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2008 Wings Over South Texas Air Show at NAS Kingsville



April 5-6 featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

Contractor set to turn over Building 1781 as

## Branch Health Clinic set to shift operations to temporary home

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

After nearly 14 months of planning, three months of construction, and nearly \$400,000 in costs, the NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic will be shifting operations to Building 1781 effective Monday, Jan. 14. The building, which used to be home to the old base library, Navy Campus, the base photo studio, and contract services offices, was officially turned over to the air station last week by J&J Maintenance, Inc., the contractors who performed the building overhaul.

"We had some challenges initially," said Robert Stec, J&J Maintenance project manager, "but we were able to work through them. Our biggest challenge, of course, was to take this old building and make it look new again so that the Health Clinic's customers would feel comfortable in the new spaces. We think we've done that."



The Clinic move was necessitated due to a scheduled and funded overhaul of the present clinic, which is expected to take about 18 months to complete. Work on that project will begin once the Clinic has completed its move into their temporary spaces. The project turned out

to be a win-win move for the air station, as Building 1781 had been targeted for demolition due to the extensive repairs needed to make it operational. But the Clinic's temporary move requirement gave the building new life. The rehab contract called for creating new office spaces, laying down new flooring, adding phone and computer lines, painting, and adding a new look to the parking lot.

"This move has been in preparation for the last year or so," said Branch Health Clinic officer-in-charge Lt. Cmdr. Dawn Hardin, "but as it came down to the wire the reality that we really were moving started kicking in, and our entire staff has stepped up to the plate to make it happen."

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## Blue Angels to headline "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show

The U.S. Navy's flight demonstration team, the world famous Blue Angels, will return to the skies over Kingsville April 5-6 to headline the 2008 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show. The Blues lead an all star cast that will be performing, including a U.S. Air Force squadron from Lackland Air Force Base and the Navy Leap Frogs.

"We are truly excited about getting the opportunity to host the Blue Angels and the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs this year," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. "We are putting together a great show for the South Texas community and I invite aviation enthusiasts from all over the area to come out and see the show. We promise they won't be disappointed."



Planning for the show began several months ago but the big push came in early December when the Blue Angels announced their 2008 tour schedule -- which included the NAS Kingsville air show. The Blue Angels will perform in 36 shows over the 2008 season, which

begins the first week of March, following the team's Winter training at NAS El Centro, Calif. This year, the Blue Angels performance schedule features a unique doubleheader for aviation fans. The week prior to the show here in Kingsville, the Blues will be performing at a show in Meridian, Miss., home of Training Air Wing One, the Navy's other location for intermediate jet training, which also flies the Boeing T-45 Goshawk.

The list of performers for this year's "Wings Over South Texas" air show is still being compiled but the acceptance by the world's premier demonstration team certainly sets the table for a great show and will certainly boost attendance.



## From the Bridge ...



**Capt. Phil "Waddz" Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville

Greetings, NAS Kingsville!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. Now that we are all back to work, I want to thank you all again for hard work and sacrifice toward accomplishing the many important missions of this naval air station during the past year. Your time off was well deserved, and I hope your batteries are recharged and you are ready to take on a whole new year of challenges!

The New Year is going to have many challenges—but also many rewards. We are embarking on one of the biggest production requirements in Training Air Wing TWO's recent history, and it's going to take the combined efforts of all of us to make TW-2's goals. We can do this, and we will, and we will do it safely. I do need to be able to count on each of you for this to happen. Continue to take care of yourselves, and each other, and don't become a Naval Safety Center sta-

tistic. We had a very successful holiday leave period in terms of accidents and mishaps. In fact, we had a successful year. The Safety Departments of the major commands here at Kingsville provided much in the way of information to help you make safety plans and decisions through our annual safety stand downs, but I have only you to thank for paying attention, exercising common sense, and making it a reality.

This week I had the pleasure of holding a Captain's Call with TW-2 Commodore, CAPT Bill Davis and his instructor pilot cadre consisting of company grade and field grade officers. I won't rehash all that was discussed, but needless to say, I took the comments I received concerning NAS Kingsville operations seriously, and I wish to provide feedback to the instructors when we take the recommendations for action. Before we concluded the call, I made sure each of the officers present could contact me directly regarding areas of concern or interest that they felt I should be aware of. I remind you, the reader, that the same invitation goes out to you via our Flying K "Captain's Hot Line." If you have something on your mind, wonder why we do something the way we do, or have a better idea of how we should do business, then let me know!

Lots to look forward to this year, and I am very excited to get going. We are getting deep into the planning and preparation for our 2008 "Wings Over South Texas" air show scheduled for April 5-6 with a practice show on Friday, April 4. This is going to be a world-class event with the headliner act performed by our own U.S. Navy Blue Angels. If you like jet noise (and who doesn't?), then you'll want to spend an afternoon taking in the sights and sounds.

