



Celebrating "National Women's History Month"

Navy missile likely hit fuel tank to shoot down disabled satellite



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By Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The missile fired from a U.S. Navy ship in the Pacific Ocean that hit a malfunctioning U.S. reconnaissance satellite late yesterday likely accomplished its goal of destroying the satellite's toxic fuel tank, a senior U.S. military officer said here today.

Preliminary reports indicate the SM-3 missile struck its primary target, which was a tank full of toxic hydrazine rocket fuel carried aboard the 5,000-pound satellite, Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

"The intercept occurred. ... We're very confident that we hit the satellite," Cartwright said. "We also have a high degree of confidence that we got the tank."

Video shown to reporters depicts the satellite exploding at the point of contact with the missile. Cartwright said the visible fireball and the vapor cloud or plume around it suggest that the fuel tank was hit and the hydrazine had burned up.

"The high-definition imagery that we have indicates that we hit the spacecraft right in the area of the tank," Cartwright said.

However, he added, it probably would take another 24 to 48 hours of sifting through data "to get to a point where we are very comfortable with our analysis that we indeed breached the tank."

Radar sweeps of the satellite's debris field thus far show that no parts larger than a football survived the strike, Cartwright said. Post-

strike surveillance shows satellite debris falling into the atmosphere above the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, he said. Small remnants are likely to burn up in the atmosphere, never making it to the Earth's surface.

The U.S. State Department has provided updates on the situation to its embassies around the world, Cartwright noted. There are no reports of debris

reaching the Earth, he said, adding that consequence-management crews are on standby to respond to such a circumstance, if required.

The SM-3 missile was launched by the USS Lake Erie, positioned northwest of Hawaii, at 10:26 p.m. EST yesterday, Cartwright said. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, who is on an overseas trip, gave the go-ahead to fire, Cartwright said.

The missile intercepted the satellite about 153 nautical miles above the Earth, just before it began to enter the atmosphere, Cartwright said. Joint Space Operations Center technicians at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., confirmed the satellite's breakup about 24 minutes later.

The National Reconnaissance Office-managed satellite malfunctioned soon after it was launched in 2006, making it unresponsive to ground control. The satellite, orbiting Earth every 90 minutes or so, was expected to fall to Earth in February or March with its tank of hydrazine intact, possibly endangering human populations.

President Bush directed the Defense Department to engage the satellite just before it entered the atmosphere. U.S. officials decided to shoot down the satellite because of the danger posed by the hazardous hydrazine, Cartwright explained, noting the goal was for the missile to hit and rupture the tank of rocket fuel, causing the hydrazine to burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere, along with debris from the stricken satellite.

"So, you can imagine at the point of intercept last night there were a few cheers from people who have spent many days working on this project," Cartwright said.



PACIFIC OCEAN (Feb 20, 2008) At a single modified tactical Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) launches from the U.S. Navy AEGIS cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), successfully impacting a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite approximately 247 kilometers (133 nautical miles) over the Pacific Ocean, as it traveled in space at more than 17,000 mph. President George W. Bush decided to bring down the satellite because of the likelihood that the satellite could release hydrazine fuel upon impact, possibly in populated areas. U.S. Navy photo.



From the Bridge ...



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

Good day, Kingsville!

I write this week's article while on a TAD assignment in Millington, Tenn. It's cold here—in fact it snowed yesterday. I miss South Texas very much!

Hope all were able to cast their votes this week in our state's primary elections and caucuses. It is a privilege to vote, and I would say as taxpayers and citizens, it is indeed an obligation.

As I write, I am aware that our sister base, NAS Meridian, home of Training Air Wing One, lost a jet from VT-9 March 4. Both pilots got out safely. The cause of the mishap is under investigation, but this event serves to remind us that what we do is hard and oftentimes dangerous, but it is bigger than all of us, so we do it together as a team. These are the words of retired Adm. John Nathman, former Commander, Fleet Forces Command, and Air Boss. I try to remind myself of these words as often as I can.

As we press on through the early part of March, much is being finalized for our upcoming Air Show. Demos, static displays, VIP flights with the Blues, sound systems, rental vehicles, and other attractions are being coordinated. A lot of hard work is being done by your Kingsville

Team to make this a world class event. I for one can't wait for the gates to open!

Lastly, we are very fortunate to have as a guest on March 20, our boss, Rear Adm. Mike Vitale, Commander Navy Region Southeast, will be visiting all of the Texas bases. He is finishing his tour with a visit to NAS Kingsville; glad to see he left the best for last! This is a great opportunity for us to meet with the boss, and have a chance to express our views. Remember, he will take what he learns from this visit to his next job as Commander, Naval Installations Command later this year. We have a chance to help ourselves here. I ask that if you are asked a question during his visit, give the boss your honest assessment.

Keep doing what you do, and remember "Kingsville PRIDE."

Waddz sends.



Tews' Views

Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Mark Tews
NAS Kingsville
Religious Ministries

Fully Fed

"Let us consider how to motivate one another to love & good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another...." Hebrews 10: 24&25

A middle-aged man who regularly attended worship services wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining that it made no sense to go to worship every week. "I've gone [to church] for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the Pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to worship ser-

vices for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

So, you could say that when you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Beat the Easter rush - attend worship services this week, and thank God for your physical AND your spiritual nourishment!

An Invitation

Speaking of physical & spiritual nourishment, and in looking forward to the upcoming spring PRT cycle, I offer the following invitation:

If you've looked in the mirror lately, and thought, as I have, "Wow, I could certainly stand to skip a meal or two," or you are way behind on that New Year resolution to drop a few pounds, then, have I got a deal for you. Chap's Lunch Bunch 3-D PT. What is 3-D PT? Well, it's a three dimensional holistic approach to physical and personal training, incorporating the three D's of Devotion, Dedication and Discipline. How can you get involved? Beginning Wednesday March 12, simply push away from that lunch table and join me at my office every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 11:45 a.m. to spend the time walking off the pounds rather than packing them on. And since we do still need some nutritional and spiritual sustenance, Tuesdays are reserved for the regularly scheduled noontime free lunch and Bible study.

Trivia Challenge: Congratulations go out to Chad Walker of NASK Admin, for being the first with the correct answer to the previous challenge - Ninieveh.

Remember that the current Trivia Chal-

lenge is to identify various geographical features found in the Bible (cities, towns, lakes, rivers, mountain, countries, regions, etc.).

Each successive challenge will follow from issue to issue in alphabetical order. Therefore the next correct answer will begin with the letter O. Please send all responses to mark.tews@navy.mil.

