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# CNO meets with, praises service members

By LCDR Billy Ray Davis, Jr., Commander, Task Force 73 Public Affairs

SINGAPORE (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) visited Singapore, Aug. 18, where he met with members of the Navy League of the United States, Singapore, and U.S. military and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel.

ADM Gary Roughead spoke at two separate venues during a brief visit to the island republic, where he addressed some of what he said are the most pressing issues he faces as CNO, and opened the floor to questions from the audiences. Attendees asked him about topics ranging from future force structure to the importance of the Navy's role in today's combat operations.

Roughead praised the commitment that continues to be shown by Sailors serving in harm's way.

"I can't say enough about the effort that our Sailors are putting forth and the successes they are achieving in Iraq and Afghanistan," Roughead said. "They are involved across the spectrum of operations."

Roughead's stop in Singapore came on the heels of approximately 10 days of travel throughout the Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility, where he visited Bahrain, Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Every commander that I've talked to cannot say enough about what our Sailors bring to the fight," said Roughead. "It's about their initiative; it's about their confidence; it's about their skill. But most importantly, it's about their spirit and drive. They have to do a job and do that job right."

The CNO, returning to Singapore for the first time as the Navy's top

commander, is familiar with Pacific Fleet operations, having previously served as Deputy Commander, U. S. Pacific Command as well as Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In Singapore, he reiterated his appreciation to Singapore as an important and enduring regional partner.

"Every time I come back, the relationship we have with Singapore is reinforced," Roughead said.

The U.S. Navy has several commands in Singapore operating in support of 7th Fleet's logistics mission, including Logistics Group, Western Pacific, Sealift Logistics Command Far East, Navy Region Center Singapore

and Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Singapore detachment. Through these units, the Navy plans and executes two premier annual maritime exercises in conjunction with several regional partner nations: Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), and Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEACAT). Roughead said these exercises provide important contributions to greater Navy goals.

"I think CARAT and SEACAT really typify the essence of our maritime strategy, which is a cooperative strategy," the CNO said. "Those two exercises demonstrate the ability of our

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**Team Kingsville personnel pose with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison at the King Ranch Museum Monday, Aug. 11 as part of a 600-mile, 16-stop tour around the state to provide local officials an update on community issues and future growth. City and NAS Kingsville leaders welcomed her to the museum for the "working lunch." From left are: CAPT Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO; CAPT Phil Waddingham, NASK Commanding Officer; Sen. Hutchison; Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews; CDR Bill Bulis, Commanding Officer VT-21; and LCDR Dawn Hardin, Officer-in-Charge, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville. Photo by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs.**



## From the Bridge



**CAPT Phil "Waddz" Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings, NAS Kingsville! Where has Summer gone? Here we are, on the cusp of another school year, and if you have kids at home of school age, it's time to start gathering up school supplies, shopping for new clothes, and getting those "must have technological marvels" guaranteed (we are led to believe) to make your child arrive in style--if not smarter. I don't know about you, but when I last went to school, it was to college (we did have electricity back then), and my idea of technology was an IBM electric typewriter, which I brought for my roommates and me to use. The really cool thing about this machine (and it was more a machine than it was an elegant piece of technology) was that if you made an error, you could backspace and the error would magically disappear.

What a timesaver that was. That is, until you found an error, or needed to make a revision--after the page had been typed! Your only recourse at that point was to load another fresh sheet of paper, and start over. I chuckle to myself when I hear my kids complain about how slow our computer is. The first time I ever used a no-kidding word processor, I was a lieutenant and the personnel officer in my first squadron. Personal cell phones were still about 10-years away.

I guess one can't help but reflect on the days gone by when you find yourself in the midst of doing something akin to an annual ritual like getting ready for the beginning of a new school year.

Good luck to all of our new students as you embark on the new academic year. I know all at NAS Kingsville would wish you well, and hope you achieve success in all of your academic, and extra-curricular endeavors.

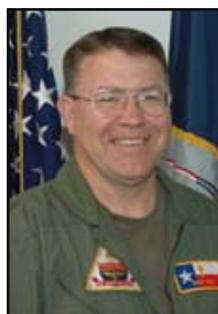
For the rest of us "old-schoolers," be on the lookout for kids walking, riding, or catching a bus to or from school. They shouldn't be too hard to spot ... they'll be carrying a snappy backpack and probably talking on a cell phone.

Skipper Waddz sends.

## Student Spotlight



*Four-year old George Moore is all smiles as he poses for a photo with teacher, Mrs. Patty Stowe of the Epiphany School in Kingsville. George, the son of CMD Charles and Sarah Moore, survived his first week of pre-kindergarten at the school. Photo submitted by Amy DeRouen.*



## Tews' Views



**Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews**  
NAS Kingsville, Religious Ministries

### ***Labor Day: The SIMPLE Joy of Work*** ***(Ecclesiastes 1: 2-3, 14; Matthew 6: 19-21)***

"Vanity of vanities," says the writer of Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What advantage does a man have in all his work which he does under the sun?"

Why do you work? Okay, the most obvious reason is to make a living. However, there are some people who work only for the pure enjoyment of it. Why? What real advantage do you have in working? What is that "one thing", that Curly told Billy Crystal in "City Slickers" to look for, that makes it all worthwhile? Even as obvious as the need to make money to live on is, there must be something more. Something that motivates, that gives you a sense of purpose and fulfillment, that gets you out of bed in the morning and charging off into a new day. The simple answer is the satisfaction that comes with a job well done. Note, that this is not so much pride, but just the satisfaction in knowing that you do your

job well and with integrity no matter how menial the task.

There is a janitor who works in an office building. One evening he brings his son to work with him. As he goes about his work he carefully and patiently shows the boy the proper way to do each task, exuding a sense of joy and satisfaction in his work that his son didn't understand at first. He wondered how his father could be so content mopping floors and emptying out other people's trash. The father explained to his son that his joy and satisfaction came in knowing that he was following the example of the Lord who said, "I have come not to be served but to serve." This janitor saw his work as an important and essential service to those who used the building during the day. He was careful and meticulous as he went about each task to make sure that his work would benefit those who would arrive the next morning.

