, solid leadership," he said.

The Surface Navy Association was established in 1985 to promote greater coordination and communication among those in the military, business and academic communities who share a common interest in Naval Surface Warfare and to support the activities of Surface Naval Forces.

For more information about the SNA, visit http://www.navysna.org/.

Submit new application to vote

This year, the entire U.S. House of Representatives, a third of the U.S. Senate and 36 State Governors will be elected. To ensure your absentee ballots are sent to you, it's important to submit a new Federal Post Card Application (FCPA) even if you just voted in November.

Visit FVAP.gov to use the online FPCA assistant to help you complete the forms, and find more information about the voting process, and your state's requirements and deadlines. The FPCA is a registration and absentee ballot request form. State laws vary greatly in regard to how long your FPCA is valid. To be sure you qualify to vote in this year's elections, it's recommended you complete and submit a new one now. As part of a highly mobile group, it's important for you and your family members to notify your election office of updates with every change of address including deployments and subsequent returns to ensure they know where to send your ballot.

The FCPA and instructions about submitting it are available at FVAP.gov. Select your state under "Voters Start Here" on the left side of the homepage, then follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot. Finally, don't forget to sign your printed form before submitting it.

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League
Standings as of Jan. 7

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	DNA	45	23
2	Alley Cats	43	25
3	SA2	40	28
4	Los Leones	38	30
5	Three J's	35	33
6	Flat Tires	25	43
7	Team 7	0	64
8	Ghost	0	0

High Score Game-Men: Joey Soliz, 279; Rich Kolk Jr., 279; Eric Joles, 262.
High Score Series-Men: Rich Kolk Jr., 735; Eric Joles, 674; Joey Soliz, 644.

Wednesday Nite Mixed
Standings as of Jan. 15

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	DUH's	43	25
2	Rattlers	40	28
3	I Can't Believe	38	30
4	IBowlers	33	35
5	Big K Rollers	32	36
6	Kings & Queens	31	37
7	Laugh Out Loud	29	39
8	Chemcel Strikers	26	42

High Score Game-Men: Nathan Johnson, 297; Joey Soliz, 277; Rich Kolk Jr., 268.
High Score Series-Men: Eric Joles, 697; Rich Kolk Jr., 689; Vic Kuntscher, 639.
High Score Game-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 220; Doris Wallis, 212; Shirlie Duffy, 211.
High Score Series-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 598; Kathy Court, 538; Delia Monroe, 528.

Lineup nearly complete for "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

The line-up for the 2014 "Wings Over South Texas" air show is nearly complete as the countdown to the March 29-30 show continues. All the aviation acts are in place, with the exception of a jump team, which is still being pursued.

The Blue Angels will headline the 2014 show and their 2014 team brings close ties to South Texas. The squadron CO, Cmdr. Tom Frosch, is a graduate of the Naval Academy, where he also lettered in football. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering and was commissioned in 1992.

Frosch completed primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, and undergraduate flight training in the T-45 Goshawk at NAS Kingsville in March 1995. He assumed command of the Blue Angels in November 2012.

Marine Capt. Brandon Cordill, who flies slot in Blue Angel #4, is a graduate of Parks College of Saint Louis University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in aeronautical science in 2002.

Cordill received his commission after completion of Officer Candidate School and reported to The Basic School (TBS), at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, Va., in January 2004.

Cordill completed primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Whiting Field, Fla., and transferred to NAS Kingsville, Texas, for advanced flight training in the T-45A Goshawk in 2005. He earned his wings of gold in June 2006.

Lt. Mark Tedrow is a Naval Academy graduate, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in history and earning his commission in 2004.

Tedrow completed primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, and transferred to NAS Kingsville, Texas, for advanced flight training in the T-45A Goshawk in 2005. He received his wings of gold in August 2006.

The other three members of the demonstration team, Lt. Cmdr. Dave Tickle, lead solo and Blue Angel #5, Lt. Cmdr. Nate Barton, left wing and Blue Angel #3, and Lt. Cmdr. John Hiltz, right wing and Blue Angel #2, all earned their wings of gold at NAS Meridian, Miss.

All three C-130 pilots are Marine Naval Flight Officers who earned their wings of gold with VT-31 at NAS Corpus Christi.