The last thing I want to mention is Friday's Cactus Bowl (Jan. 11) at our own Texas A&M University at Kingsville's Javaelina Stadium. This is the annual Division II all-star game, and it's attended by a lot of NFL and professional scouts. I invite you to join in on the fun, and maybe you'll see a player who one day will be playing in the NFL. Then you can tell your friends how you saw so-and-so when he was tearing up the field right here in Kingsville!

By the way, when you meet the student naval aviators of TW-2, you may just be meeting a future Chief of Naval Operations, or Commandant of the Marine Corps... you never know!

Happy New Year!  
Waddz sends.



## Tews' Views

**Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Mark Tews**  
NAS Kingsville  
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### The Right Tool

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*  
**II Timothy 3:16**

The ultimate of all workshops is found in my father's back yard shed. It is a chaotic clutter filled with an incredible variety of tools and spare parts. Inside he has and he can find (though no one else can) a special tool or part for every job. "Always use the right tool for the job, and your job will always be right," is one of my father's sayings. In spite of the typical teen years of think-

ing the old man didn't have a clue and that surely I knew an easier, faster or shorter way, I nevertheless eventually learned he was always right. After all, nothing is more frustrating than trying to accomplish a task with the wrong tools. The job ends up taking far much more time than it would have taken to seek out the right tool in the first place, and usually looks lousy too.

The Holy Spirit of God uses the tools of God's Word as well as the Sacraments and the fellowship of the faithful to accomplish the important work of creating and sustaining in us God's gift of faith. By the use of these tools He builds in us the knowledge of and confidence in God's mercy and grace.

We all try at times to take matters into our own hands and use tools of our own making or choice to deal with the often complicated "job" of daily living. We often are tempted to look for the faster, shorter or easier way, which all too often leads to frustration and fruitless ef-

fort. Nothing else in all creation will equip or direct our lives and actions like God's own Word. Use the tools God has provided, His Word, His Sacraments and the fellowship of the faithful, and you will always have, "the right tool for the job and the job will always be right."

**Trivia Challenge:** Congrats go out to Chad walker of NASK Admin as he was the first to respond with the correct answer to the last challenge: **Kadesh / II Kings 15:29.**

The next correct answer will begin with the letter **L**. Here is your latest challenge:

*Where did the colorful and aromatic lumber for the construction of the temple in Jerusalem come from?*

Resolved to jumpstart your faith life this year, to get more involved in worship? Then try this — Beat the Easter rush, attend worship services this weekend.

Take care & God Bless,  
Chaps

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## 1st flying CWO achieves milestone

By Ensign Laura Stegherr, Training Air Wing 5 Public Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael S. Adams, a flight student with Training Air Wing Five (TW-5) at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., began advanced pilot training with Helicopter Training Squadron 28 Dec. 13. Adams became the first student pilot to complete primary flight training under the Active Duty Flying Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Pilot Program when he was selected for advanced rotary wing training Nov. 21.

The test program was created in early 2006 as a means to supplement the current officer aviation force by placing qualified CWOs in the cockpit as pilots and Naval flight officers (NFOs). After being selected and commissioned at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2, these candidates attend Leading Division Officer/Chief Warrant Officer school and then begin aviation training.

Once flight school is completed, the newly winged aviators will receive Fleet Replacement Squadron training and report to the Fleet.

Thirty Sailors have been selected for the program so far. The first group, selected in July of 2006, had eight pilots and six NFOs. The July 2007 board selected 10 more pilots and six NFOs who were commissioned Dec. 1.

Adams was selected as a Flying CWO at the 2006 board. Originally an Aircrewman and Rescue Swimmer at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Two at NAS North Island, he was fascinated with flying. Then, during his shore

tour in Patuxent River, Md., where he performed developmental tests and evaluations on MH-60R/S helicopter, Adams did some research.

"I actually found out about the program by accident," said Adams. "I was looking into applying for the Army Warrant Officer Flight Program because I was over the new age requirement for the Navy's Seaman to Admiral Program. What motivated me was that I was looking for a job change and I wanted to stay in aviation. I knew I wanted to fly and I was going to do whatever it took to be a pilot."

After completing Aviation Preflight Indoctrination at NAS Pensacola, Fla., Adams underwent primary flight training in the T-34C with NAS Whiting Field's Training Squadron Three. While Flying CWOs can train to fly a variety of aircraft, including helicopters, the P-3 Orion, the EP-3 Aries, or the E-6 Mercury, Adams knew exactly what he wanted to fly.

"When I was chosen for this program I knew I wanted to fly helicopters," said Adams. "It was my first choice."

Adams is certain that his experience as an enlisted Sailor helped him succeed thus far.

"I was an Aircrewman so a lot of the things we have learned I was already familiar with. It also helped that I had been in the fleet and I know what being a pilot entails. I have seen first hand what all of the hard work in flight school gets you."

Rear Adm. Mark Guadagnini, Chief of Naval Air Training, expressed his satisfaction with the results of the program.

"We are excited about the quality of these students and pleased with how well they are doing so far," said Guadagnini. "This program is another example of the Navy giving Sailors the opportunity to go as far as their hard work and talents will take them."

TW-5 Commodore, Capt. David P. Maloney, who has seen the results of the Flying CWO program first-hand, agrees.

