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Members of Kingsville's Youth Ballet Folklórico, Cristina Falcon and Luis Briseno, perform a traditional dance Friday, Oct. 15, at the Branch Health Clinic Kingsville's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. For more information about Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations aboard NAS Kingsville, turn to page 8. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

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Hundreds celebrated the Navy's 235th birthday Oct. 16, at a birthday ball held at NAS Kingsville's Captain's Club. One of the birthday traditions includes the cutting of the birthday cake with the youngest and oldest Sailors present. Preparing to cut the cake are, from left, ACAN Thomas Debeneditis, the youngest

Sailor present; Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, NAS Kingsville; Capt. Mark Brooks, commander, Training Air Wing TWO; and Lt. Cmdr "Babe" Crouch (Ret.), the oldest Sailor in attendance. For more photos of the Navy Ball, turn to page 9. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum.)

Army's 370th mobilized to support Operation New Dawn

By Spc. Andrew S. Valles
4th SC (Expeditionary) Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Army Reserve's 370th Transportation Company, including nearly 50 Reservists assigned to NAS Kingsville's Detachment One, will deploy to Iraq later this year in support of Operation New Dawn. The 370th Transportation Company is headquartered in Brownsville, with detachments scattered at military installations throughout Texas.

The 370th held a mobilization ceremony in Brownsville Oct. 3. Special guests included retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez; Brig. Gen. Les J. Carroll, 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) commanding general; Col. Richard Stats, 211th Regional Support Group commander; Capt. Alex L. Montanez, 370th company commander; and Eleazar Castro, aid to Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz.

Sanchez emphasized the importance of the Soldiers' jobs during their upcoming deployment. "You now have a daunting task that is ahead of you and don't believe the danger is any less," he said.

"You swore in front of God and country that whenever our country needs you, you will be ready to stand and defend our values."

Montanez, the 370th Company commander, told those in attendance that Soldiers who will be deploying are ready for the challenge. "These Soldiers have made many sacrifices in training-up for this mission and I know people of this country – and all of you – are counting on us; and we will not let you down," Montanez said.

Carroll directed his remarks to the Soldiers, reminding them that no matter what may happen the tasks ahead are no greater than the force – and support – behind them.

"Look at all of the family members and friends that are here today," Carroll stated. "This community is behind you, and they will support you."

All units of the 370th will begin nearly two months of pre-mobilization training at Fort Bliss, in El Paso, later this month, after which they will deploy to Iraq to provide logistical support for Operation New Dawn.

This is the third deployment for the 370th, with the first
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From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



What a great Navy Ball, thanks to everyone who was instrumental in setting up this year's event and to all who participated, I hope you had a great evening.

As you drive around base, you may notice that we have a few signs up pitching Energy Conservation during Energy Awareness Month. As I am getting more comfortable in the job as Commanding Officer, I am learning a tremendous amount as to what it takes to power this base. I'll bet many are unaware that our daily energy bill for electricity alone averages around \$7,000! Our Public Works Officer, Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, reminds me constantly of our energy conservation efforts and I'd like to pass those on to you.

At NAS Kingsville, we have an Energy Conservation Board (ECB) that meets often to discuss and focus on areas within our control to conserve energy. As of September 2010, our electrical consumption for NAS Kingsville

is 8% below the same period last year and water consumption is 4.8% below for the same timeframe. Our to-date savings are well ahead of CNIC's targeted consumption reductions; however, we still have some work to do to achieve the overall 2015 reduction goals.

Each tenant and building on the base has a designated Building Energy Monitor, or BEM. They are the ECB's action person to ensure that everyone is participating and doing their individual part to reduce energy consumption. Ongoing right now is the installation of advanced meters to each building on the base. These meters will be tracked by Public Works to determine where the largest energy drains are on the base. Then we will look into each situation and determine if there are efficiencies to be gained through procedural changes. So if you see your BEMs and they are recommending energy conservation procedures, please help me by following their directions.

There are many things all of us can easily do right now to save energy on the base. The biggest is to simply turn off the lights when you leave a space unattended. Lights account for half of the electrical energy bill each month. Additionally, turn off computers that are in your workspaces at

the end of your workday. If it is an NMCI computer, no need to worry about IT pushes to the machine, NMCI can and will wake up your computer and make the necessary upgrades to each machine, so shutting it off each day will not cause you to miss a push.

Does your workspace have a refrigerator? If so, is it being utilized effectively, controls set properly and does it have an Energy Star rating? If the answer to any of these questions is "no," contact your BEM for assistance. Lastly, most of our buildings on base have their own thermostats for air conditioning and heating. The BEMs will control the settings and I ask you please to leave the temperature controls of each building to them and Public Works.