Current Challenge: Hiram, the King of Tyre, sent his ships to what city to get 420 talents of gold for King Solomon?

Musing & Pondering:

"God only made each day to be 24 hours long because He knew that's about all we could handle. When we get into trouble, it is often because we are either hanging on to hours from yesterday, or borrowing them from tomorrow." ~Vickie Girard

"The degree of blessing enjoyed by any man will correspond exactly with the completeness of God's victory over him."

~A.W. Tozer

Chapel Services

All Chapel services will be held in the Chaplain's Office multi-purpose room in Bldg 2741 until further notice.

Protestant:

Sunday Worship

10: 30 a.m.

Catholic:

Sunday Worship

12:30 p.m.

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In The Break ...



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

Well, it's time to write another article for the *Flying K* and to my surprise there are actually a few of you that actually read this article. My son being one those

people, as he pointed out my spelling error in the last issue. I will tell you that coming up with ideas for these columns aren't easy; I'm not in love with writing, so this does not come easy to me. I do, however, want to provide something that may be of interest to you. So, if you have ideas or you're interested in something in particular please let me know and I will try answering it, either in this column if it is something that will benefit the whole, or just a discussion between you and I. (I'm sure Capt. Waddingham would say the same thing). Please feel free to send us an e-mail, catch us at The Club or in the squadron spaces, and let us know what's on your mind or questions you may have related to the base, the Wing, the Navy in general – whatever.

Without knowing what is on your mind I look for educational subjects, new programs such as the Tailhook syllabus, safety-related information or information that I receive from senior leadership. This leads me to this week's article and Naval Aviation's strategic plan for recapitalization & modernization. It's called Navy Aviation Plan (NAvPlan) 2030 and it outlines Naval Aviation's capability in support of the Maritime Strategy and provides an adaptable, versatile force for the future. The plan was developed during a year-long analysis of

the aviation portfolio. As stated in *Rhumblines* (see note below), NAvPlan 2030 was developed to create stability in the aviation portfolio, similar to the goals in Navy shipbuilding. (Note: *Rhumblines* is produced by CHINFO and sent out to Navy leadership on a routine basis as a means of synchronizing Navy leadership on important topics. You can access *Rhumblines* online by visiting http://www.navy.mil/navco/pages/rhumb_lines.html.)

In developing the plan, the Navy's analysis centered on the following:

- Risks in war fighting requirements – where the Navy can and cannot compromise across capability and capacity in each aircraft type, model and series.

- Risks associated with investment in future programs in light of emerging threats across the globe. Through rigorous analysis, an inventory objective of 2,813 aircraft was derived to provide the minimum essential force structure to meet future warfighting requirements.

- Delivering the minimum essential Force Structure required, at the least cost that meets our War Fighting redlines.

The result was a plan which provides an effective deterrent that supports the tenets of the Navy's Maritime Strategy.

Highlights of the Navy Aviation Plan 2030

The plan, a wing-to-wing view of each of the aviation community's requirements, follows CNO guidance and supports the Maritime Strategy. Specifically, it includes:

- Roadmaps for the four major airframe categories (tactical aircraft, maritime patrol and reconnaissance, helicopters, and training and logistics aircraft) – the NAvPlan 2030 calls for a 2,813 Navy aircraft inventory objective.

- Provisions for aircraft, systems and weapons improvements to maintain survivability and capability.

- Delivery of 10 Carrier Air Wings and associated capability.

- Maintaining Joint Interoperability.

- Mitigation of a significant USN Strike Fighter shortfall commencing in 2016.

- Meeting the requirements of continued global presence and the Fleet Response Plan.

- The NAvPlan 2030 Roadmaps will be expanded to include the tactical DoN UAVs.

Why is NAvPlan 2030 important to you? Because Naval Aviation is at a crossroads and the goals of this plan are imperative to the future force. The plan establishes priorities for long range recapitalization and modernization of our aviation force to support the Maritime Strategy. It demonstrates the Navy's commitment to the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), Navy Unmanned Combat Aircraft System and a robust Airborne Electronic Attack capability – like the *F-18G Growler*, the replacement for the *EA-6 Prowler*.

Key tenets of this plan include:

- The reduction of total number of aircraft types from 27 in 2008 to 18 in 2030.

- Maintaining and sustaining 10 Carrier Air Wings and the procurement of a mix of aircraft that provides the Navy with the operational flexibility and appropriate presence needed to support the nation's requirements in an ever changing strategic landscape.

(Of note, the Marine Corps aviation requirements are not included in the 2,813 aircraft floor established in this plan.)

Our Navy continues to be the finest in the world. As future Strike Aviators and Navy leaders, these aircraft and carrier airwings will be your tools to answer the nation's call. Continue to work hard to be the best that you can be. You are the Navy's future!

Best wishes, BD

Kingsville recognizes 2007 top civilian employees at dual military and civilian awards ceremony

Story and photos by Maryann Shramko, *Flying K* editor

Capt. Phil Waddingham, NASK commanding officer held his first mixed military and civilian awards ceremony Thursday Feb. 28, in the Community Ballroom at The Club. Headlining the civilian awards was the announcement of the senior civilian and civilian employee of the year for calendar year 2007.

Fire Chief Ruben Perez was named the Sr. Civilian Employee of the Year for his outstanding dedication and high standards of professionalism as the Installation Fire Chief. Perez, a true Texan from Ozona, has worked on board NASK since Sept. 11, 2001 with a brief transfer to NAS Corpus Christi in 2004 and returning to NASK in 2006. "I felt great gratitude and it was an honor to receive such an award because I know there are a lot of great people working for 'Team Kingsville,'" Perez said.

Perez believes the most enjoyable part of his job is "the challenge of ensuring NASK is in a continuous readiness mode to mitigate any type of emergency event aboard NAS Kingsville." The most enjoyable aspect he said is "all the personnel at NASK are working with one common goal or guiding principle which is training fighter



Fire Chief Ruben Perez

pilots. You sense the pride and energy throughout the installation, it's truly one team."

Perez' future goals include acquiring the skills and tools to increase productivity by identifying and focusing on his top priorities. And, to "try to be the best role model and father to my children" he said.

Also receiving Civilian of the Year honors was Laura Jo Crosnoe, a financial technician with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department. Crosnoe earned her

Bachelor degree in math from Texas A & I University and has put it to use as a financial technician for most of her 17-years with MWR.

When asked how it felt to be recognized as one of the civilians of the year Crosnoe said, "I was so surprised and overwhelmed. It is truly an honor. I have loved working in accounting and through the years I have made so many lifetime friendships."