"All of these first CWO2 flight students at Whiting Field appear to be extremely motivated, quick learners and fine choices for this program," said Maloney.

The next selection board for the Ac-



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael S. Adams, a flight student at NAS Whiting Field, practices a preflight inspection of the T-34C Turbo Mentor. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Laura Stegherr.

tive Duty Flying Chief Warrant Officer Pilot Program will be held in summer 2008. Interested candidates should prepare packages for submission in the May-June time frame. A NAVADMIN will be issued detailing selection requirements and deadlines.

## Team Kingsville Welcomes New Staff Judge Advocate (SJA)

Cmdr. Timothy Chism has assumed the duties as NAS Kingsville Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) and Legal Officer. A 28-year veteran of the Navy Reserves, Chism is currently on active duty recall to fill the SJA and Legal Officer billet for NAS Kingsville. He is a native of Bowling Green, Ky., where he served a civilian prosecutor for 17 years. His most recent Navy assignment was a 16 month stint at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.

Chism will be sharing his time between NAS Kingsville and NAS Corpus Christi, providing services here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Corpus Christi Tuesdays and Thursdays. He and his wife Dorothea reside in Corpus Christi.

"I'm excited to be here in Kingsville," Chism said. "I love it here and everything has been very positive so far. I'm looking forward to serving the NAS Kingsville community."

As the command SJA and Legal Officer, Chism will provide routine legal assistance for command personnel on Mondays and Wednesdays. These services include wills, Power of Attorneys, general legal advice, and counsel. He will also assume duties as the air station Voting Assistance Officer, providing information on voter registration, primary elections, and absentee ballot registration.

To set up an appointment, call 516-6427.



Cmdr. Timothy Chism



## No Fatalities as two F/A-18s crash in Persian Gulf

From U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/  
U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

PERSIAN GULF (NNS) — Teams from USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) rescued all three aviators after an F/A-18E and an F/A-18F that crashed during operations in the Persian Gulf Jan. 7.

The three aviators were reported to be safely back aboard the aircraft carrier Jan. 8, and listed in good condition following an ejection.

The Super Hornets, from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, were providing en route close air support from Iraq when they crashed. CVW-3 is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf with the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group.

The Harry S. Truman Strike Group is part of a routine presence of U.S. warships to the region, and its operations are focused on demonstrating an ongoing commitment to security and stability. U.S. forces maintain a naval and air presence in the area to deter destabilizing activities, while safeguarding the region's vital links to the global economy.



Two F/A-18E Super Hornets, assigned to the "Diamondbacks" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102, perform aerial maneuvers over USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63).

CVW-3 consists of Strike Fighter Squadrons (VFA) 11, VFA-32, VFA-37 and VFA-105; Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron 130; Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 126; and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 7.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

## Iranian boats provoke 'Serious Incident' in Strait of Hormuz

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Three U.S. Navy vessels took evasive actions after five Iranian boats buzzed the ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz Jan. 6, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Jan. 7.

Speaking to Pentagon reporters, Whitman called the Iranian provocation "a serious incident." The fast Iranian boats approached at "distances and speed that showed reckless, dangerous and potentially hostile intent," he said.

The incident lasted about 15 to 20 minutes, he said. The Navy ships were going into the Persian Gulf when the Iranian boats confronted them.

"Small, Iranian fast boats made some aggressive maneuvers against our vessels and indicated some hostile intent," Whitman said. "This required our vessels to issue warnings and conduct some evasive maneuvers. The U.S. Navy vessels were prepared to take appropriate actions, but there was no engagement of the vessels."

He said the speed of the Iranian boats and their distance from the U.S. Navy vessels demonstrated potentially hostile intent. Bridge-to-bridge radio communications between the Iranian vessels and the U.S. Navy ships reinforced this impression, he said.

The U.S. ships were operating in international waters within the Strait of Hormuz and followed all appropriate protocols, Whitman said. The U.S. Navy ships are USS Port Royal (CG 73), USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Ingraham (FFG 61).

U.S. warships will take all the precautions needed to safely transit the open waters of the strait, the Pentagon spokesman said.

"This is reckless and dangerous behavior on the



USS Port Royal (CG 73) on patrol in the Persian Gulf. Navy file photo.

part of the Iranian vessels, and it should cease immediately," Whitman added.

Typically, small boats such as these are under command of Iranian Revolutionary Guards, U.S. Navy officials said.

All U.S. warships transiting the open seas are prepared to take action should their ship or crews be threatened, Whitman noted. The U.S. ships "did take appropriate action in terms of maneuvering and communicating, and were prepared to take further action if necessary," he said.

The Defense Department will work with White House and State Department officials to come up with the appropriate way to address the incident with the Iranian government, Whitman said.

Iranian boats took 15 British sailors into custody who engaged in United Nations-sanctioned operations in the northern Persian Gulf on March 23.

## Navy Policy helps Sailors plan for financial freedom

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class  
Trevor Andersen, Navy Personnel Command

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Help is available for Sailors and their families who have resolved to get debt free in the New Year. Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter recently released a new instruction that further promotes personal financial management training for Sailors.