We could all learn from this janitor, to have a servant's heart, to let our work, and our attitude toward it, be a living illustration to all around us. Everyday we have the opportunity to show others who our Lord is by letting Him shine through in our attitudes, in our priorities, in our servant hearts. If we diligently do our jobs well...if

we avoid petty office politics and gossip...if we help a shipmate with a task...help another to carry their burden...do the menial helpful little tasks that aren't "in our job description"...we will find the pure joy and satisfaction of a job well done. Because as we seek to serve one another we find a reward beyond the paycheck; we realize the vanity of self-serving, and we discover that finding success and happiness is really **SIMPLE**.

### **Service Initiative Mentorship Prayer Love & Enthusiasm**

Try it, it's simple, it's easy, and you might just be surprised to find that work really is something to celebrate after all. Happy Labor Day!



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## *In The Break....*



**CDR Timothy Carr**  
CSO, Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings! Well, it has been another exciting couple of weeks in the Navy Strike Training business. Working in and around the South Texas thunderstorms and trying to squeeze a major CQ detachment in between weather systems has been a challenge. Everyone's willingness to remain flexible and make things happen to complete the mission is greatly appreciated. You are all superstars!

Several recent events have helped me realize how blessed we are in spite of the challenges we have to overcome. You might say that the challenges themselves are part of the blessing. Reading student critiques, noting some recent web postings, and having an opportunity to visit with some Senate staffers this week have all prompted me to try and outline why exactly I think we are all particularly blessed to be involved in training the future of Naval Aviation.

Our mission is vital to the ongoing security of the nation. At TW-2 on board NAS Kingsville we train fully half of the Strike and E-2/C-2 aviators that will man the fleet. That fleet is plugged directly into the fight against the evil fanatics that want to take over the laws and governments of many nations. We stand – indirectly, but definitely – in the line that is holding them back from their goals. Our mission could not be more vital. Sometimes that becomes hard to realize when you live in South Texas. It seems like we are at the long end of the supply line or the bottom of any funding documents.

Our base could be considered remote and our facilities in need of improvement. The local community is small and has limited opportunities for family em-

ployment or recreation compared to major metropolitan areas. The flight schedule is a demanding beast that never goes away, with one debrief followed by another brief and another flight. And the next day will be pretty much the same.

It would be easy to take a negative outlook on things and I applaud you for not doing so. I hope I don't come across as a "Pollyanna" when I say that it is easier to count your blessings than list your grievances. While our base is remote, it offers all that is necessary to strap on a jet fighter (that's what the Air Force would call it) and go ripping across the mostly blue skies of South Texas. While our brothers and sisters flying gray jets are going wanting for flight time, we have the privilege of flying our tails off every day. While our supporting community is small, it is important to realize that it is a supportive community. Many bases in big cities do not enjoy the level of support and cooperation and friendship we have from the citizens of Kingsville. They are hospitable and will go out of their way to make your time here enjoyable if offered the opportunity. The variety of local eating and entertainment choices may be limited, but it vastly exceeds anything you will find in Kandahar or aboard the boat.

The flight schedule may be demanding, and may seem monotonously repetitive, redundant and repetitive, ;- ) but every flight is a chance to help some young man or woman take their place in the line with us against evil.

I've done just about everything you can do in a Navy jet and I can tell you that teaching these young folks is as rewarding as anything I've ever done. Treat each flight as a challenge to be the best instructor or student in the world and take pride in the difference you can make - one pilot at a time.

I know the local Starbucks made the BRAC list, and that will be a new challenge to deal with, but the coffee is always hot at my office and I'll be happy to share a cup with you and trade sea stories. Life is good and getting better. Fly Navy. God bless you.  
Cowboy

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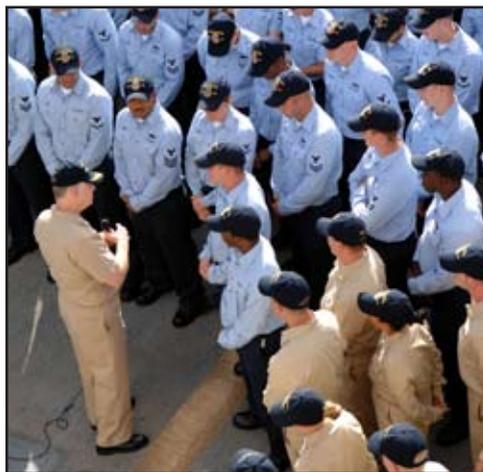
nations to come together and work and interoperate in ways that add to the safety and security and ultimately the prosperity of our nations and the region."

Yeoman 2nd Class Sarah Morel said she appreciated the chance to meet and interact with the Navy's top commander.

"Meeting the CNO makes him a reality to me and not just another high-ranking officer. It shows he cares and is interested in what we think and feel," Morel said. "Taking time from his schedule shows he really cares."

ADM Roughead said he places great importance on the opportunity to speak to service members directly—the men and women who are forward-deployed and who are executing the Navy's mission on a daily basis.

"When our Sailors are out there doing things, not only are they accomplishing the mission of today, but they are also leading the way into the future for us. I really appreciate that," he said. "The greatest benefit for me is the inspiration I get from our Sailors."



**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (Aug. 18, 2008)** Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) ADM Gary Roughead speaks with Sailors while visiting the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90). Roughead and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. are completing a 10-day, around-the-world trip to visit Sailors, thank them for their contributions and hear their thoughts firsthand. U.S. Navy photo.

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## My View

### One dedicated cook

Commentary by Jon Gagné  
Public Affairs Officer

As Sailors progress up the advancement ladder during their military careers they are constantly reminded to take care of their subordinates. When the Sailor joins the Chief Petty Officer community, taking

care of Sailors becomes their primary responsibility. That task is engraved in the CPO creed, and molded into their souls. In order to be an effective leader, Chiefs must put their personnel at the top of their priority list.

Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) Charlie Cook, NAS Kingsville Command Master Chief from 2000-2002, took that charge to the next limit. To him, taking care of Sailors was what got him out of bed in the morning and what motivated him during the work day. The San Antonio native retired in 2002 after a stellar career that included duty aboard USS John Hancock, and sea duty deployments with Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE aboard USS Ranger (CV-60) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). He also served as an Independent Duty Corpsman with Commander, Destroyer Squadron 17, and as CMC at Naval Hospital Beaufort, S.C. and USS Sides.

