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## Hawks Landing and Hunters Cove team-up to bring home a glistening "Crystal Award"

By Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Each year, NAS Kingsville's (NASK) Housing Director, Lynn Early, and the management of the air station's Private Public Venture housing management agency (PPV) gear up for the annual CEL & Associates, Inc.'s National Survey of Resident Satisfaction. The survey determines whether or not an installation will be awarded the prestigious Crystal Award or A-list award for one or all of their residential facilities. This year NAS Kingsville not only brought home the prestigious Crystal Award but Hawks Landing was awarded their fifth consecutive A-list award. Miya Smith, Surveys and Housing Assessment Program Manager, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) explained more about the awards.

"The Crystal Award for Real Estate Service Excellence is bestowed on those entire installations that are the best in the industry as rated by residents using the CEL & Associates, Inc.'s National Survey of Resident Satisfaction. This is the highest customer service distinction award by



*Capt. Phil Waddingham (left) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville met with Rosa Quintanilla, Hawks Landing Property Manager; Michelle Aubin, Hunters Cove Property Manager; and Lynn Early, NASK Housing Director to congratulate the team on being awarded the prestigious Crystal Award for Real Estate Excellence.*

CEL for military housing and is indeed an honor that demonstrates ongoing hard work and dedication to service excellence. The Crystal Awards is given to government and privatized locations that have a combined average Service Score of 85 or higher and a combined average response

rate of 20% or more at all of their neighborhoods, buildings and complexes."

The survey itself consists of numerous questions for housing tenants regarding the on-site management, maintenance, community features, readiness to solve problems, responsiveness to follow through, property appearance, quality of maintenance and management, retention and more importantly, how effective the PPV partnership manages the housing. Those scores determine the best of the best.

The "A List Award" is also determined through the CEL survey with the same grading criteria as that of the Crystal Award however, it is an individual PPV award and NASK Hawks Landing, managed by Landmark Residential, LP and Realm Group out of Austin, Texas once again received the A-List Award for their fifth consecutive year.

With a staff of only three people main-

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## New test cell facility earmarked

News release sent by Danny Guerra, Communications Manager, Rep. Solomon P. Ortiz staff

Texas Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz announced this week that the Navy has awarded a contract to Burns & McDonald Engineering Company (of Kansas City, Mo.) that will spend \$32 million for the design and construction of jet cell test facilities at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. All the work on

the project will be done at NAS Kingsville with a project completion date of 2010.

"This will allow NAS Kingsville [and Training Air Wing TWO] to sustain and develop their robust jet training program of the T-45 Goshawk," Ortiz said. "I am excited that the construction of this

facility will have an impact on future training operations at NAS Kingsville and the local [Kingsville] community."

Ortiz visited the air station in December and met with NAS Kingsville and Training Air wing TWO leaders to get an overview of the T-45 training program.

Now available on the NAS Kingsville Web Site ([www.nask.navy.mil](http://www.nask.navy.mil)) Team Kingsville "Flying the Future"



## From the Bridge ...



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

Good Afternoon, NAS Kingsville!

How many of you out there have ever heard the phrase, "everyone is a Safety Officer?" I know I have. In fact, I have used the phrase myself many times during my career. The statement is self explanatory, really. Whatever your position on the team or organization you are a part of, you have an obligation to perform the function of looking at things through the eyes of a safety observer. If you observe a situation or activity that is unsafe, and could result in injury, then you must take note and report the situation to the proper officials so that the unsafe situation or activity can be fixed, thereby making it no longer a safety concern. Piggy-backing on that theme, has anyone ever heard the phrase, "everyone is a First Lieutenant?" Ok, here is where I admit that I have not. Not until my recent visit, anyway, to our sister base in Meridian, Mississippi, proud home of NAS Meridian and Training Air Wing One.

During my quick visit, I was given a tour by the base Commanding Officer, Capt. Russ "Gladys" Knight. I was clearly impressed with some of the facilities on board the naval air station, and the dense pine forests made me homesick for the Pacific Northwest, where I have spent almost half of my naval career. I think I made the comment about feeling a slight case of sensory overload while driving around the base. Not that brown is not a nice color, but those of you who have traveled up North during your lifetime know what I am saying.

I asked Gladys how he keeps the base looking so nice. His answer was simple. "Everyone is a First Lieutenant," he told me. He went on to say that when he addresses all of the newcomers to Meridian, he explains they are both "Safety Officers," and "First Lieutenants." I knew exactly what he was talking about, and honestly, I was surprised I had not heard that pitch before during all of my days in Navy

organizations. It seemed so easy, and the results spoke volumes of how well the concept had been institutionalized at NAS Meridian.

Now I know not everyone out there among our readers speaks, "Navy." So allow me to indulge on the subject and provide an explanation as to what I am talking about. The term, "First Lieutenant," is a position rather than a rank when used in naval vernacular. The officer in charge of the "First Lieutenant Division" is often a senior Lieutenant in the command, but can also be fairly junior. It depends on what the commanding officer has in mind for the professional growth and development of his junior officers. In the days of sailing ships, the First Lieutenant was for all intents and purposes the second in command of the ship. Today, that position belongs to the executive officer, and the First Lieutenant is responsible for the general upkeep of the command, its material condition and its cleanliness.