SECNAVINST 1740.4, Department of the Navy Personal Financial Management (PFM) Education, Training, and Counseling Program outlines new Planned Financial Management (PFM) outreach efforts required of commanders, leaders and Sailors.

This policy was released just in time for the holidays when Sailors and their families can be inclined to overspend and also in time for Sailors to invest their new pay raises approved by Congress.

The 23-page instruction covers four major topics:

- Commanding officers are now required to designate a lead command financial specialist.
- Sailors will receive PFM training from the beginning of their career to the end and during transition to civilian life.
- Spouses and Navy youth program participants will be included in PFM training.
- Certified financial educators and counselors are now required at each Fleet and Family Support Center.

"Commanding officers' and first-line supervisors' knowledge of PFM programs and services is an important first step in protecting our Sailors and their families from unscrupulous predatory lending practices and mismanagement of personal finances," said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel.

According to professional financial advisors, if Sailors manage their finances and benefits properly, the sky's the limit.

"Between the money that you accumulate in your Thrift Savings Plan and the equity from your condominium or home, when you leave the military, again, let's say that's 15 or 20 years from now, you can become a millionaire," said financial planner Kelvin Boston. Boston, host of Public Broadcasting Service's "Moneywise" and author of the best-selling book "Who's Afraid to be a Millionaire," visited Fleet Activities Yokosuka in October.

Also, the Military Lending Act provides Sailors and their families new legal protection against predatory lenders including limiting payday loans, vehicle title loans and tax refund anticipation loans to a maximum annual interest rate of 36 percent.

For more information on PFM, visit [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) and read SECNAVINST 1740.04. Or visit Fleet and Family support center Web site at <https://www.nffsp.org/> and go to the financial section.

## Around the Navy ... in 60 Seconds



*FIFTH FLEET, Area of Operation (Dec. 25, 2007) Sonar Technician Submarines 3rd Class Anthony Morandi observes evening colors on Christmas aboard the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) during a port visit in the Middle East. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign James Heckman.*



*OBOCK, Djibouti (Dec. 25, 2007) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa serves Christmas dinner to service members stationed at Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). Campa spent the holiday with service members at Camp Lemonier. U.S. Navy photo.*



*CAMP ARIFIAN, Kuwait (Jan. 5, 2008) Members of the official party render a salute in front of a "fallen comrade" display during a memorial service held in honor of Petty Officer 1st Class Victor Jeffries. Jeffries died Dec. 31, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident outside Kuwait City on Christmas Eve. He was assigned to U.S. Navy Customs Battalion, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group. U.S. Marine Corps photo.*



*HADITHA, Iraq (Jan. 6, 2007) Sailors attached to Riverine Squadron (RIVRON) 2 Detachment 3 come ashore after searching islands on the Euphrates River for weapons caches. RIVRON-2 regularly patrols the river and its surrounding inland waterways, protecting their use for legitimate commerce. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kirk Worley.*

### Operation Shipmate helps NAS Kingsville Sailors

More than 40 sailors benefited from Operation Shipmate over the Christmas holiday season, bringing the total families assisted during the 2007 holiday period to nearly 100.

Coordinated by the Command Religious Ministries Department, Operation Shipmate provides holiday food baskets and holiday items for Sailors on a tight budget. The program is co-sponsored each year by the NAS Kingsville Chief Petty Officers and the NAS Kingsville wardroom, which purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas. The program is also supported by the Navy League through a generous cash donation, along with cash contributions from individuals.

The base-wide generosity this year also allowed the Chapel to include \$25 gift certificates for the NAS Commissary, which were donated by the Defense Commissary Agency.

### Trading Post

#### HOUSE FOR RENT:

Awesome, newly remodeled 1900 sq/ft home near University. Large (20x13) kitchen with all new appliances, 4 large BRs, 1.5 bath, corner lot, large fenced yard. Very nice home, \$1300 month. Contact Sean Stuart at 619-850-5483 or [seanstuart13@gmail.com](mailto:seanstuart13@gmail.com).

#### FOR SALE:

**PAPASAN CHAIRS:** Pair of rattan Papasan chairs and cushions. Nearly new condition. \$65 for both. Call Jon at 592-6776.

#### AD SUBMISSION:

Military personnel and civilian and contract employees on board the air station may place ads for items for sale or rent at no charge. Private business ads will not be accepted. All ads will run for two issues or until sold. E-mail your ads to [KNGV-PAO@navy.mil](mailto:KNGV-PAO@navy.mil).

## Kingsville Community Calendar

#### TAMUK Basketball (1/16/2008)

Watch exciting Basketball games at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Women's game starts at 6 p.m. and the Men's game starts at 8 p.m. They are playing Eastern New Mexico. This is a Lone Star Conference South Division game.

#### The Children's Play "Sleeping Beauty"

(2/3/2008 thru 2/8/2008)

The Children's play for the season is "Sleeping Beauty" by Michele L. Vacca. The public will be able to see this classic story on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium, Texas A&M University. Special performances for local schools will follow Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 4-6 at 9 a.m. and for regional schools Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7-8 at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 593-3401.

