



## Kingsville celebrates Veterans on Memorial Day

Story and photos by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs



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Nearly 200 people witnessed a solemn ceremony honoring military veterans past and present Monday, May 26 at Kingsville's Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony featured an opening prayer by Pastor Ben Hernandez and comments from guest speaker Dr. José Rodríguez. Mrs. Idotha Battle sang "Amazing Grace" and the rifle team from VFW Post 2375, led by Rafael "Chico" Favela, retired Navy, provided a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps." Rev. Jesse Battle offered the benediction. The annual event was organized by Kingsville County Veteran's Services Officer and veteran Tomas Sanchez.

"We had a very nice turnout from Veterans from all branches of the service," Sanchez said. "Our speakers were great, and our VFW rifle team squad was right on cue."

ABH2 William Cinnamon, of NAS Kingsville's Field Support Division, was among those who turned out in uniform to pay tribute to those who have served their country. The Albany, N.Y. native said he wanted to attend the ceremony to pay tribute to those who served before him.

"I wasn't expecting to get introduced to the crowd," Cinnamon said, "but I was happy to do it because I am proud to be serving my country."

While the ceremony was getting underway in Kingsville, two NAS Kingsville Sailors were getting ready to welcome Memorial Day by raising the colors and the POW/MIA flag at the NAS Kingsville flag pole. Com-

mand Duty Office petty officers AC3 Randy Reid of Air Traffic Control and ET2 John Fuller of Ground Electronics handled the task flawlessly, despite the added challenge of raising the Holiday Flag which is about twice the size of the normal national ensign that flies over the air station.

Similar ceremonies were conducted throughout the country to pay tribute to men and women veterans who paid the ultimate price in defense of freedom. Following the ceremony in Kingsville, guests toured the Veterans Memorial to view the wreaths honoring those from past American wars and conflicts.



VFW Post 2375 Rifle Team conducts 21-gun salute.



Kleberg County Veterans Services Officer Tomas Sanchez.



ET2 John Fuller, left, and AC3 Randy Reid prepare to hoist the Holiday Flag during morning Colors. Above: The POW/MIA flag joins Old Glory on the NAS Kingsville flag pole to commemorate Memorial Day.

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## From The Bridge...



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

Greetings Team Kingsville!

First of all, I want to thank everyone for having a safe Memorial Day weekend. I also want to thank the NASK and TW-2 Safety Departments, L-3 Vertex, and the Branch Health Clinic for the great job putting on the Health and Safety Fair Friday, May 23. This highly successful event was very informative, and helped to raise everyone's safety and health awareness as we head into the 100 Critical Days of Summer.

I also wish to congratulate 38 Sailors who were recently selected for advancement off the March Navy-wide exam cycle. Well done to all who made it, and

to those who didn't make the grade, keep performing at your potential and study hard for the September exam.

As we approach the start of Hurricane season (1 June - 30 November), I remind everyone to have an evacuation plan, and review your mission essential status, and those of your co-workers. Any questions regarding hurricane conditions and base conditions of readiness should be addressed to ACC Mike Garcia, the NAS Kingsville Emergency Manager (x6187).

The last subject I want to talk about is where we are as a Naval Air Station. 10 months into my tour now, and there are many accomplishments I am proud of, but even more future projects I am excited about.

We all have noticed the new front gate makeover, the road resurfacing, and the newly-painted vintage TW-2 jet trainers at our resurgent Air Park. But there is much more being done behind the scenes. Perhaps you have noticed that the Branch Health Clinic is being renovated. Or, that the Ground Training Building is getting a \$1M overhaul. But you are likely unaware that Bldg 3740 (next to the U.S. Border Patrol building) is being renovated to serve as our permanent barracks later this year. Bldg. 3755 (the current BQ) is slated for demolition next year--along with Bldg 2700 (old CBH front desk building) and

3729 (old Married Officer's Quarters behind CBH). These demos are part of a base-wide footprint reduction plan intended to reduce excess, aging infrastructure that siphons off our limited resources. These are better spent funding sustainment, restoration and modernization projects which help us accomplish our mission and preserve high quality of life for our Sailors.

The renovation of Bldg. 3740 to serve as our BQ is an example of putting dollars to work where it makes sense. Likewise, when we begin the renovation of our Base Chapel later this year, we will be wisely improving a needed structure that has been neglected for too long.

Finally, I feel very confident that our new Fitness Center project will finally get rolling and takeoff next year. This is a big project, and includes replacing our existing gym (which was built in 1954) with a state of the art training facility, complete with outdoor track and new swimming pool. More to follow on this exciting new addition to our jet training campus landscape.

As I said, there is a lot to be excited about. Keep doing what you do, Team Kingsville. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and as always, I am proud to serve you.

Waddz sends



## Tews' Views



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

### A Taxi Driver's Story

I arrived at 0230, the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many a cab-driver would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and drive away.

But, I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her eighties stood before me. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. There were no clocks on the walls, no knick-knacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. "Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she asked. I took the suitcase to the cab and then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking

me for my kindness. "Its nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated." "Oh, you are such a good boy," she said.

When we got into the cab, she gave me an address, then, asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "Its not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I am in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice."

I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have much longer." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, a small convalescent home, with the driveway under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled curbside. They were solicitous and intent. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said. "You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers,"

I responded. Then, without thinking, I bent down and gave her a hug. She held on to me tightly. "You have given an old woman a little moment of joy," she said, "thank you." I squeezed her hand, then, walked out into the dim morning light. Behind me the door swung shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once and then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think I have done anything more important in my life.

~An Anonymous Taxi-Driver

We are all too often conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great and momentous events. But the truly great moments often catch us unaware – beautifully wrapped in the little kindnesses shown to one another. The truth is, people may not always remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but – they will always remember how you made them feel.

**Trivia Challenge:** Well, apparently that last one was just too difficult. The answer was Rabbah, as found in Deuteronomy 3:11. Anyway, on with the latest challenge in which you are to identify an object of geography (city, lake, river, mountain, etc.) found in the Bible. The latest correct answer will begin with the letter S. Please send your response to mark.tews@navy.mil. Here is your latest challenge:

A deceitful lover betrayed the "strong" love of the man of God who had fallen for her in order to discover the source of his great strength. She was from the valley of S\_\_\_\_\_.



## In The Break...



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

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. May has been a very busy month with the Goshawk Ball, Carrier Qual (CQ) Det in San Diego, and finally the Lexington Winging. Saturday, May 31 at 8:30 a.m., we will have our annual dual winging ceremony with Training Air Wing FOUR on board the USS Lexington, in Corpus Christi. Our guest speaker is ADM Robert Willard, Commander Pacific Fleet in Hawaii.