Finally, at the Navy Exchange on Friday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., vendors will be displaying many energy saving products to include advanced lighting, direct digital control devices and many many more. Their exhibits offer energy efficiency ideas for your homes as well, so please stop by the Exchange to see these products and gather more information on how you can save energy.

Until next time ~ Skipper Mac

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Team Kingsville,

Wow, what a great evening!

This year's Navy Ball was an outstanding event that successfully brought together members of NAS Kingsville, Training Air Wing TWO, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville, other tenant commands, and leadership from the local community to celebrate 235 years of the world's finest Navy. The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious, and the camaraderie was tremendous.

Army from page 1

two in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Detachment One, based at NAS Kingsville, has about 50 Reservists assigned. The detachment currently trains out of Hangar One. When the company returns from this assignment, the NAS Kingsville Reservists will relocate to the new Armed Forces reserve Center currently under construction on board the air station.

Operation New Dawn is the new operational tag for Iraqi support missions, applied to Operation Iraqi Freedom once combat operations in Iraq ceased in August.

Our Navy is always looking to the future as it develops new technologies that will improve our war fighting capability. And while our Navy does indeed set the standard in developing innovative war fighting technologies, it also realizes that its core strength is the men and women currently serving and those who have served before us. Our Navy, which has stood proud in honor, courage and commitment for the past 235 years, is very rich in heritage and tradition. That's why it is so important to pause for an evening and celebrate our service, both past and present.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who attended the Navy Ball. Your presence confirms that those of us currently serving continue to honor our Navy and those who have served before us. It also confirms to me that as each of you continue your Navy

careers you will be there to ensure that future generations of Sailors will continue to honor our heritage and traditions.

I want to personally thank Chief Petty Officers Diaz and Tienda for chairing this year's Navy Ball Committee. You successfully developed and executed a plan of action that resulted in a remarkable event.

I also want to sincerely thank every Navy Ball Committee member. Each and every one of you worked tirelessly for the past four months to ensure this year's ball was a success.

I must also thank Melissa Brooks for her hard work in coordinating corporate sponsorship for the Navy League's "Navy Ball Golf Tournament."

A final thank you goes out to our MWR Department. This event simply couldn't have been pulled off without your strong support.

V/R, CMC

The 370th's primary mission is transportation operations using the Palletized Loading system (PLS) truck. The PLS vehicle is

designed for off-road travel, to deliver equipment and supplies to the troops.

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This newspaper is published for people like Mathis, Texas, native Rudolfo Liserio, a munitions handler at NAS Kingsville's Weapons Department.

Ceremony remembers USS Cole bombing, ultimate sacrifice of Kingsville Sailor

Navy personnel and community members came together to remember one of their own Oct. 12.

"Today is the day that we remember our fallen Sailors of USS Cole," said CS1 Erasmo Guerrero, president of the NAS Kingsville First Class Petty Officers' Association, who served as master of ceremonies for the ceremony. "They are heroes and we will never forget they gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country."

It was the 10th anniversary of the bombing of USS Cole (DDG 67) and the death of Mess Management Specialist 3rd Class Ronchester Santiago of Kingsville.

Santiago was one of the 17 Sailors who

were killed when Cole was bombed while refueling in the Yemini port of Aden Oct. 12, 2000.

Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville, said that the dozens gathered at Santiago's grave were there "to honor our shipmate, one of 17 fallen.

"I didn't know him," McLaughlin said, "but I know I would have been honored to serve with him."

Santiago's nephew spoke at the memorial service on behalf of the family thanking everyone in attendance. "Ten years is a long time," he said. "Death is tragic, something we try to move on from. We hold memories close."



Capt. Mark McLaughlin helps Simeona (center) and Rogelio Santigao place a wreath at the foot of MS3 Ronchester Santiago's grave on the 10th anniversary of USS Cole bombing. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

He added that the service for Petty Officer Santiago gave the family comfort, knowing that they are not alone in living and honoring their son. And, the family wanted everyone gathered to know that they have secured a place in their hearts and their lives.

The service closed with McLaughlin and Ron's parents, Rogelio and Simeona, placing

Left, a 21-gun salute and the sounding of Taps closes the ceremony.

a wreath at the foot of Santiago's headstone, followed by a 21-gun salute and sounding of Taps.

The ceremony was attended by members of the First Class and Junior Enlisted Associations, the NAS Kingsville Color Guard, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kingsville Post 2375, NAS Kingsville personnel, family members and friends, and local dignitaries.



