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## CNO Releases 2009 Guidance

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Rebekah Blowers,  
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

CNO's Guidance (CNOG) reaffirms his vision, mission, guiding principles and focus areas - refining the scope of his intentions and how they will be measured in 2009 - and reviews the accomplishments of the Navy over the past year.

"Over the past year, we have implemented our Maritime Strategy around the world. This year's Guidance will highlight those accomplishments as well as expand on the progress we need to continue to make to remain a dominant force," Roughead said.

CNO said that one of last year's accomplishments was developing a Navy Ethos, a tangible statement of values integral to the Navy's mission accomplishment.

"It distinguishes those of us who serve in the Navy, active and reserve Sailors and Navy civilians, regardless of unit, command or community," Roughead said.

The CNOG reinstates CNO's three focus areas of building the future force, maintaining warfighting readiness, and developing and supporting Sailors, Navy civilians, and their families. He said over the past year the Navy has made significant progress in those areas, setting the stage for continued achievements in 2009.

Some of those achievements in-



MANAMA, Bahrain (Aug. 12, 2008) Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) ADM Gary Roughead speaks to Sailors during an all hands call aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59). Roughead, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. traveled throughout the Central Command Area of Operation to visit Sailors, thank them for their contributions and hear their thoughts firsthand. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tiffini M. Jones/Released).

clude: Deploying of the first guided missile submarines, USS Ohio (SSGN 726) and USS Florida (SSGN 728), in less than six years from the start of their conversion from strategic service; Embarking nongovernmental organizations and international partners aboard Navy hospital and amphibious ships to provide humanitarian assistance to local populations, treating more than 320,000 patients in Southeast Asia, South America, and Africa; and transitioning many

short-notice, midtour, temporary-duty individual augmentation assignments to permanent change of station GWOT Support Assignments (GSA) negotiated in a Sailor's normal detailing window, thereby improving Sailors' ability to plan and develop their careers while balancing family needs and quality of life.

The 2009 Guidance explains Roughead's 18 intentions, refining the initiatives and measures set forth in the 2007-2008 Guidance.

The 18 intentions include global maritime partnerships, leveraging science and technology initiatives to ensure warfighting benefits accrue to future Sailors, and competent and dedicated

Sailors and Navy civilians, supported by strong families, being the heart of the Navy as the preeminent global maritime power.

To read the CNO's Guidance for 2009, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).

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Campaign underway.



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## From the Bridge



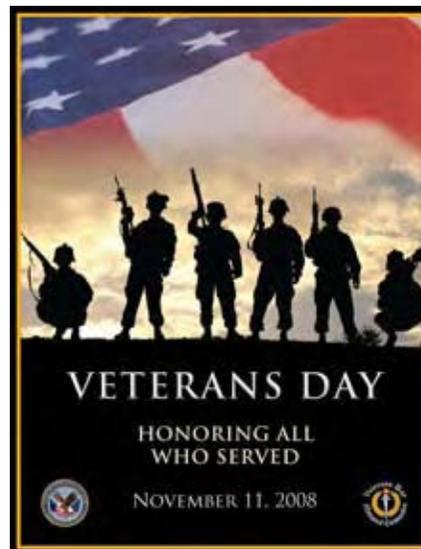
**CAPT Phil "Waddz" Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

### *Greetings, NAS Kingsville!*

Two significant events occurred in the last week. The first was the anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps, and the second was Veteran's Day. I was privileged to attend the Marine Corps Ball hosted by Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 held this year at the Omni Bayfront in downtown Corpus Christi. The evening was simply spectacular. Everything was done first rate, and Marines, as well as representatives from all the services and their guests were treated to cocktails, precision drill and ceremony, a motivational message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, great food, and dancing. If you have not attended a Marine Corps Birthday Ball in the past, you may want to consider going next year. I guarantee you that you will not be disappointed.

At the time of this writing, we are celebrating Veteran's Day. Most of you were able to enjoy this federal holiday, but others find themselves at work, doing our business of launching, flying and recovering jets. I sincerely appreciate the sense of teamwork we have here at NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO when it comes to getting the job done. The sacrifices we make as uniformed members of the Armed Forces is a legacy that began with those who served before us. We are grateful for their service, and proud to serve ourselves.

In a press release from the White House, President George W. Bush said it eloquently: "On Veteran's Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who in defense of our freedom have bravely worn the uniform of the United States. From the fields of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our Nation's ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America's veteran's answered the call when asked to protect our Nation from some of the most brutal and ruthless



tyrants, terrorists, and militaries the world has ever known. They stood tall in the face of grave danger and enabled our nation to become the greatest force for freedom in human history. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard have answered a high calling to serve and have helped secure America at every turn."

"Our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service. We also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense. These

brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. On Veteran's day, we remember these heroes for their valor, their loyalty, and their dedication. Their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world."

Happy Birthday Marines and happy Veteran's Day to all of those who have served our nation in uniform.

Waddz sends.



## Tews' Views



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

### *Veteran's Day*

I found the following anonymous description of a Veteran a few years ago and thought it worth saving. I know I used it last year in this space but nevertheless thought it worth repeating again this year. So, since it is Veteran's Day as I write this I share it with you today to inspire, encourage and sharpen your perspective of Veteran's Day. Hopefully this past Tuesday was filled with meaning and pride as you remembered those who have fought to preserve and protect the freedom and liberty we all enjoy.