PSCM(AW/SW) Clarence J. Mitchell was a PN1 on board USS Sides when Cook was the CMC. "He taught me that work while important cannot be the number one priority; God and family must come first. He still tells me today, 'Do not be in a hurry. It will

all come to you'. I left the USS Sides as a PN1 and as a Master Chief on Active duty today, I still seek out the counsel and advice of Charlie Cook. And I always will."

Cook's stint as NAS Kingsville CMC was his twilight tour of his 30-plus year career. And he could have easily relaxed and started planning for life after the Navy. But anyone who knew Cook knew that would never happen.

"We can all take a lesson from Master Chief Cook in taking care of Sailors," said Master Chief Olan Peters, who relieved Cook as NAS Kingsville CMC. "He often said that Sailors were our most important commodity."

Shortly after he retired, NAS Kingsville dedicated their Single Sailor spaces in his honor with the title "Cook's Landing." The facility is now located at the Captain's Club but was originally set up in the spaces now occupied by the base library and was once home to the NASK galley. The 3,300 square-foot renovation of the spaces cost \$500,000. The goal was to provide a name that signified what providing services for Single Sailors was all about. MWR publicist Shirley Ley was one of the driving forces behind the dedication project, and it received the strongest support of NAS Kingsville commander CAPT J. J. Morrow.

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was conducted Aug. 9, 2002 to unveil the new facility to the base. Cook attended, dressed in his new civilian attire. He said he was "humbled" by the honor.

"My only goals in my 30-year career," Cook said at the ceremony, "was to be the best leader I could be by taking care of our [Sailors and Marines], their

families, civilian employees and others who stood side-by-side with us in defense of this great nation."

Staff secretary Janie Ramos worked with Cook on a daily basis. She recalls Cook being in his office early every day and working long after the normal day had ended. "He was 24/7," she said, "like he lived in his office. He PT'd every morning at 6 a.m. with the Chiefs. He was people-oriented, calming, and always ready to assist who ever needed help - military or civilian.

It seemed like he volunteered for everything. Every day he practiced and carried with him the Navy's core values: honor, courage and commitment. He is one of a kind."

Housing manager Lynn Early recalled that Cook was more than just a CMC. "I know he took GREAT pictures," Early said, "and he left many of us with pictures of flowers that he had taken when he was departing. He was a friendly man who truly cared for all base personnel."

Cook retired in June 2002 and assumed a civilian job as an environmental engineer and industrial hygienist for Northrop Grumman at Brooks City-Base in San Antonio but his legacy at NAS Kingsville lives on through the remodeled Single Sailor facility at the Captain's Club. He was told at the dedication ceremony that he'd always be welcome at NAS Kingsville, if he'd ever like to make a port visit; he can pull pier side at Cook's Landing.



CMDCM(SW)  
Charlie Cook

## Around the Navy in 60 seconds.....



**KEYWEST, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2008)** Cerino, a blue and gold macaw, looks on as Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Kenneth Micklos, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, tends to pets at a stationed pet shelter aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West's Boca Chica Field. NAS Key West is at Condition of Readiness One (COR 1) preparing for the approaching Tropical Storm Fay. COR 1 is set when a storm has assumed a definite pattern and destructive force winds are imminent within 12 hours. (U.S. Navy photo by Trice Denny/Released).



**CAMP DARBY, Italy (Aug. 18, 2008)** Italians working for the 405th Army Field Support Battalion and local law enforcement assist Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 46 crew members in loading humanitarian supplies onto a C-9B Skytrain. The aircraft, based in Marietta, Ga., arrived in Tbilisi Monday, representing the U.S. Navy's first asset participating in the ongoing humanitarian efforts in the Republic of Georgia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason T. Poplin/Released)



**BUSAN, Republic of Korea (Aug. 20, 2008)** Chief Legalman (Sel.) Shahar Bikszer, assigned to the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), arm wrestles with a child at the Hee-Rak-Won Children's Welfare Facility. Blue Ridge and 7th Fleet Staff chief petty officers (CPO) and CPO Selects participated in the community relations project distributing toys and medical hygiene products from Project Handclasp. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist William F. Gowdy/Released).

# Events offer professional, personal growth for female military members

By LCDR Elizabeth Zimmermann, Navy Diversity Directorate Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- A robust and interesting schedule for this fall is providing Navy women a wealth of opportunities for professional development, leadership building and networking.

From the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference to the Working Mother Media's Multicultural Women's Town Hall, these events increase opportunities for women to receive inspiration, to find mentors and to provide mentoring to those they meet, and to become empowered to succeed – all key components of the Chief of Naval Operations ADM Gary Roughead's diversity policy.

"Every individual, military or civilian, must be encouraged and enabled to reach his or her full potential. They must be inspired and empowered to attain the most senior levels of leadership. That empowerment today is unleashed by involved, thoughtful, proactive, and enlightened leaders... Future empowerment is cultivated by that same leadership and mentorship and an active commitment to attracting and recruiting the very best."

In addition, attendance brings the diverse face of the Navy to the American public.

"We want to engage in outreach activities that bring Sailors in contact with the people we serve, across the spectrum of our society," said CAPT Ken Barrett, Navy Diversity Director. "These events, and others like them, are opportunities for individuals to not only gain professional or personal knowledge, but to show what our Navy has to offer as a Top 50 employer."

On Sept. 5, attendees of the 5th Annual national Latina Symposium presented by Latina Style magazine will learn about issues such as advancing Latinas in the workplace, entrepreneurship and business, emerging technology trends, wealth creation and financial security, political leadership, professional development and balancing health, career and personal life.

Latina Style presents the only national awards program honoring Latinas serving in the Armed Forces, and networking opportunities abound.

For an opportunity to celebrate the advances of women in technology attend the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference in Keystone, Colo. Oct. 1-4.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase female Navy technical professionals at one of the largest technology gatherings in the world," said LT Stephanie Miller, director of the Navy's Women's Policy Program.

"Not only will this event focus on the research and career interests of women in computing, but what better group to attend a symposium named after one of ours than Navy women?"

Leading researchers will present their current work, and special sessions will focus on the role of

women in today's technology fields, including computer science, information technology, research and engineering. Officer, enlisted and civilian women are encouraged to join women from USS Hopper (DDG-70) in representing the Navy at this conference.

