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Training Air Wing TWO Reserve Training Component holds Change of Command at NAS Kingsville

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Navy Commander Lowen B. Loftin assumed command of Training Air Wing TWO's Reserve Training Component, and CDR Robert T. Carretta assumed command of Naval Reserve Training Squadron Twenty One (VTR-21) during a dual change of command ceremony held at the Captain's Club and Convention Center aboard NAS Kingsville Friday, Nov. 14. CDR Loftin relieved CDR William S. Johnson as component commander, while Carretta relieved Cmdr. Richard A. Foley. Training Air Wing TWO Commander CAPT Bill Davis presided over the ceremony, held at the Captain's Club.

CAPT Davis presented awards to both outgoing commanders for their leadership and performance. "It's a bitter sweet day," CAPT Davis said during the ceremony, "saying goodbye to CDR Foley and CAPT(S) Johnson and welcoming CDR Carretta as the CO of VT-21 SAU and CDR Loftin as the TW-2 Reserve Component Commander. CDR Foley has done an outstanding job as the Commanding Officer of the VT-22 SAU. He has been an integral part in seamlessly integrating his unit with the VT-21 active component. His leadership and guidance was instrumental in supporting TW-2's production requirements as well as improving the cadre of personnel within his command. We will sorely miss CAPT(S) Johnson, who was actively involved in improving the reserve corps that supports TW-2. His leadership and expertise provided the mentorship and guidance that resulted in the exceptional reserve leadership

within TW-2. He was always focused on the mission and the personnel within his command. He has been my confidant regarding reserve affairs as well as a friend, and he will be sorely missed."

According to CDR Tim Carr, Training Air Wing TWO Chief Staff Officer, the Reserve component plays an important role in training student aviators. "The Reserve Component is an integral part of the TW-2 Production Process,"



CDR Lowen B. Loftin



CDR Robert T. Carretta

Carr said. "They provide a level of continuity and professionalism to our cadre of Instructor Pilots that enhances Strike Training far beyond their

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Jet crash in San Diego kills 4 civilians

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The crash of a Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornet strike fighter jet in San Diego Monday, Dec. 8, killed four people on the ground, city fire officials confirmed Dec. 9. The Hornet, from Fighter/Attack Training Squadron 101 of Marine Aircraft Group 11, crashed into two houses after going down around noon PST Dec. 7 in a neighborhood near Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, officials said.

The pilot – part of the 3rd Marine Air Wing – radioed that there was trouble and tried to steer the aircraft to an uninhabited canyon, Marine officials said. But the pilot was forced to eject, and the jet crashed two miles from the airport, they said.

The jet was returning from training

exercises aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln when the crash occurred. An investigation into the cause of the crash is underway.



An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to the "Stingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 113 flies above the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) before a final approach to make an arrested landing. U.S. Navy file photo by Cmdr. Erik Etz.

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From the Bridge



CAPT Phil "Waddz" Waddingham
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings Team Kingsville!

I hope you had the opportunity to view the annual La Posada Parade of Lights holiday parade in downtown Kingsville Dec. 6. If you missed it, you missed one of the best parades the city has put on in years. My wife Sue and I had the privilege of serving as judges for the event, and it was quite a challenge to grade the more than 50 float entries, marching bands, motorcycles and funny cars, and all of the other entries. We couldn't have asked for better weather for the parade, either, although I must admit that it did get a bit chilly near the end. But it is December, and the chill added to the "holiday atmosphere."

I want to thank all the NAS Kingsville personnel who participated. At the top of the list, of course,

is our Color Guard which carried the colors down Kleberg Avenue. AC2 Nick Morgan, RP2 Norman Otters, AC3 Trevor Leon and AC3 Matt Hartopp were awesome as usual. ET2 Joseph Morin and ET2 John Fuller from Ground Electronics handled the sound system for the judging area. The NAS Kingsville Fire Department provided one of their big trucks, decorated

to the theme of a "Toyland Christmas," and one of our most recent returning IA's, LCDR Tabitha Pierzchala, rode with the fire crew. LCDR Dawn Hardin and her team at the NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic entered a float in the parade dubbed "USS Freedom," and they pulled down the award for most patriotic entry. Hats Off! to the Clinic staff for supporting the event and being such a vital part of Team Kingsville.

The NAS Kingsville float was dedicated to local business owners Jerry and Lisa Bockholt who own the Stop N' Lube at the corner of King Ave and 14th street. The Bockholts have sponsored the Toys for Tots program in Kleberg and Kenedy counties for 21 years and we thought it would be nice to show them how much we appreciate their volunteer efforts in supporting this Marine Corps Reserve program. The Junior Enlisted Association, ETCM Isasas Gamez,



RP2 Otters, and our XO, CDR Scott Allen and his wife Nancy put a lot of effort into getting the float ready for the parade. And from what the XO tells me, the Bockholts were very touched by the recognition. From where I sit, a thank you from the Naval Air Station was long overdue. Jerry and Lisa have made the holiday

season brighter for children throughout South Texas for the last 21 years and thanking for taking on this enormous challenge on behalf of our children was the least we could do. If you happen to run in to the Bockholts out in town, be sure to say "thank you" for their 21 years of service to our children.

Speaking of Toys for Tots, I'd like to close by thanking all of you who have participated in this year's drive by filling our numerous donation boxes on base. These toys will be delivered to the Toys for Tots headquarters next week, and a number of NAS Kingsville personnel have volunteered to assist the Bockholts in separating the toys and putting the donation packages together. I thank all of you who have chosen to "give" from your hearts this holiday season.