#### *What is a Vet?*

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure armored personnel carriers did not run out of

fuel. He is the barroom loudmouth whose behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel. She is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and came back another – or never entirely came back AT ALL. He is the one who sometimes tells his wife that he just can't sleep, when really, he is afraid to return to sleep lest the nightmares return. He is the Parris Island drill instructor who has never seen combat – but, has nevertheless saved countless lives by turning teenagers into Marines teaching them to watch each other's backs. He is the parade-riding member of the VFW and American Legion who pins on his medals and ribbons with a prosthetic hand. He is the career quartermaster who watched the ribbons and medals pass him by, looking instead to the needs of his fellow service men. He is the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, their presence at Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep. He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket – palsied now and aggravatingly slow – who helped to liberate a Nazi death camp. He or she is an ordinary

and yet extraordinary human being – a person who offered some of life's most vital years in the service of their country, and who sacrificed ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs. He is a Soldier, a Sailor, a Marine, an Airman, a Coast Guardsman, each a savior and a sword against the darkness, and every one the finest testimony on behalf of the greatest nation ever known.

It is these men and women who have honorably and courageously served, and not the reporter, nor the poet, nor the political dissident who give us our freedom of the press, our freedom of speech, our freedom to protest. It is these, who proudly saluted the flag, who served others with respect for the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allow the protester to burn the flag. So remember, each time you see someone who has served our great nation, just lean over and say "Thank You". That's all they've ever needed or wanted, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been or were awarded, two little words that mean so very much, "Thank You." Please pause for a moment this Veteran's Day and say a prayer for our brothers and sisters in arms stationed all around the globe. Of all the gifts you could give, or receive as a service member yourself, prayer is the very best one. God Bless & Thanks for all you do.



## In The Break...



**CDR Timothy "Cowboy" Carr**  
Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing TWO

Happy Birthday, Marines! For 233 years our Nation has been blessed to be protected by the United States Marine Corps. To celebrate the anniversary of that auspicious day in 1775 when they were born, Col. Thomas Clark, Commanding Officer, MATSG 22 hosted the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. I was honored to receive an invitation and most happy to attend. I had the additional honor of being accompanied by my father, Cpl. Binion Carr, who served in the Corps from 1942 to 1945. It was his first Marine Corps Birthday Ball and I can honestly write that after 19 years in the Navy, I finally was able to impress him with something! Thanks, Marines! You put on a class event and I am continually impressed and humbled by your devotion, your professionalism and your panache.

During the short visit from my folks, I was also privileged to show my mom and dad and brother around the base and I got to show them the T-45 simulator. They managed to fly the Goshawk around without too much aluminum getting rearranged and I appreciate the time put in by the folks at Ground Training to help make their tour and all our wingees family visits so memorable.

Dad, mom and brother were all in attendance as we winged 9 new Navy and Marine Corps Aviators

on Friday afternoon. They were all thrilled to witness the ceremony as it reminded them of the last one they witnessed in 1991. They asked me to pass along their congratulations to all the wingees and to let all of you know that you are in their prayers.

When Dad asked me what I planned on doing for Veterans Day, I told him I would be flying. At first he was surprised and said, "I thought all you government types had the day off?" After recovering from being called a "government type" I told him that, "yes, it is a government holiday, but we are trying to make up some production to help fill cockpits in the fleet." I might have sounded a little frustrated at the thought of flying on Veterans Day because his response was, "yeah, I guess it doesn't hurt to work on Veterans Day if it's going to help guys over there that don't have the day off." That got me to thinking about his service. Dad served 3 and a half years in the Corps, most of it on islands in the Pacific. He didn't get a single Veterans Day off and I'm pretty sure he was on duty for Columbus Day as well. Those were tough times. Our Nation was engaged in a fight against evil and implacable foes. Many sacrifices had to be made in order for us to overcome those foes. Dad and his fellow Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and the Nation as a whole made those sacrifices. They overcame the evil of their age. You and I are engaged in a struggle against foes every bit as evil and implacable as the Axis Powers of World War II. They want to take over the entire world and do away with our God-given liberty. Not everyone realizes the criticality of the threat, but we have to hold the line against it until they do. It's our turn to make the sacrifices. God willing, we will overcome. See you on the flight line. God Bless You.

Cowboy

### ***Focus on Kingsville IA's: Master at Arms 3rd Class Chris Mateo***

Petty Officer Christopher Mateo, a native of Longmont, Colo., and a member of the NAS Kingsville Security Department, returned home from Individual Augmentee duty in Afghanistan earlier this month. As a member of the Operations Forces, he served as a forward operating battalion Military Police (MP) officer supporting the Provincial Reconstruction Team's mission of assisting Afghans rebuild the economy, infrastructure, and strengthening their physical security.

Mateo was assigned to assist Force Operations Battalion and Entry Control Point (ECP) security personnel with vehicle, cargo and personnel inspections at Nuristat Force Operations Base (FOB) in Kalaguish, Afghanistan. He was also trained as a gunner for vehicle convoys outside the base.

His superior performance was recognized with an Award for Excellence from the Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Forces in May, and the Army Commendation Medal for his



performance at FOB Kalaguish in October. During his IA tour Mateo became qualified on the HIIDE Identification System and earned qualifications in combat life saving (CLS), hand-to-hand combat, force protection and building searches, mounted and dismounted land navigation, pass and tag, and claymore and grenade. He also qualified on the M19, M240, 50 cal., 9mm, and the M4 (sited and CCO).

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## Growler instructors get familiar with Navy's newest aircraft

By MC3(SW) Rialyn Rodrigo

EL CENTRO, Calif. (NNS) -- The first detachment from Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 completed two weeks of familiarization training on the new EA-18G Growler aircraft at Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro Oct. 29.

VAQ-129 "Vikings" is a fleet replacement squadron (FRS) and the first electronic attack squadron to transition from the EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft to the EA-18G Growler.

The EA-18G Growler is an electronic attack version of the F/A-18F Super Hornet and will replace existing EA-6B Prowlers completely within the next several years. Having completed their proficiency training, "Vikings" flight crews will be responsible for training additional Growler squadrons as they are phased in to service.