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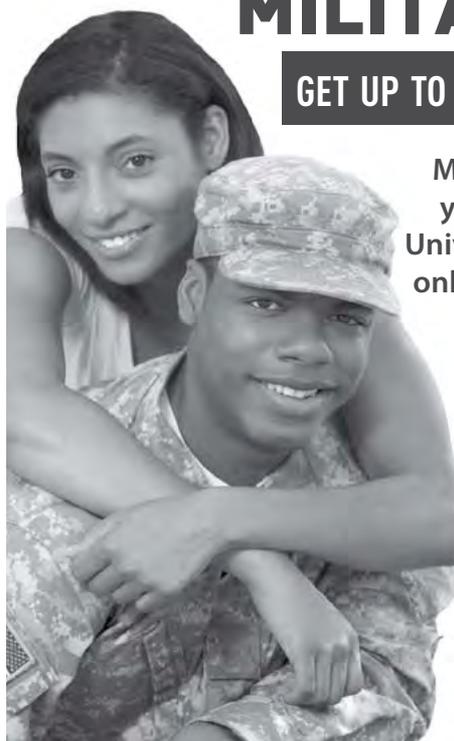
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In the Break



Capt. Mark Brooks
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Happy Birthday United States Navy!

I had the privilege of starting off the Navy's 235th year with the TW-2 Operations Officer, Lt. Cmdr. "Rage" Pincelli, conducting the Functional Check Flight, or FCF, on aircraft 200.

This jet has been painted by the folks here at L-3 in a scheme that replicates that worn by the original Navy Goshawks of the 1930s. The design is mainly the brainchild of Rage Pincelli, with a bit of help from yours truly and CWO3 Chris Chandler, CNATRA Maintenance Detachment OIC, and with the support of Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF), and Centennial of Naval Aviation Program Director, Capt. Rich Dann.

As all strip and paint for T-45s is done here at NAS Kingsville, the same L-3 personnel also completed a similar scheme on Training Air Wing ONE (TW-1) aircraft 101. It returned to its home in Meridian, Miss., last week.

These jets, along with several others throughout the Chief of Naval Air Training and the rest of the Navy will be sporting historic color schemes as we ramp up to the

official 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation on May 8, 2011.

This past Saturday we celebrated the Navy's birthday at the annual Navy Ball. This year's theme is the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. For well over half of that 100 years, Kingsville has been home to countless—okay, they can probably be counted, but it's too big a number for me to research—Naval Aviators as they've trained, donned their coveted Wings of Gold and headed off to the fleet and the four corners of the earth. As we all know, that effort continues unabated and will do so for the foreseeable future. It is a proud legacy that we share here at NAS Kingsville, and one worth celebrating along with the Navy Birthday. Thanks to all that have put together this year's event!

On top of everything, we have emerged from a soggy and tumultuous summer into a beautiful autumn. The weather lately has been no less than spectacular—besides enjoying the cool temperatures and clear skies, it's really nice to see TW-2 churning out the Xs without the threat of the latest tropical system (with over a month of "hurricane season" left, I hope I didn't jinx us). Our latest Weapons Detachment is in full swing at NAF El Centro, Calif. The holidays are right around the corner and before you know it, we'll be saying farewell to 2010.

Everyone keep up the good work and fly safe!!

Regards, Fingers.



VT-21 Lady Redhawk Day -- On Friday, Sept. 17, the VT-21 Redhawks welcomed aboard the spouses of the Redhawk ready room for Lady Redhawk Day. The event was a celebration of the many contributions the spouses make toward the success of the VT-21 mission. Forty-five ladies participated in

the events which included a tower tour, flight gear fitting, and simulator experience. At the conclusion of the day, pilots and spouses gathered at the NASK All Hands Club for a buffet lunch from Chili's restaurant. (Courtesy photo)

Flight Plans

Driver Improvement course

A one-day AAA Driving Improvement Program course will be offered Oct. 28, by the Safety Office. The course will be held in Bldg. 2740, room 212, and begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Students must pass a written exam at the end of the course with a score of at least 70 to pass.

For more information about the class, call x6397.

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Active Duty Military, Spouses, and Civilian Volunteers are needed to assist students as mentors and facilitators.

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The programs increase economic literacy, encourage teens to stay in school, improve workforce readiness skills and prepare high school graduates to face real world challenges all of which benefit the students, the volunteers and our community.

RP3 Quinton Williams of the Chapel staff will be coordinating volunteer forms for the program.