Waddz sends



Tews' Views



Chaplain (LCDR) Mark Tews
NAS Kingsville, Religious Ministries

The Pastor & the Storm Tossed Seas of the "Holiday Season"

It's seven o'clock Wednesday evening and the stormy gale of crowded malls and parking lots, sending cards, holiday shopping, decorating, and baking, party planning and party going has subsided just enough for the mid-week Advent worship service to begin. However, that does not seem to encourage the mood of the people decisively. The pastor stands before the flock, which has no expectation, their hearts and minds raging with thoughts of, "I have SO much to do before Christmas; how can I ever get it all done in time?" If the manger is present for anyone, it is empty or, at best, filled merely with straw. The word Christmas seems to mean only a date. Realizing this, the pastor feels even more

powerless than before. In front of him the congregation waits seemingly filled more with anxiety than anticipation.

When he wants to begin his sermon, the carefully crafted sentences which he knew so well, suddenly escape him. Frantically, he tries to remember what he had planned to say. It simply isn't there. He cannot just stand there silently before the people. He prays, "Dear God have mercy on me!" Then he begins to say whatever enters his mind. The grotto in Bethlehem appears before the congregation through his words, and it is as if they could see the dim glow of an oil lamp, feel the dampness of the cold stone-walls, and smell and dankness of the stable. Mary upon her bed, looking more impoverished than a resident at the homeless shelter, and Joseph feeling discouraged and useless because he can't find an inn for the mother and the child seeking to be born. They are estranged and abandoned, seemingly adrift in a sea of apathy.

Yet in the midst of it all there is joy, a joy that is nothing more than the child himself. There is no gift other than that of God's Son. And in that hour, when the darkness is deepest, the shepherds are illuminated with light from on high. Heaven can do that, like the sun and the stars, but this light is not just for a patch of shepherd's field once upon a time in a place far, far away. This light of heaven illumi-

nates the breadth of the earth everywhere, anywhere for all time. As the pastor paints this brilliant scene with the words of the biblical account, gradually hearts are lifted and the hectic anxiety of the holiday season seems to still like the calming of the sea after a storm.

Thus the proclamation of Christ's birth achieved an inner effect without external decorations, with no star and no ornaments other than the Son of God. The congregation itself begins to reflect and think: Where was their faith, how could they let the "season" rob them of the reason for all their joy and peace? At the same time realizing that future storms of holiday activity will arise and that they may very well be swept up into it all again, and that even if their faith should sink low it will never die, for they have Immanuel, God with them.

For what is faith's source? It is the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word – the messenger and message of God. The Word – Christ – is being proclaimed once more in churches throughout our communities this holiday season if we will but stop long enough to hear it. Beat the Christmas rush, go to church this week, set aside the hustle and bustle, find the peace and calm that is yours in Christ, then enjoy and celebrate the reason for the season.



In The Break...



CAPT Bill "BD" Davis
Commander, Training Air Wing TWO

I know all of you wait for the day the Flying K is published so you can grab that paper and read the pearls of wisdom that both CAPT Waddingham and I work to come up with in these articles – fortunately I have Cowboy to help me with some true pearls of wisdom.

To find out if any of you actually read what we write, I will buy a beer to whoever tells me they read this article or CAPT Waddingham's. There maybe a quiz attached so be ready to say you read more than the first three sentences.

The Christmas Holiday's are upon us and that means we have many things on our mind. We are

making travel arrangements, worried about what gifts we should get our loved ones and even where we will be next Christmas, but most importantly, what to get the Commodore; all stressful decisions. For those of you staying here, you need to stay focused on your mission, either being trained or conducting training. For those traveling, plan your trip, know that everyone on the road is thinking only of themselves and at any moment they could run into you.

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas and the coming New Year with your family and friends. If you don't have anyone to celebrate with, my house is always open to you. Enjoy the time off and for those of you staying in Kingsville, the short workdays.

As you can see, I have no pearls of wisdom to espouse. But to answer that question that is nagging all of you on what I want for Christmas. I want to see you all back here in January, I want to you to do well; I want to see those Wings of Gold pinned on your chest and the smiles that go with it; and I want to see each and every one of you succeed! Maybe that seems like a lot, but I have high expectations. God Bless and Merry Christmas. BD

Centennial of Naval Aviation

In 2011, the Centennial of Naval Aviation will commemorate 100 years of naval aviation history, tradition and progress.

If you have artistic and/or graphic skills, this monumental celebration's unveiling is an opportunity for your work to get national exposure!

The Centennial of Naval Aviation committee is accepting submissions for the official logo of this year-long celebration. The committee will unveil the selected design to the public and give special recognition to the designing artist.

Additionally, the chosen logo will be featured in various print and visual media publications, advertising applications, and official documents and merchandise.

The centennial will recognize the full scope of Naval Aviation, including aircraft, personnel, ships, and industrial and technological innovations.

The contest is open to all aviation and military enthusiasts. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 30, 2009. Design guidelines and submission information can be found at <http://www.cnaf.navy.mil/centennial/>.



Replica of A-1 Triad. Courtesy of the National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, Fla.

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numbers."

Loftin, a native of Baton Rouge and Rayville, La., graduated from Louisiana State University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history. He earned his Wings of Gold at NAS Meridian, Miss., after completing flight training with VT-3 at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., VT-19 and VT-7 at NAS Meridian.