The Lex Winging is a tradition that began in 2002 in conjunction with the Goshawk Ball – it was also the first Goshawk Ball. The Winging ceremony on the Lexington is a special occasion to commemorate what we as strike aviators do and what changed the Navy during World War II – carrier aviation. Carrier aviation provides this nation presence and striking power anywhere in the world. Carrier aviation is what separates us, as Navy and Marine Corp pilots, from the rest of the aviation world – landing on carriers.

There are only a handful of countries that have carriers and none of them operate at the pace we do. Carriers are expensive; the current cost is about \$4.5 billion

### *USS Lexington "The Blue Ghost"*

The USS Lexington (CV-16) is a World War II-vintage aircraft carrier. Commissioned in 1943, she served the United States longer and set more records than any other carrier in the history of naval aviation.

The ship was the oldest working carrier in the United States Navy when decommissioned in 1991. An Essex-class carrier, USS Lexington was originally named USS Cabot. During World War II, the final work on it was being completed at Massachusetts' Fore River Shipyard when word was received that the original carrier named USS Lexington (CV-2), had been sunk in the Coral Sea. A campaign was launched to change the new carrier's name to Lexington, and the rest is history. The USS Lexington (CV-16) was commissioned Feb. 17, 1943.

After training maneuvers and a shakedown cruise, Lexington joined the Fifth Fleet at Pearl Harbor. During World War II, the carrier participated in nearly every major operation in the Pacific Theater and spent a total of 21 months in combat. Her planes destroyed 372 enemy aircraft in the air and 475 more on the ground. She sank or destroyed 300,000 tons of enemy cargo and damaged an additional 600,000 tons. The ship's guns shot down 15 planes and assisted in downing five more.

The Japanese reported Lexington sunk no less than four times! Yet, each time she returned to fight again, leading the propagandist Tokyo Rose to nickname her

to build and another \$160 million a year to maintain. You need carrier aircraft and carrier-trained pilots. To train a carrier aviator we spend approximately \$2 million to get you ready for your first squadron and your first deployment.

Preparing for carrier landings is one our primary focuses in Training Wing TWO and it will be a primary focus in the Fleet Replacement Squadron (where you will get your first "night traps") and throughout your career. I know many of you saw the Discovery special "Carrier" and that dark pitching deck night off Australia. That is part of what we do and every one of us has had one those cruises with dark pitching decks. That's why from day one here we emphasize flying "on speed" and learning to control your rate of descent with power and keeping those needles centered, so when you break out at 600-ft on that dark night you will be in the perfect position to land! Flying a disciplined pattern in Fams is where we start to prepare you for your first day trap and that training continues throughout the program.

In a week, we will start Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLPs) in preparation for our next carrier qualifications, June 12 in Jacksonville, Fla. Two weeks of persistent practice to hone your skills for those first traps at sea.

I look forward to seeing all of the Wingers and their families aboard the "Lady Lex" this Saturday. In case you did not know, the Lexington's last commissioned service was as the training carrier. Many a grey-haired aviator, including this one, had their first traps on board the USS Lexington.

Work hard and be the best you can be, because you are a Naval aviator and we are the best in the World! Godspeed, BD



"The Blue Ghost." The name is a tribute to the ship and the crew and air groups that served aboard her.

After the war, Lexington was briefly decommissioned (1947-1955). When reactivated, she operated primarily with the Seventh Fleet out of San Diego, Calif. Although not involved in actual combat, Lexington kept an offshore vigil during tensions in Formosa, Laos, and Cuba. In 1962, she sailed into Pensacola, Fla., and began training operations, eventually being officially designated CVT-16, Navy Training Carrier.

USS Lexington (CV-16) was decommissioned Nov. 26, 1991. Corpus Christi is privileged to be selected as the permanent home to this national treasure.

(Information courtesy of the USS Lexington Foundation. For more information about the ship, its history, and information on tours and special events, visit [www.usslexington.com](http://www.usslexington.com)).

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## YOU ASKED FOR IT, YOU GOT IT!

By Tara Culbertson

Greetings from your Quality of Service IPT Team! The team members are LT Brent Simmons, Supply Officer NASK, Tara Culbertson, MWR Director, Ofelia Evans, Navy Exchange Manager, QMC Jacob Lozano, Security, CSC Prelvis Lofties, Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Manager, Norma Cano, ACTR, MA1 Matt Brackeen, Security, HM2 Ismael Diaz, MA2 Russell Myers, and HM1 Billy Cheyka.

The team has taken on some important projects in the last few months. First, the team sent out a survey to determine the needs and opinions of base personnel including active duty, family members, DoD civilians and contractors, as well as retirees and reservists. Over 250 responses were received about the quality of service provided by the base.

Here are a few of the most frequently mentioned compliments and concerns brought up in the surveys. When customers were asked what they liked the most about NAS Kingsville, they said MWR facilities and programs, Security, friendly people who work on base, etc. When asked what customers liked the least, they responded MWR, Navy Exchange, Commissary, Security, Fishing rules, Public Works, lack of food establishments on base, etc.

When asked what can be done to improve the services on base, the number one answer was "more food choices needed on base." Close behind was a desire for better/improved facilities, expanded Navy Exchange and Commissary services, expanded hours of operation, more MWR events, allowing civilians to use the NEX/COM, better pricing for fishing on base, etc.

The IPT team immediately went to work on these important issues to improve the quality of service aboard NAS Kingsville. We are happy to report the following improvements:

-MWR and NEX are teaming up to add additional food service options on base. A franchise food service operation is looking at possible locations along the flight line. More info to follow on this exciting possibility soon!

-The MWR swimming pool will offer expanded hours this summer. The pool will now be open 7 days a week and with an additional hour in the evenings, to serve customers better.

-Prices for fishing on base have been significantly lowered! Get all the details at ITT at 516-6449.

-MWR is adding a significant amount of new programming and activities for base personnel and their families. You might have enjoyed our recent



*Back row from left: HM1 Billy Chanek; QMC Jacob Lozano; MA3 Russell Myers and CSC Prelvis Lofties. Front row from left: LT Brent Simmons; Tara Culbertson and Ofilia Alvarez.*

Mothers Day Brunch, Kids Night Out, inexpensive childcare on weekends, bowling tournaments, etc. And, we hope you'll join us for Kingsville's first 4th of July celebration in many years. Expect to see many more events, sports, and outdoor adventure activities this year!

-Security has added more personnel to the Pass & Tag office in order to get you your ID card more quickly and efficiently.

-Many more improvements are in the works.

Special thanks to all those who participated in the survey...we really listened and are taking action to serve you better.