Armed with this new leadership tool, I embarked on my trip back to NAS Kingsville, and began to spread the word. Everyone here at Kingsville is both a Safety Officer, and a First Lieutenant.

Does this mean you need to take out the trash? Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't. It definitely means you should take pride in your workplace, and keep it in a reasonable state of cleanliness. It also means you should place trash in proper receptacles, and inform the chain of command when they are full. It means doing your part to make a difference and make our base better.

Which leads me to my real point this week. I am committed to making our base better. Go back and pull out my first Flying K article submission of (Aug. 17, 2007). In that article I articulated my three focus areas during my tour, 1) to serve, 2) to support, and 3) to sustain improvement. In order to accomplish these tasks, we have operationalized the way we do business at NAS Kingsville. Most of this has been transparent to you. The biggest change we have incorporated into our way of doing business is to establish an executive steering committee. This team, comprised of the commanding officer, executive officer, command master chief, and business manager, are committed to finding ways to improve our quality of life, quality of service, and readiness. We also target performance and recognition, and long range planning. Each of these core

competencies are monitored by an integrated performance team comprised of five to seven members from across different pay grades, military and civilian, and different departments.

I have indicated to my staff, and I am in complete agreement with Capt. Davis, that we must reject the old ways of doing business here at Kingsville, where substandard conditions are accepted as status quo. We deserve better than that. The tax payers expect better for us.

I have expressed my views in previous articles that 2008 will be a challenging, and rewarding year for us. I believe that. But we have to make some changes.

Most of you are aware that the Chapel has been closed until further notice. It is an icon on this base, a symbol of hope and comfort, and a reminder of times long ago. Built in 1942, it is named after Chaplain McFall who established his ministry here at Kingsville, before serving overseas and giving his life for his country. Today, it is infested with rodents, has severe structural issues, and is a fire hazard. It is neither a safe nor healthful environment for worship or any other activity, and my only recourse was to secure it. I did this knowing full well I would be putting our own house of worship at risk of being demolished, but I would not compromise on safety and health and put our people at risk.

The way ahead for a new Chapel is not without challenges. But you have my firm commitment to build one here at NAS Kingsville. It is simply unimaginable for me to think of a Naval Air Station of any kind, let alone one where half of the Navy and Marine Corps Jet pilots are trained, not having a shining beacon of hope where religious services are held, weddings, wingings, and other everyday activities and get-togethers are held.

And there are other areas we may have to close, perhaps temporarily as in the case of the Club kitchen this week, or permanently. As we forge ahead, it is our intent to build a base that we can all be proud of. It is my goal to make this base, NAS Kingsville, the best base to work at in the next four years. I believe we can do this, but I will need your help in order to make a difference.

Have you made a difference today?

Skipper Waddz sends.

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## In The Break ...



**Capt. Bill "BD" Davis**  
Commander, Training Air Wing TWO

Hard to believe it is already January – January 2008. Before we know it we will be in the middle of summer and wishing for those cool days of January and December. Before I forget, February 14 is just down the road and we need to remember those special people in our life. The VT-21 wives are selling roses - for those of you like me who tend to procrastinate – and will do all of the leg work to order roses and have them ready for you on that special day!

There is a lot going on around the base and I am sure that Capt. Waddingham will provide me details in his column, but I thought I should fill you in on some of the happenings around the base. First, the Chapel is currently closed due to health and safety concerns. In addition, the Club is temporarily closed to rehab the kitchen and bring the service line back within standards. This will impact food service at the Club for the next couple of weeks but in the end we will have better facilities and service. The base is working diligently to get things back up and running, but the fact of the matter is, this base has been underfunded for some time and some of our facilities have not been maintained in the manner that both we and the taxpayers expect. All ideas are welcome, so feel free to send your ideas to either myself or Capt. Waddingham. For too long we have just accepted these discrepancies

as part of "living in Kingsville". Both Capt. Waddingham and I believe this is not acceptable and we owe it to you to make things better.

Until further notice Chapel services will be held in the Chaplain's conference room, located in the Wing building on the first floor until funding can be provided for a new Chapel. Food service is available at the bowling alley and the flight line kitchen should still be providing food service for all of you flying three times a day. There are plans in work to improve that food service as well as the working spaces and the hangar, but it will take time and your help in developing the way ahead to improve these facilities. Cmdr. Carr, my chief staff officer and Cmdr. Allen, the base executive officer will be touring our facilities to document those areas that need improvement and to prioritize the efforts to get them back in better condition.