#### Intocable Concert (2/9/2008)

Grammy award winning Tejano/Norteno superstar group, JK Northway Coliseum. Tickets pre-sale are \$25 and at the door \$35. Known as one of the most influential groups in Tejano music and draws followers internationally. Tickets can be purchased at the King Ranch Saddle Shop, Dick Kleberg Park in Kingsville or Cavendars in Corpus Christi.

#### Intocable Team Roping Challenge

(2/9/2008)

In conjunction with the Intocable Concert, the team roping challenge will be held at the JK Northway Expo Building beginning at 9 a.m. Admission to the team roping is free. Enjoy a full day of fun, food and excitement. More information to follow.

#### Steel Magnolias (2/27/2008 thru 3/2/2008)

Robert Harling's comedy drama "Steel Magnolias" comes to the stage of the little theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27-28, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

*(Branch Health Clinic from page 1)*

Over the last two weeks, the Clinic staff has been moving furniture, office and medical supplies and equipment into the new building, hoping to officially open the doors Jan. 14. For a time, however, Hardin said she didn't think they were going to meet that deadline.



*Temporary Branch Health Clinic north passageway.*

"If you saw the building we are moving to prior to the renovations, you would know why we were apprehensive," Hardin said, "But J&J Maintenance has done an absolutely wonderful job in turning that building into a welcoming building."

Hardin added that the move of furniture and equipment has gone fairly smoothly thanks to her crew's dedication to the project.



*Branch Health Clinic Maintenance Mechanic Ron Bennett installs door hinges.*

But there have been a few bumps in the road. "Our biggest problem," Hardin said, "was discovered on our first day of the move when we were told the new furniture we had ordered that would eventually go back into our

other building (Building 3775) wouldn't be delivered for a couple more weeks. But, we're flexible enough to move and conform with those challenges.

"I have the most motivating and energized staff around, they are hard chargers that love to work hard and this move was no different. We realize this move will also be a change for our customers and through

communication and patience we'll continue to provide the same quality health care with the quality customer service we are known for.

Hardin added that telephone numbers for clinic offices and clinic hours of operation will remain the same during the relocation.

**No easy task for the personnel of the Branch Health Clinic**



*HM3 Brian Knight (left) and HM3(FMF) Jacob Welch unload storage shelves.*



*Dental Technician Jimenez and Dental Hygienist Melody Bollom work on organizing their new spaces.*



*Branch Health Clinic Supply Petty Officer MM2(SW) Justin Nutt has a lot of supply boxes to be accountable for.*



*HA Brian Jacobs waits for assistance to move in one of the many desks.*



*HM3(FMF) Ismael Lopez begins the process of organizing the many x-ray films for the Radiology Department.*



*HM2(FMF) Marlon Rendon takes a break in one of the lab chairs.*

**Team Kingsville: Controlled burns help BASH Program**



*NAS Kingsville Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) manager Eddie Earwood, left, and Cory Wilson keep a close eye on the flames of a controlled burn conducted on the air station Saturday, Jan. 5. Controlled burns are designed to manage vegetation in support of the air station's BASH Program. Rich Riddle, the Navy's South Texas Natural Resources Manager, coordinating the burn along with the NAS Kingsville Fire and Public Works Departments. (Photo by Rich Riddle).*

**Estrella selected for Officer Candidate School**

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs



Electronics Technician 2nd Class (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Rob Estrella has spent the last two years representing NAS Kingsville and the U.S. Navy throughout the state of Texas as the leading petty officer of the NAS Color and Honor Guard. It was a collateral duty that he thoroughly enjoyed and he went the extra mile to enlist and train other dedicated Sailors to carry the Colors at Navy and civilian ceremonies, and military funerals. To Estrella, carrying the Colors was more than a collateral duty.

"To me, it has always been about pride," he said recently. "Pride in my country, pride in my Navy and pride in my command." Now, he is setting his sights on a new way of showing his pride in serving -- as a member of the latest class of officer candidates at the Officer Training Command at Naval Station Newport, R.I. OCS is one of five officer training schools located at Naval Station Newport. The 12-week OCS course is designed to give candidates a full working knowledge of the Navy (afloat and ashore), to prepare them to assume the responsibilities of a Naval officer, and to begin developing each candidate to their fullest potential. OCS is extremely demanding; morally, mentally, and physically. But Estrella believes he is up to the challenge.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," he said. "It's an honor to be selected for the OCS Program, and I am looking forward to the transition into the officer ranks."

Estrella will depart South Texas at the end of January and report to Naval Station Newport to begin training. He should complete officer training in early May.