"We are doing a lot of instructor training with the Growler platform to make sure we understand, execute and instruct all the different missions before the first student pilots check in," said LT Adam Drayton, a native of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and a VAQ-129 pilot instructor. "We are getting ourselves up to speed with the aircraft and its new advanced capabilities."

Drayton said the training has been challenging for pilots and aircrew to combine both electronic-attack mission experience and fighter mission experience into a single aircraft platform.

"Aircrew who have a lot of Prowler experience obviously have a good knowledge base of electronic-attack missions," said Drayton. "Pilots like me, who have fighter experience, know the aircraft pretty well from flying the F/A-18E and F models, but

we don't know the electronic-attack mission."

Both the Prowler and Growler aircraft were designed for airborne electronic-attack missions, but advances in technology make the Growler more user-friendly and capable of completing the missions required of the Navy today. Technology has also allowed the Navy to reduce the number of crewmen needed to fly the aircraft and operate the electronic countermeasures from four people to two.

"Growler is made for electronic-attack in suppression of enemy defenses, and both [Prowler and Growler] will execute those missions," said Drayton. "The biggest difference in the technology is how the Growler gives us more situational awareness. It helps us to do all the same missions but hopefully do them a lot better. It also adds air-to-air capabilities and air-to-ground capabilities, so we are able to carry air-to-air missiles and do basic fighter maneuvers."

Growler maintenance personnel also received critical training during the two-week period. Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AW) Steve Gauslow, a native of Laurel, Mont., and VAQ-129 maintenance control chief said the transition went well for all of the Sailors the training.

According to Gauslow, the Growler requires significantly less maintenance man-hours thanks to advancements in on-board computer diagnostic systems.

"Everything is electronic; the aircraft tells the technicians and maintainers exactly where a potential deficiency is located in the plane," said Gauslow.



*An EA-18G Growler, assigned to the "Vikings" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129, takes off at Naval Air Facility El Centro during a training exercise. VAQ-129 began transitioning and training pilot instructors to fly the Growler to replace the fleet's current carrier-based EA-6B Prowler. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Rialyn Rodrigo/Released)*

VAQ-129 currently has two EA-18G Growlers and is scheduled to receive a third in November.

VAQ-129 is scheduled to begin training crewmen from VAQ-132 early next year and will also be the first deploying squadron to receive the Growler.

"It's great to be flying a new aircraft with so much new capabilities and we are looking forward to the future," Drayton said. "Just seeing it progress and become one of the premier aircraft in our fleet is amazing."

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

## Toys For Tots campaign underway; Goal set

"The 2008 Kingsville (Kleberg-Kenedy Counties) U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign is officially underway," announced Lisa Bockholt, local campaign coordinator. This year's goal has been set at 3,500 toys.



Last year's campaign exceeded its goal, distributing 5,079 toys to 1,016 less fortunate area children. Of this figure, 3,969 represented actual donations. The difference was comprised of toys the campaign received directly from the Toys for Tots Foundation, and toys purchased with campaign funds.

"We are concerned about this year's campaign, due to the economy, but have no doubt the community will come through in a big way, as it has in years' past," said Jerry Bockholt, co-coordinator.

Although early, several key groups and business-

es have already pledged their support, including but not limited to: Global Contact Services, L-3 Vertex / Rolls Royce, NAS Kingsville, Training Air Wing TWO and Squadrons VT-21 & 22, King Ranch Agri-Business employees, Santa Gertrudis ISD, Kingsville ISD, Kingsville Noon Rotary Club, Kingsville Noon Lions Club, Delta Sigma Pi, TAMUK Javelina Athletic Department, Kingsville Police Department, and the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce.

The campaign's principal means of toy collection is through toy drop-offs at Stop-n-Lube, which serves as campaign headquarters. Businesses or organizations wishing to make a large toy or monetary presentation should contact Lisa Bockholt at (361) 592-6839.

Drop boxes will be set up throughout the base to receive your donations. For more information, contact the NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office at x6375.

## Toys for Tots Drop boxes are located at:

Bldg 2740 (quarterdeck)

Public Works

Air Operations

Branch Health Clinic

Central Bachelor  
Quarters (CBQ)

VT-21/VT-22 Hanger  
(second deck)



## DoD Marrow Program Overview

An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the United States, more than 500 of them in the Department of Defense, are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases. For many of these people, a bone marrow transplant is their only hope. Because tissue types are inherited and some tissue types are unique to certain racial or ethnic groups, a patient's best chance is within his or her ethnic and racial group. Since 75 percent of the patients in need of a marrow transplant cannot find a match within their own family, a strong national database is essential for identifying potential donors. The larger and more diverse the National Marrow Donor Registry becomes, the greater the chance of finding life saving matches. That is where your participation in the registration drive makes a difference.

Currently there are over 6.4 million registered donors in the National database. Of those listed, 4,675,768 are Caucasian, 490,951 are African American, 393,520 are Hispanic American, 425,659 are Asian/Pacific Islander, 76,771 are American Indian, 184,516 are Multiple Race/Other and 125,482 are Unknown. The numbers reflect the need to make the registry more diverse.

The Department of Defense established its own marrow donor center, the C. W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Center in Kensington, Md., to meet the special needs of the military. While donors through the DoD program join the National Marrow Donor Registry, a separate donor management system offers a secure system to facilitate the process. The DoD program also has another important, very unique mission to provide immediate donor searches in the event of a mass casualty incident involving nuclear

or chemical agents. Military casualties may be rescued using HLA matched platelets or, in cases of more severe exposure, marrow donated by a volunteer. This mission is one for which the time frame for identifying donors and receiving platelets or marrow can be a matter of days rather than months.