These improvements will be forwarded to Navy Region South for incorporation into the bases facility and improvement plan. Rear Adm. Vitale, Navy Region South East, will be here next month and this will be one of the topics for discussion – getting the base and our facilities back up to the standards we all require and expect. This base supports fifty percent of the Strike Aviators headed to the fleet and should reflect that significant undertaking. We, the base and the wing, have provided a request for an avian radar system to help reduce the risk to our aircrew and aircraft due to the high bird activity associated with NAS Kingsville. We are pushing to get something on line in the near time and I will let you know how that progresses. These are positive steps and I look forward to your inputs and ideas, because we are all part of the solution! Best wishes, BD

## Families learn of crash victims

Fanny S. Chirinos and Beth Wilson, Corpus Christi Caller Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — The family of one of three men killed in a Navy helicopter crash Wednesday thought their son had returned to safety when he came back to Corpus Christi last month from Bahrain.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexander LeMarr's family, including two sisters, a brother and seven nieces and nephews, gathered Friday at his parents' home in Parker, Colo., about 25 miles south of Denver.

His father, Lou LeMarr, said his son, an aviation warfare system operator, had called Wednesday morning to say he would be flying that night. When the morning news on Thursday had a ticker about a helicopter crash in Texas, the family immediately figured it was their son.

The family waited until about 11 a.m. Thursday for the Navy to confirm the details in person.

"It's a terrible waste," LeMarr's father said. "We all kind of thought he was going to be safer here."

Navy officials Friday identified LeMarr, 25, Lt. Joshua Gross, 30, of Johnson City, N.Y., and Petty Officer 2nd Class David Davison, 22, of Guthrie, Okla., as the three airmen killed in the crash. Davison also served as an aviation warfare system operator.

Guthrie Mayor Chuck Burtcher described Davison as smart, sharp as a whip and confident.

"He was quiet but had an air of confidence about him, and was just the kind of young man you would like for your son to be," Burtcher said. "I could search a dictionary looking for every superlative out there about the great young man he was."

A 35-year-old pilot survived the crash and his condition was upgraded Friday from critical to fair, hospital officials said. The Navy is not releasing his name but officials said he was from out of state.

Corpus Christi was LeMarr's first duty station after school in Norfolk, Va. He had been in the Navy four years and had been stationed at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi for several years. Gross and Davison had been at the base for about six months.

Lou LeMarr said his son loved playing uncle to his six nephews and one niece, playing video games, wrestling and taking them for rides in his off-road Jeep.

"He enjoyed coming home and being the big uncle," he said.

LeMarr said his son last visited their Colorado home in July, but the family connected via a Web cam on Christmas Eve.

"He was able to watch us all open our gifts," he said.

LeMarr said the way his son talked about Sea Dragon helicopters made him wonder if mechanical failure contributed to the accident.

"He was concerned about those helicopters he was flying, their age, the number of hours they had on them," he said.

The MH-53E Sea Dragon anti-mine helicopter was reported down at about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday between Corpus Christi and Petronila, between County Road 61 and Farm-to-Market Road 2444. It had been on a routine training mission.

The bulk of the charred helicopter wreckage was wedged beneath guy wires for a 1,000-foot-tall communications transmission tower that serves the South Texas Public Broadcasting System. It is unclear if hitting the tower caused the accident or the tower was struck during the crash.

The four service members were assigned to the HM-15 Blackhawk squadron at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

"We grieve with you and are here for you," Cmdr. Frank Dowd, who leads the squadron, said Friday afternoon during a news conference on base.

Dowd also thanked first responders to the crash. "I'm in awe of the overwhelming support we've received from the community," he said.

Further details about the crash were not released, pending two investigations by the Navy — one a safety investigation and the other a command initiative to determine the cause and culpability, which can take months.



**LT Joshua Gross**



**AW2 David Davidson**



**AW2 Alexander LeMarr**

## Community Corner



**Cmdr. Frank Allen**  
Executive Officer,  
NAS Kingsville

### Santa Fe Ranch, Kenedy County –

The wind carried an unfamiliar voice across the dry lake bottom. “Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!” A group of spotted cows stood a short distance away and stared in our general direction ruminat-

ing on the purpose their uninvited guests. A second later, the three pound block of C-4 detonated with a deafening thud. A fireball shot out of the ground followed by a geyser of sandy soil and black smoke. The shock wave raced to the edge of the lake bottom and out into the dry mesquite beyond. The cows hastily retreated into the brush without looking back. I suppose a firepower demonstration of this magnitude caused the lake bottom to lose much of its former appeal. John Pinkston, whose family owns the Santa Fe Ranch, smiled as he handed the remote detonator back to SSGT Michael Credidio of the Lackland AFB EOD team. Clearly, Pinkston had a natural appreciation for ordnance. “So that’s it then?” he asked. “That’s it.” Credidio replied.

*It was a 50 year old practice bomb that had likely*

been unintentionally released by a T-28 over the Santa Fe Ranch decades ago. Designated a “container bomb” this inert training device had an interesting history. Recently re-discovered by a group of quail hunters, Pinkston related that the device had originally been discovered years earlier by a couple of cowboys who marked the location but were unable to find it again when they returned days later. Over time the story of this elusive bomb merged with other more ancient Santa Fe Ranch legends like the tale of a headless cowboy who occasionally patrols the brush near the Chapa Rosa camp. Murdered by a jealous husband, the cowboy’s apparition appears near the camp and then glides onto the lake bottom vanishing in those places beyond the darkness.