"Currently, NAS Kingsville has 4 classes in elementary and 6 sophomore classes available," Williams said. "The details for this year's program are still being worked out, but we are looking for as many volunteers from the base -- military or civilian -- as possible."

Those interested in volunteering may contact Williams (516-6194 or email: quinton.williams@navy.mil) for specific details. The program usually last 5 weeks for elementary schools, 6 weeks in middle school, and 7 weeks in high school, one day per week.

Ranch Hands needed

The 20th annual Ranch Hand Breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from 7 to 11 a.m., at the King Ranch, Highway 141.

About 50 volunteers from throughout the air station are needed to help serve up heaping plates of eggs, refried beans, biscuits and gravy, sausage, tortillas, coffee, and juice to more than 4,000 spectators expected to attend this year's event.

The Ranch Hand Breakfast serves as the premier sponsor for the annual La Posada de Kingsville celebration. Volunteers are needed for early morning shifts (6-9 a.m.) and late morning shifts (9 a.m.-12 noon). Interested personnel may contact the NAS Kingsville Public Affairs at 516-6375.

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'Secret benefits' from conserving energy

By Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Did you know that there are "secret benefits" from energy conservation?

In addition to saving energy and reducing utility expenses, there are additional, often unreported, benefits from conserving energy. These benefits contribute value worth an additional 18 to 50 percent of the energy savings.

How?

Look at it pragmatically.

It's logical that a car driven 25 percent less each year will last longer. It's the same for most energy-consuming equipment, such as light bulbs, flashlights and appliances. By turning "off" energy-consuming items when not needed, we can hit a monetary jackpot, which goes beyond utility bills.

It doesn't matter how energy-efficient an organization is. There are additional benefits and savings from turning equipment off when not in use.

Here are some of the "secret" benefits of conserving energy that can be attained without negatively impacting productivity.

Appliances last longer. If they last longer because they are turned off when not in use, replacements are less frequent. So, we're spending less. For example, if a lamp or oven or dishwasher or television set is used 30 percent fewer hours a year, it could last up to 30 percent longer.

There are less maintenance costs involved. When the oven or dishwasher or television set runs fewer hours a year, maintenance is reduced.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month marches forward

By Judy Lazarus
Naval Station Great Lakes Public Affairs

Domestic Violence Awareness Month kicked aboard Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill. Oct. 8, with a Silent Witness Initiative March.

Silhouette cutouts, which represent real-life cases of individuals who lost their lives violently at the hands of their spouses or domestic partners, were on display with Sailors reading accounts of each person's tragedy.

Capt. John Malfitano, NAVSTA Great Lakes commanding officer, referring to the silhouettes on display explained that, "These all have some military affiliation - representing either active duty members or their spouses who were murdered by someone they loved and trusted."

He emphasized that there is help for those affected by domestic violence.

"The family advocacy program, available through the Fleet and Family Support Center, is charged with helping military families to eliminate domestic violence through education

and counseling," Malfitano said. "It is up to each of us to actively commit ourselves to the eradication of domestic abuse."

"The purpose of the Silent Witness March, and presenting the stories of military-related domestic violence fatalities, is to highlight the seriousness of this behavior, and to encourage everyone to get involved rather than assuming it's none of their business," said Mahaffey. "The march itself is silent to underscore the fact that deceased victims have no voice of their own, and that the rest of us must speak for them and future victims."

"When Domestic Violence Victim Advocates became part of the Family Advocacy Program in 1995, one of the specific tasks was to develop programs which brought awareness to the military community about domestic violence," said Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate Janis Brown. "We created and exhibited the silent witness statues to promote DoD's policy of 'zero tolerance,' and to encourage recognition of how fatal and destructive abuse is to the military family without intervention."

My husband's truck is a 2004 with less than 34,000 miles on it. We're using it less and driving our smaller vehicle more. We're not only saving on gasoline, but on maintenance costs. With less miles driven there is less maintenance costs.

Less maintenance costs mean we will be replacing air filters, changing oil or replacing motors less often, which adds up to more money in our pockets.

At home, there may be a few of us being energy efficient. We do so to reduce our bills, which gives us more to spend on other things, such as dinner out or a movie.

So, let's take these "secret benefits" and apply them to the workplace.

There are dozens of us working in a building or office space. If we all reduce our energy consumption, we will be creating measurable savings.

Did you know that more than half the electricity used to power computers is wasted? The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that an organization with 1,000 computers could typically save 200,000 kWh by using monitor power management features that equates to \$20,000 a year. And, the EPA claims that turning off computers can double the savings.