The IPT team is also addressing a critical issue for Kingsville Sailors and Marines. Individual Augmentees report a wide variety of problems with the IA deployment process, including problems with travel claims, DTS, government travel credit cards, purchasing the wrong gear, worries about family while the service member is away, not receiving communication, etc. The team is developing an IA sponsor program to help with pre-deployment, assist families during deployment, and help Sailors and Marines de-compress when they return. Your feedback is encouraged. You can email [jacob.lozano@navy.mil](mailto:jacob.lozano@navy.mil) to share your thoughts on the IA process.

If you would like to share a service issue with your Quality of Service IPT team, please email LT Simmons at [brent.simmons@navy.mil](mailto:brent.simmons@navy.mil), or contact any of the team members.

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



*General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq (left) thanks MA2(SW) Anthony Johnson for his support at Camp Victory and to the overall efforts on the war on terror.*

## Advancement Results



*AC1 Daniel Guerrero  
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# Health and Safety Fair promotes summer awareness for base personnel

Story and photos by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

The NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO Safety offices combined with L-3 Communications and the Branch Health Clinic to conduct a Memorial Day weekend Health and Safety Fair at The Club Friday, May 23. The fair was designed to inform base personnel on health and safety issues heading into the 100 Critical Days of Summer.

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer CAPT Phil Waddingham help kick off the event by providing opening remarks and encouraging personnel to include safety awareness over the long holiday weekend and throughout the summer months.

"This is a critical time of the year for health and safety," Waddingham said. "As you know, the Navy's Critical Days of Summer campaign focuses on everything from safe driving to recreational activities and heat stroke. I encourage you to visit as many of the booths that you can today and obtain as much information as possible. You'll also be able to take home a few souvenirs."

The Health and Safety Fair offered base personnel a different approach to going to training. Usually, safety stand downs are conducted at specific times during the day and all hands are required to attend. The Health and Safety Fair, however, was held throughout the day and personnel were able to schedule their participation in conjunction with their work schedule. And the change paid off.

"This was the first time that we jointly combined all of our resources to provide safety and health awareness information for the entire base," said NAS Kingsville Safety Manager Kordeen Kor. "We concentrated on locating and soliciting assistance from experts in the areas of Health and Fitness, traffic and auto safety, fire prevention and awareness, and outdoor recreation, subjects which typically are the prominent contributors to mishaps during this period.

In addition, Health and Wellness providers from the local community were invited to increase individual awareness of services available to aid them in maintaining a healthy life style."

L-3 Vertex played a key role in organizing the event. As the largest contract employer on the air station, L-3 holds training sessions for its personnel on a regular basis. Last year, they conducted a mini Safety Fair and invited a number of local businesses - and Training Air Wing TWO- to participate. The turnout was so successful that they approached the air station about doing it on a larger scale this year.

"We always hold training events for our personnel," said L-3 Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator Scott Ellis. "This year L-3 joined forces with the Air Station and Wing Safety Offices to provide the necessary information for personnel to help provide a proactive input towards reducing accidents and injuries at work and at home. L-3 Vertex believes in the team concept no matter what uniform we wear, and the one team one mission concept helped make this a really successful event."

A large number of local businesses took advantage of the invitation to participate and throughout the day base personnel filtered through The Club to visit the booths, ask questions, and take home literature. And if they felt the need, they could get their blood pressure taken or, take a vision test, or even get a massage. In addition to the booths inside The Club, there were safety demonstrations conducted in The Club parking lot that focused on seat belts, vehicle rollovers, home fire awareness and fire extinguishers, boating safety, and auto care and routine maintenance.

With more than 500 people in attendance, 325 documented some sort of health screening and consultation during the Fair. According to Kor, feedback was extremely positive, and plans are already in the works to expand the event even more for 2009.

"The joint effort of all base Safety teams along with the command support combined to make this the most successful safety event held at NAS Kingsville in the three years I have been at this command. This really went well."

Weaver gave his folks a pat on the back, too. "I'm very pleased at the dedication the L-3 employees have shown by actively being involved, not only with the Health and Safety Fair, but on an everyday basis at their work stations. Scott Ellis did a great job on L-3's behalf relating our safety conscious goals. Safety is paramount in what we do, and every year the Safety Fair continues to be a success. We're extremely proud to be an intricate part of it and we will continue to support any effort to improve our work environment and help make a huge impact on the health and well-being of all base personnel."



Housing's Lynn Early get her blood pressure checked.



Environmental's Arnie DeLeon gets a back massage.



Guests get information on vehicle rollovers and seat belt safety.



MWR's Bill Boswell shows how to check a car's brake pads.



Fire Inspector Arnold Carranco demonstrates the proper use of a fire extinguisher.



A Sailor gets advice on financial planning.

# May's Pilot for a Day a former U.S. "Ambassador" to Australia

Story and photos by Maryann Shramko, Flying K editor

Tuesday, May 20, 16-year old Corpus Christi resident and Beverly Hills, Calif. native Alex Bonillas was welcomed on board NAS Kingsville (NASK) and Training Squadron 21 (VT-21) as May's Pilot for a Day (PFAD). Alex is a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital (DCH) undergoing treatment for a level IV Glioblastoma Multiforming (GBM) malignant brain tumor. Brain tumors account for one in every 100 cancers diagnosed in the United States and 23 percent of all primary brain tumors. A level IV GBM is a very aggressive, fast spreading cancer with a poor prognosis. However, patients battling this form of cancer beat the odds every day like any other cancer. And, it is those patients that make any statistic possible. "Statistics are statistics" his mother Terri Bonillas said. "Someone has to make up that percent to overcome the cancer so, why not Alex?"

DCH and NASK team up every month to bring a child on board and make them a PFAD. The team efforts have provided many children with a day away from their continued medical battles and replaced them with unforgettable memories. Sponsoring this month's evolution was VT-21 instructor pilots LT Julio Ledesma, LT Benjamin Mulinix and student naval aviator ENS Christopher Viernes.

Strutting into the room first was Alex sporting some obvious 'bling' around his neck and wearing a New York Yankee ball cap backwards, followed by his mother Terri Bonillas and grandmother, Vivian May, aka Nana. The family was surprised, yet comforted by the warm welcome they received from squadron personnel. Shortly after his welcoming reception Alex was escorted off to another room and a few minutes later emerged looking like every other pilot in the room with his own flight suit.

Over the next few hours he experienced many different aspects of being a pilot including the ever-so-uncomfortable part of donning the 35 pounds of survival gear that pilots are required to wear when flying. As he stepped into the g-suite and pulled up



May Pilot for a Day Alex Bonillas (center), kicks off his day with his mother Terri Bonillas (right) and Nana, Vivian May left.

the straps Alex fought vigorously to hide the discomfort of the equipment as he tried to mask his facial expressions while he inched-up the straps. Later, he strolled across the flight line blending with Ledesma, Mulinix and Viernes as the three took turns explaining the different aspects of aircraft pre-flight checks. Finally, he was ready to spend some time flying the T-45 Goshawk in the simulator. The simulator is a multi-million dollar piece of equipment used to assist in the training of pilots. But, to the PFAD, it is greatest video game ever.