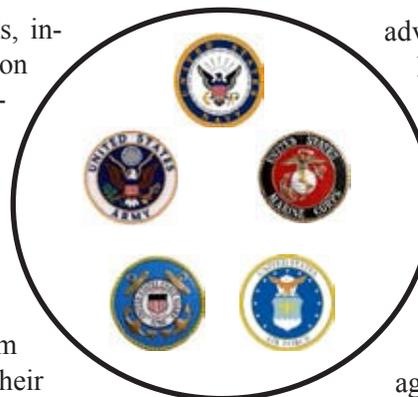
Later in October, comes another opportunity for female officers from all military services to expand their leadership skills at the 5th Annual Academy Women Fall Leadership Symposium. The event is being held Oct. 17-19 at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va. This year's theme is "Stories from Our Sisters," and speakers include the first female general officers: Generals Jeanne Holm, Wilma Vaught, Pat Foote and ADM Marty Evans. There will be a number of panels and other activities, and a career workshop devoted to professional development.

Those who miss the Grace Hopper symposium may be interested in attending the National Women of Color in Technology Conference in Dallas, Oct. 23-25. The conference supports and recognizes minority women in technology careers. It connects them with mentors, and provides a forum to discuss the key issues in U.S. job growth diversity, the critical shortage of women in IT careers, technological innovation, and women-owned IT ventures.

"There were many opportunities to network with other women, and I found all the women to be tremendously supportive and encouraging," said Tasha Lopez, a previous conference attendee.

"It was refreshing to be surrounded by women who look and act like women and are highly successful not only in their careers but also in their personal lives."

In Baltimore, Nov. 6-8, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) are holding their annual convention. SWE empowers women to succeed and



advance in their careers as engineers and leaders. Navy members are encouraged to attend this year's conference, entitled "Women Leading a Technical Revolution."

Mothers in the Navy, or anyone with an interest in gaining insight on how to compete and collaborate at senior levels, develop mentor relationships, and manage conflict, are encouraged to attend the Working Mother Media's Multicultural

Women's Town Hall in Washington, D.C., Nov. 19. This year's topic is "Power Networking – How to Build Influential Value Based Relationships."

"There are so many opportunities out there to increase individual's professional and personal options. We are constantly on the look out for venues that will benefit Navy women if they attend," said Miller. "It's simply a matter of taking a bit of time to get involved."

Visit the Women's Policy Office Web page for more opportunities throughout the year, [www.npc.navy.mil/AboutUs/BUPERS/WomensPolicy/](http://www.npc.navy.mil/AboutUs/BUPERS/WomensPolicy/). For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel - Diversity Directorate, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/)

## Squadron Commanding Officer Relieved of Command

By Commander, Naval Air Force Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- The commanding officer of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 3 was relieved of his duties Aug. 11.

CDR Shawn Bentley was relieved from duty by CAPT Brian Costello, Commander, Strategic Communications Wing 1.

Costello cited the loss of confidence in Bentley's ability to command as the reason for his relief.

CDR Erik Johnson has temporarily assumed command of VQ-3. Johnson has been serving as the Operations Officer for Commander, Strategic Communications Wing 1 and had previously served as the commanding officer of VQ-3.

Bentley, an E-6 naval flight officer, served as commanding officer since April 18 and previously served as the squadron's executive officer. He has been temporarily assigned to the staff of Commander, Strategic Communications Wing 1.

For more news from Commander, Naval Air Forces, visit [www.navy.mil/local/airpac/](http://www.navy.mil/local/airpac/).



## Scouts hold annual Day Camp aboard NAS Kingsville

Story/photos by Jon Gagné and Maryann Shramko

For the third straight year NAS Kingsville played host to the South Texas Counsel, Venado District Cub Scouts for their annual week-long "Summer Day Camp" July 16-20. The Summer Camp is one of a handful of events that Cub Scouts must hold throughout the year in order to earn badges and awards for themselves, their dens, packs and their leaders. This year, scouts from nine different Texas towns eagerly participated in the program.

Throughout the week, scout leaders mustered their crews at the pavilion behind the Club for a full day of activities. While the scout leaders handled all the administrative tasks, a small group of enlisted personnel from NAS Kingsville and NALF Orange Grove provided logistical support to ensure everything went smoothly.

"I'm really surprised how smooth this camp went," said camp director Susan Lutenbacher. "The petty officers from MWR were simply great in taking care of our needs throughout the week. We really appreciate the efforts of all the Sailors who participated in the program."

Engineman 1st Class Ben Carnes coordinated the volunteer efforts. "We had a good turnout for volunteers to help with the camp," said EN1 Ben Carnes, who coordinated the event for the Morale,



*Cub Scouts take part in observing morning colors on their final day on board NASK.*

Welfare and Recreation Department. "The Scouts were fun to work with and the leaders were very appreciative of our efforts. I think the Day Camp went extremely well."

Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Anthony Mason, who is assigned to NALF Orange Grove, enjoyed spending time with the kids and assisting them with their craft projects. "Working on the craft projects was fun," Mason

said. "I found the scouts to be very creative and they asked a lot of questions."

Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW) Demetrick Jacobs agreed. "Overall, I thought the camp went well. It was great learning about all the Boy Scout troops and their groups. It was nice to see the scouts worked together as a team on a lot of their projects, much like we do in the Navy. The scouts earn badges, and us Sailors earn are different qualifications."

Scout program director Anita Reyna was pleased with how the base supported the efforts of the Scouts. "We were amazed at the support from throughout the base for this camp," Reyna said. "We received briefs from the Branch Health Clinic, had demonstrations from Security personnel, took the kids to the pool, visited the hangars, work on our badges, and even got to do a little fishing. That's a pretty busy week."



*AC3 Anthony Mason (right) assists a cub scout with building a bird house.*



*Two scouts observe their latest catch (ants) scurrying about in a bug collector.*



*Cub Scouts take on one of their chaperons in a game of soccer.*

## The New JEA at NAS Kingsville: A League of their own

By EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Nine sailors from the NASK Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) volunteered to clean the NAS Kingsville fish pond pavilions on July 16 and Aug. 6.