## Ten receive wings at special dual Winging Ceremony at The Club

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Six student aviators were presented Wings of Gold and four Indian Navy students were presented Indian Navy Wings during a special winging ceremony held at the NAS Kingsville club Jan. 4. Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Bill Davis presided over the ceremony, along with special guests Commodore Parasurama Naidu Murugesan, Indian Naval Attaché, Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C., and Capt. James A. Crabbe, Chief of Naval Air Training Chief of Staff. Squadron skippers Cmdr. Chris Moore (VT-21) and Cmdr. Brad Kidwell (VT-22) conducted the ceremony in the Community Center Ballroom of the Club, as more than 150 family members, instructor pilots and flight students looked on.

Three Indian aviators were among the six who received Navy Wings, following completion of nearly 13 months of intermediate jet training at NAS Kingsville. Four other Indian student aviators were presented their Indian Navy wings, which symbolizes that they had completed their Indian Navy requirements upon completion of primary training with the U.S. Navy. The four will now begin strike training with Training Air Wing TWO.

"It is an honor for me to be here today to see these pilots get their wings," Murugesan said during the ceremony. "[India] continues to be impressed with the training these men have received here in the States – from basic to primary and intermediate jet training. We are very proud of this joint relationship."

Receiving their Wings of Gold and designation as Naval Aviators were:

Lt. j.g. Ian A. Kemp, VT-21. Hometown: San Francisco, Calif. Attended the College of William & Mary studying biology and religion, and then spent a year at a missionary in Japan and a year teaching at a behavior-correcting middle school while he worked on his seminary degree. He earned his commission through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, and completed primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field, Fla., with Training Squadron TWO (VT-2).

Lt. Navneet Bharadwaj, VT-22. Hometown: Hyderabad, India. After completing his initial schooling

in India in 2001, Bharadwaj joined the Indian naval academy. He graduated in 2004 and then spent a year at sea undergoing training on board an Indian missile corvette. He then transitioned to aviation, completing primary training in India with the Indian air force flying a single-engine, piston-driven propeller aircraft. He was then selected to attend advanced flight training in the U.S., and reported to NAS Whiting Field, Fla. for primary training in the T-34 Turbomenter. He completed primary in November 2006, and reported to NAS Kingsville for intermediate training a month later.

Lt. Sharath Dahiya, VT-22. Hometown: New Delhi, India. The 24-year old began his military career in 2000 by joining the Indian National Defense Academy, graduating three years later with a Bachelor of Science Degree in computer science. He then spent the next 18 months training at sea, first aboard a training ship, then on board a destroyer, and finally, six months taking surface warfare courses. Upon completion, he applied for the aviation field and was selected to fly the HPT-32, a piston engine driven trainer, with the air force and was recommended for fighter training. He reported to NAS Pensacola in March 2006 for Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API), and primary training at NAS Whiting Field. He reported to NAS Kingsville for intermediate strike training in December 2006.

Lt. j.g. Landon Foster, VT-22. Hometown: Grove Hill, Ala. Foster is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering with an emphasis on Astronautics. Upon graduation, he remained at the Academy for a short time working with the school's public affairs office. He received the call to begin flight training in January 2006 and reported to NAS Pensacola for API and then moved to NAS Corpus Christi for primary training with VT-28. He reported to NAS Kingsville in December 2006.

Lt. Amit P. Kawade, VT-22. Hometown: Pandharpur, India. After graduating from high school, Kawade was selected for the Indian National Defense Academy in Khadakwasla, India. After completing his studies, he served aboard the Indian navy training ship



Front row (left to right) Como. Parasurama Murugesan, Naval Attaché, Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C.; Capt. Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO; Capt. James Crabbe, Chief of Staff, Naval Air Training Command; Cmdr. Chris Moore, Commanding Officer, VT-21. Second row (left to right) Capt. Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville; Lt. Amit P. Kawade; Lt. j.g. Landon B. Foster. Third row (left to right) Cmdr. Tim Carr, Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing TWO; Lt. j.g. Stephen J. Raulli; Lt. Navneet Bharadwaj; Cmdr. Brad Kidwell, Commanding Officer, VT-22. Top row (left to right) Lt. j.g. Ian A. Kemp; Lt. Sharath Dahiya.

INS Krishna, and then became one of the lucky midshipmen to be selected for the transition to aviation. He completed initial aviation training with the air force and was selected as "Overall Best Trainee." That honor led to his selection to undergo jet training in the U.S., and he reported to NAS Pensacola in early 2006. Following his completion of primary training at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., he reported to VT-22 for advanced training.

Lt. j.g. Stephen Raulli, VT-22. Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y. Raulli entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 2000, becoming the first member of his family to serve in the military. In Annapolis, he studied chemistry in the hopes of being selected for the medical corps. However, his life took a change for the better in the summer of his freshman year when he was given an opportunity to train with the VFA-125. It only took a month of flying with the hornets to convince him that a career in the medical field could wait. Still, Raulli postponed the inevitable an additional year by enrolling in a Masters Degree program in chemical engineering at the University of Cambridge. Upon completion, he began his aviation training in Pensacola.

Receiving their Indian Navy Wings at the ceremony were: Sub Lt. Sunil Patil, Sub Lt. Bhanu Godara, Sub Lt. Raman Rajagopalan, and Sub Lt. Adan Latif.