"There are many things everyone can do to save energy," said Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, NAS Kingsville Public Works Officer. "It's as simple as turning off lights when you leave a room, shutting down your computer at the end of the day and buying Energy Star products."

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Centennial of Naval Aviation: NAS Kingsville to host tribute in July 2011

By Jon Gagne

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Navy and Marine Corps aviation commands around the globe are busy planning a Navywide celebration of 100 years of Naval Aviation for calendar year 2011. A Centennial Task Force has been organized to coordinate top-level events that will be "sponsored celebrations" at Navy and Marine Corps installations. These "top-shelf" events are targeted to help celebrate the milestone with large civilian audiences, thus helping promote nationwide Naval Aviation and its proud history.

The unveiling of Training Air Wing's TWO centennial aircraft this week (right, with info on page 4) is one such tribute to Naval Aviation's historic past. TW-2 Commander, Capt. Mark Brooks, and TW-2 Ops Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Pincelli, took the aircraft out for its first flight with its new paint scheme. Both were impressed with the paint job, and its tie to the centennial celebration.

While not all Centennial of Naval Aviation events are tagged as "first tier," commands are being encouraged to promote the Centennial at the local level whenever possible. NAS Corpus Christi, for instance, is planning to target their 2011 "South Texas Shoot Out" air show to the centennial theme, and it is



Capt. Mark Brooks (left), commodore, Training Air Wing TWO, and Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Pincelli, operations officer, TW-2, prepare to take the newly refurbished and repainted T-45 Goshawk for its functional flight check with the new Centennial of Naval Aviation paint scheme. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

a "first tier" event. And since the Chief of Naval Air Training is based at NAS Corpus Christi (and has been for more than 60 years), it's only fitting it is. Since its commissioning as a Naval Air Station, NAS Corpus Christi has played a vital role in training Navy and Marine Corps aviators for the fleet. In fact,

during World War II, more than 35,000 aviators were trained in South Texas.

The 75th Congress actually selected Corpus Christi as the site for a second air training station (in addition to Pensacola, Fla.) in 1938. The air station was commissioned on March 12, 1941, by the air station's first

commander, Capt. Alva Bernhard. Flight training began two months later. NAS Corpus Christi's makeup would include six auxiliary landing fields throughout South Texas including Kingsville, Chase Field in Beeville, and four sites in-and-around
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Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz is guest speaker at Hispanic Heritage luncheon



Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz



Mr. Tito Perez

Story & photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum
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The NAS Kingsville Diversity Committee presented a Hispanic Heritage month celebration and luncheon at the Captain's Club on Oct. 13. The theme was "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity, and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America" and guest speaker for the event was Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz, with a special performance by Tito Perez.

The program began with Master of Ceremonies ABEC Bernard Diaz speaking about the importance of diversity in the Navy and the contributions of Hispanic Sailors throughout the Navy's history. Tito Perez, who has headed the TAP program at NAS Corpus Christi for the past 20 years and is an award winning professional spoken word artist, then performed five original pieces, one of which included a special tribute to Individual Augmentees (IA's).

After a slide show showcasing Hispanic American history and achievements in government, Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz, a native of Robstown, spoke about his own history as a Hispanic American and how he came to be where he is today.

"The Hispanic community has come a long way," Ortiz said. After graduating from

Robstown High School Ortiz served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962 as a military policeman. Ortiz credits his time in uniform as being key to his future.

"Had it not been for the military and the discipline instilled in me I wouldn't be here," he said. Ortiz also talked about the importance of diversity in America.

"The Hispanic community is part of the fiber that keeps our country strong," said Ortiz, "and it takes a combination of people to make our country what it is today." Ortiz closed his remarks by praising NAS Kingsville for celebrating Hispanic Heritage and expressing his desire that the base continue with this tradition.

Capt. Mark McLaughlin presented Ortiz with a plaque to thank him for his participation in the event, and after the ceremony guests were serenaded by Danny Bazan on guitar and Arnie Deleon on the accordion while they enjoyed homemade Hispanic food.

The NAS Kingsville Diversity Committee is comprised of active duty military and civilian volunteers from throughout the Naval Air Station, and the committee's goal is to provide awareness and information about the cultural backgrounds of the command's diverse workforce.



Above, Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz walks through the food line, sponsored by the NAS Kingsville Diversity Committee. Below, musical entertainment is provided by Danny Brazen, left, and Arnie Deleon.



NAS Kingsville enjoys celebrating the Navy's 235th birthday



Chaplain Mark Haley, the NAS Kingsville Color Guard and singer Sandy Alexander help open the festivities.



Guest speaker Lt. Cmdr. Babe Crouch, USN (Ret.) talks about NAS Kingsville history.