The first step in helping others is to attend a marrow donor registration drive and have four oral swabs collected from your cheek after completing a simple registration form. Your swabs samples are then tested to determine the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) or tissue type. The results are added to the National Marrow Donor Registry.

That's the end of it unless the computer finds a potential match. If ever identified as a preliminary match, the donor is contacted for additional blood testing. If this test indicates that you are the best match, you receive detailed information about the donation process and a thorough physical exam. This is your time to make an informed decision about going through with the donation.

There are two types of donation procedures

1. Bone marrow: Donation occurs in the hospital where less than 5 percent of your marrow is collected from the back of your pelvic bone using a special needle and syringe. This is a simple surgical procedure performed while you are under general or local anesthesia. Donors usually stay overnight in the hospital.

Side Effects and Recovery: You can expect to feel some soreness in your lower back for a few days or longer. Most donors are back to work in a few days. You should be back to your normal physical routine in a few weeks. Your marrow is completely replaced within four to six weeks.

2. Peripheral Blood Stem Cells (PBSC): PBSC donation takes place at an apheresis center. Apheresis centers may be located in a blood center or a hospital. To increase the number of blood stem cells in the bloodstream, you will receive daily injections of a drug called filgrastim for four days before the collection and a fifth injection on the day of collection. Your blood is then removed through a sterile needle in one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood stem cells. The remaining blood is returned to you through the other arm.

Side Effects and recovery: You may experience headaches, or bone or muscle aches for several days before collection. These are side effects of the filgrastim injections that you received to increase the number of blood stem cells in the bloodstream. These side effects disappear shortly after the collection.

All active duty military members and their family members, Department of Defense civilian employees, Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserve personnel are eligible to register. Potential donors should be 18 to 60 years in age and in good general health. Registration is free and takes about 5-10 minutes.

For more information please call the C. W. Bill Young / DoD Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-MARROW-3 (627-7693). General information may be obtained on the Internet at [www.dodmarrow.com](http://www.dodmarrow.com).

The NAS Kingsville C. W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Registration Drive will occur the 01-05 December. If interested contact ETCM (SW/AW) Isaias Gamez. Additional information on location and Department POC's will be sent out via Email and flyers.

## Around the Navy in 30 seconds.....



**SOUDA BAY, Greece (Nov. 12, 2008)** Military working dog Laika jumps through a window as her handler Master-at-Arms Seaman Logan McMichael, from Red Bluff, Calif., leads her through the K-9 obstacle course. Laika, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, is a Navy patrol/explosive dog. The military working dog's unique capabilities are used by military police to defend bases and resources, and to help enforce military laws and regulations. (U.S. Navy photo by Paul Farley/Released).



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (Nov. 9, 2008)** Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. meets Brett Favre from the New York Jets during the coin toss on the field at the Meadowlands. The New York Jets took on the St. Louis Rams on Military Appreciation Day. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jennifer A. Villalovos/Released).



**ORLANDO (Nov. 08, 2008)** Rear Adm. Mark D. Guadagnini, Chief of Naval Air Training, hands out an American flag to a parade on-looker during the Veterans Day Parade. The parade was one of the main events in the Orlando Navy Week, which is designed to raise awareness in metropolitan areas that do not have a significant Navy presence. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Devin R. Thorpe/Released).

# Parents and children enjoy Halloween carnivals



*The Grim Reaper awaits his next bowling victim.*



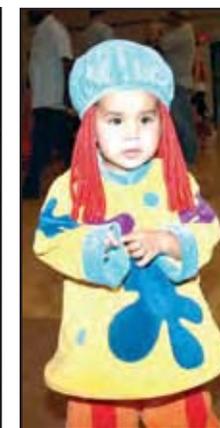
*Trick or Treaters move from one game to another filling their goodie bags with lots of candy.*



*Somebody please help free me from the grip of the skeleton.*



*Child Development Center (CDC) employees (back row from left) Ms. Melodie Harris, Ms. Rebekah Olivarez, Ms. Brenda Amador, and Ms. Marcy Speller enjoyed the morning trick or treating throughout the base with some of the little goblins from the CDC.*



*Ugly monster greets visitors as they enter the Hawks Landing haunted house.*



*Ninja man (left) is shocked as the Goth fairy (center) had her wings cut off by Scream at the Hawks Landing Halloween Carnival.*



*A vampire in the Hawks Landing haunted house attempts to lure her next victim in for a closer look at her coffin.*



*Da..na...na...na...  
na..na...na...na...  
na..Batman!*

# A&M salutes Veterans' Community, but Abilene Christian steals the spotlight

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) rolled out the red carpet for military Veterans and the local community Saturday, Nov. 1 for the Javelina's show-down with #2-ranked (Div. II) Abilene Christian University (9-0). The final home game of the season for the Hogs was designated as Veterans and Community Appreciation Night at the stadium, as well as the unofficial "kick-off" for the annual Marine Corps Reserve "Toys For Tots" program, coordinated by local business owners Jerry and Lisa Buckholt. Just over 5,800 fans turned out for the event, hoping that the Hogs could upset the Wildcats and keep TAMUK's slim playoff chances alive for at least another week.

Things looked pretty good for the Javelinas in the first quarter. Just two minutes after ACU jumped out to a 7-0 lead, the Hogs came back to tie the game on an 85-yard pass play from senior quarterback Billy Garza to wide receiver Jareko Taylor, and a successful point-after-kick by Christian Brom.