Many members assisted in the cleaning party including CS2 Bernice Meno, president, and Laquita Batiste JEA vice-president. Also present were CS3 Keturia Laidlaw; EN3 Brenda Acevedo; HM2 Levon Hansford; RP3 Norman Otters; CS2 Anthony Court; CS2 Robert Toler; and CM2 Demetrick Jacobs.

The JEA members washed the pavilions floors and tables with a pressure washer and used brooms and other materials to ensure all areas were clean. A "team effort" went into the cleaning the facilities with everyone doing their part. Overall, the project was executed in no time.

The Junior Enlisted Association is a positive organization, empowering Sailors to voice their concerns, come up with ideas and execute their plans of action. The association works within the Naval Air Station and the Kingsville community to assist



*From left: CS2 Bernice Meno, President, JEA and CS2 Anthony Court pressure wash the fish pond pavilion.*

organizations in need.

The JEA is designed to help Sailors E1-E5 become recognized as a positive influence for peers by volunteering in the community and encouraging Sailors to voice concerns as a mean of incorporating

unity among enlisted personnel.

Tara Culbertson, MWR Director, sent the Association her thanks and a big "Bravo Zulo" for their efforts in cleaning the pavilions by the pond. "They look awesome," she said. "The association's service will really enhance quality of life for our Sailors and their families; and it's highly appreciated by MWR as well."

Becoming part of the JEA for Sailors in paygrades E-1 to E-5 is easy. Just attending a meeting or emailing one of the members will be sufficient enough to be placed the association e-mail roster. Meetings are held twice a month, during which issues, concerns or ideas are put out on the table for all to discuss and search for possible solutions.

Please come by and see what we offer! Our meeting will be Sept.4, held at the CBH Lounge, Bldg. 2700 at 1 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

# NAVFAC and JAG Celebrate Women's Equality Day

By Natalie Morehouse, Navy Judge Advocate General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG) celebrated the 88th anniversary of women's right to vote at a Women's Equality celebration Aug. 18 at the Washington Navy Yard.

The program featured Naval Academy Command Master Chief Evelyn Banks as the guest speaker.

RADM Greg Shear, NAVFAC commander, kicked off the event with remarks on the changes the Navy and the country have gone through in his lifetime. Shear noted that 15 years ago the first females joined the Seabees and today 8 percent of Seabees are women, a number that NAVFAC wishes to increase in the future. "We've come a long way," said Shear.

Banks shared inspirational thoughts and stories about her personal life and career in the Navy.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Banks enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 28, 1984 at the age of 29. During her 24 years of service, she earned an Associates of Arts in

General Studies Management from the University of Phoenix and graduated from both the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy as well as the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

Banks gave thanks for all the excellent leadership and mentorship she received throughout her Navy career.

"I've been given the opportunities I have in the military because of the sacrifices of the military women who have gone before me," Banks said. "However, I would not have been as successful without the excellent leadership and mentorship of military men. Wise men who expected the best from me and informed me that I had the opportunity to enhance equality for women by my good performance."

Growing up with five brothers and being the only girl, Banks reflected on her first lessons with equality. Banks discussed how her mother taught her and her brothers about the practicality and importance of equality.

Banks encouraged all in attendance, not just the women, to use their talents to the best of their abilities.

"You should never sell yourself short if you are working to achieve your goals. Each step you take in life is important, and combined together, they make a difference," she said. She also implored the audience to never miss an opportunity to serve the Navy and the country.

As noted by both speakers at this event, women today serving in the military and as civilians in the Department of Defense are continuing the suffragists' legacy. Military women have taken on nearly every role available to men in our Armed Forces.

Eighty-eight years ago, on Aug. 26, 1920, women attained the right to vote in the United States. Women's Equality Day commemorates this pivotal date and recognizes the hard work and perseverance of those who helped secure women's suffrage in the United States.

## Carl Vinson Celebrates Ship's Store 'Mall' Grand Opening

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Candice Villarreal, USS Carl Vinson Public Affairs

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (NNS) -- Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) celebrated the grand opening of a new ship's store "mall" Aug. 18, as part of festivities marking the beginning of the ship's crew move aboard (CMA) evolution.

CMA is one of the most significant shipyard milestones during the aircraft carrier's 40-month refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) in Newport News.

During the ship's store opening ceremony, Commanding Officer CAPT Ted Carter made the first purchase and took part in a cake and ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the event.

"The opening of this store is a great way to start our CMA," said Carter. "It will make a big difference in crew morale. All of the hard work has paid off, because it looks phenomenal."

Much of the credit for reviving the ship's store facility lies in the hands of Sailors assigned to the ship's S-3 division.

"Supply's S-3 division had 38 Sailors working long hours to accomplish this milestone, while maintaining the other ship's store, our vending, and laundry services on board," said Senior Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW/AW) Jeff Davidson, leading chief petty officer for S-3 division.

"In my 22 years of service, I have never seen Sailors work this hard, complain so little, and care about their ship and shipmates as much as the Sailors as-



signed to S-3 division."

Davidson added that in addition to raising morale levels by offering quality consumables for the crew at low prices, the division has transferred more than \$200,000 to the ship's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) division during the last fiscal year alone.

Funds generated by the ship's store will be used by MWR to help provide free and low-cost activities for crew members year-round.

"The ship's store is for and about the crew, and it is crucial to morale," said Davidson. "It's important for a Sailor who's been working all day or night to be able to come here after work, have someone be-

hind the counter greet them with a friendly smile, and buy a cold drink for a low price. It's the little things that count for keeping morale high."

According to ship's store personnel, the division has ordered and managed more than \$100,000 worth of stock in preparation for the opening, while deep cleaning, painting, and refinishing display cases. The "mall" has also been decorated with artwork, emblems, and the S-3 division's moniker: Can do, will do, glad to.

"Everyone's efforts and late nights have helped us complete our mission to open this store on time for CMA," said Ship's Serviceman Seaman Amber Ortiz. "Our mission now is serving the morale of the crew. That's always our main priority."

Carl Vinson is undergoing its scheduled RCOH at Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard. The RCOH is an extensive yard period that all Nimitz-class aircraft carriers go through near the mid-point of their 50-year life cycle.

During RCOH Carl Vinson's nuclear fuel will be replenished and the ship's services and infrastructure will be upgraded to make her the most state-of-the-art aircraft carrier in the fleet and prepare for another 25 years or more of service.