Capt. Mike Van Wyk earned his wings in 2005, while Capt. A.J. Harrell and Capt. Dusty Cook, a native of East Bernard, Texas, earned their wings in 2006.

The feature civilian act is world aerobatic champion Rob Holland and his custom built MXC/RH aircraft. Holland defended his US National Unlimited Aerobatic title in September at Denton, Texas, earning his third straight US championship.

Competing against the very best aerobatic pilots in the country, Rob won all three of the determining flights to bring home the gold medal.

In addition to dominating the 'classic' portion of the competition which is very structured and scored under tight guidelines,

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World aerobatic champion Rob Holland flies with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in 2012. (Courtesy photo)

Andrew Wright in his Carbon Fiber G202 aircraft. (Courtesy photo)

Twin YAK-55's make up the Circus Maximum team. (Courtesy photo)

SHOCKWAVE jet truck will light up the flight line. (Courtesy photo)

Escondido Ranch hosts Wounded Warriors for weekend hunt

Naval Air Station Kingsville hosted Wounded Warriors at the Navy's Escondido Ranch, Jan. 18-19. A group of 11 current and former active duty servicemen from Camp Hope located in Houston enjoyed a weekend hunt on the Navy's ranch. Located in Houston, Camp Hope, PTSD Foundation of America is non-profit organization dedicated to mentoring to combat veterans and their families who suffer with post traumatic stress disorder.

The group spent the weekend hunting deer, hogs and turkeys at the Navy's Escondido Ranch located 90 miles northwest of Kingsville, near Freer, Texas, in McMullen County. The Ranch is a commercially-developed 6,800 acre hunting ranch nestled in the heart of South Texas. The facility is owned by NAS Kingsville and managed by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR).

According to NASK Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Misner, "our ranch facilities and hunting program are maintained by active duty U.S. Navy personnel from NAS Kingsville led by my Ranch Manager Chief Petty Officer Johnny Gross. He and his team did a super job coordinating this event for these true American heroes who really had a great time spending the weekend hunting in beautiful South Texas".

NAS Kingsville and Escondido Ranch plan on hosting Wounded Warrior hunts on a regular basis. A weekend turkey hunt for other Wounded Warriors is being planned to coincide with the "Wing Over South Texas" air show scheduled for March 29-30. Misner said he and his team are proud to offer a service to those who have sacrificed

"Anytime we can do something to help our own is really fantastic," Misner said. "It's our duty as Texans and Americans to help these brave warriors and their families adjust. It's our turn to step up with other community organizations and help those that have fought and sacrificed so much to defend the Republic."

Anyone wishing to contribute to future Wounded Warrior hunts can contact the Naval Air Station command suite for more details.

Escondido Ranch is open to active duty and retired military personnel and their guests, DoD civilians and current NAFI and NAS Kingsville contract personnel. The Ranch has a fully functional lodge with 15 rooms available for rent, one large cabin, and mobile homes for families.

Ranch Manager GSMC (SW) Johnny Gross has three enlisted personnel to assist with management of the ranch. Staff members include EN1 (SW) Jesse Lindner, EN2 (SW) Duane McCurdy, and EN2 (SW) Chris Garcia.

Escondido Ranch has lodging accommodations for more than 30 guests. Each lodge room is furnished with a refrigerator and full size bed. (Some rooms have a set of bunk beds).

In addition, the Ranch has a fully-equipped cook house adjacent to our lodge, with four barbecue pits, electric oven and refrigerators.

Important Items: Please ensure you bring your Texas hunting license and hunter safety card (if born after Sept. 2, 1971) with you for your stay at the Ranch. Patrons will also need to bring linen/blankets and all personal hygiene items required, as well as any water/beverages and food planned for consumption. For those planning to hog hunt, some form of light (preferably red or green) will be needed. Some additional items that may be preferred for a better stay: disposable plates, insect repellent, any additional corn you would like placed at your hunting location, binoculars and wet/cold weather gear.

Current hunting opportunities: Quail season at the Ranch runs through February 23; Spring Turkey Season runs March 15 to April 27. Feral hogs, coyotes, bobcats and javelina are hunted year round.

Lodging Fees: Active Duty military E-6 & above, retired military and DoD civilians: $35 per day.