Tied 7-7 heading into the second quarter, the Hogs took a 10-7 lead on a 20-yard field goal by Brom with 9 minutes to play before halftime, but after that, the momentum began to shift away from the Hogs. A six play, 64-yard drive put ACU back on top 14-10 with six minutes left until intermission, and with just 51 seconds left in the first half, the Wildcats put the game out of reach with a 31-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Zach Stewart to Johnny Knox, the first of two scoring TDs for the tandem.

ACU held on to the momentum in the second half, scoring two touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the fourth, while Kingsville managed to get into the end zone only once in the second half, a 1-yard TD run by Billy Martin. The win clinched at least a tie for the Lone Star Conference championship for the Wildcats,

While the final score, 42-17, told the tale of a lop-sided win for the Wildcats, that wasn't really the case. The Hogs picked up 123 yards on the ground compared to ACU's 172, and through the air the



*A Texas A&M at Kingsville ROTC student salutes the colors as they are posted by the TAMUK ROTC drill team prior to the start of the Nov. 1 game against Abilene Christian University.*



*Javelina junior quarterback Login Morris (11) hands off to running back Joe Williams (3) as the Hogs build a second quarter scoring drive against the TCU Wildcats Nov. 1.*



*Marine 1st Lt. Jonathan Thompson of Southern Pines, N.C., left, and 1st Lt. Joseph Yurgil of Woodstock, Ill., welcome football fans at Javelina Stadium Saturday, Nov. 1. The VT-21 Student Aviators were on hand to help kick-off the 2008 Toys For Tots fund drive for Kleberg and Kenedy counties. The Toys For Tots fund drive will run through Dec. 14, with donation boxes located at several commands on the air station.*



*Honorary team captain Morissa Duchesne, daughter of ACI Matthew Duschene of the NAS Kingsville Air Operations Department currently serving an IA assignment in Iraq, is joined by former Javelina quarterback (1969-70) and TAMUK Hall of Famer Karl Douglas, left; Marilyn Bartlett, TAMUK Dean, College of Education; and Javelina head coach Bo Atberry on the Hog's sidelines just prior to the opening kickoff.*

matchup was even closer, 350-321. The difference in the game was getting into the red zone: Abilene scored all five times they moved the ball inside the 20, while TAMUK was 2-2.

The Javelinas (6-4 overall) end their season at San Angelo, when they take on the 3-7 Rams. A win for the Hogs would give them an overall 7-4 record for the 2008 season.

Congratulations  
to our  
Halloween  
costume  
winners!



*Christine Elizabeth Wells*



*Purity Nino*



*Christian Padgett*



*Danielle Nino*



## My View:

*A commentary by Jon Gagne,  
Public Affairs Officer*

### **MWR unveils the "King Kat"**

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department unveiled their latest "toy" for base personnel Friday, Oct. 31 in the form of a mechanical device designed to simulate catching a wire on an aircraft carrier. The "Kingsville Catapult" or "King Kat" as it is called, was designed and built by VT-21 transition student LT Casey Bates. The project took nine months to complete from design to test drive, and included the volunteer efforts of several other aviators, dubbed the Kat Krew.

The design is taken from the famous Cubi Point Catapult, aka Cubi Cat, which became a Naval Aviation legend at the old officer's club at NAS Cubi Point, Philippines in the 70's and 80's. The Cat made its debut in 1969, the result of some dedicated workers from the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Depot (AIMD) at Cubi Point.

A friend of mine, former NAS Pensacola Gosport editor and retired Navy Chief Photographer's Mate Art Giberson, wrote about the legend of the Cubi Cat. Back

in the day, according to Giberson, Cubi Point Naval Air Station and the adjoining Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines were a place where war-weary Navy and Marine Corps aviators, Marines and Sailors, could let off a little steam after flying combat missions



*CAPT Waddingham shows off the King Kat t-shirt with LT Casey Bates.*

over Vietnam or spending weeks on the gunline aboard ships on Yankee Station. Club managers were always being tasked with coming up with new and interesting ways to keep personnel entertained, which wasn't always easy.

Enter CDR John L. Sullivan and the now famous Cubi Point Officers' Club Catapult. The "Cat" came into existence in 1969 and immediately created a division within naval air among those who had ridden the cat and caught the wire, and those who had ridden the cat and missed the wire and gotten soaked. The escapades of Navy and Marine pilots at the Cubi Point Officers' Club, according to Sullivan, is the stuff of legend.

One of these escapades, Giberson wrote, involved catapulting a squadron mate down a half dozen stairs in a chair from the bar upstairs onto the dance floor below. The practice often ended with disastrous results.

Because of the injuries, the NAS Cubi Point Commander, CAPT 'Red Horse' Meyers stopped the chair shots and tasked Sullivan, who was the AIMD department head, to come up with something else to entertain the aviators. Heading off to the surplus yard, Sullivan and his band of AIMD scavengers liberated a banged-up refueling tank which was quickly converted by the metal smiths into something resembling an A-7 Corsair II. The Cubi Catapult was born.

The 'Cat,' Giberson stated, was 6-feet long and had shoulder straps and a safety belt and was equipped with a stick that, when pulled back sharply, released a hook in the rear of the vehicle to allow arrestment. Propulsion was provided by pressurized nitrogen tanks hooked up to a manifold.

"This arrangement provided enough power to propel the vehicle to 15 mph in the first two feet," said Sullivan. "Acceleration of zero to 15 mph in two feet is the equivalent of the G force of World War II hydraulic catapults. The downward curvature of the track had to be precise. The rollers would bind if the curvature were too sharp. Beyond the exit from the club was a pool of water 3 1/2 feet deep, which would stop the Cat, if the pilot were not successful in catching the wire and stopping the Cat.

Sullivan named the vehicle 'Red Horse One' in honor of CAPT Meyers. Successful "Cat" pilots were held in high esteem by their peers and their names were inscribed in gold letters on the club's Wall of Fame. Reaction time was short because the wire was some 14 feet from the nose of the vehicle.