Crosnoe's father, mother and aunt all served in the Navy, so she feels at home being connected with the Navy in some way, she said. She enjoys working with the mili-

tary because, as she put it, "the military is more structured with a definite code of established guidelines. There is a common goal to achieve the mission and the teamwork is great. I want to continue to learn and contribute as much as I can that will be of value to the command."



Laura Jo Crosnoe (MWR)

Immediately following the ceremonial portion of quarters Waddingham asked the crowd of military and civilian employees how they felt about the first dual quarters. "Thumbs up, thumbs down, do you like it?" The crowd applauded, signifying their approval of the new concept. "Good, I agree. We are definitely going to continue this," Waddingham added. "It helps me, I don't have to say things twice, but more importantly it helps to emphasize the fact that we are indeed one team."

Women's history month celebrates; Captain Joy Bright Hancock, USN (1898-1986)

Courtesy of the Naval Historical Center

Joy Bright was born in Wildwood, N.J., on 4 May 1898. During World War I, after attending business school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she enlisted in the Navy as a Yeoman (F), serving at Camden, New Jersey and at the Naval Air Station, Cape May. Following the war, she married Lt. Charles Gray Little, who was killed in the crash of the airship ZR-2 in 1921. A year later, she obtained employment with the Bureau of Aeronautics, where her duties included editing the Bureau's "News Letter", which later evolved into the magazine "Naval Aviation News."

In 1924, she left the Bureau to marry Lt. Cmdr. Lewis Hancock, Jr., who lost his life when USS *Shenandoah* (ZR-1) crashed in September 1925.

Joy Bright Hancock returned to the Bureau after attending Foreign Service School and obtaining a private pilot's license. For more than a decade before World War II and into the first year of that conflict, she was responsible for the Bureau's public affairs activities. In October 1942, she was commissioned a Lieu-



Capt. Joy Bright Hancock, USNR

tenant in the new Women's Reserve (WAVES). She initially served as WAVES representative in the Bureau of Aeronautics and later in a similar position for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), rising to the rank of Commander by the end of the War.

In February 1946, Cmdr. Hancock became the Assistant Director (Plans) of the Women's Reserve and was promoted to WAVES' Director. She achieved the rank of Captain in July of that year. She guided the WAVES through the difficult years of Naval contraction in the latter 1940s and the expansion

of the early 1950s, a period that also saw the Navy's women achieve status as part of the Regular Navy.

Hancock retired from active duty as a Captain in June 1953. The next year, she married Vice Adm. Ralph A. Ofstie and accompanied him on his 1955-56 tour as Commander, Sixth Fleet. Following her husband's death in late 1956, she lived in the Washington, D.C., area and in the Virgin Islands. She died on Aug. 20, 1986.

Spotlight: Focus on "Team NAS Kingsville" MVPs (Most Valuable People)



ETCM(SW/AW) Isaias Gamez
Air Operations, LCPO

Gamez is a 28-year Navy veteran assigned to Air Operations as the Leading Chief Petty Officer.

He reported on board from Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, Calif. and said the most enjoyable thing about NASK and the community is "my job because I always have a lot to do. Also, I like the fact that the chaplains office is so involved in organizing volunteer projects in town."

Gamez added that "Kingsville is a safe place. It is not like the big city and the community really seems to like the military out here."



David Miller
L3 Vertex

Miller is a retired Navy PR1, having served on active duty from 1968-1989. He first worked at NAS Kingsville from 1991 to 1993 in the Paraloft with UNC, but then transferred to a contract position in Kuwait for a year. In 1996, he signed on with Raytheon at NAS Corpus Christi, and in 2002 he moved to NAS Meridian, Miss., his first assignment with L3 Vertex. He returned to Kingsville in 2004, and has worked in the NAS Kingsville paraloft ever since.

Miller says the most rewarding aspect of his job at NASK is "the satisfaction [we] get when a student pilot (or instructor) is able to use what we teach them to safely eject from an aircraft when it becomes their only option."

Meet the Performance and Recognition IPT Team



Front row (from left) RP2 Christine Roman; Kathy Buckalew; Leticia Knerr. Back row (from left) Jon Gagné; Lt. j.g. Ted Bender and Karen Aldrich. Missing from photo is AEC James Moore.

NAS Kingsville's Installation Performance Team (IPT): Performance and Recognition concept is designed to empower command personnel to play an active role in recognizing superior performance on and off duty, and volunteer efforts in the command and the Kingsville community. The Performance and Recognition team is taking an active approach to this tasking by evaluating current command recognition programs and identifying special projects and volunteer programs that tend to slip under the radar.

"What we hope to accomplish," said P&R team leader Lt. j.g. Ted Bender, "is to formulate a means of recognizing outstanding performance and contributions by base personnel – active duty and civilians – that reflect on the command mission, and, that promote the commanding officer's 'Team Kingsville' concept of base and community, one team, one mission."

The P&R team is presently fine-tuning their action items for this tasking, and will soon be presenting their ideas to the IPT Executive Counsel. The team is soliciting ideas and proposals from the base community to assist them in this endeavor. If you have an idea or a proposal that would offer more recognition for outstanding contributions from base personnel, send an e-mail to any member of the team.

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Chief of Naval Operations Releases Podcast on Building the Fleet of the Future

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

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead discussed the future force of the Navy, new technology and how Sailors are a vital role in the Navy's mission in his most recent podcast.

In the podcast he refers to his recent shipyard facility tours across the country.

"My shipyard tours have been really helpful to me and they fully accomplished what I intended," Roughead said. "It was important for me to be able to see what they were doing, see what kind of innovation is being put into the production of our ships."

Roughead emphasized that 313 ships is the 'floor' for the future fleet and the importance of maintaining the appropriate balance of capability and capacity in the Fleet.

"We are a global Navy. We have been and we will continue to be a global Navy. And in order to cover the vast oceans of the world numbers matter. And I believe 313 is the minimum we can afford to have," he emphasized.

Roughead also addressed the Maritime Strategy's six core capabilities and how they determine his plans for the fleet of the future. Those capabilities are forward presence, deterrence, power projection, sea control, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

"When we look to the future and what we're going to buy we must be able to tie what we are buying to those capabilities," Roughead said. "Everything we buy must tie into that maritime strategy."

But, Roughead stressed that the fleet of the future will not be possible without Sailors, Navy civilians and their families to support it.

"We can buy very expensive ships and very expensive airplanes, but they have no value until our Sailors get in them and make them do things I don't even think the engineers had on their plate when we started," Roughead said.

To hear more of the CNO's podcast, visit www.navy.mil/navydata/cnopList.asp.