NAS Kingsville military and civilian personnel saluted the Navy's 235th birthday Saturday, Oct. 16, with the air station's annual Birthday Ball at the Captain's Club. More than 250 attended the event, which featured a "100 Years of Naval Aviation" theme.

The guest speaker for this year's festivities was Lt. Cmdr. Babe Crouch, USN (Ret.), Senior Instructor for the Navy's League's South Texas Sea Cadet Program.

Crouch is no stranger to NAS Kingsville. He was assigned to the air station during World War II, when the installation was first established. An enlisted man at the time assigned to Training Squadron 14-C, Crouch would later move into the Limited Duty Officer Program (LDO) and earn a commission.

While his active duty career involved a number of different duty stations, Crouch was always most attached to Kingsville. During his remarks, he spoke about the early years of the installation and how his

assignment here helped shape his Navy career.

The Navy Ball Committee sponsored the annual event for base personnel. The committee, made up of enlisted and officer personnel from all NAS Kingsville commands and activities, began planning and fund raising for the event nearly six months ago.

The evening's festivities included remarks from Crouch and NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, and Training Air Wing TWO Commander, Capt. Mark Brooks. The NAS Kingsville Color Guard presented the colors, and former Kingsville entertainer Sandy Alexander performed the National Anthem. IC1 Jessica Booth narrated the traditional Missing Sailor tribute.

Following the dinner service, McLaughlin, Brooks, and Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff led the official toasts, followed by door prize drawings and music and dancing.



Toasting those who serve



IC1 Jessica Booth narrates the Missing Sailor ceremony



SECNAV excellence awards recognize Navywide commitment to safety

By MC3 Shannon Burns

Defense Media Activity-Anacostia

The Under Secretary of the Navy presented 21 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) 2010 Safety Excellence Awards to Navy and Marine Corps commands during a ceremony at the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4.

Robert O. Work presented the awards during a Navywide annual presentation, which is designed to highlight various operational, shore installation and aviation activities' adherence to safety regulations and practices, to commands in 21 categories.

Work said FY 2010 represented one of the safest years the Department of the Navy has seen, a testament to Sailors' fleet-wide commitment in ensuring shipmates remain safe.

"The department [Department of the Navy] enjoyed the lowest number of Class A operational mishaps ever," he said. "It enjoyed the lowest number of Class A flight mishaps ever, it recorded the lowest number of private motor vehicle fatalities ever recorded in a single fiscal year and it recorded the lowest number of off-duty shore and recreational accidents in a given

Safety Pays:

"... 2010 saw the Department of Defense witness the lowest number of Class A operational mishaps, the lowest number of Class A flight mishaps, and the lowest number ever of Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) fatalities recorded in a single fiscal year ..."

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Categories in the 2010 Safety Excellence Awards, including Safety Excellence, Industrial, Category A; Safety Excellence, Non-Industrial, Category A; and Aviation Safety Awards, Safety Excellence, Navy Active Duty, represent individual command-level achievement in ensuring SECNAV safety guidelines are met and exceeded.

AE1 (AW) Alan Carmona, Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 14 "Tophatters," accepted the SECNAV 2010 Safety Excellence Awards, Aviation Safety Awards (Safety Excellence, Navy Active Duty) award on behalf of VFA 14.

"I'm really proud of the Tophatter team; we worked hard," he said. "I think that the safety environment that is in our command

is a byproduct of our professionalism."

Carmona, who serves as the VFA 14 safety petty officer, said that despite the complexities a safety program entails, the importance of the program cannot be understated.

"I've got a new found appreciation for the safety program, there's a lot to it," he said. "It's really important that all junior personnel and senior personnel focus on their job to remain safe."

During the awards ceremony, the inaugural Emerging Safety Center of Excellence Award was presented to the Naval Sea Systems Command's Weapon System Explosives Safety Review Board. This award denotes superior safety guidelines and practices from all SECNAV 2010 Safety

Excellence Award nominees – including ashore, fleet support, afloat, aviation, and acquisition.

Mary Ellen Caro, vice chair of the Weapon System Explosive Review Board, which had submitted for the SECNAV 2010 Safety Excellence Awards Acquisition Safety Program, said receiving the Emerging Safety Center of Excellence Award came as a surprise.

"We were all excited," she said. "We have a group of about 25 people here that support the board, and we have representatives from all the Navy systems commands and warfare centers.

"I have been working in the explosives safety world for 30 years, and I feel safety is very important to incorporate in the various stages of our weapons systems because it supports the warfighter."