Active Duty military E-5 & Below: $30 per day.

Capt. Chris Misner (far left), commanding officer, NAS Kingsville, and Escondido Ranch staff pose with current and former active duty service men from Camp Hope located in Houston. The Wounded Warriors enjoyed spending the weekend hunting deer, hogs and turkeys at the ranch. (Courtesy photo)

The Navy's Escondido Ranch is located 90 miles northwest of Kingsville, near Freer, Texas, in McMullen County. The Ranch is a commercially-developed 6,800 acre hunting ranch nestled in the heart of South Texas. The facility is owned by NAS Kingsville and managed by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR). (File photo)

Volunteers needed for successful air show

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville's bi-annual "Wings Over South Texas" air show would not be possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Air Show. Actually, every member of the staff of the Air Show is a volunteer! Their support, as well as the support of vendors and sponsors, makes our Air Show a top attraction -- not only for the air station -- but also the Kingsville community.

The NAS Kingsville air show committee is currently looking for volunteers for this year's show, which takes place March 29-30. Individual and group volunteers are needed.

Vendors who will have booths on the midway will need staff assistance, and this is a great opportunity for volunteers to earn a little extra cash while they help support the air show.

"We are already collecting names of individuals and organizations that would like to volunteer to work the concession operations at the Air Show this year," said Eric Nikkel, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR) director and air show marketing coordinator.

"We will need at least 16 booths staffed with a daily requirement of about 190 people, depending on what the particular booths are selling."

Each volunteer will be paid the same percentage of the profits that are made from the air show, regardless of the type of booth that they work, minus cash and inventory shortages from sales.

Each volunteer should: Dress comfortably with protective shoes (No open toes); Wear shirts must have sleeves (No tank tops); Wear head covering (cap, visor, or hairnet); and dress according to weather forecasts.

Food vouchers will be provided to volunteers each day and will only be valid for food purchase on the Midway. It may not be used for merchandise or beer purchase. A cup will also be supplied, so unlimited soft drinks will be available.

You must be 18 years of age or older to work at any booth, and you must be 21 years of age or older to work at booths that sell alcohol. No alcohol may be consumed during the work shifts. Beer servers must comply with all Texas and U.S. Navy requirements.

Volunteers will be selected to meet staffing requirements, so some groups or individuals that apply may not be selected All food booth staff must have a valid Texas Food Handler's Sanitation Card and they must meet all Texas and Navy requirements.

For more information on Navy food handling requirements, contact Daniel Rackley at (361) 516-6196. Parking passes for all volunteers will be issued by MWR for each day they work. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the NAS Kingsville Information, Ivan Gomez at the Santiago Fitness Center at (361) 516-6802.

Individual and Group Volunteer applications are available for download on the "Wings Over South Texas" 2014 Web Site at http://www.wost2014.com and completed volunteer forms can be e-mailed to Ivan Gomez at ivan.gomez@navy.mil or fax to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department at (361) 516-6917.

DoD announces random synthetic marijuana testing

As part of a new Department of Defense (DoD) policy, the Navy began testing for synthetic marijuana compounds during random urinalysis, officials announced Dec. 31.

According to NAVADMIN 334/13, testing for synthetic marijuana compounds will be randomly conducted on samples submitted to all drug screening laboratories, and positive results will subject members to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The Navy expects to test more than 1.1 million samples this year, and a portion of them will be screened for synthetic marijuana. Those that test potentially positive will be forwarded to the Air Force Drug Testing Laboratory at Lackland, Texas for confirmation.

"We are testing synthetic cannabinoids - also known as Spice, K2, Herbal Essence and other names - within the standard testing panel conducted for urinalysis samples," said Lanorfeia Parker, deputy director, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office (NADAP).

The change will be largely transparent to the command, requiring no changes to the way they currently collect and ship urine samples for drug testing. In contrast to the Navy's previous synthetic drug testing program, no action is required by the command to have random synthetic drug testing performed on the samples that are submitted.

The DoD estimates that nearly 1 percent of military personnel may be using synthetic marijuana. If a member uses, possesses, promotes, manufactures, or distributes synthetic drugs, they face disciplinary action that could result in unfavorable separation from the Navy. According to Parker, the Navy's policy on substance abuse is zero tolerance.