Carretta attended the University of California at Davis, graduating in 1992 with a Bachelors' Degree in History and Political Science. He received his commission as an Ensign through the NROTC program in June, 1992, and reported to VT-27 in Corpus Christi, Texas for primary flight training. He then attended intermediate jet training with VT-23 at NAS Kingsville and advanced jet training at VT-7 at NAS Meridian, Miss. In July of 1995, he was designated as a Naval Aviator and assigned to VS-41

Davis welcomed the new commanders and their families to South Texas and lauded their qualifications for assuming command. "I welcome CDR Loftin as the incoming Reserve Component Commander and CDR Carretta as the VT-21 SAU," Davis said. "Both individuals come to us with great reputations and exceptional leadership skills. They will be a tremendous asset to TW-2 and will pick up and carry on the initiatives and improvements established by CDR Foley and CAPT(S) Johnson. To CDR Carretta and CDR Loftin, I extend my sincere congratulations on selection to command and I welcome you and your families to the Kingsville Team."

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Navy's Fourth MCPON passes away

By Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan,
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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Thomas S. Crow died Nov. 30, at his home in San Diego following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 74.

Crow became the fourth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Sept. 28, 1979. He relieved MCPON John Walker and held the job for three years before MCPON Billy Sanders assumed the duties Oct. 1, 1982.

Crow was born in McArthur, Ohio, in 1934 and joined the Navy a few days after graduating high school in 1953. Crow spent several years in the aviation community prior to becoming one of the Navy's original equal opportunity specialists and counselors. He was assigned to Commander, Naval Air Pacific where he served as a trainer for race relations and a member of the quality control inspection team for overseas WESTPAC units and carriers.

After completion of the equal opportunity program specialist training at Cheltenham, Md., he became a program manager for AIRPAC, implementing Phase II of the equal opportunity/race relations program aboard carriers in the Pacific.

Crow was selected for MCPON in June 1979. During his time in office, he was instrumental in the opening of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy and the re-emphasis on pride and professionalism across the fleet.

"He never lost that," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa, Jr. "He never lost his passion for Sailors. Every time I spoke with him it never took him long to turn the conversation back to what our men and women were doing, and what we should be doing for them."

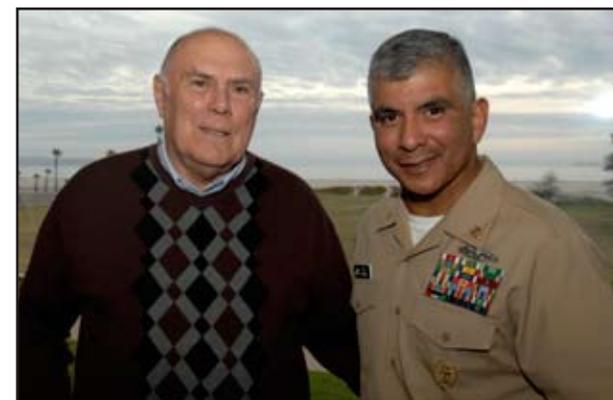
As part of an interview for the book, "*Winds of Change*," Crow said he was aware early in his tour of fleet perceptions and he added that he kept the seagoing Sailor in mind at all times.

"I came from out in the fleet and I wanted to continue to see the Navy through that set of eyes," he said at the time. "I was not going to allow the job to turn me into a bureaucrat or a politician who would bring back to the CNO (Chief of Naval Operations) what I thought he wanted to hear."

Campa said the entire Navy's chiefs mess mourns the loss of one of the finest leaders the enlisted force has ever produced.

"Tom Crow's legacy is still alive through the Sailors he mentored, even after he retired," said Campa. "Sailors he trained are leading our Navy to this day, and the lessons they learned from Tom Crow continue to resonate on the deckplates in the fleet."

Following his retirement in 1982, he remained an active advocate of the Navy as a co-chariman of the Secretary of the Navy Retired Affairs from 1983-86, honorary board chairman, U.S. Navy Memorial



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. talks with retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Thomas Crow at Naval Air Station North Island after the Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific Senior Enlisted Leader Symposium. (U.S. Navy photo.)

Foundation, Navy League of the United States, Fleet Reserve Association, and a member on the board of advisors to San Diego Armed Services YMCA.

He is survived by his wife Carol Crow of 39 years; his children, Thomas M. Crow of Washington State, Stephen B. Crow of Tennessee, Teri Laslo of Virginia, John and Joel Crow of San Diego, Steve Crow of Nevada, and Candace Barnes of Mississippi, 27 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Crow was preceded in death by two of his children Deborah Graves and Stanley McDuffee.

CNO selects Fleet Master Chief Rick West to serve as MCPON

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

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), ADM Gary Roughead announced his selection of Fleet Master Chief (FLTCM) (SS/SW) Rick D. West, as the 12th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) in NAVADMIN 349, dated Dec. 5.

West is currently serving as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and previously served as Fleet Master Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He brings to this assignment 27 years of fleet experience, including six tours at sea highlighted by leadership positions aboard submarines and surface ships. In addition to his experience as Fleet Master Chief in the Pacific and Atlantic, he served as Chief of the Boat in USS Portsmouth (SSN 707), Command Master Chief in USS Preble (DDG 88), and Submarine Squadron 11, and Force Master Chief, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"From my earliest days in the Navy, and throughout my career, Chief Petty Officers have shaped and influenced me. Master Chief West has the experience, insight and confidence to continue to provide me that which I need to hear, not want to hear. He will have that degree of access and trust. I look forward to working closely with him in all that is ahead," Roughead said.