The SECNAV Safety Awards, established in 2002 by former SECNAV Gordon R. England, are designed to promote safety throughout the Department of Defense (DOD) and recognize commands that have made safety awareness an integral part of operations, directly resulting in a reduction of lost man-hours, material damage and other factors which could cause a decrease in Navy assets.

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Corpus Christi (Waldron, Cuddihy, Cabaniss and Rudd fields). NAS Corpus Christi was also home to the U.S. Navy Blue Angels from 1951-1954.

Mark your calendars early for NAS Corpus Christi's 2011 air show (April 9-10). This is sure to be a great show, highlighting 70 years of flight training!

But having the annual South Texas air show hosted by NAS Corpus Christi in 2011, doesn't mean that NAS Kingsville will be left out in the cold when it comes to celebrating the Centennial of Naval Aviation. In fact, NAS Kingsville is planning a two-week celebration in July to mark a number of local milestones that have played significant roles in Navy and Marine Corps flight training.

Originally constructed as a "temporary"



auxiliary training field for NAS Corpus Christi during World War II, NAS Kingsville was called back into action during the build up for the Korean War, reopening on April 1, 1951. In the 60 years since, NAS Kingsville has served the Navy and Marine Corps as a functioning Naval Air Station. That will be the focus of our celebration in 2011 – 60 years of continued flight training. It's something that can be shared by both of our training squadrons here, as well.

VT-22's history goes back a little further than the Fighting Redhawks'. VT-22 was originally commissioned at NAS Corpus Christi in June 1949, as Jet Transitional Unit Six (JTU-6). The squadron was later re-designated as Advanced Training Unit 200 (ATU 200), and again to Advanced Training Unit 212 (ATU 212). The squadron became VT-22 in May 1960.

VT-21 was first commissioned in April 1951, as Advanced Training Unit 202 (ATU-202). It was re-designated as Training Squadron Twenty One (VT-21) in 1960. The squadron has called NAS Kingsville its home since its inception.

The July timeframe was selected for NAS Kingsville's celebration because of the base's original commissioning date on the July 4, 1942. Since the 4th of July is also the birthday of the City of Kingsville (1904), it



Plane Captain Sam Garcia, L-3 Communications, signals Capt. Mark Brooks and Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Pincelli as they prepare the T-45 Goshawk for its functional flight check. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

makes sense to include the city in our annual birthday celebrations. Thus, July 4, 2011, will mark 60 years of continued Naval air training for both the air station and the city, and 60 years of training for our training squadrons.

Early next month, we'll be asking for command, departmental and city representatives to serve on a 60th Anniversary Committee that will create and plan how we celebrate these milestones. The

possibilities are endless; and how far we go is limited only to our imagination and our ability to work together.

The Public Affairs Office will be hosting our first meetings on this celebration in November. If you're interested in participating, contact us at kngv-pao@navy.mil. There are some great ideas out there about what we can do to make this event a huge success – and we'd love to hear them.

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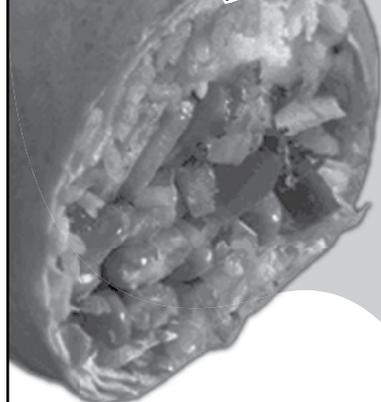
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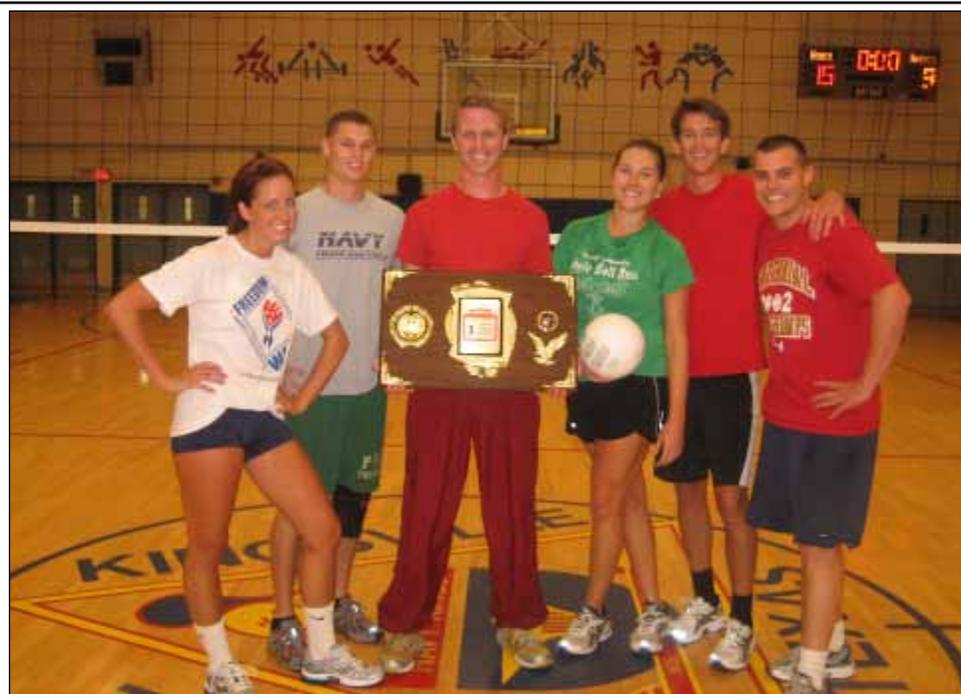