All that remained of the container bomb after the explosion were tiny fragments. Bits of history mixed together, but the legend of the mysterious Santa Fe Ranch bomb had finally been laid to rest. Sheriff Ramon Salinas of Kenedy County, who had helped with the extraction and disposal of the bomb, held one of these fragments in his hand. “Souvenir” I asked? “Something like that” He replied. “Think there’s any more of these out there” Salinas asked? “Let’s hope not” was my response. Moments later SSGT Credidio approached, “We’re about done here” he said. I noticed he had an old bleached cow skull in his right hand. “Souvenir” I asked. “Something like that...we’re going to hang this in our office” was the response. I smiled. He turned and started for the EOD truck, then turned back. “If you need EOD support again, be sure to ask for me

and my crew. We really like it out here” “You got it.” Not bad for an Air Force guy I thought.

As we rode back to town I reflected on the unique character of this country. The sense of community that exists outside the fence line of NAS Kingsville is unsurpassed. When John Pinkston re-discovered the old practice bomb he didn’t call CNN and report that the Navy had just bombed his ranch. He called me. When we lost two T-45s recently on King Ranch I called Butch Thompson. Butch said, “Tell us what you need and you’ve got it.” One phone call and we had all the bases covered. Try doing that at Oceana or Jacksonville. Next time: Blu vs. The Rattlesnake.



**Aero 4B practice bomb.**



**Inside of Aero 4B.**



**MK 23 a submunition within the Aero 4B.**

### Digging Up Bones

One thing about Naval Aviation that I find interesting is that every now and then we uncover a little bit of our own history. I guess you could say that was what happened in a field on John Pinkston’s ranch last week when a group of local quail hunters came across the old training “bomb” buried in

the dirt. I’m pretty sure they didn’t immediately jump up and down for joy. I know I wouldn’t have. When Pinkston heard the story he followed the hunters to the spot, bent down and took a slow, careful look, and thanked God that it wasn’t what he thought it was. Otherwise, he might not be here today to tell his side of the story.

This reminds me of my tour in Guam when my Executive Officer and I went off on a trip through the boonies in search of an old cave rumored to exist on a remote part of the base. Supposedly, Japanese WWII aircraft parts were stashed away inside the cave. And my XO, much like Cmdr. Allen, is one of those history buffs that go out of their way to get a glimpse of

the past. So, there we were, trampling through the thick underbrush, dodging the rain, the mud and the mosquitoes. Then, it appeared; a tiny opening in the side of a small hill. The XO tossed down his flashlight and scooted his 6-foot body into the tiny hole and disappeared. A few minutes later he popped his head out and asked me to hand him the flashlight. “I found something,” he said. Then he disappeared again.

As the minutes passed, I wondered what he was doing in there. I didn’t see a need to go inside myself, figuring there was really little I could offer; especially if the cave collapsed.

When the XO eventually made his way out of the cave, he brought with him two small bits of history. One, a small piece of what looked to be an old Navy aircraft tail, and the other, a pair of vintage binoculars that featured the engraving “Made in the U.S.A.”

A few months later when I went to check out with the XO, I noticed the items on his desk. I smiled. “You should probably lock up your treasure,” I joked.

“It’s not just my treasure,” he replied with a grin, “it belongs to history.”

Perhaps Mr. Pinkston shared those feelings when the Lackland AFB EOD team showed up from San Antonio to determine just what it was he unearthed on his ranch. Maybe he was disappointed that it was just an

old “practice bomb” that was never really armed. Maybe he wasn’t disappointed at all.

The fact is, what he actually found, had been lost decades ago. Had it had been uncovered back then there would hardly have been any excitement at all. The “bomb” would have been dug up, tossed in the back of a flatbed, and taken back to the base. End of story.

But time has a way of changing the way we look at things. Today, unearthing that training “bomb” caused a little excitement ... for the rancher, the EOD team, the Kenedy County Sheriffs Department, and for a salty old Executive Officer who wanted to take a few historic photos.

However it turned out, it’s hard to be disappointed. At least the XO got out of the office and away from the paperwork. That in itself is a historic occasion.

**The base Chapel is closed until further notice. All chapel services will be held in bldg 2741 in the Chaplain’s Multipurpose Room.**



**By Jon Gagné**  
Public Affairs Officer

### “Team NAS Kingsville” MVPs (Most Valuable People)

Share their thoughts on their job and the community

EN3 Acevedo assists the Agency Program Coordinator with the travel and purchase card programs. She is a Sexual Assault Victim Intervention representative and a member of the NASK Honor Guard.



**EN3 Brenda Acevedo**  
Agency Program  
Coordinator Assistant

What she enjoys most about her job and the community is...

“I like the fact that Kingsville is a small town. And I like the fact that the base is small and everyone is friendly.”

Hometown: New York, N.Y.

Chad is a retired Air Force Master Sgt.



**Chad Walker**  
Contractor (MANCON)  
Administration Dept.

What he enjoys most about his job and the community is...

“The satisfaction of still being able to contribute to the military without having to put up with the 3 a.m. recalls. I was born and raised here, then I was gone for 20-years, now it is just good to be back home.”

Hometown: Kingsville, Texas

GM1 Hooks trains both military and civilian personnel on weapons handling, qualifications and marksmanship as well as CPR.