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Team Kingsville Awards and Recognition

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Ensign Larry Sommers
ACC(AW)SW Jeffrey Paulin

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

ABAH(AW) Keith L. Armstrong
ABAH(AW)SW Todd M. Hackleman
AC2 Geoffrey J. Steele
ABAH Hector Garza
ABAH(AW)SW William C. Cinnamon
AT2 Jacob T. Hood
AC3 Chelsea E. Morgan
ABAH(AW) Emilio Ortiz

Navy Region Southeast Letter of Commendation

ABE1 Rudy Rivas
MAE Bryan J. Winchester
RPS Norman R. Otters
AGAN Nicholas Pendleton

NASK Letter of Commendation

ABAH(AW) Sammy Mitchell

NASK Letter of Appreciation

ABAH(AW) Raymond Gross
ABAH Raymond Preston
Mrs. Sue Waddingham
Chaplain Mark Tewes/Jack Tewes
CS2 Holly Clow
RPS Norman Otters

Sr. Sailor of the Quarter

MA1(SW) Reginald C. Chase

Jr. Sailor of the Quarter

AC2 Geoffrey J. Steele

Blue Jacket of the Quarter

AC3 Chelsea E. Morgan

Combined Federal Campaign Eagle

MCMS Dadrion Coleman
AC3 Gary Davidson

Public Works Performance Award

Steven M. Trest
Raymond E. Wilburn
Alberto Ortega
Enrique Aguilar
Oscar Guerra
Jeff List
Lloyd Baker
Richard Cisneros
Brigido Salinas
Clay River
David Cirilo
Felipe Chavez
Jason Walker
Jared Teat
Jesse Garcia

Sr. Civilian Employee of the Year

Ruben Perez (Fire Chief)

Civilian Employee of the Year

Laura Jo Crosnoe (MWR)

CMRC 2007 Outstanding Housing Installation Team

Lynn Early

Embry-Riddle Excellence

MA1(SW) Dwayne K. Carpenter
MA1(SW) Reginald C. Chase
AC2(AW)SW Jim Dunlap
AC2 Geoffrey J. Steele
AC3 Chelsea E. Morgan
RPS Norman Otters

NAS Kingsville Pride Award

Lcdr. Mark Tewes
RPS Christine Roman
RPS Norman Otters
Sue Waddingham
Luke Waddingham
Mark Waddingham

25-Year Certificate

Juan A. Saenz Jr. (Fire Dept.)

15-Year Certificate

Lucy R. Clarkson (FSSC)

Cmdr. Chris Kirby relives Cmdr. Brad Kidwell as VT-22 holds unique in-flight Change of Command ceremony

Story and photos by Jon Gagné, Public Affairs Officer

Training Squadron 22 (VT-22) at NAS Kingsville held a unique change of command Friday, Feb. 22. This ceremony wasn't anything like you'd expect to see. There were no bands or ceremonial music, no formal speeches, and no full dress uniforms with shiny medals. This ceremony took only a few minutes to complete, and guests and squadron personnel had the opportunity to watch every bit of it in the sky above the NAS Kingsville airfield. VT-22 personnel were standing in formation on the tarmac, while guests and command personnel watched from the sidelines.

Nestled snugly in their T-45 Goshawk aircraft, outgoing VT-22 skipper Cmdr. Brad Kidwell and incoming skipper Cmdr. Chris Kirby taxied out on to the runway and then took off. After completing a short flight around the airfield, the planes formed up together and the two pilots began the change of command. And thanks to a sound system hook-up into the radio communications courtesy of Ground Electronics, guests were able to listen to the ceremony. After making contact with the Tower and verifying their position, the pilots uttered the words everyone was waiting to hear.

"I am ready to be relieved," Kidwell squawked on the radio.

"I relieve you, Sir," Kirby replied.

With that, the T-45s zoomed directly overhead of the squadron formation and then, split-off and circled the air station a final time before bringing their aircraft back home to the cheers of those in attendance.

Once both T-45s had safely parked underneath their



Cmdr. Brad Kidwell follows behind his relief Cmdr. Chris Kirby as the two prepare to pass the torch as they fly over squadron personnel formed up below on the tarmac.

canopies and their engines were shut down, the pilots climbed out of the aircraft and walked over to each other, shook hands, and then they reported to Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Bill Davis. Davis then called those in attendance to attention and presented Kidwell with a Navy Meritorious Service Medal for his superior performance as VT-22 commanding officer from November 2006. During Kidwell's tour as CO the squadron was honored with the Chief of Naval Air Training Command's *Training Excellence Award*, presented annually to the best overall primary and advanced training squadron. VT-22 won the award for 2006.

After the award presentation, an NAS Kingsville fire truck slowly approached the site where Kidwell's plane was parked. Firefighter James Harper stepped out of the truck, unfolded a fire hose, and he and Kidwell's wife Amanda proceeded to douse the outgoing skipper with water, a wetting down tradition normally conducted at the conclusion of an instructor pilot or squadron leader's final flight at the air station.

Kirby assumes command of the Golden Eagles after serving as XO since November 2006. He was designated a Naval Aviation at NAS Kingsville in 1989, and returned in 1993 to participate in the operational evaluation of the T-45A, and later as an instructor pilot at VT-21. In May, 2001, Kirby once again returned to NAS Kingsville, this time for a tour of duty as Training Air Wing TWO Standardization and Operations Officer. A year later, he was a Full Time Support (FTS)



Cmdr. Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22 reports to Capt. Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO (left) after taking command from Cmdr. Brad Kidwell.

officer in the newly expanded CNATRA FTS community, and he served as officer-in-charge of TW-2's Reserve component from September 2003 to August 2004. After a year at CNATRA headquarters in Corpus Christi, Kirby returned to NAS Kingsville in November 2006 as VT-22 executive officer.

Cmdr. Gerald S. Murphy assumes the XO role for VT-22. Murphy is a 2005 graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, and he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering from Villanova University and a Masters of Arts Degree in national security and strategic studies. He has accumulated more than 2,200 flight hours in Navy jet aircraft and has recorded nearly 500 arrested landings at sea.

Kidwell has recorded more than 5,000 flight hours during his aviation career which began in 1988 after he graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in aeronautics. He attended primary and intermediate flight training at NAS Corpus Christi, and completed his fleet training with VAW-110 at NAS Miramar, Calif. His next assignment will be as Air Boss aboard the *USS Enterprise (CVN 65)*.



Amanda Kidwell gets assistance from a firefighter as she opens fire on her husband Cmdr. Brad Kidwell after he completed his final flight on board NAS Kingsville.