After a great deal of flying around the country in the simulator the group enjoyed some much needed nutrition at the Captain's Club where his mother Terri shared with the group his love of Soccer. Grinning from ear to ear she stated, "Alex has played soccer since the age of 5 and has been selected to the all-star team every year since turning 7. If you were to watch him play you would say 'he was born to play this sport.' My biggest thrill as a parent is watching him play." Her face radiated with pride as she continued to share his experience. "In fact, he actually got to represent the United States as an ambassador in a soccer tournament in Australia."

As the end of the day approached, Alex shared a few of his favorite things about his mother and Nana. "Nana is very strong. She never gives up. And, my mom and I are best friends. It's kind of like I am her brother and she is my sister." But, there is more to this family than their bond of love; there is also their belief and faith. Each of the three was wearing a Jewish bracelet (bendel) which is believed to bring good luck and protection. Alex's bendel had a Hamsa Hand with a blue eye in the center of the palm hanging from it. "My Nana gave this to me," he said. "She said it will protect me and ward off evil." The hand is believed to be that of Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron. Terri's bendel had numerous eyes around it and Nana's contained the hand within a Star of David surrounded by six apotropaic all-seeing eyes.

You can call their belief and faith in the Hamsa fact or folklore. Either way it doesn't matter. What does matter is that this family continues to believe in whatever gives them the strength to continue to fight the battles and not rely on medicine alone. It takes a positive attitude, determination, courage, belief and a fighting spirit to overcoming even the simplest illness. "Alex is totally aware of the battle he is facing and has a very positive outlook," Nana said. "He is a very kind, caring person who loves to be helpful."

Terri touched on his positivism by sharing a very personal conversation she had with him. "I remember he said to me 'mom, I'm okay if I am here with you, Nana and uncle Monroe. But I'm okay if I'm with papa and uncle Jay too. Either way, I'm okay.' "It's true, either way you're okay but how do you get okay with it as a parent?" One way, is watching and learning from Alex himself.



Alex's Hamsa Bendel protects him from evil.

**"The man who can drive himself further once the effort gets painful is the man who will win." -- Roger Bannister**



Left to right: LT Julio Ledesma, Alex and LT Ben Mulinix wrap up the day at Security.



Alex Bonillas, future VT-21 Student Naval Aviator.



Alex (front) and his mom enjoy a minute of rest in one of the fire departments over-sized recliners.

## Japan Says Goodbye To USS Kitty Hawk

By Allison Batdorff, Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Usually the teary-eyed folks on Yokosuka's piers wave goodbye to the sailors onboard, not to the Navy warship carrying them away.

But much of Wednesday's pier-side sentiment was for the ship itself when USS Kitty Hawk steamed away from Yokosuka Naval Base for the last time.

Schoolchildren waved hand-drawn signs saying "Don't Forget Japan!" "Fly Free, Kitty Hawk!" and "We Will Miss You!" while dignitaries waxed eloquent about the 47-year-old aircraft carrier's service to the fleet.

After almost a decade forward-deployed to Japan, Kitty Hawk is returning stateside to offload equipment and sailors to its replacement — the USS George Washington — and is scheduled for decommissioning in 2009.

Before he boarded the ship, Kitty Hawk Strike Group Commander Rear Adm. Richard Wren called the departure bittersweet.

"This is the beginning of the end for the Kitty Hawk," Wren said.

Hitoshi Kimura, senior vice minister for foreign affairs of Japan, called the 1,065-foot-long, 280-foot-wide Kitty Hawk "the most famous warship in Japan" and a "symbol" of the U.S.-Japanese alliance. "I am proud to call Kitty Hawk our ship, not just your



ship," Kimura said.

While Kitty Hawk's "door is closing," a new door will open when the George Washington arrives in Yokosuka in August, U.S. Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer said.

"When Japan and the U.S. stand together, peace has its best chance," Schieffer said. "Goodbye, Kitty Hawk; hello George Washington!"

The George Washington will be the Navy's first nuclear-propelled aircraft carrier forward-deployed to Japan.

The carriers are to meet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, next month, when roughly a third of Kitty Hawk's crew will crossdeck to the George Washington.

The George Washington is in San Diego undergo-

ing repairs after a May 22 fire damaged the ship and trapped several sailors for hours. Officials have not released the cause of the fire, the extent of the damage or whether it will affect the hull swap with the Kitty Hawk.

After Hawaii, Kitty Hawk will stop in San Diego, but the carrier's final destination is Bremerton, Wash., where it will be decommissioned next year.

On Wednesday, amid the speeches, balloons and final farewell ceremony, 13-year-old Andrew Debolt said Kitty Hawk had served the Navy well.

"It did its time," Debolt said. "It's been through a lot of things."

Moreover, the ship's departure makes for a great cultural joke in Japan, Yamaguchi Corp. interpreter Masami Wada said.

"Today it is no longer 'Hello Kitty' in Japan," Wada pointed out. "Today, it's 'Goodbye, Kitty.'" "While the farewell festivities were nice, Tabatha Anderson and her son Tyler said they're already looking forward to the George Washington's arrival ceremony — because that means their beloved sailor is home.

"We're going to miss him," Tabatha Anderson said of her husband, who departed with the Kitty Hawk on Wednesday and will join the George Washington crew in Hawaii.

## French pilots land aboard Truman

By MCSN Jared Hall, USS Harry S. Truman Public Affairs

USS HARRY S. TRUMAN, At Sea (NNS) -- USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) cooperated with the French Navy May 21, as French pilots landed on the flight deck to work on their carrier qualifications.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us because it's a refresher for the pilot and also proved the compatibility of the French planes and the U.S. carriers," said French Navy CAPT Patrick Zimmermann, the commander of the French air group attached to the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle (R 91).

France's navy has worked with the U.S. to practice the coordination of joint maritime security operations during the last six years, and this is the first time a French plane has landed on Truman.

"In 2002 during the beginning of the Afghanistan conflict when we were with the war group of the Stennis [USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)], we did some cross decks with E-2s," Zimmermann said. "Last year was the first time we experienced some traps on the Enterprise [USS Enterprise (CVN 65)] in July 2007 with the Rafale. The Rafale is a swing barrel airplane like the F-18... [performing the functions of] fighter, attack and air defense."