In the NAVADMIN, Roughead also praised MCPON



WASHINGTON (Aug. 12, 2008) Fleet Master Chief Rick West, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, left, meets Airman Apprentice Mervin Larvasquez, center, and Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Drayvon Hughes, both assigned to the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard. (U.S. Navy photo.)

(SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., who took the helm in July 2006, citing numerous milestones Campa achieved in his time serving as the senior enlisted member of the Navy.

"MCPON Campa can take great pride in his many contributions during his watch. His extraordinary leadership, keen insight, and sound judgment enhanced the role of the Chief Petty Officer. He authored the Chief Petty Officer's mission, vision, guiding principles, revitalized the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's Leadership Mess, and empowered Fleet, Force, and Command Master Chiefs. Most importantly, he re-established the deckplate leadership that is the essence of a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. His efforts significantly increased the impact of Navy Senior Enlisted Leaders and, in doing so, improved the readiness of the Navy," Roughead said.

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy serves as an advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Chief of Naval Personnel in matters of importance to enlisted personnel and their families. The MCPON is also an advisor to the many boards focused on enlisted personnel issues; is the enlisted representative of the Department of the Navy at special events; may be called upon to testify on enlisted personnel issues before Congress; and, maintains a liaison with enlisted spouse organizations.

Bush establishes Pacific Theater Monument, honors Pearl Harbor anniversary

By Samantha L. Quigley, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 2008 – President George W. Bush signed proclamations Dec. 5 establishing a World War II monument to those who fought in the Pacific theater and commemorating the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices “The Greatest Generation” made to protect the country, Bush said before signing the proclamation.

“But there’s a broader purpose, as well,” he said. “And that is to remind generations of Americans about the transformative effect of freedom.

“One of the great stories during World War II was that people fought bitterly to defend our country and way of life, and then worked to help our enemies develop democracies according to their own cultures and their own history,” Bush continued. “Today, I am so pleased to report that Japan is a strong ally of the United States.”

The monument will include nine sites: five in Hawaii’s Pearl Harbor area, three in Alaska’s Aleutian Islands and one in northern California to honor Japanese-Americans who were held in internment at the Tule Lake Segregation Center National Historic Landmark and nearby Camp Tule Lake. The proclamation names the National Park Service as the general administrator of the monument.

On Dec. 7, the United States marked the 67th anniversary of the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said “will live in infamy.”

More than 2,000 service members and many civilians were killed when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack marked the United States’ official entrance into World War II, and those serving in uniform sent a clear message to America’s enemies, Bush said during in a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day proclamation: “If you attack this country and harm our people, there is no corner of the Earth remote enough to protect you from the reach of our nation’s armed forces.

“On this anniversary, we honor the heroes who risked and lost their lives for our security and freedom,” Bush said in the proclamation. “Their selfless dedication exemplifies the great character of America and continues to inspire our nation.”

The proclamation encouraged flying the American flag at half staff Dec. 7 in honor of those who died as a result of service at Pearl Harbor.



PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (Dec. 7, 2008) Pearl Harbor survivors render a hand salute for the playing of the national anthem during a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 67th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The theme of this year’s commemoration, “Pacific War Memories: The Heroic Response to Pearl Harbor,” emphasizes the brave efforts of those who fought at sea, on land and in the air to turn the tide in the Pacific. More than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public joined service members, Pearl Harbor survivors and their families and friends for the annual observance. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael Hight/Released)

Focus on Shops: NASK Recycling Center

By EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Next to the Public Works Building and across the street from Public Works Transportation you can find a hidden treasure -- NAS Kingsville (NASK) has a recycling center located at Building 4714.

It’s hidden because not a lot of people know of its availability, and it’s a treasure because it serves as the air station’s contribution to help make the world a better place.

Fact it, if everyone did a small part, a better quality of life for humans and animals can be accomplished without having to compromise life over money; and our economy can be in better shape do to innovation and progression.

Did you know? That plastic bottles can take over 700 years to start the decomposing process? Did you know that during a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times their adult weight in garbage? This means that a 150-pound adult will leave a legacy of 90,000 pounds of trash on the planet for their children to deal with.

Did you know that 8 out of 10 bottles of water become landfill waste? (A year’s supply of new plastic bottles takes 1.5 million barrels of oil).

It’s easy to see how recycling can make a signifi-

cant impact on our economy when resources become limited. One ton of paper made from 100% recycled stock saves: 7,000 gallons of water (recycled paper uses 35% less water), 60 lbs. of air pollution effluent (recycled paper creates 74% less pollution), 4,000 KWH of energy, 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space and \$35 per ton of waste disposal fees.

Paper is one of the most versatile and important materials used in homes, schools and offices throughout the world. Even though paper’s quality decreases when recycled, combined with added less-harvested wood it’s just as good as brand new wood. Using this process can produce more products while using less wood. Recycling timber and purchasing recycled wood can reduce the demand for the product; therefore, depletion of resources can eventually be a thing of the past. The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries estimates that over 200 million trees are saved each year due to current recycling efforts.

The NAS Kingsville Recycling Center is part of Public Works Department. Overseeing the facility is Chief Gas Turbine System Technician Ryan S. Wystub, Public Works LCPO (Leading Chief Petty Officer).

“Running this program builds better relationships between the City and the base. We are setting the example for the City of Kingsville,” said Wystub.