Also during the ceremony, Lt. j.g. Foster was presented a plaque commemorating his selection to the Training Air Wing TWO "Commodore's List" for academic excellence.



Indian Navy Commodore Parasurama Naidu Murugesan was a special guest at the ceremony. Photos by Richard Stewart, Probado Technologies.

# Make It a Day ON, Not a Day Off!

Courtesy of [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues. On Jan. 21, 2008, millions of Americans across the country will once again honor his legacy by taking part in a wide range of service projects—conducting food drives, painting schools and community centers, recruiting mentors for needy youth, and bringing meals to homebound neighbors, to name but a few.



In recognition of the 40th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, the Corporation for National and Community Service in 2008 is also pleased to join with other organizations in supporting a new initiative, "40 Days of Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community." Under this initiative, the King Day of Service will kick off 40 days during which families, schools, faith communities, and other organizations will plan service projects and educational activities promoting Dr. King's message of non-violence and social justice.

*"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Aug. 28, 1963.

## Kingsville's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

Jan. 21, 1 p.m.  
Kleberg Ave.

Come one..come all..join the city of Kingsville and the nation as we celebrate the life of Dr. King.



Happy 80th birthday  
MWR RV guest  
Margaret Folgate



Wives make MWR Progresso shopping trip a success



Congratulations Braden Furman for winning the Christmas book drawing for the second consecutive year!

Promoted recently?  
Received an Award?  
Remember, your Hometown cares.

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## Welcome Aboard!



*The following people have recently reported to NAS Kingsville.*

**ENS Brett S. Cameron**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Pinon Hills, Calif.

**ENS James R. Olsen**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Seneca, S.C.

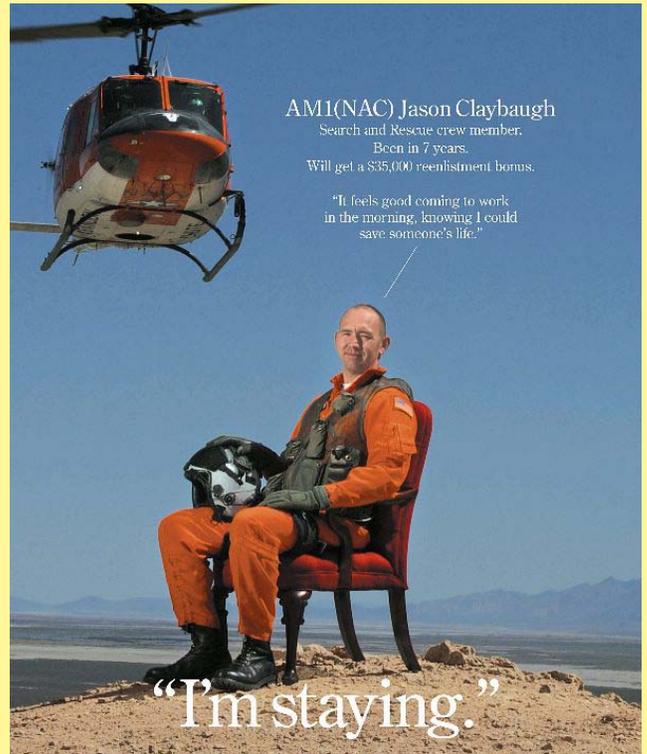
**Lt. j.g. Douglas W. Fitzpatrick**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Green Bay, Wis.

**ENS Carl J. Krugger**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Albuquerque, N.M.

## VITA Volunteers Needed

The VITA (Volunteer income Tax Assistance) Program is in need of a few motivated individuals. This is a good opportunity for you to help out your shipmates. Depending on the number of volunteers, you will be asked to volunteer about one day a week. The tax center is scheduled to open on Feb. 4 and will remain open until April 16.

For more information, call Lt. Code at ext. 6288 or RP2 Roman at ext. 6331.



**AM1(NAC) Jason Claybaugh**  
Search and Rescue crew member.  
Been in 7 years.  
Will get a \$35,000 reenlistment bonus.

"It feels good coming to work in the morning, knowing I could save someone's life."

"I'm staying."

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### Squadron team takes volleyball tourney title

A combined team of VT-21, VT-22 and TW-2 personnel called "Hitting Bricks" took home the 2007 lunchtime volleyball league



post season championship in December. The team out-lasted the MWR Fighting Moscas and the Branch Health Clinic to claim the title. MWR finished second.

Team members of the championship team pose with their winning trophy above. Team members are: (Back row, from left:) Gary Pratt, Ken Dittig, Johans Suederhound, and Chris Kieser. (Front row, from left) Richard Parisi, Amanda Lopez, Chris Putre, Shannon Gillaspia.

MWR team members included: Jon Bess, Antonio Perez, Inez Saldavar, Renee Sotello, Manny Ontoverez, Laquita Batiste, and Jonathan Cruz.

Medical's team was comprised of HMC Valdez, Valerie Gomez, HM1 Mashburn, HMC Will Stewart, HM2 Lancaster, HM1 Miller, and Tara Elrod.