**GM1(SW/AW) Kevin Hooks**  
Base Security (Training)

What he enjoys most about his job and the community is...

I enjoy the quiet, the short lines at the stores and places of business, the weather, and the magnificent sunsets.

Hometown: Houston, Texas

### Briefly Speaking

Warning signs are being posted at Dick Kleberg Park along the edge of Escondido Creek warning park patrons to beware of alligators, Kleberg County Parks and Recreation Director Susan Ivy said today.

A higher than usual number of sightings of alligators at the water’s edge of the park have also been reported to the city-county health department and the Kleberg County Sheriff’s Department.

Ivy said Texas Parks and Wildlife officials told her the increased sightings of alligators are happening throughout the South Texas area because of heavy spring and summer rainfall.

Ivy said parks and wildlife personnel said that under no circumstance should anyone attempt to capture the gators.



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## DAILY NEWS UPDATE

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NAVAL MEDIA CENTER

## “Sailor of the Year” highlights first awards ceremony of 2008

Story and photos by Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Capt. Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville (NASK) presented a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Master-at-Arms 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Dwayne K. Carpenter for his selection as the air station's 2007 Sailor of the Year during a ceremony Jan. 10 at The Club Community Ballroom. In addition to Carpenter, Waddingham also recognized the performance of two other Sailors.

Carpenter was selected from a strong group of nominees that included top performers from all departments. His citation cited his superb leadership in the management of more than 160 military and civilian personnel performing anti-terrorism and force protection duties as Security's Leading Petty Officer. He was also responsible for the establishment of two remote command posts for coordinating crash and salvage efforts of two T-45 mishaps. Carpenter was also instrumental in maintaining the highest level of readiness for 10 Individual Augmentee (IA) volunteers and their families.

The 14-year Navy veteran attributes his success to his ability to “always assess the way your command, department,

### 2008 Sailor of the Year



**MA1(SW) Dwayne K. Carpenter**  
Navy and Marine Corps  
Achievement Medal

is a great honor. Throughout my tour here, I've met some extraordinary people who never cease to amaze me by their dedication. Personnel who maintain 24 hour security readiness yet, still volunteer for challenging IA assignments in Iraq, Afghanistan and Cuba. I have worked with personnel from every department who have all given me insight of the high-quality performers we have on board here. All of these experiences make me proud to be part of the outstanding NAS Kingsville team.”

Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare) Miguel D. Estrella was presented with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his superior performance as Facility Watch Su-

division, and you personally conduct day-to-day business and look for answers on how these methods can be improved.” His one piece of advice to others is that “no one person achieves great things without the efforts of those around them.” He added “being selected as the Sailor of the Year

award cited his exemplary performance while enduring the intense South Texas heat while leading a team of military members in the clearance of extensive brush to allow access to two crashed T-45 aircraft enabling the recovery and investigation teams to safely recover the two aircraft from the thick brush and debris. His efforts were instrumental in the safe recovery and timely completion of both mishaps.

Leger also received a Letter of Commendation for his efforts while serving as a Navy Ball Committee Member. Leger's dedication to fundraising activities helped the committee raise over eight thousand dollars to help offset the cost of the tickets and the ball. His efforts contributed to the huge success of NASK's 2007 Navy Birthday Ball.

During his tour of duty at NAS Kingsville, he flawlessly managed 36 thousand square miles of airspace which includes five military operating areas and seven civilian/military airports. His leadership was instrumental in the success of one million flight operations that yielded 750 new naval aviators. Estrella's inspired leadership of a 30-man Air Traffic Control Watch team resulted in the team completing of over 600 professional qualifications. Estrella will be transferring on Feb. 1 to the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). While his experience and expertise will be sorely missed, he will no doubt make the same impact at his new command and in the fleet as he did here.

Other awards presented included a pair of Letters of Commendation to Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (Surface Warfare) Anthony Leger. His first



**AC1(AW/SW) Miguel D. Estrella**  
Navy and Marine Corps  
Achievement Medal



**BMI(SW) Anthony Leger**  
Two Letters of Commendation

(Hawks Landing continued from page 1)

taining 102 units on the 30 acre property, Rosa Quintanilla, property manager, attributes Hawks Landing's success to her staff. Property maintenance manager Bill Allen handles all the maintenance work, and housekeeper Mary Clemmons ensures the units are cleaned when they become vacant. However, it was Quintanilla and her staff's ingenuity that created a Disney-like atmosphere for the residents making the Hawks Landing living experience a pleasure.

Quintanilla said “it's a total team effort. My staff is very good at what they do. I can take off and relax knowing that they are going to handle it. My housekeeper also takes care of the office when I'm gone and



**Hawks Landing**

Bill has been in the business a long time so he knows what to do.”

According to Early, this professional approach to managing the facility is what makes the difference. “All of the PPV staffs are professional and have a very positive attitude.” She said. “Hawks Landing's staff never says ‘I can't do that.’ In fact, just the other day a man called about his hot water heater and before he even got home from work they had it changed out. He could hardly believe that Rosa had already went out and bought a new one and replaced the one that wasn't working.”