To manage a recycling program, knowledge and awareness are key essentials for a successful operation. In charge of running the facility is Chief Gunners Mate Thomas R. Taylor, the work center LCPO.

“It is not a big operation here, but we have to start somewhere,” Taylor said. “We are making our contribution at NASK to help the city of Kingsville and the world.”

Recycling aluminum saves 95 percent of the energy cost of processing new aluminum and any grade of steel can be recycled to be top quality new metal. Glass is one material that can be indefinitely recycled because its structure does not deteriorate when processed.

The are two enlisted personnel who handle the day-to-day operations at the Recycling Center - Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Demictrick Jacobs (leading petty officer) and Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Edwards Wallace.

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NAS Kingsville frocks 8 to next paygrade, clinic frocks 4



CAPT Phil Waddingham (center) with newly frocked First Class Petty Officers CS1(SW) Anthony A. Court (left), AC1 Geoffrey J. Steele.



CAPT Phil Waddingham (right) with newly frocked Second Class Petty Officers from left: CS2 Heather L. Turner, AC2(AW) Kevin C. Hawkins, AC2 Brian W. Heaver, and RP2 Norman R. Otters.



CAPT Phil Waddingham (right) with newly frocked Third Class Petty Officers from left: AC3 Trevor L. Leon, and MA3 Christopher M. Eck.



Branch Health Clinic personnel from left: HM1(FMF) Levon Hansford, HM2(FMF) Miguel Monarez, HM2(FMF) Charles Steen, and HM2(FMF) Ismael Lopez.

Chief reenlists on 67th anniversary of "Pearl Harbor Day"

By Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

MAC(SW) Michael A. Estok paid his respects to the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor by reenlisting for 3-years on Dec. 7, the 67th anniversary of "Pearl Harbor Day".

"My family has veterans who served in every war since WWI", said Estok. "I think Americans don't realize how hard our family members strived to make this world a better place" he added. "I respect all military personnel for the job they have done and still do."

Estok will be transferring to European Command, Stuttgart, Germany in January 2009 where he will be serving in a joint duty billet. "I am looking forward to going back to a high tempo job assignment," he said. "Working at a joint command will give me a new outlook on operations that not all Sailors get the opportunity to see," he added.



Dec. 7 MAC(SW) Michael A. Estok (right) is reenlisted by ENS Malvin Fikes in front of the command Christmas tree. Photo by Farishta Estok.

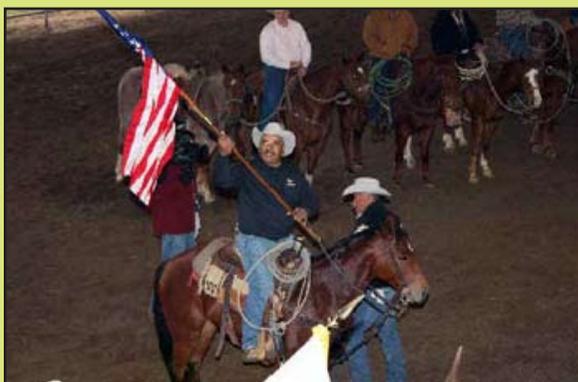
6 more years for Gross family



ABH2(AW) Raymond E. Gross reenlisted for 6-years Dec. 1 at a ceremony held at NALF Orange Grove.

Pictured with Gross is his wife Candice and their children (from left) Keyana, Zyer, oldest son Deaqwon and Tatiana.

18th annual King Ranch "Ranch Hand Breakfast"



A Cowboy unfurls the National Ensign during the opening ceremony.



"I do not like green eggs and ham"



The lines stayed packed for the majority of the day serving over 4,000 visitors.



The key to making gravy on an open pit fire is the continuous stirring.



A true "Texas Longhorn"



ACC Michael Garcia and Sue Waddingham gave new meaning to "service with a smile."



(Top left) CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22 with his entire family in tow. (center) Volunteer, Rachel Au dishes out the beans. (Right) A Cowboy displays some of the many guns of the 1800's.



Branch Health Clinic Kingsville personnel joined in the fun. LT Angela Stallworth (far left) works hard to feed the hungry crew as BHCK, OIC, LCDR Dawn Hardin (center) works hard to keep her smock clean.



See ya'll next year!

Six aviators pin on Navy-Marine Corps Wings of Gold

By Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Six Navy, Marine Corps flight students were designated as "Naval Aviators" during Training Air Wing TWO's monthly winging ceremony at the Captain's Club Friday, Dec. 5. The ceremony marked the end of nearly 13 months of training at NAS Kingsville for the group and nearly two years of aviation training. CDR Timothy Carr presided over the ceremony along with squadron skippers CDR Bill Bulis (VT-21) and CDR Chris Kirby (VT-22). Guest speaker was retired RADM George E. Mayer, former Chief of Naval Air Training. Also in attendance were CAPT Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville, and Col. Thomas S. Clark III, Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group Corpus Christi. More than 125 friends, shipmates and family members people attended the ceremony.

Receiving their Wings from VT-21 were: 1st Lt. Trevor M. Hull, Mill City, Ore., and LTJG Bradley S. Williams, Bloomington, Ind. From VT-22: LTJG Chad R. Fortin, Quartz Hill, Calif.; LTJG Brenton A. Kolb, Dodge City, Kan.; LTJG Bryce J. Macklin, Seattle, Wash., and 1st Lt. Ryan J. Tuttle, Nashua, N.H.