During the exercise, French pilots accumulated six traps with two Rafales and one E-2C making two traps each. A third Rafale made 13 touch-and-go

landings to test how well French planes could handle the stresses of landing on Truman's flight deck, explained Zimmermann.

"What they were doing was trying to test the impact of our carrier on their type of aircraft such as the landing gear and different stresses on the aircraft," said LCDR Andrew Shulman, one of the ship's carrier air group landing signal operators. "That way, they can take a look at when they operate with us this summer, how it's going to affect their aircraft."

With the Charles de Gaulle currently in the ship yards in Toulon, France, Zimmermann noted this is the first time his pilots have conducted carrier landings in almost a year.

Shulman and LCDR Greg Provencher, also a carrier air group landing signal operator, traveled to Landivisiau, a French naval air base, in Brittany, France. There, they observed the capabilities of the French E-2Cs and Rafales to ensure they would be able to successfully land on Truman.

"We went up there primarily to watch their planes land," Sulman said. "One of the prerequisites of them coming out here, was that we'd get a chance to go out there and see what the performance of their aircraft was.

"They brought their guys aboard, and everyone met their counterpart. The French shooters were talk-

ing to the American shooters and everyone worked together," said Shulman. "If you looked at this evolution a couple weeks or a month ago, you'd have thought it would be more difficult than it actually was; but, it wasn't difficult because there was a lot of planning."

In July, the French air group is scheduled to conduct flight operations during a joint task force exercise with USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and Carrier Strike Group 8, explained Zimmermann.



*MEDITERRANEAN SEA (May 21, 2008) A plane director assigned to Air Department's V-1 division guides a French Navy Rafale jet to one of the catapults on the flight deck aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Ricardo J. Reyes.*

# Training saves lives during ship's fire

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Riza Caparros, USS George Washington Public Affairs

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, At Sea (NNS) -- Fire-fighting training was put to the test on USS George Washington (CVN 73)(GW) when fires broke out on the ship the morning of May 22, trapping four Sailors for more than four hours and causing damage to various departments in the area of the blaze.

Almost immediately, the crew went to "General Quarters" a state of alert in which everyone has a defined role to protect the ship in an emergency situation.

Engineering Department's Senior Chief Damage Controlman(SW/AW) Dwight Hill discussed the value of the training the crew receive to protect the ship in such an incident.

"Instinct took over, our training kicked in, everything was done expeditiously," said Hill. "All that went through my mind were my Sailors that were trapped, making sure they knew we were trying. That was my motivating factor."

Extensive efforts were involved to rescue the four Sailors in question, including maintaining communication.

Electrician's Mate Fireman Jase Exum, one of the four Sailors trapped, said the lack of communication in the beginning is what scared him the most.

"I tried to use the sound-powered telephones, but I could not tell if anyone was hearing me," he said. "When the captain got on the IMC (shipwide announcing system), it was a relief, knowing they knew we were still alive, and they were still out there trying to get to us."

Exum said that the training he had received helped him to remain calm.

"I really did not know what was going to happen, but



*PACIFIC (May 22, 2008) Crew members aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) conduct comprehensive firefighting efforts to extinguish a fire that spread to several spaces via cableways, creating extreme heat and smoke. The cause of the fire and the extent of the damage are currently under investigation as the ship continues on course for San Diego. U.S. Navy photo*

I was the only one of the four of us that were trapped to go to Damage Control school," Exum said. "I explained what was happening around us, why they lit off fire extinguishing agents to keep us safe. I was trained as a Damage Controlman and I was really glad that I was because that knowledge kept me calm. We could have put ourselves in a lot worse danger if I didn't know certain things -- should we go now, should we wait, should we try to make it up on our own."

The word "shipmate" was used and remembered throughout the day.

"For the first time in twenty years, I didn't think of my family back home," said Hill. "It was the first time

my thoughts were not on my wife and kids. My mind was on my family on the ship, my shipmates stuck in the spaces below.

"I have the responsibility of training these guys to respond to a real casualty and I didn't realize how it set in until I saw what I saw today. I was proud of my shipmates, knowing what we have learned, knowing what we have put to use saved the lives of our Sailors. Those trapped Sailors didn't work for me, but they are a part of me, and that is what kept me going," he said.

"Honor, that's all I can say, it's just the feeling that I felt," concluded Hill. "If you look around, the crew knew they were doing a job and making this place honorable."

GW's Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Jeffrey R. Clark, Sr. also described what he witnessed of his crew that day.

"The training kicked in," Clark said. "They were able to sustain a significant amount of stress and their performance showed it. We got our lockers together, and made plans."

"We train for something like this, but you can never really mentally prepare for something like this," he continued. "When we found that we had four Sailors trapped, we knew we needed to get down there as a rescue effort, vice fire-combating effort."

"My Sailors are my number one concern," added Clark. "Taking care of them, making sure their needs are met, that they have a place to sleep, that they have food to eat. The big picture is not the focus right now, it's taking care of each Sailor, so they can do their job and we can work together to get the ship ready to do its job again."



## NAS Kingsville Branch Health Clinic Corner

*Hydrate, Shipmate!*



Summer is finally upon us! Beaches, baseball, and outdoor Bar B Que's! Yes folks, summer is here and with it comes all the hazards of being out in the sun. One of the most important things to remember this summer is to stay hydrated. Whether you are mowing the yard or splashing around in the Gulf of Mexico, it is very vital that you stay as hydrated as possible. Here are a couple of simple things to remember when you are outside this summer:

- Do not take salt tablets.
- Take breaks from your workout if you begin to feel severely fatigued, light-headed or dizzy.
- Drink water before, during, and after your workout
- Start every day with an 8-ounce glass of water.
- Both caffeine and alcohol can cause you to lose more than normal amounts of fluid, so be sure to compensate for this additional water loss.

It is important to drink water even before you feel thirsty. Thirst is one of the signs from your body telling you that you are starting to get dehydrated. One way to check your hydration level is to check the color of your urine when you use the restroom. If your urine is clear then you are properly hydrated, however if it is any other color than clear, you may want to start drinking water. Water is the best fluid replenisher for all individuals. You don't have to drink just water, other good sources of fluid include, fruits, juices, soups and vegetables. So when you are out and about this summer remember to stay hydrated!