Quintanilla utilizes the monthly petty cash fund provided by LLC, the owner, developer and management company responsible for up-

keep of Hawks Landing, in ways that benefit the residents. For example, she held a Halloween party for the residents that was headlined with numerous activities for parents and children. On another occasion, she set up distribution tables in two areas of the complex to serve “breakfast-on-the-run” for residents.

It's Quintanilla's proactive management style and the dedication of her staff that continues to make the residents of Hawks Landing feel like more than just another housing community. And, with Hawks Landing scoring first in 10 of the 12 categories in the survey, it's not difficult to see why they were ranked as the very best PPV within the entire Navy Region Southeast



**Hunters Cove**

(NRSE) area, and third best in the entire Navy.

Hunters Cove raised its score more than 10 points from last year, just missing the A-List cutoff by a single digit. However, had it not been for the joint efforts of Hunters Cove and Hawks Landing, Early would only be accepting one award at the sixth annual CNIC A-List Awards Ceremony Jan. 31, in Denver. Fortunately, the “total team concept” paid off.

All in all, the joint efforts and partnerships of CNIC, PPV property managers and base housing directors are what ensures service members throughout the world are provided the highest quality of service at an adequate and affordable price. And that's a winning solution no matter what way you look at it.

# RESPECT

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J.R. Perez Elementary School.



The future!



Gillett Intermediate Student Council.



Sue (left) and Ed Williams, Black Heritage DMLKJ Committee members.



NAS Kingsville Honor Guard (Left to right) AC3 Carlos Lopez, AC3 Danny Tarrega and AC2 Nick Morgan.



Parade Grand Marshal Mr. Walter Hunter.

# DIGNITY



Kleberg County Sheriffs Mounted Patrol.

# TOGETHERNESS



Kleberg Elementary School.



H.M. King High School - Mighty Brahma Marching Band, Kingsville.



Santa Gertrudis School.



Kingsville Community Mass Choir.

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## Audio Books Program a great benefit for military families

By Ensign Jan Shultis, Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — Military spouses and families are encouraged to take advantage of their access to free audio books, movies, and music now available through the Navy's audio books program.

Popular titles, foreign language lessons, and even children's movies are available for download through Navy Knowledge Online by all active-duty, retired, reserve, and dependent members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

"The downloadable audio book program is made available through Morale, Welfare, and Recreation funds," said Nellie Moffitt, the head of the Navy General Library Program. "We purchase books just like in a regular library, and maintain the Web site so that Sailors will have access."

Currently, the online library houses over 8,000 audio books, 400 eBooks, 600 videos and 1,400 albums. Educational materials such as foreign language books and manuals, and books on the Chief of Naval Operation's Navy Professional Reading list are also available for download.

To access the audio books program, log into [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil) click on the link to "Navy Library Econtent" on the right side of the page under the "reference" section. Next, click on the banner that reads "Download eBooks, audio books, music, and video," to access the myriad of titles available. A user account must be established to check out materials.

"I love audio books," said Terry Welch, whose wife is currently serving

in the Navy Nurse Corps here in Pensacola. "I listen to them in the car to break the monotony of hearing the same songs on the radio. I also enjoy listening to them when I run long distances."

Over 400 titles were selected specifically for children. New titles are added to the library regularly, in categories ranging from classic literature and juvenile fiction to business and finance or comic and graphic books.

"My sons also enjoy them," said Welch. "On family car trips, we have even been known to drive past our destination for a few minutes, just to finish listening to a great story."

There are several guidelines for using of the library. Titles are served through the Overdrive Media Console, and cannot be downloaded to Navy computers, or used on iPods, Macs or Zunes. While these restrictions may make it difficult for a Sailor at sea to access the library, the families of military personnel can always take advantage of the program. Items may be downloaded to personal computers, non-iPod listening devices or even CD's.

Five items may be downloaded at a time. Due to high customer demand, all audio books and music titles are available to the user for 10 days, and video titles may be checked out for five days; after that period, the title must be checked out again.

For more information or to establish an account, visit Navy Knowledge Online at [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil).

For more news from the Naval Education and Training Command, visit [www.news.navy.mil/local/cnet/](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cnet/).



## Welcome Aboard!

The following people have recently reported to NAS Kingsville.



**1st Lt. Jeffrey P. Andrews**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
New City, N.Y.

**ENS Andrew Wendth**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-  
Albany, N.Y.

**1st Lt. Justin D. Floyd**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Huntsville, Ala.

**2nd Lt. Jeremy L. Monroe**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Chicago, Ill.

**AD1 Santos M. Rivas**  
Air Operations  
San Antonio, Texas

**2nd Lt. Brian M. Layman**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Baltimore, Md.

**ENS Taylor A. Hesse**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Collierville, Tenn.

**ENS Sean Brady**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Melbourne, Fla.

**ENS Kirtlan V. Lewis**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Greeley, Colo.

**2nd Lt. William T. Graves**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Charlotte, N.C.

**ENS Jake R. Baker**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Austin, Texas

**ENS Shaun A. Randell**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21  
Alta Loma, Calif.

**AME1 Marty A. Wood**  
Air Operations  
Longview, Texas

**ENS Andrew B. Burks**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Warren, Conn.

## Motor vehicle safety quiz

1. A service member is required by Navy/Marine Corps regulation to use a seat belt at all times, on and off the installation, while driving or riding in a PMV.