Cmdr. Brad Kidwell surrenders as his wife Amanda douses him during the traditional "wetting down" ceremony.

Welcome Aboard! VT-22 Executive Officer



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hours in jet aircraft and nearly 500 arrested landings.

Seven designated as Naval Aviators at TW-2 winging ceremony

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Seven aviators received their Wings of Gold at a routine winging ceremony held at The Club Friday, Feb. 29. The ceremony marked the end of nearly two years of training for the students, who began their journey at Aviation Indoctrination School at NAS Pensacola, Fla., and then moved on to primary, intermediate, and advanced training. Training Air Wing TWO commander Capt. Bill Davis presided over the ceremony, along with VT-21 and VT-22 skippers Cmdr. Charles Moore and Cmdr. Chris Kirby.

"Welcome family, friends and shipmates to today's ceremony," Davis told the audience of nearly 100 people gathered in the Community Center Ballroom. "Many of you have come from far away to be here with these fine aviators to see them receive their Wings. We welcome all of you to NAS Kingsville and to South Texas."

Families traveled to the ceremony from as far north as New York, and as far west as Hawaii to recognize the accomplishment. And added twist to the ceremony included the pinning of wings on twin brothers from Honolulu.

Receiving their Wings were:

1st Lt. Richard Carmean II, call sign "Beet." Carmean is a graduate of Florida State University and he completed Marine Officer Candidate School in 2003. He attended Aviation Indoctrination at NAS Pensacola, and primary training at NAS Corpus Christi. He completed his advanced training with VT-21. On Sept. 27, 2007, Carmean safely ejected from a T-45 Goshawk that crashed on a remote part of the King Ranch. Once he recovered from his injuries, he was placed back into the training program. His next assignment will be at a Marine Fleet replacement Squadron where he will fly the *AV-8B Harrier*.

1st Lt. Michael Jordan, call sign "Man Juice." Jordan is a native of Albuquerque and a 2003 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Arts



Front row (left to right) Cmdr. Chris Kirby, Commanding Officer, VT-22; Capt. Bill Davis, Commander, Training Air Wing TWO; Lt. j.g. Michael P. Hooten; Lt. j.g. Jonah Suyderhoud; Lt. j.g. Matt Suyderhoud; Lt. j.g. Richard S. Parisi; Cmdr. Chris Moore, Commanding Officer, VT-21; Col. Thomas S. Clark III, Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group Twenty Two. Second row (left to right) Cmdr. Timothy Carr; Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing TWO; 1st Lt. Michael Jordan; Lt. j.g. Kenneth P. Dittig; 1st Lt. Richard Carmean II and Capt. Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville.

Degree in business management. He attended Officer Candidate School in 2004, followed by initial Marine basic flight training at The Basic School in Virginia, IFS and API in Pensacola, and primary training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. During his advanced training with VT-21, Jordan earned an "E" for bombing excellence. He will also move on to a Marine Corps Fleet Replacement squadron where he will fly the *AV-8B Harrier*.

Lt. j.g. Matt Suyderhoud, call sign "Ashley." One of two twins going through advanced flight training at NAS Kingsville, Matt is a graduate of St. Louis University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation science. During his advanced training with VT-21, Matt earned an "E" for bombing excellence and an "E" for Air Combat Maneuvers. His next assignment will be at NAS Lemoore, Calif., where he will fly the *F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet*.

Lt. j.g. Johan Suyderhoud, call sign "Mary Kate." Like his brother Matt, Johan attended St. Louis University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation science. He, too, will move on to VFA 129 at NAS Lemoore, Calif., where he will fly the *FA18-E/F Super Hornet*. But this Fleet Replacement Squadron assign-

ment will be the last time the Navy allows the brothers to fly with the same squadron. Once the two complete the training at the FRS, they will move on to individual assignments in the Fleet.

Lt. j.g. Kenneth P. Dittig, call sign "Uno." A New York native, Dittig earned an "A" award for academic excellence during his advanced training with VT-21. He will now move on to fly the *F18 A/E Hornet* at NAS Oceana, Va.

Lt. j.g. Michael Hooten, call sign "cat fight." A native of Denver, Hooten is a graduate of the University of Colorado where he earned his degree in aerospace engineering. He completed his primary training with VT-28 at NAS Corpus Christi, and his advanced training with VT-22 at NAS Kingsville, where he earned an "E" award for bombing excellence. His next assignment will be at NAS Miramar, Calif., where he will be flying the *F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet*.

Lt. j.g. Richard Parisi, call sign "Bebe." During his advanced training with VT-22, Parisi earned an "E" award for combat maneuvering. His next assignment will be with VFA 106 at NAS Oceana, Va., where he will fly the *FA-18 E/F Hornet*.

The "Flying Suyderhouds"



Lt. j.g. Jonah (left) and Lt. j.g. Matt Suyderhoud.





Welcome Aboard!



The following people have recently reported to NAS Kingsville.

Lt. Joseph T. Humphrey
Flight Surgeon, Branch Health Clinic
Winthrop Harbor, Ill.

Ensign Matthew Kohlmann
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Edina, Minn.

2nd Lt. Stephen R. Miggins
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Chicago, Ill.

Lt. j.g. Igor S. Bastos
Student Naval Aviator, CTW-2
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Ensign Joshua D. Denning
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Lynnwood, Wash.

Ensign David A. Pilko
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Kingwood, Texas

1st Lt. Gary Tougas
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Warwick, R.I.

Lt. j.g. Nathan Brasher
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Falls Church, Va.

Ensign Carl W. Davis
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Pewaukee, Wis.

Ensign Gregory S. Blok
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Grandville, Mich.

Capt. Chad B. Cipparone
Instructor Pilot, VT-22
Burke, Va.

2nd Lt. James T. Ragsdale
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Nashville, Tenn.

Ensign Matthew W. Marshall
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22
Foster City, Calif.

Ensign Matthew C. Currid
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Chichester, N.H.

ENS Joshua S. Bettis
Student Naval Aviator, VT-21
Chinchester, N.H.

ETC Howard Bailie
Ground Electronics
Quincy, Ill.

Former Air Traffic Controller is new Command Ombudsman

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville's new Command Ombudsman is Melissa Knight, wife of AC1 (AW) Kylon Knight of the Air Operations Department's Air Traffic Control Division. She is also a former air traffic controller, having served five years on active duty. She left the Navy in 1999 when she and her husband decided to get married and raise a family. The couple have been married for eight years and have two children.