## Quail Unlimited banquet and dinner

The South Texas Chapter of Quail Unlimited will be hosting its 20th annual banquet and dinner on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas. The event is held annually to raise money for scholarships and to support local quail habitat enhancement projects. During the past 3 years, the South Texas Chapter of Quail Unlimited has provided over \$50,000 in funds for brush control and water development projects to the Navy's Escondido Ranch near Freer, Texas.

The evening will feature an outstanding array of raffle and door prizes, cocktails and dinner. Live and silent auctions including beautiful guns, fantastic hunting and fishing trips, and fine artwork will also be held.

Banquet Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Single Tickets \$75

Couples \$125

Tickets At The Door (per person) \$100

Cash, checks, VISA/Mastercard/American Express accepted

For Additional info, please visit the website at [www.stcqu.org](http://www.stcqu.org) or contact:

Bill Rauch (President STCQU) 361-527-2168 or 361-877-9894

Barbara Perkins (Secretary STCQU) 361-592-6723

Ronnie Howard (National QU Board of Directors Member) 361-568-3636



## Supporting Children and Youth

The NAS Kingsville Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department now has a certified Child and Youth Behavioral - Military and Family Life Consultant (CYB-MFLC) to assist families and talk with children on a wide-range of issues, including:

- School adjustment issue
- Deployment and separation concerns
- Reunion adjustment concerns
- Sibling/parent-child communications
- Behavioral concerns
- Fear, grief and loss issues
- Daily life issues

Consultants are confidential and anonymous and provided at no cost, and no records are kept. After-hours and weekend appointments are available. Groups, educational presentations and individual meetings can also be arranged.

For more information, contact Cynthia Denham at the Youth Activities or Child Development Centers, or call 522-3116.



## Lil' Redhawks and Golden Eagles cool off with the fire department



Mya Smith takes control of the wheel in one of the fire trucks used for fighting structure fires.



Firefighter Shannon Malone gives Grant Wallace nozzle training while Drake Parham (second from left) and Jack Wingard (right) each enjoy the mist.



Carter Kray relieves firefighter Shannon Malone as the nozzlemen.



Jacob Bulis leads his fellow "Lil' Redhawks" through a puddle from the over spray of the firehose.



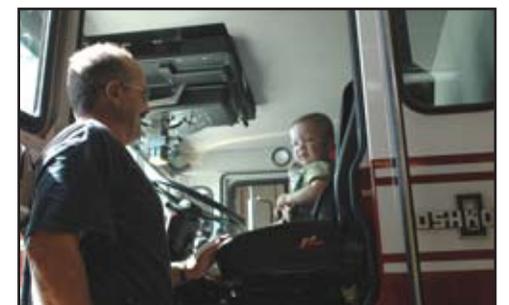
CDR Gerald Murphy, VT-22, executive officer waits patiently among Golden Eagle spouses and toddlers for fire department personnel to return from a call.



Firefighter Frank Retault signals to the driver of a T-Rex fire truck staged some 100 yards from the Golden Eagles. T-Rex was standing by to demonstrate how to fight a fire without even leaving the vehicle.



(Above) Firefighter Fernando Hernandez shows the Lil' Golden Eagles all the different bandages in the Ambulance as little Maggie Moore tries to squeeze her way to the front of the vehicle.



Matthew Murphy (seated) gives firefighter Frank Retault an "I dare you" look from the drivers seat of the T-Rex fire truck.

## Absentee Voting: Easy process

CDR Tim Chism, Legal Office



It's now less than 100 days until the general election. This will not be the last time citizens in the armed forces are reminded of their voter registration, but the time is approaching when it will be too late if action is not taken shortly.

The absentee voting process permits citizens covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), who will be away from their local polling places on election day, to vote through the mail. Absentee voters should request their ballots at least 60 days before the election whenever possible to allow enough time by mail or alternative method.

In order to register and/or vote absentee, an eligible U. S. Citizen must carefully and accurately complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and then submit it to the proper election official. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot varies from state to state and citizens are urged to note deadlines carefully. The attachments contain further information regarding each state's deadline.

Every registered citizen is strongly urged to submit the FPCA so that it is received by the election official 45 days prior to the election. Unregistered citizens are urged to submit the FPCA so that it arrives at least 60 days prior to the election.

An electronic form of the FPCA may be downloaded and printed at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

The Base Legal Office is also the Voting Assistance Office and any questions or needs for assistance may be answered there. Texas voter registration materials are also available there.

## Sixth Annual Navy Ball Golf Tournament:

**Friday, Sept. 26 8 a.m. Check-In**  
**9:30 a.m. shotgun**

### Start Oso Beach Municipal Golf Course

*Format: Texas Scramble, 4 Person Teams*  
*(and all skill levels welcome!)*

**Lunch: Bill Miller's Bar B Que** (includes raffle drawing and awards ceremony following the tournament.)

**Registration:** Call Oso Beach GC @ 826-8010 or ACC (AW) Mike Gonzales @ 236-9252 to sign up your Foursome. Play is limited to the first 120 golfers to register. Single players welcomed.

**Tournament Fees:** Includes golf, cart, lunch, beverages, gift bag & prizes. Before Sept. 19: \$40 per player; After Sept. 19 : \$50 per player.

**Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, plus Hole-in-One and Closest-to-the-Pin prizes on all Par 3's; Longest Drive, Shortest Drive, Longest Putt. Plus Door prizes awarded at the Luncheon from raffle tickets! FREE beverages.**