Front row (from left) RADM George E. Mayer (ret.); CDR Timothy Carr, Chief Staff Officer, CTW-2; Col. Thomas S. Clark III, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; LTJG Bryce Macklin; LTJG Brenton A. Kolb; CAPT Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, NASK and CDR Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22. Middle row: LTJG Chad R. Fortin and LTJG Bradley S. Williams. Top row: CDR Gerald Murphy, Executive Officer, VT-22; 1st Lt. Trevor M. Hull; 1st Lt. Ryan S. Tuttle and CDR William A. Bulis, Commanding Officer, VT-21.

1st Lt. Tuttle and 1st Lt. Hull were also recognized during the ceremony for outstanding performance by receiving the Top Hook award for training excellence.

Team Kingsville shares their holiday plans



MA2(SW) Joel Anderson

Command: NASK
Department: Security
Hometown: Long Beach, Calif.

"After being on an IA for nine months in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, I plan to go home to San Angelo, Texas to visit my parents for Christmas."



Tara G. Elrod

Command: BHCK
Department: Tricare
Hometown: Lamoore, Calif.

"Luckily my husband will return home for two weeks before deploying to Afghanistan, so we will be spending Christmas together."



Recycling from page 5.

"We like working here because we feel we are helping make the world a better place," said Wallace.

"The Reason why we recycle is because it's good for the environment. Everyone should contribute and do their own part," said Jacobs.

Every two weeks the NAS Kingsville facility recycles about 1,000 pounds of paper and 33,000 pounds of card board. After processing, the materials are delivered to a recycling plant in Corpus Christi. The base receives a small monetary award based on the weight of the material, and the funds that are received are then turned over to the U.S. Treasury Department. The funds are eventually funneled back to the command's Morale Welfare and Recreation Department.

Anyone with approved access to the air station is welcome to recycle plastics, aluminum cans, paper (white, color or newspapers), card board, scrap metal or metal drums (triple rinsed) at the facility. When dropping off your donation, please make sure you separate them by color and likeness. For

example; Paper: shredded, newspapers, magazines; Glass: color of glass bottles; and Plastic: bottles, or tops, because different plastics are made with different materials.

Hours of operation for the NAS Kingsville Recy-

cling Center are 0800-1630 Monday-Friday. Stop on by; together, by re-using everything we can, we can eventually close the loop to depletion and reduce our pollution foot prints.

For disposal of Hazardous materials such as paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, medications and batteries please contact:

**Treatment & Disposal of Waste
U.S. Ecology Texas LP
P.O Box 307
Robstown, Texas 78380
1800-242-3209**

**Reduce-Your foot print
Reuse- Everything you can
Recycle- To close the loop**



For disposal of automotive, electronic or building materials such as fuel, motor oil, tires, wood, brick, drywall, carpet, mp3, televisions or video games please contact:

**Landfill
348 E. County Rd. 2130
Kingsville, Texas 78363
361) 595-8098/0092
www.CityofKingsville.com/landfill.aspx**

Links:

**WWW.Earth911.com
www.KeepKingsvilleBeautiful.com**



Welcome Aboard!

The following personnel have reported for duty.



ET2 Kelly Rogers, USN
Air Operations/Ground Electronics
Anadarko, Okla.

ENS Clayton Beame, USN
NASK, Public Works
Ewa, Hawaii

Nathaniel Garcia
NASK, Combined Bachelor Quarters
Denver, Colo.

Steve Moore
NAVFAC, Transportation
Old San Patricia, Texas

George Alton
NASK, Fire Department
Corpus Christi, Texas

Roger Vogelpohl
NAVFAC, Transportation
Corpus Christi, Texas

Shawn Jones
NASK, Fire Department
Marion, S.C.

ABH2 Jesus Martinez, USN
NASK, Field Support
Los Fresnos, Texas

LT Brian Whitten, USN
Instructor Pilot, VT-21
Southwick, Mass.

ACAR James Kemmerer, USN
NASK, Air Operations
Orlando, Fla.

ABH2 Jesus A. Martinez, USN
NASK, Field Support
Los Fresnos, Texas

2nd Lt. John S. Jarred, USMC
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Kansas City, Mo.

Capt. James Flass, USMC
Instructor Pilot, VT-22
Webster, N.Y.



Branch Health Clinic Corner



Holiday travel tips

This is the time of year when thousands of people take to the road on long trips out of town spending long periods of time on the highway. It is important to make sure you maintain healthy driving habits while making your travel plans this holiday season to ensure that you arrive safely.

It is a good idea to plan a stop every two hours to get out and stretch your muscles and release some of the tension associated with driving. Ensure that your seat and steering wheel are at comfortable levels so you are not forced into a straining position or hunch over while driving. A minor adjustment can work wonders for your posture, especially on long road trips.

Make sure you get plenty of quality sleep before traveling and try to avoid driving through the middle of the night when your body is naturally wanting to go to sleep. Taking a few extra steps can help you arrive at your destination happy and healthy this holiday season.

From all of us here at the Branch Health Clinic Kingsville, we would like to wish you happy holidays and safe travels.

By HM3 Cyrus Cunningham

Exceptional Family Member (EFM) Program: Keeping your EFM file current

Recently a Service Member contacted their detailer for orders; he/she wanted a special school that would aid his advancement opportunities with follow on orders to a specific assignment. The detailer, wishing to fill his request, reviews the Sailor's detail screen only to find that the Sailor's Exceptional Family Members file was not current. Before the detailer could release the orders and fulfill this Sailor's request an update package was requested. By the time the Sailor has his family EFM file updated, screened and processed, school quotas were filled and the available billet was now no longer available.