"Since the pool water was the force that stopped the vehicle, we had to get the vehicle as deeply and as quickly into the pool as possible," Sullivan stated. "Engineers from the Strategic Aircraft Repair Team used their 'slip sticks' to solve the problem."

The vehicle was retrieved from the water by a mechanical winch and cable connected to an eye welded to the back of the A-7.

Word of the Cat



*CAPT Phil Waddingham is the first to test drive the King Kat.*

quickly spread throughout Southeast Asia and even attracted Air Force F-4 pilots from Clarke AFB. They would come swaggering in loudly claiming they were equal to the task. Each and every one of them failed to catch the wire, much to the delight of the Navy onlookers.

Just how successful the King Kat will be here remains to be seen. A good crowd of aviators turned out for the official grand opening, including Training Air Wing TWO Commander CAPT Bill Davis and NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer CAPT Phil

Waddingham. LT Bates and his staff of volunteers helped load and launch the pilots. Those that were successful owned bragging rights and quite possibly their name on a future "Wall of Fame," while those that hit the water were encouraged to purchase a t-shirt that would remind them of their first attempt at stardom.

LT Bates was all smiles during the official grand opening. Perhaps it was because he had finally witnessed his dream become reality, or, the long weeks of planning, building, and testing the Kat were finally behind him. Whatever the reason, the King Kat has big shoes to fill as far as naval aviation legend is concerned. Fortunately for Bates, and all future King Kat-ers, legends are built one flight at a time.

## OPERATION SHIPMATE

*Have you noticed that Christmas wrapped "Operation Shipmate" boxes have popped up all over base? Have you wondered what is Operation Shipmate... and what are the boxes for? Operation Shipmate is a food drive that allows all of us to help our shipmates and their families that might not otherwise be able to have a holiday meal with all the trimmings to do so. The Chaplains Office receives confidential nominations from throughout the command for those Sailors who would most appreciate a holiday food package. This year the Operation Shipmate food drive will only go up until Thanksgiving, however our goal is to give each recipient a holiday food package significant enough for the entire holiday season (Thanksgiving/Christmas/etc.). So, please graciously and generously fill those boxes and fill someone's holidays with joy.*

**God Bless!**

**VR/LCDR Mark W. Tews**



## “I don’t need no stinking Dentist!”

For many people, it’s a pain to visit your friendly neighborhood dentist once a year. As a matter of fact, the only time a lot of people want to see the dentist is when pain is involved. People complain about the needles, bad tasting stuff, and that dreadfully sounding hand piece we use. Heard them all! But the cold hard truth is that military personnel are required to visit us once a year.

Why once a year you ask? Well the word is PREVENTION! By visiting us at least once a year it allows us to catch any possible problems at the earliest stage instead of when the repair may involve extensive care and time. Think about it. A normal dental examination takes around 5 minutes. A root canal – up to 2 hours. A dental cleaning 30 – 45 minutes. Periodontal surgery (gum surgery) 2 plus hours.

How else do you benefit from this yearly visit? Let’s talk about what everybody cares about - Money! Cash! I’ll break it down a little bit more. Here are some figures from cities that might interest you. Mind you these are 2004 figures and they will be higher now, but it will give you an idea what you could be looking at if you might need one of these types of treatment and had to pay out of pocket:

Okay, so maybe now I have your attention! As you can see it all adds up. There will come a time when you and the military will part ways. Then, the high cost of dental work will become a reality. So here are some steps to help you avoid the high cost of specialty needs:

- \* Show up for your yearly dental examination
- \* Get a dental cleaning at least twice a year.
- \* If diagnosed with a specialty need take care of it as soon as possible. Not 30 days prior to getting out because you will not get the treatment due to the time limitations.

### Basic Dental Preventive:

	X-rays	Cleaning / Examination	Sealant (Per Tooth)
Corpus Christi:	\$41.00	\$62.00	\$31.00
Dallas	\$43.00	\$65.00	\$32.00
Los Angeles	\$52.00	\$78.00	\$39.00
Miami	\$46.00	\$70.00	\$35.00
Manhattan	\$101.00	\$153.00	\$77.00
Chicago	\$45.00	\$69.00	\$34.00
Navy	FREE	FREE	FREE

	Filling(s)	Crown/Bridges (Per tooth)	Root Canal
Corpus Christi:	\$91.00 – 204.00	\$640.00 - 93.00	\$446.00 – 684.00
Dallas	\$96.00 – 213.00	\$670.00 – 829.00	\$467.00 - 715.00
Los Angeles	\$116.00 – 258.00	\$810.00 – 1048.00	\$565.00 – 865.00
Miami	\$104.00 – 232.00	\$729.00 – 943.00	\$508.00 – 778.00
Manhattan	\$175.00 – 506.00	\$1588.00 – 2053.00	\$1106.00 – 1695.00
Chicago	\$102.00 – 227.00	\$713.00 – 922.00	\$497.00 – 761.00
Navy	FREE	FREE	FREE

	Filling(s)	Oral Surgery (Tooth Extraction)	Oral Surgery (Implant per tooth)	Periodontal Treatment (Gum Disease)
Corpus Christi:		\$93.00 – 733.00	\$937.00 – 1767.00	\$183.00 – 4164.00
Dallas		\$97.00 – 766.00	\$980.00 – 1847.00	\$191.00 – 4353.00
Los Angeles		\$117.00 – 928.00	\$1186.00 – 2236.00	\$232.00 – 5269.00
Miami		\$106.00 – 835.00	\$1067.00 – 2011.00	\$208.00 – 4741.00
Manhattan		\$230.00 – 1817.00	\$2323.00 – 4380.00	\$454.00 – 10322.00
Chicago		\$103.00 – 816.00	\$1043.00 – 1967.00	\$204.00 – 4635.00
Navy		FREE	FREE	FREE

\* Don’t rely on VA for any needed dental treatment – they might not have it available or back logged so bad it could be awhile before they would even consider your case.