**Registration:** Make checks payable to: Navy Ball Committee

**Mail to:** ACC(AW/SW) Michael Gonzales

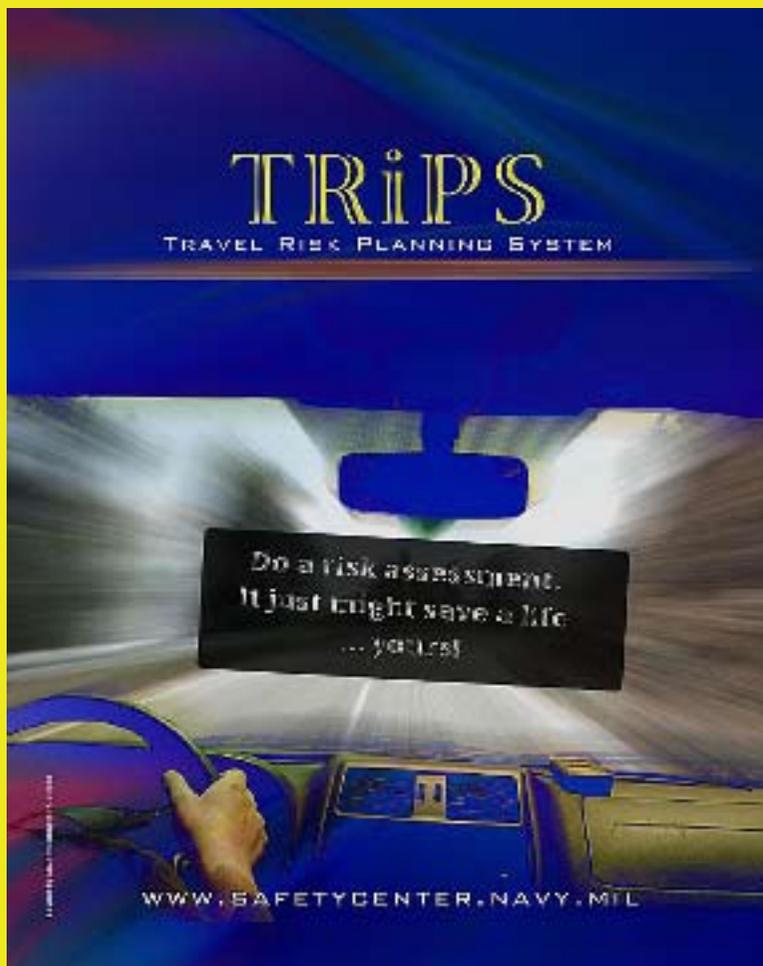
311 Mitcher Ave, Suite 212

Kingsville, TX 78363

(or you can drop them by the Chaplain's Office) Point of Contact: Mike Gonzales (361) 516-6180, Cell (361) 236-9252 or RP3 Otters (361) 516-6194



## GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR LABOR DAY?



**ARRIVE ALIVE!**



**NORFOLK, Va. (Aug. 18, 2008)** Sailors assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) man the rails while wishing a happy birthday to Dolia Gonzalez, the mother of Marine Corps Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez, the vessel's namesake. Gonzalez returned from a six-month deployment serving as the Air Defense Commander for Standing NATO Maritime Group Two. (U.S. Navy photo)

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Navy Spiritual Fitness Division Southeast will offer a FREE Marriage Enrichment Retreat right here at the Omni Bayfront Sept. 19-21. Couples discover ways to:



- Better handle inevitable conflicts.
- Understand how they interact with their spouse.
- Build intimacy and communication.
- Become closer by strengthening the emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of their marriage.
- Take time to have fun with one other.

Who should attend? Couples seeking greater satisfaction, closeness, and genuineness in their marriage.

There is room for a total of 15 couples. Lodging and meals are provided free of charge. Couples with children need to plan for childcare for the weekend. It is strongly advised that participants allow themselves to be free of all distractions so that they can focus solely on their relationship during this weekend.

If you are interested in attending, please register soon by contacting the Credo office (email link below), completing the registration form, and sending it to either of the email addresses for the Spiritual Fitness Division staff located at the bottom of the form. You'll want to register soon if you plan to attend while there is still room. These retreats usually fill up VERY fast.

All retreats this past year have been big hits with participants. It's a "can't miss."

If you're interested in attending this Retreat, simply send an email requesting an updated electronic registration form to [cnrse\\_credos@navy.mil](mailto:cnrse_credos@navy.mil), or call (904) 270-6958, ext. 1608 or menu "7." A registration form will be forwarded to you.



## WELCOME ABOARD!



### The following personnel have reported

**ENS Winston Likert**  
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2  
Highland, Mich.

**YN2 Brandon W. Weaver**  
Administration Office  
Buckeye, N.M.

**ENS Christopher W. Feay**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Papillion, Neb.

**LCDR David K. Killian**  
Instructor Pilot, VT-22  
Manassas, Va.

**AM2 Arlie J. Chambers**  
Air Operations/Field Support  
Marble Falls, Texas

**ENS Dustin I. Baldwin**  
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2  
Arvada, Colo.

**LCDR Aaron M. Parks**  
Instructor Pilot, VT-22  
Raymore, Mo.

**ABE2 Alejandro Zavala**  
Air Operations, Field Support  
Waxahachie, Texas

**LCDR John W. Datka**  
Instructor Pilot, CTW-2  
Augusta, Ga.

**1st Lt. Christopher W. Bergman**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Normandy Park, Wash.



### NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic Corner



Beginning September 1, the NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic will change their training day from Wednesday to Thursday afternoons.

Thursday clinic hours will be from 8 a.m. to noon.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you.



The Corpus Christi Area Chapter of  
Blacks In Government  
B. I. G.  
Corpus Christi, TX  
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An evening of Electrical and Stimulating Fashion  
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NAS Corpus Christi  
Bay Club  
6:30pm - 12:00 midnight  
Dinner, Fashion Show, Dance  
Donation \$45.00

Our successful annual fashions shows are geared to raise money for scholarships to help students in the Coastal Bend Area attain college degrees and successful careers

This is just a small part we play in the community to help others grow.

Respectfully,  
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Fashion Show  
Coordinator  
(361) 739-1791  
(361) 533-3033



### New hours for Outdoor Recreation

- Outdoor Recreation is now open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and check out all the great equipment

available to make your next outdoor adventure a great one, or call 516-6191 for more information.

**Fishing Ponds now open!** - The fishing ponds aboard NASK are now open with a fresh batch of catfish just waiting to be caught. Each of the two ponds has been stocked with 500 new fish. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 516-6191.

**Fishing fees aboard NASK are now \$10** - Fishing fees aboard NASK have been reduced from \$35 to \$10 for all fishermen wishing to try their luck in one of the two stocked ponds on base. In addition, those wishing to just fish, there is no longer a requirement to join the NASK Hunting Club. A current Texas state fishing license is required to purchase a permit, which all active duty can get for free from any store that sells the license. Permits are available at ITT, located in The Captain's Club. For more information, call ITT at 516-6449.