Lesson learned! Know your EFM update timeframe and UPDATE your file prior to negotiating for orders. Your detailer's job is to ensure you are provided with career enhancing assignments to a location where your family member's special medical and/or educational needs are going to be met. This is the Navy's commitment to you and your family.

Did you know there are several methods available to access EFMP Category status information to include the EFMP Query tool at www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember. The

purpose of this tool is to provide more modern, responsive, and flexible information to assist services members in meeting the specialized needs of their family members by required services are available at gaining commands. EFMP category status information can also be retrieved from the enlisted data verification record, office data control record or the career management system.

Your EFM file must be updated prior to your three-year expiration date for categories 1 through 5 and within six to twelve months for category 6. You should also update your EFM file at least nine months prior to your PRD date. Updated applications confirm that the special medical or educational needs still exist or that they may have improved or worsened significantly. This information has a direct bearing in coordinating your next assignment and is important information to your detailer. If you have been divorced and/or the family member (s) no longer reside with you or your family member is deceased, notify the local EFM Program Coordinator promptly so you may be disenrolled.

Contact your command POC or the EFM Coordi-

nator at your local military treatment facility to begin updating your EFM file(s). For additional information please feel free to contact us at our toll free customer call center number 1 866-U-ASK-NPC.

K-Rock Coffees

Official Opening

When: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6
Where: Coffee shop

Grand Opening ceremony

Tuesday, Jan. 13



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Navy defense shuts down Army in 109th clash

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville, Public Affairs

Nearly 70,000 fans showed up in the City of Brotherly Love Saturday, Dec. 6, to see the 109th Army-Navy football game. President George W. Bush was also in attendance, taking the field to conduct the opening coin toss. Air Force One provided a flyover of Lincoln Financial Field, while the U.S. Navy's parachute team, the Leap Frogs, carried the colors into the stadium. The game was broadcast nationally, and the Naval Academy took advantage of the opportunity to show off the high-powered offense of the 8-4 Middies.

When all the pre-game festivities were over and the opening kickoff got the game underway, the clash became as lop-sided as the rivalry has been for nearly a decade. Navy has now won the last seven games between the two clubs, and Navy dominated this one throughout, taking home a 34-0 shutout, along with the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

"We know what those guys go through. They go through the same things we do," Navy coach Ken

Niumatalolo said after the game "For this one game, we're trying to beat each other's brains in. After it's all said and done, we know we'll be standing shoulder-to-shoulder to serve our country."

Army featured new camouflage helmets and pants and black jerseys for the game with "Duty, Commitment, Honor" written on the backs. Navy was dressed in their traditional white and gold uniforms. In the end, it didn't matter what each team was wearing.

Navy opened the scoring on their third play from scrimmage as slot back Shun White scooted 65 yards to stake Navy to an early 7-0 lead. The Middies would later add a 23-yard field goal by Matt Harmon to take a 10-0 lead into the second quarter.

White scored his second touchdown of the game with just over three minutes left in the first half, this time scoring on an 18-yard TD pass from quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada to build a 17-0 halftime lead.

After the intermission, Navy picked up where they left off, building their lead to 24-0 halfway through the third quarter when fullback Eric Kattani scored on a five-yard run. The Middies would score 10 points in the final quarter to close the scoring and seal the shutout, with the final score coming with just 31 seconds remaining when linebacker Ram Vela picked off a pass and raced 68 yards to paydirt.

Overall, Navy gained 368 yards on the ground during the game and 62 through the air for 430 total yards. Army (3-9) gained 102 yards rushing and 52 yards passing. Army also turned the ball over twice.

White ended up with 148 yards rushing on 13 carries, he also had 18 yards receiving for 166 total yards. Kattani picked up 125 yards on the ground on 25 carries.

Navy now leads the Army-Navy series 53-49-7. The first clash between the two teams was played in 1890.



Navy fullback Eric Kattani runs for a first down during the 109th playing of the Army-Navy football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. The Midshipmen extended their winning streak to seven with a 34-0 win over the Black Knights. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley).



Navy slot back Shun White (#26) outruns U.S. Military Academy defensive back Mario Hill to score a touchdown in the first quarter of the 109th Army-Navy college football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin S. O'Brien).



The U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen run off the field after beating the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights 34-0 in the 109th Army-Navy college football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tommy Gilligan).

LOCAL TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN IN HOME STRETCH

The local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign is in its final stages, as deadlines near and applications are processed. While the program is an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, it is operated locally by civilian volunteers and local business owners Lisa and Jerry Bockholt who serve as campaign coordinators.

"This year the campaign has seen an increase in the overall support coming from Naval Air Station Kingsville," reported Bockholt. Collection boxes have been placed at various high-visibility areas, each Squadron has collected toys among themselves, and the parishoners of McFall Memorial Chapel donated \$600. A float dedicated to Toys for Tots and

the Bockholt's 21-year involvement in this program was entered in the La Posada Celebration of Lights Christmas Parade.

There is still time to help the cause. The deadline for toy and monetary donations has been extended to Wednesday, Dec. 17. Donations should be brought to Stop-n-Lube, 921 E. King, which serves as campaign headquarters. Checks should be made payable to Toys for Tots.

Toy distribution will take place the week of Dec. 15-19 thanks to support from the community and NAS Kingsville, the program guarantees that no child will be left behind.

For more information call: (361) 592-6839.