"Substance abuse puts lives and missions at risk, undercuts unit readiness and morale, and is inconsistent with our Navy ethos and core values of honor, courage, and commitment," said Parker.

For more information about Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, visit www.npc.navy.mil/support/nadap.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.

Optometrist visits Branch Health Clinic Kingsville Feb. 11

An optometrist visits Branch Health Clinic Kingsville monthly to administer annual eye exams and write prescriptions for active duty, dependents, and retirees. The next day our optometrist will be seeing patients at BHCK will be Feb. 11. To make an appointment, call either the BHCK front desk at 361-516-6313 or the NHCCC call center at 1-877-NAVYMED (628-9633).

Navy Exchange's barber shop increases personnel, operation hours

The Navy Exchange has hired an additional stylist at the barber shop. Two stylists are now available to cut hair Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Rob also won the '4 minute freestyle' flight which allows each competitor to be more creative, include tumbling maneuvers, use smoke, and fly their routine to choreographed music.

Just two weeks after bringing home gold at the nationals, Rob won the 4 Minute Freestyle Title at the World Championships, also held in Texas this year. Some 60 competitors from around the globe gathered for the competition which also resulted in a Team Silver Medal for Team USA.

Holland participated in the 2010 and 2012 Wings Over South Texas air shows.

Other aerial performers include Texas native Randy Ball and his Russian-made MiG 17; Gregory Colyer of Acemaker Air Shows and his T-33 Shooting Star; The Trojan Horsemen, six ship team of T-28 Trojans; Dallas native Jan Collmer and his Fina 300 XL; former King Ranch pilot Paul Fiala and his Great Lakes Biplane; Andrew Wright flying his ultra-fast high-tech carbon fiber G202 aircraft; and the Disabled American Veterans flight team and their historic B-25 Mitchell Bomber.

Another new act this year is Circus Maximus from Tiger Air Shows. This act features pilots Mark Sorenson and Buck Roetman teaming up in two identical Tiger Yak 55's, for an aerial demonstration of precision – including circling the opening ceremonies flag jump, and their popular Salute to Veterans act.

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Along with his work in the media, Matt also enjoys flying vintage military airplanes. He recently completed a 7,000 mile solo flight across the US and Canada in a former Royal Air Force DHC-1.

Planning for pre-show events is well underway as well. The Air Show Pep Rally at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, to be held Friday, March 28, will bring about 6,000 school children from throughout South Texas to the college. The event features remarks from members of the Blue Angels and other performing acts, a fly over of air show aircraft, and participation by school bands and cheerleaders.

Later that day, the City of Kingsville, Kleberg County and the Parks and Recreation Department will host a "Meet the Performers" social in downtown Kingsville. This is a free event that will include opportunities to meet the performers, get autographs and get everyone revved-up for the weekend shows.

For updated information on the air show, visit the air show web site at: http://www.wost2014.com or our Facebook page at http://www.Facebook.com/wost2014.

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Prepare now for tax season, DoD official advises

Tax season is approaching and service members should begin gathering documentation to file their 2013 taxes.

Barbara Thompson, the director of the Pentagon's office of family policy and children and youth, suggested visiting the Military OneSource website for tax filing resources, and to learn what will be necessary to file, such as W2 forms, Social Security numbers and receipts for deductions such as child care, education, medical expenses and donations, among other write-offs.

Aboard NAS Kingsville, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office will be at the Fleet and Family Support Center beginning Feb. 3 until April 15.

Service members and families who prepare long-form taxes with deductions such as mortgages and rental properties might want to consider hiring a tax expert to file for them, Thompson said. "It's best to get advice to make sure you have everything covered," she added.

People who do their own taxes need to stay on top of current tax information, Thompson said. "Sometimes tax laws change, so you have to be really smart about doing your own taxes," she added. States' tax laws often vary, too, she said, and because of relocations, some service members have to file local taxes in more than one state.

Filing federal and state tax returns usually results in either a tax refund or money owed back to the government. Expecting to receive a tax refund, but instead finding out that money is owed can be a shock, Thompson said. Looking at W2s to determine how much money in taxes is being withheld is a good indicator of whether or not one will owe money, she suggested.

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