**New ITT & Liberty Center Hours** - The ITT & Liberty Center now have extended hours to serve you better. Both facilities will now be open Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.. For more information, contact 516-6449.

**New MWR Card Policy** - Effective immediately, the only patrons of MWR facilities that will be required to hold an MWR card will be the following:

- Navy League
- DOD Civilian Family Members
- Contractors Family Members

All personnel that have access to NASK will no longer be required to have an MWR card. In addition, the MWR card will be free of charge for all patrons that are required to carry it. For those that have recently purchased an MWR card, you can contact Shirley Ley at 516-6734 to find out info on our reimbursement plan.

MWR cards can be applied for at either the Total Fitness Connection or the ITT office located on the ground floor of The Captain's Club.

**Note:** Additional fees may be required at some MWR facilities for those using an MWR card. Please check with each facility for details.

**New MWR Gym Fees set to take effect August 1** - The following MWR Gym fees will take effect August 1 for all NASK Contractors, DOD Family Members, City Police, and Navy League.

Single Month	\$25	Single 6-Month	\$125
Single Annual	\$225	Family Month	\$35
Family 6-Month	\$175	Family Annual	\$350

All current 6-month and annual memberships will be honored. All monthly members signing up at the new fee will receive their next two months free. For more information, contact the Total Fitness Connection at 516-6171.

**Navy Knowledge Online Orientation at the Library** - Every Wednesday at 1700, Library staff will hold a short class on what the library section of NKO has available. This great site is for active duty, retirees, and dependants. If you are in the DEERS system, then you have access to this resource. For more information, call the Library at 516-6271.

**Texas State Vehicle Inspection** - If your Texas State Vehicle Inspection expires this month, stop by the Auto Skills

Center and get it renewed to avoid any costly fines. For more information, contact Auto Skills at 516-6248.

### **The Comics on Duty World Tour**

The funny men are back as promised! Navy Entertainment, AT&T, & MWR are once again bringing Comics on Duty to NAS Kingsville. Stand up comedians, Steve Bills, Bob Kubota, Jack Mayberry, and Tom Foss will be bringing their all headliner show to The Captain's Club on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Entry is free, so get there early to guarantee a seat. The kitchen will be open with a special menu, and drinks will be served. This show will include adult situational comedy, and is not recommended for anyone under the age of 18. For more information, call 516-6734.

**Aug. 22 - Social Hour at the K-Bar** - Join us at the K-Bar to kick-off the weekend with some food, drinks and live entertainment. Doors open at 3 p.m., with Social Hour running until 7 p.m. The K-Bar is now open until 11 p.m. every Friday, and includes a full menu from the grill until 10 p.m.

**Aug. 22 - Family Movie Night at Hawk's Landing** - Residents of Hawk's Landing PPV are invited to come out and enjoy a free movie night on MWR. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, and will include snacks and drinks. For more information, contact the Hawk's Landing rental office.

**Aug. 26-30 - Pre Labor Day Auto Check** - Get your vehicle ready for the long weekend with a free check up at the Auto Skills Center. For more information, call Auto Skills at 516-6248.

**Aug. 29 - Social Hour at the K-Bar** - Join us at the K-Bar to kick-off the weekend with some food, drinks and live entertainment. Doors open at 3 p.m., with Social Hour running until 7 p.m. The K-Bar is now open until 11 p.m. every Friday, and includes a full menu from the grill until 10 p.m.

**Sept. 3 - Ladies Morning bowling League Begins** - This popular league runs through Dec. 17. For more information, contact the Bowling Center at 516-6196.

**Sept. 4 - Bowl Before you roll** - Single Sailors join the Liberty Program at the Bowling Center for some free bowling, and grub before you hit the town. First ball rolls out at 1 p.m.. For more information, contact Amanda Young at 516-6734.

**Sept. 5 - Mongolian Grill at the K-Bar** - Mongolian Grill at the K-Bar in The Captain's Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Get there early to beat the crowds.

**Sept. 9 - Comics on Duty World Tour** - The funny men are back as promised! Navy Entertainment, AT&T, & MWR are once again bringing Comics on Duty to NAS Kingsville. Stand up comedians, Steve Bills, Bob Kubota, Jack Mayberry, and Tom Foss will be bringing their all headliner show to The Captain's Club on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Entry is free, so get there early to guarantee a seat. The kitchen will be open with a special menu, and drinks will be served. This show will include adult situational comedy, and is not recommended for anyone under the age of 18. For more information, call 516-6734.

**Sept. 12 - Family Movie Night at Hunter's Cove** - Residents of Hunter's Cove PPV are invited to come out and enjoy a free movie night on MWR. The movie Space Chimps will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, and will include snacks and drinks. For more information, contact the Hunter's Cove rental office.



# HOG PEN



KINGSVILLE, TEXAS - Current Chicago Bear and former Texas A&M-Kingsville offensive lineman Robert Garza has been selected to appear on the cover of EA Sports' Madden NFL '09 En Espanol.

Garza joins San Diego Chargers defensive tackle Luis Castillo, who appeared on the '08 cover, as the only two players to be featured on the Madden NFL En Espanol cover. The Madden franchise has been around for 20 years. NFL players started appearing on the cover in 2001 when Eddie George was featured. Since that time Daunte Culpepper, Marshall Faulk, Michael Vick, Ray Lewis, Donovan McNabb, Shaun Alexander, Vince Young and Brett Favre have all been on the cover.

Garza is in his eighth year in the NFL. As a Javelina he earned First Team All-America honors in football and was the 2000 NCAA Division II National Champion in the Shot Put.

## Bowling League

### In the Dog House League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Lane Breakers	8.0	0.0	0.0
2. Los Tres Vatos	6.5	1.5	1.5
3. 3 Minds in the Gutter	5.0	3.0	3.0
4. Team 8	4.0	4.0	4.0
5. Hounds	3.5	4.5	4.5
6. Tumbalos	3.0	5.0	5.0
7. The Rebels	1.0	7.0	7.0
8. The Pin-Heads	1.0	7.0	7.0



ARE YOU READY?



SEPTEMBER

4th - 11th - 18th

*Exam will be administered in The Club at 7 a.m.  
I.D. cards required*