By HM3(FMF) Jacob Welch



## Welcome Aboard!



*The following personnel have reported*

**ABH2 Jose I. Cuellar**  
NALF Orange Grove  
El Monte, Calif.

**2nd Lt. Johnathan Stouffer**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Springfield, Ill.

**ABH2 Eric L. Koster**  
NALF Orange Grove  
Pocahontas, Ariz.

**1st Lt. Arthur Lotz**  
Student Naval Aviator, VT-22  
Tampa, Fla.

**ACAA Trevor L. Leon**  
Air Operations  
The Colony, Texas

**ET2 William N. Worley**  
Ground Electronics  
Austin, Texas

# “Full House” turns out for Navy League Casino Night at The Club

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

More than 400 people turned out for the annual Casino Night at The Club Saturday, May 17 to enjoy an evening of no-risk casino games in support of the Navy League and the Kingsville’s Women’s Club. More than 30 NAS Kingsville personnel volunteered to serve as dealers and helpers to make the event a success. Table games were set up in the Community Center Ballroom, and heavy hors d’voeures were served for patrons who were treated to all of the most popular casino games, including blackjack, roulette, craps, Texas Hold ‘Um, criss-cross, and poker. Players also had a chance to bid on silent auction items and cash-in their remaining chips at the end of the night for door prize drawings.

“We had a great turnout and the volunteers and Navy Leaguers and Women’s Club members rose to the occasion,” said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer CAPT Phil Waddingham. “Our MWR staff also did a tremendous job, and I think everyone who turned out for the event had a great time.”

Casino Night serves as the largest fund-raising event of the year for the Navy League, according to Ground Training’s Forrest Patton, Navy League event coordinator. “We had a great turnout last year and this year looked just as good if not better. Our volunteer dealers are really the people who make this event the success that it is. Some of them have experience, some do not; but after a little training, they’re ready to go. And each of them came to the event motivated to make it a success.”

Kingsville businesses also played a key role in the event through generous donations to serve as auction items and door prizes, offering patrons the chance to bid on paintings, floral arrangements, golf outings, free services, home decorations, weekend getaways, and more.



ETCM Isaias Gamez, left, takes a moment to watch RP3 Norman Otters and Lucy Clarkson do a little dance to loosen up before the “Pit Boss,” CAPT Phil Waddingham announces “Let the games begin.”



Poker games included blackjack, criss-cross and Texas Hold ‘Um (below). Players got to test their skills at studying their opponents or hoping for the right cards.



Table limits kept the betting at an even keel throughout the evening.



Some players weren’t sure if they’d really won ...



... or simply “crapped out.”



No matter, everyone seemed to have a good time, and the dealers were happy to see them win.



Players turned in their chips for prize tickets at the end of the evening.



## Competitive Sourcing Update: Non-Guard Security Agency Tender to be Implemented

By Mary Anne Broderick Tubman, Region Southeast Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) received approval May 19 from the Department of Defense Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of the Undersecretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, to implement the agency tender, which is the government bid, for the Non-Guard Security support activities at 80 Navy installations identified in the solicitation.

This decision is based on the fact that no satisfactory private sector responses to the solicitation were received. Competition must exist for a low-cost performance decision to be made. In the next step of the process, the contracting officer will determine that the agency tender meets all specifications outlined in the solicitation at a realistic price.

Employee briefings will be conducted to communicate the results of this evaluation. In the meantime, updates will be published on the CNIC Web site:

[https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic\\_hq\\_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm](https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm). The option to submit questions on the Web site is also available.

### Safety Services

On May 1, Commander Naval Installations Command (CNIC) Headquarters and regional leadership agreed to pursue cancellation of competition for Safety Support Services. The cancellation process through the

Department of Defense (DoD) Competitive Sourcing Official (CSO) could take several months, and there is no guarantee that the request will be approved.

Affected employees will be notified of the DoD CSO decision when it is available. In the meantime, updates on the status of various competitive sourcing competitions can be found on the following websites:

CNIC's Competitive Sourcing website: [https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic\\_hq\\_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm](https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/CompetitiveSourcing/index.htm). Navy's Competitive Sourcing website: <http://competitivesourcing.navy.mil>

### A-76 Process:

CNIC will employ competitive sourcing and the approved alternatives described in the OMB Circular A-76 as a workforce shaping tool to acquire commercial functions at the maximum value, align military functions to war-fighting capabilities and achieve operational savings for the fleet. The A-76 process provides CNI an opportunity to evaluate and restructure our programs on a program-centric, enterprise-oriented basis.

CNI will continue to work with employees and customers to ensure the right CNI coverage at the right time and in the right place. The A-76 process will assist CNI in identifying innovative approaches, optimizing our return on investments, and develop more effective and efficient program-centric business practices.

## CRAWFISH BOIL AT THE K-BAR

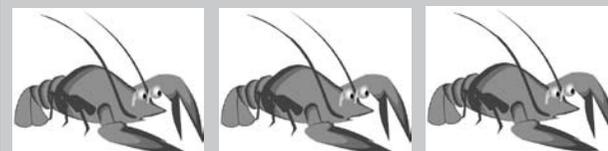


Crawfish boil with shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes!

Pick your poison...SPICY for those who dare or MILD for those who don't!

June 20 - 4 - 7 p.m. \$10 per plate

Come support your 2008  
Navy Birthday Ball!



## WWII Medal of Honor Recipients Honored

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (AW) Crystal M. Mullen,  
Fleet Public Affairs Center, Pacific

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- Seven World War II Medal of Honor recipients were honored by hundreds of guests during a black-tie gala, "Beyond the Call of Duty," on the USS Midway Museum, in San Diego, May 24.

All recipients were presented with The National World War II Museum's American Spirit Award and the Midway American Patriot Award.

"Each museum presents a major award of honor and tribute each year and it was thought that it would be great if we perhaps combined forces for one year and did an event that would benefit the education programs of both museums," said Scott McGaugh, director of marketing, USS Midway Museum.

At the age of 98, retired LT John Finn, is the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II. He was the first to receive the award for bravery in the attack on Pearl Harbor and was the only retired Sailor to be honored at the event.

"You just can't believe the funds that went into the event," said Finn. "All this for just a few of us old boys that happen to still be alive."

Guests had the opportunity to meet the recipients during the event.

"The event is awe-inspiring," said Carl Nank. "Maybe it's because as Governor Wilson said, nearly half of the people that receive the Medal [of Honor]

are awarded it posthumously."

Of the 16 million men and women who served during World War II, only 464 were awarded the Medal of Honor and of those only 30 are still living. Those that were honored at the event with Finn were: 1st Lt. Vernon Baker, U.S. Army; 1st Lt. Charles P. Murray Jr., U.S. Army; 2nd Lt. Van T. Barfoot, U.S. Army; Staff Sgt. Walter D. Ehlers, U.S. Army; Cpl. Hershel W. Williams, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and Pfc. Arthur J. Jackson, U.S. Marine Corps.

Among the noted participants of the event was Commander, United States Pacific Command Adm. Timothy J. Keating who provided the opening remarks prior to the award presentation.