- (A) True  
(B) False

2. What are the three leading causes of fatal Navy and Marine Corps PMV crashes?

- (A) Speed, alcohol, and fatigue  
(B) Speed, alcohol, and following too close  
(C) Speed, alcohol, and non-use of seatbelts  
(D) Alcohol, fatigue, and non-use of seatbelts  
(E) Alcohol, fatigue, and failure to yield right of way.



3. Riders authorized to operate a motorcycle on an installation are required to complete:

- (A) Only state required training  
(B) Orientation training by the motorcycle seller  
(C) Industry provided motorcycle training course  
(D) A Navy or Marine Corps-approved motorcycle training course

4. The requirement for motorcycle safety applies to service members?

- (A) Off duty and on installation only  
(B) On duty and on installation only  
(C) At all times on or off duty and on or off installation  
(D) On duty or off installation on official business

(See page 9 for answers)

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## NAS Kingsville Recycling Program

**Facilities with military:** Dept Head will be responsible for designating someone to drop-off recycling.

**Where:** Public Works Seabee Division (Side Gate) BLDG 4714

**When:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Facilities without military:** Public Works will be around to pick up recycling in the afternoons upon your request.

### Who do I contact for pick-up?

**GSMC(SW) Eli Garcia**  
Public Works LCPO  
Ext. 6231

**BM1 Anthony Leger**  
Public Works  
Ext. 6603

**Don't we have any bins to use at our buildings already?** Yes. Many of the buildings on base already have blue recycling bins. Contact us if you need more.

**Is the base making any money?** Yes. We are selling our recycling to Dolphin Recycling in Corpus Christi.

**Where does the money go?** MWR

**Will it work?** With everyone's help on base, this program can be a huge success. We can save the base some money and make a little in return not to mention all the tons and tons of garbage we are keeping out of the landfills.



### Motor vehicle safety quiz answers:

1 - (A), 2 - (A), 3 - (D), 4 - (C)

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## TAX SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

The VITA office will be operating out of Bldg 2740, Rm. 106 starting on Monday, Feb. 4.

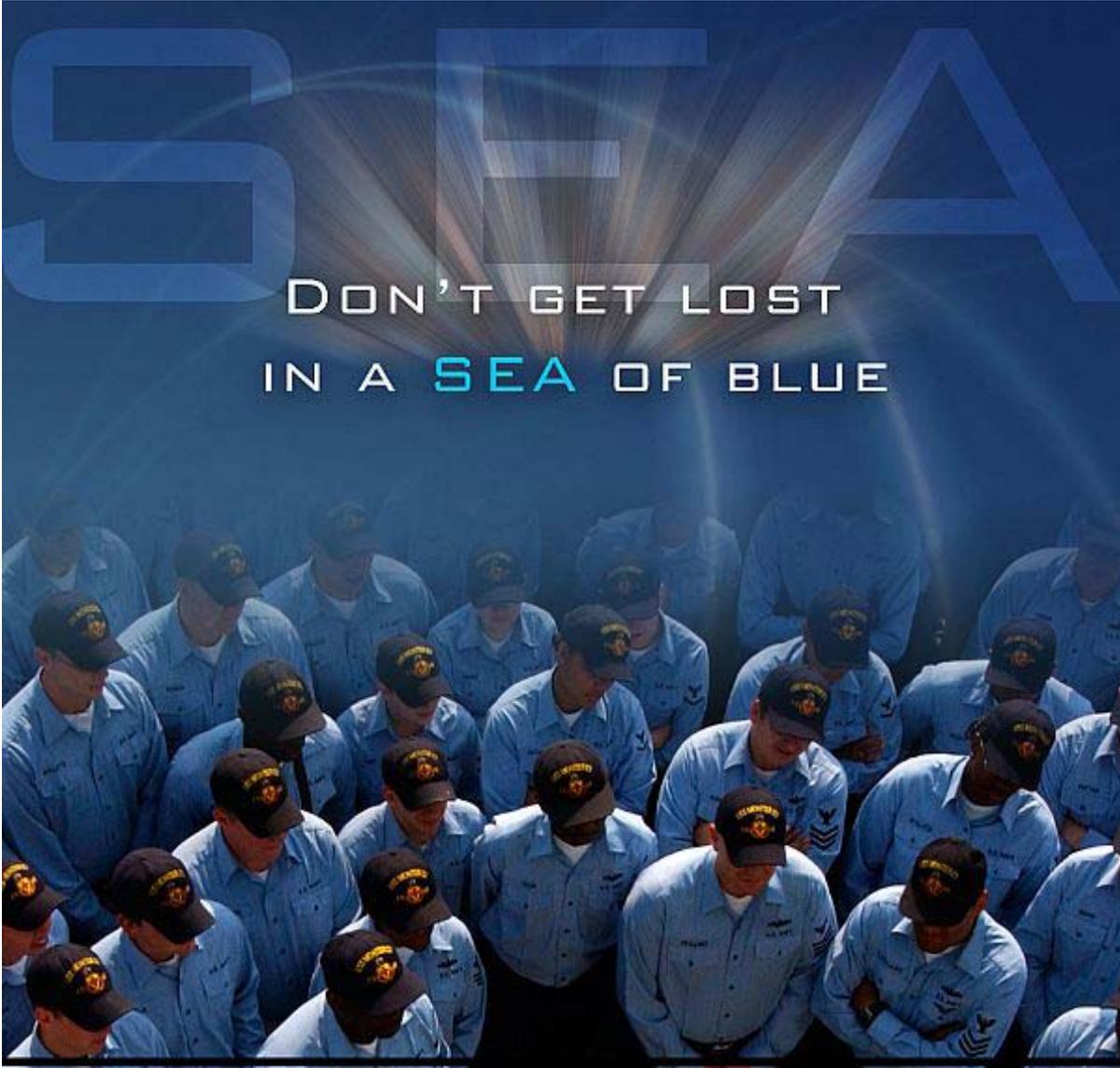
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## Kingsville Community Calendar