Knight, who resides in Corpus Christi, says her decision to approach the command about the vacant Ombudsman position was an easy one. "I had heard about an opening at NAS Corpus Christi but decided not to pursue that because my husband was assigned here. But I always thought that being an Ombudsman would be a good transition for me."

A few weeks later she was contacted by Chief Air Traffic Controller Jeff Poulin and told that the NAS Kingsville Ombudsman position was open and asked if she was interested. Melissa talked it over with her husband and decided to contact Command Master Chief Gene Tourtellotte and inform her that she was interested. Once she met with Tourtellotte, things moved rather quickly. A meeting with NAS Kingsville Executive Officer Cmdr. Scott Allen followed, and then, she sat down with NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham who thanked her for her interest in the position and welcomed her to the Kingsville team. Knight completed the Ombudsman training course and officially assumed the position in late January.

"I'm excited to be able to do this," she said recently. "I'm looking forward to meeting all the NAS Kingsville spouses and would like to be able to share ideas and quality of life issues with them. I'd also like to develop some sort of program that would allow spouses to get involved on the base."

Knight will be working out of the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She can be reached by phone at 361-533-0240 or via e-mail at mknight788@yahoo.com.



Melissa Knight
NAS Kingsville
Command Ombudsman

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Acid Reflux and you?

If you suffer from acid reflux syndrome, watching your diet is the easiest way to prevent it from acting up.

Ever notice that your acid reflux is worse after eating pizza? Tomatoes are a food that will set it off, along with the spices and fats off the meats on your pizza. Chocolate acts to relax the muscle at the top of the stomach that keeps acid and foods from splashing up into the esophagus.

Ice cream, baked goods and candies can all cause a negative reaction with your acid reflux syndrome.

So start noting what foods and drinks you are having and what is happening with your acid reflux syndrome. Start a diary. You will often find there is a direct connection between the foods you eat and your acid reflux syndrome.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA volunteers are standing by to help you file your Federal return.

The VITA Center is located at NAS Kingsville Headquarters Building 2740 on the first deck, Room 106.

Office Hours: Monday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Walk-ins)
Tuesday-Friday (Appointments Only)- Sign up sheet is on the door.

Phone: VITA Office 516-4829. Office will be open until Tax Day, April 15.

Please schedule an appointment by signing up on the sign up sheet on the VITA office door or call RP2 Christine Roman at ext.6331.

Trading Post

For Sale: 2002 Rockwood Pop-up Camper \$4500.00. Slide out, AC, sleeps 7, self contained. Call Chaplain Tews at 281-748-3229.

For Sale: Black futon w/ metal frame \$25 OBO; Weider 8525 weight machine with weights, \$50 OBO; Two sets never used twin-size bed in bag/comforter/sheets (beige floral) \$10 each set. Call Don at 361-592-3038.

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On assignment: NAS Kingsville's Individual Augmentees (IAs):

Yeoman ensures paperwork is done for War on Terror

By Chad Walker, NASK Admin Department

Yeoman 2nd Class Israel Redden of the NAS Kingsville Administrative Department has been deployed to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism since September 2007. He is assigned to administrative department of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula and admits he has stayed busy since he arrived in-country.

With average work days from 14 to 16 hours in length, Redden says he is using his skills to make major contributions in his forward-deployed location. "In spite of long duty hours, sirens, detonations and dust storms, I still manage to find time to work out in the gym and spend time with his friends," he said.

An Air Base with plenty of jet noise, this aspect of his loca-

tion makes him feel right at home as it reminds him of the roar of the T-45 Goshawks at NAS Kingsville.

YN2 Redden's co-workers in the NAS Kingsville Administrative Department are justifiably proud of his accomplishments and are looking forward to his safe return this summer.



YN2(SW) Israel Redden

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My View

From the sidelines:
Commentary by Jon Gagné



What goes around, comes around ...

If you haven't marked your calendars to visit NAS Kingsville the weekend of April 5-6, now might be the time to do so. That's when the air station will be opening its doors for the "Wings Over South Texas" air show, and we've putting together a great itinerary that will, literally, blow your socks off. (That is, of course, if you're wearing them on your hands or rolled up as ear plugs).

I've been spending a lot of extra time over the last few weeks working on the public relations side of the show, which includes inviting South Texas schools and assisting Navy Recruiting Command in lining up VIP flights, making parking passes, and a number of other things to small to mention. I'm happy to report that things are starting to fall in place. Our headline acts are already online, and believe me, they're all headline material. In addition to the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration

team, and the Navy parachute team the Leap Frogs, we're going to be treated to a great demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command's Single-Ship Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight. This Air Force addition actually gives our show four headline acts, which is pretty awesome. And I'm told by event director Lt. Joe Heuser that we will also have an FA-18 demonstration. It's a dang good thing that Kingsville loves jet noise, because the clouds will trembling that weekend like a hound with a tail tick.

Another nice thing about air shows and the headline performing acts is that generally the members of the Blue Angels go out and visit local schools the day before the show. That will be the case again this year as Blue Angel pilots visit several schools in Kingsville, Bishop and Calallen. Unfortunately, there are only a handful of pilots, so only a few schools will be visited.

The show also offers local civic groups an opportunity to assist MWR with concession sales, providing a percentage of the sales back to the group for their efforts. At last count, MWR was looking for about 100 volunteers to assist with the show, according to volunteer coordinator LaVonda Steen. "We needed a little over 250 volunteers," she said, "but we've had a number of

groups contact us and volunteered. So now we're down to about 100 to fill." Think your group might be interested? Contact LaVonda at 516-4388 or drop her an email at lavonda.steen@navy.mil.

As a 12-year old, I attended my very first air show in New Hampshire and as fate would have it, the Blue Angels headlined that show. Years later, I happened to be stationed at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and I made a surprising discovery as I was setting up for a video shoot with the CO of the Naval Station. I happened to notice a model of a Blue Angel on the skipper's desk (Capt. Frank Mezzadri), and I asked him about it. Turns out he was a former team member ... on the 1964 team that performed in New Hampshire. It's funny how things work out, sometimes.

Have you ever wondered how many children have been bitten by the aviator bug by attending their first air show and years later get to realize that dream by becoming a Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force pilot? Thousands, I'll bet. Had it not been for my fear of heights, I might have been one of them.

Fear of heights aside, here I am now, decades later, helping to plan an air show that features the Blues. I guess what goes around, comes around.

2008 Corpus Christi Multiple Sclerosis (MS) walk looks for volunteers

A number of volunteers are needed for the 2008 Corpus Christi Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk which will be held Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Heritage Park.