Drop boxes are located at:

Bldg 2740 (quarterdeck)

Public Works

Air Operations

Branch Health Clinic

Central Bachelor Quarters (CBQ)

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





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.

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

Escondido Ranch Hunting Note - The MWR annual Youth Hunt will take place at the Escondido Ranch in January. The October hunt this year produced a lot of memorable moments for everyone and received numerous praises from the participants. MWR's next scheduled hunt should be no exception.

The January Youth Hunt is scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 17-18. All youth hunters will be allowed to harvest doe and javelina. At present, six youth hunters booked for the hunt and the Ranch has room for nine additional hunters. Age qualification for youth hunters is 16 years and under.

Hunting Fees are waived for the Youth for this event; only lodging and kill fees will be collected. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. Chief Stockton and the Ranch staff hopes to see you out there in January. For more information, contact Escondido Ranch at 830-373-4419.



Youngsters pose with their trophies after a recent Youth Hunt at the Escondido Ranch.

Free Book Drawing - Enter to win a free Christmas book at the Station Library. Entries will be accepted up until Dec. 19. For more information, call 516-6271.

Dec. 12 - Kids Night Out - Looking for some well deserved time out? Register now for Kids Night out at the CDC and SAC. Registration deadline is Dec. 10 and the cost is \$10 per family. Call the SAC at 516-6718 or CDC at 516-6176 for more info.

Dec. 12- CDC Winter Olympics - The CDC will be holding their annual Winter Olympics from 9-10 a.m. All Children will participate. For more info, call 516-6176.



Bowling Leagues



In the Dog House Fall League Standings

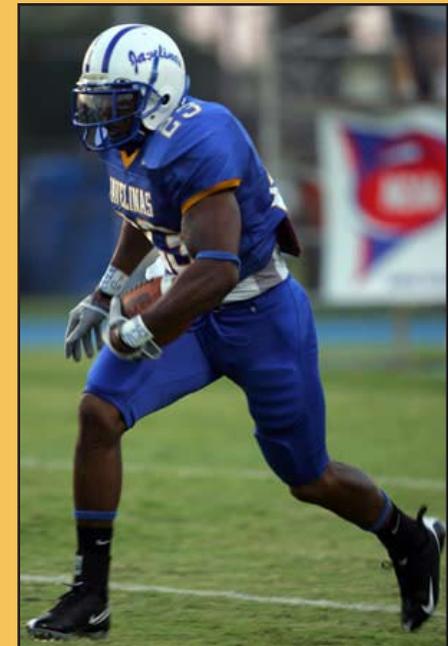
<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
1.	3 Minds in the Gutter	44.0	24.0	0.0
2.	Lane Breakers	36.5	31.5	7.5
3.	The Rebels	32.0	36.0	12.0
4.	Tumbalos	30.5	37.0	13.5
6.	The Pin-Heads	30.0	38.0	14.0
5.	Hounds	26.5	41.5	17.5
7.	Los Tres Vatos	16.5	19.5	27.5
8.	Ghost	0.0	0.0	44.0

Wednesday Nite Mixed League Standings

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
1.	Tidy Bowlers	33.0	19.0	0.0
2.	Petes Angels	29.0	23.0	4.0
3.	Laugh Out Loud	29.0	23.0	4.0
4.	Big K Rollers	28.0	24.0	5.0
5.	DUH's	28.0	24.0	5.0
6.	Sixty Forty	28.0	24.0	5.0
7.	Guttermouths	27.0	25.0	6.0
8.	Ghost	0.0	0.0	33.0



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Jabir Perkins

KINGSVILLE, TEXAS – The Texas A&M-Kingsville football team had two players named to the Daktronics All-Super Region 4 Team, senior Jabir Perkins (Dallas/Irving Nimitz HS) and junior Cody Smith (Kingwood/Kingwood HS).

The team, which is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems in voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Perkins was honored with first team recognition at his safety position. He finished second on the team with 60 tackles and led the team with five interceptions. He also contributed two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries (one for a touchdown), 3.5 tackles for loss and two kick off return touchdowns.

Smith, a punter, earned second team honors after averaging 43.0 yards per kick this season. He had 12 of his 44 punts end inside the opponent's 20-yard line and booted 11 kicks at least 50 yards or farther.

Both Perkins and Smith will advance to the national ballot that will determine All-America recognition.

NAS Kingsville lights up the 2008 La Posada de Kingsville Parade

Photos by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville, Public Affairs



Local Toys for Tots volunteer organizers Lisa and Jerry Bockholt (left to right) manned the NASK float.



How did the Grinch steal Christmas? On his Honda.



King High School cheerleaders.



A Shiner takes a joy ride in his buggy.



Most patriotic float went to the Branch Health Clinic's "USS Freedom".



CAPT Phil Waddingham and Sue Waddingham were two of the official judges.



Top animal entry goes to "Harvey's little horses."



Santa rides the NASK's "Engine 5".



NASK Honor Guard (from left) AC3 Trevor Leon, AC2 Nick Morgan, RP2 Norman Otters, and ACAN Matthew Hartopp.



RP2 Norman Otters (right) and CDR Scott Allen tweek the command float.



LCDR Tabitha Pierzchala waves to the crowd from Engine 5.



Most humorous award went to the Shriners.



Top business entry went to Kleberg Bank.



Lisa and Jerry Bockholt (left to right) are each presented with certificates from NASK, for their work with Toys for Tots.



Soon to be State Rep. Tara Rios Ybarra.