"It is my great personal pleasure to stand in front of you representing 345,000 or so Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians who are out doing very important work for us tonight," said Keating. "Each and every one of them would want me to assure you of their profound support to the Midway Foundation and WWII Museum and our appreciation for the effort of these folks tonight have put forth to honor our Medal of Honor recipients tonight.

Guests and participants remembered and honored those that have served the nation in many different ways as well as those who gave all.

"This is a great event," said Norma Jean Nank. "I can't see any other way to spend the Memorial Day."



SAN DIEGO (May 24, 2008) Medal of Honor recipients, top left, Marine Corps Cpl. (ret) Hershel Woodrow 'Woody' Williams; Army 1st Lt. (ret) Vernon J. Baker; Army Staff Sgt. (ret) Walter D. Ehlers; Army 1st Lt. (ret) Charles Patrick Murray Jr.; Army 2nd Lt. (ret) Van T. Barfoot; Navy LT (ret) John Finn, and Marine Corps Pfc. Arthur (ret) J. Jackson pose together before an awards ceremony held in the hangar bay aboard the USS Midway Museum. The seven recipients received the Midway American Patriot Award and The National World War II Museum's American Spirit Award during the black-tie gala, "Beyond the Call of Duty." U.S. Navy photo.



### Fishing Ponds Temporarily Closed

The fishing ponds aboard NASK are temporarily closed to allow a fresh batch of catfish to

settle into their new home. Each of the two ponds has been stocked with 500 new fish, and will reopen on July 1. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 516-6191.

### Fishing Fees Aboard NASK Are Now \$10

Fishing fees aboard NASK have been reduced from \$35 to \$10 for all fishermen wishing to try their luck in one of the two stocked ponds on base, in addition, those wishing to just fish, there is no longer a requirement to join the NASK Hunting Club. A current Texas state fishing license is required to purchase the permit, which all active duty can get for free from any store that sells the license. Permits are available at ITT, located in The Captain's Club. For more information, contact ITT at 516-6449.

**The Base Pool (North) Is Now Open** - Time to beat the heat in the cool waters of the North Pool. Regular hours will be: Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (lap swim), 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (rec swim). Saturday, Sunday, and holiday hours will be 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.. For more information, contact the MWR Gym at 516-6171.

**June 2 - "Get In The Game" Summer Reading Program** - "Get in the Game" is the theme for this year's summer reading program. Starting on June 2, children (5-15) can register and receive a reading log. As they read age-appropriate books, they will receive prizes, ranging from bookmarks to sports bags. The Librarian may ask questions about books read. On July 31, the program will conclude with a pizza party at 4 p.m. for all the participants and certificates will be handed out. For more information, contact the Library at 516-6271.

**June 4 - America's Armed Forces Kids Run & Mini Carnival** - This event is open to children ages 5-13, and will include 1/2-mile, 1-mile, and 2-mile untimed runs for fitness. All runs will be held on the base track, and will be followed by a mini carnival with food and drinks. The fun kicks off at 8:30 a.m.. For more information, contact Angela Cupp at 516-4386, or stop by the MWR Gym.

**June 5 - Squat Competition** - What's your max weight? Come compete against other base personal to see who can hold their own. Prizes will be given to the top lifters in each weight division. For more information, or to register, contact the MWR Gym at 516-6171.

**June 12 to August 21 - Lazy Day Bowling League** - It's that time again! Time for Lazy Day Bowling! Beginning Thursday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. you are invited to join in on the fun of league bowling. All it takes is a team of three (3) with a desire to go for the trophy. The league is twelve (12) weeks long and only cost \$3 per person a week and shoes are FREE. It is open to all Active duty, DOD and family personnel. So what are you waiting for? Call or come by the NAS Bowling Center to sign up today! The lanes are open and waiting on you! For more information, call the Bowling Center at 516-6196.

**June 13 - Monogolian Grill** - Time for a base favorite at the K-BAR in The Captain's Club. Get in line early, and enjoy your choice of palette pleasing beef, pork, chicken, shrimp, assorted vegetables, and a full line up of spices.



Doors open at 11 a.m. and runs until 1:45 p.m..

**June 13 - Kids Night Out** - Looking for a night out for you and your kids? Come drop them off at the CDC or SAC and we'll do the rest! A safe and secure place for your kids to go while you enjoy some much needed time away. Contact the CDC at 6176 or the SAC at ext. 6718 for more details.

### **June 14-15 - Fathers Day Overnight Deep Sea Fishing Trip**

Join Outdoor Recreation for a 12 hour chartered fishing trip on an 80-ft. Scat-Cat out of The Fisherman's Wharf in Port Aransas. This overnight trip will put you on Shark, Kingfish, Tuna & Red Snapper 35-50 miles off shore, and is a great chance to stock the freezer for those fast approaching summer cook outs. You are not allowed to take food aboard, however; the boat's concession provides sodas, beer, hamburgers, hot dogs, and other snacks. Rods, reels, and bait are included. A Texas state fishing license is required, which active duty military can get free of charge at any facility that sell the license. For those that do not have a li-

cence, a one (1) day license can be purchased aboard the boat for \$10. The trip is open to the first 25 fisherman who register & pay. The cost is \$85 for single sailors and \$95 for all others. Non fishing guests are welcome for a \$60 fee. The boat departs Port Aransas at 2200 on Jun 14, and returns at 1000 Jun 15. Transportation from NAS Kingsville is provided, with departure times TBA. For more information, contact Frank at 516-6191.

### **Congratulations To The Memorial Day 5K Fun Run Winners!**

A big congratulation's goes out to the winners of the Memorial Day 5K Fun Run held on Thursday, May 22.

**Men age 18-29** - 1. Jesse Peppers, 2. Joseph Benavidez, 3. Martin Adrian

**Women age 18-29** - 1. Jennifer Fisher, Jennifer Hamblin, 3. Chelsea Morgan

**Men age 30-39** - 1. Norman Otters, 2. Christopher Luera, 3. Dwayne Carpenter

**Women age 30-39** - 1. Frances Gorman, 2. Patty Perez, 3. Melissa Vergara

**Men age 40 & Up** - 1. Isaies Gamez, 2. Margarito Garcia, 3. Tony LaFuente

## Bowling League

### In the Dog House League Standings

| Pos. | Team                  | Won  | Lost | GB   |
|------|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| 1.   | The Lane Brakers      | 51.5 | 28.5 | --   |
| 2.   | Tumbalos              | 48.5 | 31.5 | 3.0  |
| 3.   | Hounds                | 42.5 | 37.5 | 9.0  |
| 4.   | The Pin-Heads         | 34.5 | 41.5 | 17.0 |
| 5.   | 3 Minds in the Gutter | 33.0 | 47.0 | 18.5 |
| 6.   | The Rebels            | 32.0 | 48.0 | 19.5 |



## THE HOG PEN



Cleveland, Miss. - The Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas magical run came to an end when the ninth ranked Southern Arkansas Muleriders beat the Hogs 15-3 in day two of the NCAA South Central Region Tournament hosted by Delta State University. Click here for boxscore.