Walk MS is the signature fund-raising event of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and last year, the Lone Star Chapter Walk series raised more than \$1 million for MS research and services. They reached their 2007 fundraising goal, but, there are still many more steps to take before reaching the ultimate goal – a cure.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society provides direct services to people affected by MS and to fund research in the movement toward a world free of MS. The Lone Star Chapter serves 174 counties in Texas and 20,000 people with MS, their families and friends, the professionals who serve them, and the general public.

Below is the list of volunteer opportunities and times that are available. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact RP3 Otters, your NASK POC for the 2008 MS Walk.

****NOTE:** If you are Active Duty Military or DoD civilian and would like to volunteer, but don't want to drive, transportation vehicles are available. Both vans will be leaving AT 5 a.m. March 8, so those volunteers who are volunteering for the early shifts can be at their designated posts on time. The vans will be leaving the event at 12:30 p.m. depending on when the event is finished up.

5:30-8:30 a.m.: Site Set Up. Set up site, including tents, breakpoints, hydration station, and more. Some tasks may require heavy lifting. 15 volunteers needed for set-up.

5:30-8:30 a.m.: Balloon Arch. Assist with blowing up balloons and attaching them to heavy duty string to create a 25 foot balloon arch for the start/finish line. Four volunteers needed.

6-11 a.m.: Team Village. Help set up team areas and ensure they are staying clean. Five volunteers needed.

6:30-11 a.m.: Prize Redemption: Responsible for

proper prize selection to fundraising participants. Short training session will be held at 6:30 a.m. Three volunteers needed.

6:45-9:30 a.m. Greeters: Greet Walkers, friends, family, and volunteers as they arrive and direct them to appropriate areas. 4 volunteers needed.

6:50-11 a.m. Team Photos. Assist photographers with gathering and getting teams prepared to take photos. Four volunteers needed.

7-11 a.m.: Breakpoints. Assist in setting up and tearing down breakpoint. Mix Power Aid and maintain available stock of water. 8 volunteers needed.

9-10:30 a.m.: Hoopla. Cheer on Walkers, make lots of noise! 10 volunteers needed.

10:30-Noon: Site Tear Down. 15 volunteers needed.

If you'd like to volunteer for any of these time slots, please contact RP3 Norman Otters at the NAS Kingsville Chaplain's Office, 516-6194.

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Nashville Star - Congratulations to the three finalists in the Nashville Star Audition held at The Club Friday, Feb. 29. Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Ann Marie Wood (Air Ops/Air Traffic Control), Lisa Marie Paul (dependent), and Darwin Dunaway (retired Navy) will have their taped performances submitted for consideration in the Nashville Star All Military Casting Call later this month. The trio will be among hundreds of contestants military wide hoping for a chance of being selected as one of the 10 finalist which will compete for a slot on the Nashville Star television show aboard a Navy Aircraft Carrier in Norfolk, Va., April 12.

Comics on Duty - Don't miss this free all headline show at the K-BAR on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. The lineup includes funny men Steve Bills, Drake Witham, Derek Richards, and Tom Cotter. The show is part of the *Comics on Duty World Tour*, and is presented by AT&T and Navy Entertainment. The show is not recommended for children under 18. For more information, call x6734. More information about *Comics on Duty* can be found at (www.comicsonduty.com).

Kids Night Out at CDC and SAC - Take advantage of free child care on March 26 to enjoy a night out and enjoy the *Comics on Duty* show. For more information, please call SAC at 516-6718, or CDC at 516-6176.

After School Program - The After School Program is now picking up children from Ricardo School District. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information.

MWR's School Age Care Program is National After School Association certified, and drop in spaces are always available. Contact SAC at 516-6718 for more information.

Tickets:

San Antonio Spurs - Spend a great weekend in San Antonio watching the game. February and March tickets are available at the ITT office. Call 516-6449. **Fiesta Texas:** Fiesta Texas tickets are available. Daily tickets are \$26, and 2008 season tickets are \$63.

Bowling Center:

Free Bowling - Active duty military and station personnel bowl FREE Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Men's Tournament:** The Men's City Tournament has been changed to April 12-13 at the NAS Kingsville Bowling Center. For more information, contact Daniel Rackley at 516-6196.

Storage Compound - Need a safe and secure place to store that R.V., boat, trailer or extra car? If so, the Auto Skills Center has just the thing for you. There are a total of 47 sites available at three locations on base. All sites except those at the Auto Skills Center will now be accessible 24 hours a day. For more information, contact the ASC at 516-6248.

Outdoor Recreation - Looking for temporary hous-

ing? The Outdoor Recreation Center has a 29-foot RV ready for move in. The monthly fee is \$450, and includes all utilities. Stop by Outdoor Rec for more information, or call 516-6191.

Sports and Fitness - So you think you have the biggest bench at NASK? Come show what you've got at the first MWR Bench Press competition of the year on March 12 at the MWR Gym. Weigh in starts at 4:00 p.m., with lifting to follow at 4:30 p.m.. Registration forms can be picked up at any MWR facility.

St. Paddy's 5K Run - Registration is open for the St. Patrick's Day 5K Run on Mar. 17. The race will start at 11:30 a.m. on a flat fast course aboard NASK. For more information, stop by the MWR Gym, or call 6171.

Wings Over South Texas 5K - Sign up now for the Inaugural Wings Over South Texas Air Show 5K Fun Run. The 5-kilometer fun run will take place on Apr. 5, and coincide with opening day of this year's exciting Air Show. Registration will continue until Mar. 20, and the cost is \$10 for military, \$15 for youth 8-17, and \$25 for civilians. A late registration fee of \$5 will assessed for all civilian entries after March 15. Entry fee includes an event t-shirt. Registration forms can be found at all MWR facilities.

Biggest Loser - After four weeks of competition, the top three teams in the Biggest Loser competition are: Kingsville Angels, Kids are Us, and 3's Company.