With the high demand of personnel being ready for deployment it only benefits both you and the Navy to be ready, and dental readiness is part of that demand. Keep in mind that the military is one of the

very few organizations that offer FREE dental treatment to its employees. It is a benefit that you have a right to. If you don’t utilize it then as the old saying goes “If you don’t use it – You may lose it” I can only hope the information I have provided you helps in your decision-making process when comes to your dental visits. Hope to see you at your next annual exam!

## Federal Open Season Benefits Fair

In preparation for the upcoming Federal Benefits Open Season (which runs from Nov. 10 - Dec. 8, 2008) the CNRSE FDD Corpus Christi, in conjunction with NAS Corpus Christi, NavSta Ingleside and NAS Kingsville, is sponsoring a Federal Benefits Open Season Fair to be held at each installation in November. Eligible civilian employees will be provided an opportunity to meet representatives from the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Programs (FEDVIP). Program Representatives from providers such as Blue Cross / Blue Shield, Humana, Mail Handlers, GHEA and AETNA have been invited to provide information regarding specific plan benefits/changes and to answer employees’ questions.

All appropriated fund civilian employees are invited to attend and may request excused absence from their supervisors. The dates and times of the fairs are listed below.

Federal Benefits Open Season Fair (Dates and Times):

NAS Corpus Christi, Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Naval Reserve Center, Drill Hall, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NS Ingleside, Tuesday, Nov. 18, Building 100 Conference room, 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

NAS Kingsville, Friday, Nov. 18, Building 2740, 3rd Deck Conference Room, 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.



### Branch Health Clinic Corner



### Flu season is here

The Branch Health Clinic Kingsville (Immunizations) will begin giving flu shots on Monday, Dec. 1 for all active duty military, retirees and dependents.

The immunizations clinic will be open for walk-ins from:

8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday.

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Closed 11 a.m. every Thursday for training.

Appointments are not necessary for the flu shot, just come to the clinic, get your medical record and carry it with you to immunizations.

Please remember to bring in your shot card when you come.

If you have any questions please call: (361) 516-6160 ext: 36621

By HM3 Cyrus Cunningham

## Eight aviators receive Navy-Marine Corps Wings of Gold



Front row (from left): CDR Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22; Maj. David B. Slay; CDR Timothy Carr, Chief Staff Officer, CTW-2 and Lt. Col. Charles R. Bagnato, Executive Officer, MATSG-22. Middle row: CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22; LTJG Austin P. M. Ordway; LTJG Christopher R. Karapostoles and CDR William A. Bulis, Commanding Officer, VT-21. Top row: LTJG Christopher M. McConnell; 1st Lt. Kenneth J. O'Leary; LTJG Claire F. D'Antonio; 1st Lt. Marc E. Couvillon and LTJG Ryan P. Chamberlain.

## Military awards

### Flag Letter of Commendation



MA1(SW) Matthew W. Brackeen



MA3 Russell L. Meyers



## Welcome Aboard!

The following personnel have reported for duty.



### 1st Lt. Mike J. Walsh

Student Naval Aviator, TW-2  
Boston, Mass.

### LT Maxwell M. Keith

Instructor Pilot, VT-22  
Minneapolis, Minn.

### ENS Kyle J. Obenour

Student Naval Aviator, TW-2  
Severna Park, Md.

### SK2 Jason R. Sigler

Air Operations  
Yokohama, Japan

### FC2 Natascha K. Josey

Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

### LTJG Wallace E. Miller

Student Naval Aviator, TW-2  
Stone Mt. Ga.

### Room of the Month



ABH2(AW/SW) Jose Cuellargutierriz



Front row CDR Scott Allen (left), Executive Officer, NASK and Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews salute with other area veterans during the National Anthem.



Nov. 10, CDR Allen was a guest speaker at the Laser School Veterans Day Ceremony.



Staff of the Laser School hand out pins, flags and key chains to all veterans that attended the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Photos by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, Public Affairs Staff



### Navy Knowledge Online Orientation at the Library

- Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. the 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.

### Escondido Ranch Hunting Information Released

- All the latest and greatest information regarding hunting at Escondido Ranch this season is now available at ITT. For more information, call 516-6449, or drop in Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.



**Nov. 1-30 - \$10 off weekend or \$20 off week long camper trailer rentals.** For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 516-6191.

## Bowling League



### In the Dog House Fall League Standings

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
1.	3 Minds in the Gutter	34.0	22.0	0.0
2.	Lane Breakers	31.5	24.5	2.5
3.	Tumbalos	27.5	28.5	6.5
4.	The Rebels	26.0	30.0	8.0
5.	Hounds	24.5	31.5	9.5
6.	The Pin-Heads	20.0	36.0	14.0
7.	Los Tres Vatos	16.5	19.5	17.5
8.	Ghost	0.0	0.0	34.0

### Wednesday Nite Mixed League Standings

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
1.	Petes Angels	25.0	11.0	0.0
2.	Tidy Bowlers	22.0	14.0	3.0
3.	Sixty Forty	20.0	16.0	5.0
4.	Big K Rollers	19.0	17.0	6.0
5.	DUH's	19.0	17.0	6.0
6.	Laugh Out Loud	18.0	18.0	7.0
7.	Guttermouths	17.0	19.0	8.0
8.	Ghost	0.0	0.0	25.0

## NAS Kingsville supports IA families

Each month the Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) sponsors a family fun night for the families of deployed service members.