### San Antonio Spurs tickets:

Wed., Jan. 23, 8 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Lakers. \$30.35.  
 Thurs., Feb. 28, 7 p.m. vs. Dallas Mavericks. \$40.35.  
 Sun., March 30, Noon, vs. Houston Rockets. \$30.35.  
 Fri., April 11, 7:30 p.m. vs. Seattle Supersonics. \$27.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Relay



Thurs., Jan. 17, 11:30 a.m. Teams will consist of 4 members and each person will run approximately 1.5 miles. The event is free for Active Duty, retirees and dependents, \$5 for civilian.

### MWR Weekend Basketball Tournament

Jan. 26-27. Tournament is open to the community. Fees: Free - 100% Active Duty; \$75.00 - Active Duty & Civilian; \$100.00 - Civilian Teams  
 Rosters due Jan. 22.



### NFL playoff games at the K-bar on the SUPER big screen TV:

Sat., Jan. 12: Doubleheader: Seattle vs. Green Bay (3:30 p.m.); Jacksonville vs. New England (7 p.m.).  
 Sun., Jan. 13: Doubleheader: San Diego vs. Indianapolis (Noon); New York Giants vs. Dallas (3:30 p.m.)

The Club will open at 2:30 p.m. on Sat. and 11:00 a.m. on Sun. Come on out and support your favorite team by wearing their team colors. Free food and \$1.00 draft beer.

Enter to win a private Super Bowl party for 10. For every game you watch on the big screen your name will be entered into the drawing. The winner will be announced after the final game on Jan. 20. Private party will consist of special seating in front of the big screen with heavy snacks and free draft beer.



Kingsville - Jan. 5 after losing a nine point lead with 28 seconds left in overtime, the Texas A&M-Kingsville men's basketball team rallied in the final 20 seconds to beat Texas A&M-Commerce 91-88.

The win gave the Javelinas a season-best six-game winning streak and improved their record to 11-2 while the Lions fell to 5-8.

A&M Kingsville out-rebounded A&M-Commerce 42-36, including 15 offensive rebounds.

The Javelinas trailed by as many as eight in the first half before Love's 3-point shot at the buzzer cut the gap to 36-35 at the intermission.

The game featured 17 ties and 11 lead changes.



## The Hog Pen

### Texas A&M University at Kingsville Sports Scoreboard

Kingsville - Jan. 5 the Texas A&M-Kingsville women's basketball team played the #17 team in the nation, Texas A&M-Commerce, even for the first 30 minutes of the game, but the Lions outplayed the Javelinas in the final 10 minutes to win 65-58.

The loss dropped the Javelinas to 4-7 while the Lions won their sixth straight and improved to 10-2.

The Javelinas cut the lead to four, 57-53 with 4:06 remaining, but could get no closer.

The Lions outscored the Javelinas by six at the free throw line in the second half after A&M-Kingsville had outscored A&M-Commerce by six from the line in the first half.



### Tough Loss for Midshipmen

SAN DIEGO (Dec. 20, 2007) Navy running back Reggie Campbell (7) takes a pitch from quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada during the 4th quarter of the 2008 Poinsetta Bowl in San Diego. Navy played behind for most of the game but closed to within three points in the final period, losing 35-32 in front of a record crowd of 39,000. Navy grounded out more than 300 yards on the ground during the game, but turnovers proved costly. The two 8-4 teams battled until the closing seconds of the season's first bowl game, but the Utes pulled the win when a Navy pass was intercepted with seconds remaining. Photo by MC2 Christopher D. Blachly.

### NASK's version of the "Biggest Loser"

Register now! Teams consist of 3 participants (same or mixed gender.) Sign your team up NLT Jan. 25.

Weigh-ins will be held Fri., Feb 1. For more information call MWR Gear Issue at 516-6171.

### Bowling Leagues



#### In The Dog House League Final Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Dreamers	47.5	24.5	--
2. 3 Minds in the Gutter	38.0	34.0	9.5
3. Slick Willies!	36.0	36.0	11.5
4. Lane Breakers	34.5	37.5	13.0
5. Hounds	33.0	39.0	14.5
6. Average Joes	27.0	45.0	20.5

#### Weekly High Scores:

Jon Zapalac 219 game, 585 series; Joe Constante 200 game, 538 series.

#### Wednesday Nite Mixed League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Kool Katz	34.0	18.0	--
2. DUHs	29.5	22.5	4.5
3. Skippy Strikes	27.5	24.5	6.5
4. Laugh Out Loud	27.0	25.0	7.0
5. Sharp Shooters	25.0	27.0	9.0
6. Pete's Angels	23.5	28.5	10.5
7. Sixty Forty	23.5	28.5	10.5
8. Big K Rollers	18.0	34.0	16.0

#### Weekly High Scores:

(Men) Vic Kuntscher 267/700; John Zapalac 252/635; Monty Bryant 238. (Women) Valerie Fuhrken 222; Sylvia Herrera 209/690

### School Age Care Day Camp

Feb. 1 for children of Active Duty, DoD civilians and long term station contractors with a current MWR card. For more information call the Youth Center at 516-6718.