Bowling Leagues

Wed. Nite Mixed Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Kool Katz	54.0	34.0	--
2. DUH's	51.5	36.5	2.5
3. Laugh Out Loud	47.0	41.0	7.0
4. Sixty Forty	42.5	45.5	11.5
5. Skippy Strikes	42.5	45.5	11.5
6. Petes Angels	38.5	49.5	15.5
7. Big K Rollers	38.0	50.0	16.0
8. Sharp Shooters	38.0	50.0	16.0

Wed. Nite - In the Dog House League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. The Lane Brakers	23.5	12.5	--
2. Tumbalos	20.5	15.5	3.0
3. Hounds	17.5	18.5	6.0
4. Team 7	17.5	14.5	6.0
5. 3 Minds in the Gutter	17.0	19.0	6.5
6. The Rebels	14.0	22.0	9.5

Mon. Nite - Ladies Nite Out League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Gamblers	52.5	27.5	--
2. Petes Angels	50.0	30.0	2.5
3. Lucky Ladies	48.5	31.5	4.0
4. Lady Bugs	48.0	32.0	4.5
5. Holy Rollers	34.0	46.0	18.5
6. Ghost	7.0	73.0	45.5

Captain's Cup League Standings

Pos. Team	Won	Lost	GB
1. Who's Your Daddy	45.0	15.0	--
2. Balls Deep	35.0	25.0	10.0
3. Cookies & Cream	34.5	25.5	10.5
4. FFSC	5.5	54.5	39.5



Texas A&M at
Kingsville

Hog Pen

Abel Garcia is Javelinaathletics.com male student-athlete of the week

Garcia is this week's (3/3) javelinaathletics.com male student-athlete of the week. In the first full outdoor track and field meet of the season, Garcia won both the shot put and the discus at the Border Olympics in Laredo. He won the shot put with a throw 54-1 and the discus with a toss of 158-2. His throw in the shot put was three and a half feet better than his best throw during all of the 2007 outdoor season.



Abel Garcia

Javelinaathletics.com female student-athlete of the week is Courtney Rigamonti



Courtney
Rigamonti

Rigamonti is this week's (3/3) javelinaathletics.com female student-athlete of the week. Courtney pitched 12 shutouts innings and allowed only one extra base hit in two starts, leading the Javelinas to a three-game series sweep of Eastern New Mexico to open the Lone Star Conference season. Rigamonti made two starts, pitched two complete game shutouts and held the second best hitting team to a .186 batting average. She pitched a five-hit shutout in the 10-0 win in game one and a four-hit shutout in the 5-0 game three victory. Eastern came into the series batting .360.

Branch Health Clinic defines “Origins of Multiculturalism” with Black History celebration

Story and photos by Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

On Friday, Feb. 29, the Branch Health Clinic celebrated this year’s Black History Month theme “Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism” by sponsoring a program that included static displays, musical selections, oratory readings, artistic expressions and praise dancing followed by a guest speaker and a luncheon. The entire event honored many of the pioneers whose civil rights struggles played a major role in overcoming discrimination and it was the works of Woodson, who is known as the father of black history that recorded the efforts and contributions of African Americans throughout the history of American society.

As the clinic personnel were gearing up for the start of the program, Command Master Chief Clarence Hodges asked the guests to please be patient as they waited for the final lunch dish to be brought in from the grill. Immediately following Hodges’ remarks, and without any hesitation, guest speaker Dr. Gloria Dean Randle Scott, Ph. D, raised her arm into the air as she proclaimed, “the *dish* is *already* here!” The ice was broken and the program began.

The first order of business was the invocation by the Rev. Idotha Battle followed up with Belinda Titus, Cella Boyd and Lonny Porter, III performing a musical selection in which they sang the first verse of the “*Negro National Anthem*.” The trio barely got through “lift every voice and sing...” before their magic did exactly that as the entire room joined in. Appropriately, the verse ends with, “...Let us march on ‘till victory is won.”

Lt. Cmdr. Dawn Hardin, officer in charge, Branch Health Clinic (BHC) took the time to honor those who served in the armed forces. “African Americans have served with distinction in every major conflict from the Revolutionary War through Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eighty-seven of those have earned the Medal of Honor.” Hardin closed by saying, “we are a team that has worked side-by-side for many years and will continue marching forward together.”

The struggles of African Americans of previous generations were expressed through oratory readings by other members of the Clinic. Hospital Corpsman



From left: HMCN Clarence Hodges, Dr. Gloria D. Randle Scott Ph. D and Lcdr. Dawn Hardin.

2nd Class Juan Gutierrez performed an artistic reading of a biography of Mess Management Specialist 1st Class Doris Miller. Miller was credited with shooting down at least three Japanese kamikaze pilots at Pearl Harbor but other accounts credit him with many more. Miller was ultimately killed in action later in the war, but not before he was awarded the nation’s second highest medal, the Navy Cross.

Other readings included a writing by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall read by Hospital Corpsman Brian Jacobs; poet Langston Hughes’ poem “Let America be America again,” read by Rev. Battle; the biography of Samuel Lee Gregory Jr. who rose through the ranks of the Navy to become the first African American to obtain the rank of Vice Admiral, and Hospital Corpsman Gregory Garcia closed the readings with remarks on the life and career of Master Chief Petty Officer Carl Brasher, the first black navy diver who not only lost a leg during a dive mission but became the first black Master Diver in the United States Navy. Brasher fought to remain on active duty, and did so until 1979.

The ceremony continued with a beautiful praise dance performance by Nicole Woodruff as she performed “Choreographer of the Tribe of Judah.” Following that performance was the introduction of the guest speaker, Dr. Randle Scott, the 12th president of Bennett

College, a historically black college for women located in Greensboro, N.C.

As guests read through Scott’s biography heads were bobbing back and forth in amazement at her accomplishments. It’s impossible to cover them all, but as they read through it in the program, they went taken on long a journey that transversed some of the roughest times in African American history. Yet, Dr. Randle Scott conquered one mountain after another helping to further the civil rights movement and change American history. Her accomplishments are enough to make any normal man or women feel as though they have contributed nothing to the history of our great nation.

Randle Scott touched on the history of the slave trade, and why there are so many pigmentation differences, physical differences and other genetic differences among African Americans. She continued with bits of information in the importance of the contributions made by African Americans, and the importance of Carter G. Woodson’s works. “Carter G. Woodson provided the leadership to begin to pull people together understanding that what is not documented and not reviewed is lost,” Scott said. “He was very much motivated not to have this so that African Americans would know, but he thought more importantly the entire nation needed to have it.”

Randle Scott spoke for 30 minutes, touching only briefly on the many accomplishments of African Americans throughout America’s short history. Yet, it was her own accomplishments that seemed to amaze everyone in attendance. Randle Scott closed appropriately by quoting parts of the Negro National Anthem.

“... Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod felt in the days when hope unborn had died yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come, over a way that which tears has been watered. We have come, treading out path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last, where the white gleam of our bright star is cast. We are a multicultural nation.”



Praise Dancing performed by Nicole Woodruff.



From left: Lonnie Porter III; Cella Boyd and Belinda Titus.



From left: HM2 Juan Gutierrez; HN Brian Jacobs; Dr. Gloria D. Randle Scott; HN Gregory Garcia and HM2 Marlon Rendon.