Last month families enjoyed a free night of bowling sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at the bowling center. Many thanks to the MWR staff for ensuring a fun time was had by all.



**Back row (from left): Teresa Paris, Monica Duchesne, Sara Carpenter, Melissa Knight. Middle row: Bonnie Huthens, Morissa Duchesne. Front row: Brandon Knight, Regan Knight, Abigail Duchesne, Brandon Carpenter. (Photo by Ramon Panganiban).**



## HOG PEN



SAN ANGELO, TEXAS - The Texas A&M-Kingsville air assault hit full stride on Saturday night as quarterbacks Billy Garza and Daniel Ramirez combined for a school-record 484 yards passing in a 38-14 win at Angelo State.

Garza, playing in his final game as a Hog, completed 24-of-39 passes for a season high 389 yards and four touchdowns with three receivers going over 100 yards on the night, a first in Javelina history.

The game began well for the Javelinas as defensive lineman Jimmy Lugo sacked Michael Cochran on the opening possession of the game and forced a fumble that was recovered by Tyrrell Herndon. The Hoggies drove all the way to the one foot line before being pushed back by the Rams and having to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Christian Brom with 5:57 left in the first quarter.

The Javelinas forced their third turnover of the first half when safety Jabir Perkins stepped in front of a Cochran pass near midfield and returned it seven yards to the ASU 42-yard line. Two plays later Garza connected with Jareko Taylor on a 43-yard scoring play putting Taylor over 1,000 yards receiving for the season, just the third Javelina ever to reach the milestone.

After a defensive stop, the Javelinas were pinned at their own 1-yard when Ramirez replaced Garza on the series and in the process, put his name in the record books. Facing a third-and-sixth at the five-yard line, Ramirez connected with Ryan Lincoln on a swing pass to the left. Lincoln took it all the way for a touchdown. The 95-yard pass tied the school record set in 1995 by Oktay Basci to Karl Williams against Central Oklahoma. The Javelinas went into halftime with a 17-0 lead.

The Javelinas set two other records in the first half. Garza eclipsed Abel Gonzalez's seven-year old record for passing yards in a season and Taylor broke a 32-year old record for most receptions in a season.

Taylor finished with nine catches for 130 yards and two touchdowns. He finished the season with 1,090 yards and 11 touchdowns and his 66 catches during the season are a new Hog record. Lincoln had four catches for a career high 154 yards and a touchdown. Couthren finished with four catches for a career high 143 yards and a score.

Taylor and Lincoln became the most prolific pass receiving duo in school history combining for a season high 1,830 yards and 114 catches, both are school records.

Garza finished his one season as a Javelina with a school record 2,787 yards passing and 23 touchdowns, one away from tying the school record.

The Javelinas finished the season at 7-4 and tied for third place in the Lone Star Conference after back-to-back losing seasons.

## Veterans Day: A day to remember all who served

By EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Staff

NAS Kingsville business manager Kevin Aguilar-Ferrari remembers being in Junior High School in the 1970's and buying a POW/MIA bracelet to support the families of missing soldiers of the Vietnam War. "What I most remember about the war was watching the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite and being more interested [in the reports] than scared," he said. "This bracelet is a reminder of the late 60s and 70s when the Vietnam War was happening and the problems that were going on [throughout the United States]."

During the war, family members of POW/MIA's would set-up tables at schools and sell nickel-plated and copper bracelets engraved with the names, ranks and date of loss of service members missing in Southeast Asia to draw public attention to their plight. Thousands of Americans purchased the bracelets and wore them with pride.

"The bracelet I purchased," Aguilar-Ferrari said, "carried the name of an Air Force Lt. Col. that had been shot down and captured in Hanoi and was being held as a

POW."

After the war ended, Aguilar-Ferrari put the bracelet away in a safe place as a keepsake of that period of American history. Like thousands of other Americans, he has held on to the bracelet for nearly 30 years.

Earlier this year, on Sept. 19 (POW/MIA Day), a small recognition ceremony at the NAS Kingsville flag pole reminded Aguilar-Ferrari about that bracelet. The NAS Kingsville Junior Enlisted Association handed out folded, miniature American flags that day to remind base personnel of those who been held captive in past wars or are still listed as missing in action. The miniature flag gave Aguilar-Ferrari an idea to use the Internet and research the name that appeared on the bracelet he had purchased as a young boy. To his surprise, his "veteran," Lt. Col. William Breckner, the former fighter pilot and prisoner of war, had



survived his ordeal in Vietnam. After spending nine months in captivity, he was released and repatriated to the U.S. Fortunately for Lt. Col. Breckner, he was able to resume his career in the Air Force, and served his country with distinction for another 14 years before retiring as a Maj. General.

While there was a happy ending to the name on the bracelet that Aguilar-Ferrari has held as a keepsake for nearly 30 years, the fates of thousands of other American soldiers whose names were engraved on those bracelets still remains unknown. But one thing is certain - none of those veterans are forgotten; just ask someone who served during that period, or during World War II, or in Korea. Or ask someone who owns one of those bracelets. I'm sure they'd be happy to share their stories with you.

## NAS Kingsville represents at the annual City of Kingsville Veterans Day Parade



Flag waving lil' patriots were all smiles throughout the parade route. Below: NASK fire department enjoyed the break from their daily routine.



Above: NASK Honor Guard leads the way for the Junior Enlisted Association participants who were joined by CAPT Phil Waddingham (far back) and ETCM(SW/AW) Isaias Gamez (right).

"Freedom is not Free"



Above: Gillett Intermediate Student Council and Memorial Middle School (right) march in support of veterans world-wide.



Above: The "Perez Cadets" from J.B. Perez Elementary show off their "Panther Pride."