### TAMUK Basketball (1/30/2008)

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 West Texas A & M.

### 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.

## MWR NEWS

### 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.

### Holiday Youth Camp

Fri., Feb. 1: Arts, crafts, bowling, games, and fitness. Eligible patrons are children of active duty, reservists, DoD, DoJ, Border Patrol and long term contractors with an MWR card. Holiday camp hours are 6:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Mon. through Fri. For more information on School Camp or the After School Program call 516-6718.

### Station Library

How much do you know about middle earth? Stop by this month and get a quiz on "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." The contest ends 31 January.

Help us celebrate the Winne-the-Pooh stories author A. A. Milne's birthday on 18 Jan. Each child that brings in their favorite Pooh toy will receive a gift and treats.

Do you have a special talent or skill? The Library is looking for people to instruct others in their interests, i.e., knitting, quilting, Spanish, etc. For more information call 516-6271.

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

Sun., Jan. 20: Doubleheader: San Diego vs. New England (2 p.m.); New York Giants vs. Greenbay (5:30 p.m.).

#### Club opens at 1 p.m.

### Free Lumpia, Fried Rice and Pancit. \$1.00 draft beer.

Enter to win a private Super Bowl party for 10. Two chances remaining to win. One chance per playoff game. Party includes: prime seating, heavy snacks and free draft beer. Drawing will be held following the Giants vs. Packers game.

### Family Movie & Dinner Night

Fri., Feb. 1 from 6 - 9 p.m. in The Club Ballroom. The movie will be "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" with Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Portman, Jason Bateman, Zachary Mills, and Ted Ludzik.

Comedy, drama, kids and family science fiction fantasy rated G. Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium is the strangest, most fantastic, wonderful toy store in the world. In fact, it's a magic toy store and everything in it comes to life—including the store itself. The emporium asks only one thing of its customers--you must believe it to see it. Dinner - 12" pizza and 2 pitchers of pop for \$9.00, 2nd pizza only \$7.00 more. Call IIT at 516-6449 to reserve your pizza.



## 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

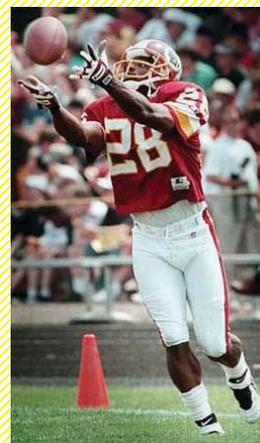


## The Hog Pen

### Hog Great Darrell Green Named Finalist For Pro Football Hall of Fame

Former Javelina All-American and Washington Redskins all-pro Darrell Green was named one of the 17 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Green hopes to join former Javelina great Gene Upshaw as a member of the hall.

Green, was a four-year letterman at Texas A&I University and earned All-American honors from the Associated Press and the



American Football Coaches Association as a senior. He was selected Lone Star Conference Most Valuable Player in 1982 and was a two-time All-Lone Star Conference pick. He also earned All-American honors in track as both a junior and senior. And was the NCAA Division II champion in the 100 and 200 in 1982.

He was later drafted in the first round by the Washington Redskins and went on to a remarkable 20-year career in the National Football League. He has previously been inducted into the Javelina Hall of Fame at Texas A&M-Kingsville. He was chosen for the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century in 1997 and was selected as the Defensive Player of the Quarter Century in Division II. Green holds the NFL record with at least one interception in 19 straight seasons. He also set an NFL record for the most seasons played with one team at 20 (1983-2002). He set Redskins records for most regular-season games played and most games started.

He began his pro career by being named Associated Press NFL Rookie of the Year and in 1991 he won the title as the "World's Fastest Man." He earned seven trips to the Pro Bowl (1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1996, 1997) and was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week five times. He was selected NFL man of the Year and awarded the Bart Starr and Ken Houston Humanitarian Awards in 1996.

He has received numerous humanitarian awards for his work with the youth in the Washington D.C. area and around the country and he founded the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, which provides financial and emotional support for Washington, D.C., youth and their families.