A&M-Kingsville trailed by just a run, 2-1, heading into the fifth inning, but the Muleriders scored six in the fifth, three in the sixth and four in the eighth to blow the game open.

Josh Livingston, making his final start as a Javelina, worked the first four innings and took the loss.

Seniors Taylor Everett and Joe Hamon each had two hits in their final collegiate games.

"Some frustrating things happened early on," said Javelina head coach Russell Stockton. "We hit the ball hard at people and they hit some dribblers that got through. We have been playing on the road five of the last six weekends and you could sense that it caught up to us. We were tired physically and mentally and it was tough to battle back from that."

Livingston, who had walked only 19 hitters in 90 previous innings, allowed a pair of two out walks in the second that came home on a triple by Tim Dellwo.

The Javelinas had runners on first and second with no outs in the bottom of the second, but couldn't score.

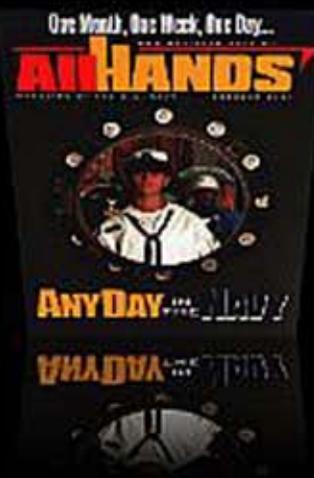
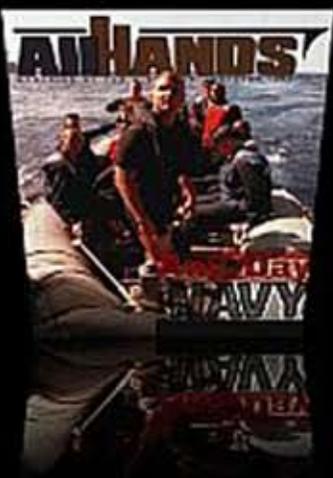
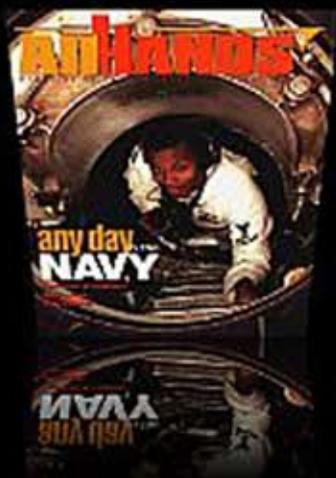
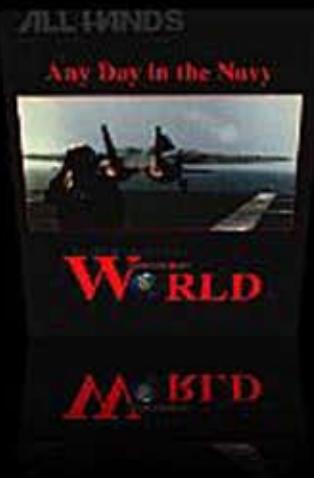
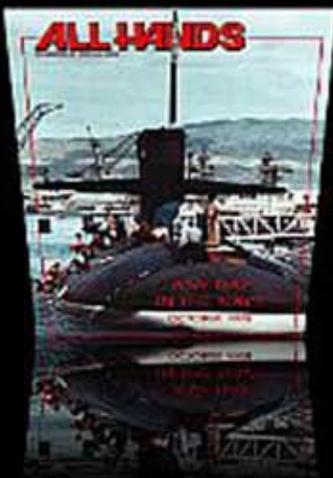
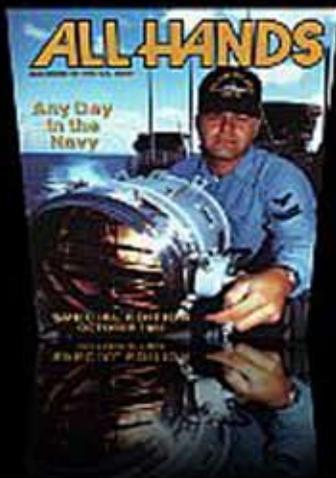
In the fourth the Hogs did manage to cut the lead in half. Hamon doubled to start the inning, Myrick walked and after a fly out, the two pulled off a double steal. Wiley Crowson grounded out to second to score Hamon.

But the offense didn't must anything for the next four innings as freshman Hayden Simpson shut down the Javelinas and earned the win to improve to 10-0.

Southern Arkansas loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth and scored four runs before the Javelinas recorded a single out.

Tim Jones, Steve Hooker and Mario Gonzalez (Premont) all worked in relief for A&M-Kingsville, Gonzalez working a perfect ninth inning.

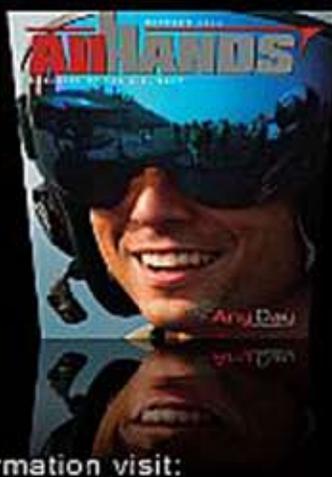
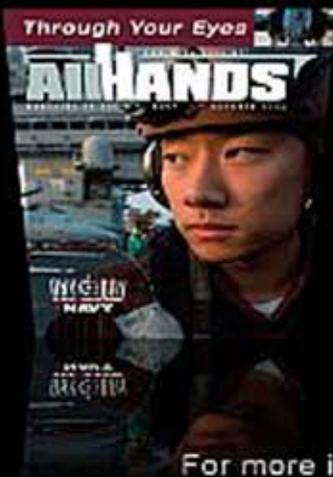
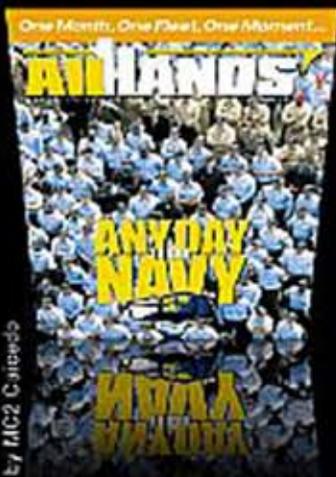
The Javelinas ended their season at 31-31.



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