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Volleyball Champs: The 2010 Captain's Cup volleyball champions, U.R.A. Fever, pose for a team photo following the 2010 playoffs. The team finished the Attached is a picture of the Luncheon Volleyball League Champions, "U.R.A. Fever." The team finished off the season [which ran from June to September] with an 8-1 record and went through the playoffs undefeated. From left, are Kelly Wigton, Kraegan Bramer, Will Gifford, Renee Hill, Buddy Marshall, and Brandon Wigton. (MWR photo).

MWR Sports Page

Flag Football

Schedule for Oct. 27:

6 p.m.: Trauma Dawgs vs. Border Patrol

7 p.m.: Dirty Birds vs. The Worms

8 p.m.: Tomcats vs. Veggie Burger

Standings

(as of Oct. 21)

Team	Wins	Losses
Trauma Dawgs	2	0
Dirty Birds	1	0
The Worms	2	1
Da Bears	1	1
Veggie Burger	0	1
Border Patrol	0	1
Tomcats	0	2

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League

Standings as of Oct. 19

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	23	6
2	Tumbalos	20	12
3	The "HRs"	16	16
4	Alley Cats	16	16
5	3 Minds / Gutter	14	18
6	The Players	14	18
7	DNA	13	19
8	The Other Guys	12	20

Weekly High Scores:

High Game: Eric Joles, 249;

John Zapalac, 247; Lindy Conner, 246

High Series: Lindy Conner, 678

Eric Joles, 641; Vic Kuntscher, 627.

Sports Day Rescheduled:

Due to a conflict in scheduling, the MWR Sports Day previously planned for Friday, Nov. 5, has been postponed until a later date.

The MWR Sports Office will announce a new date for the event in the near future.

Hockey Night, Oct. 23

The Corpus Christi IceRays will be hosting their annually **Stars and Stripes Game** Saturday, Oct. 23 as they take on the Texas Tornado. Admission is FREE for all military personnel, firefighters, police officers, emergency responders and Border and Customs Patrol and their families.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. at the American Bank Center. Tickets can be purchased at the gate with proof of ID.

Wednesday Nite Mixed

Standings as of Oct. 20

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Slow Rollin'	19	9
2	Rat'lers	17	11
3	Big K Rollers	16	12
4	Pin Bangers	16	12
5	Laugh Out Loud	14	14
6	BaddAss	11	17
7	Pete's Angels	10	18
8	DUHs	9	19

Season High Scores:

High Game-Men: Frank Goff, 268;

Rodney Malin, 244; Jerry Clark Jr., 237

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Homecoming gets perfect ending as Hogs shut down 7th-ranked West Texas

Texas A&M University-Kingsville welcomed more than 14,500 fans to Javelina Stadium Saturday, Oct. 16, for a homecoming battle with 7th-ranked West Texas. The game had all the markings of a post-season playoff clash between two of Division II's top teams and fans did not go home disappointed.

West Texas controlled both sides of the ball for most of the first half. The Buffaloes scored twice in the first quarter to take a 10-0 lead. Quarterback Taylor Harris connected with receiver Steven Burton on 29-yard pass play for the first score, and kicker Sergio Castillio booted a 20-yard field goal for the second following a 5-play, 64-yard drive that stalled inside the Javelina red zone.

The Javelinas closed the gap to 10-6 in the second quarter when quarterback Nate Poppell hooked up with wide receiver Robert Armstrong on a 25-yard touchdown pass, but the kick for the extra point was blocked. West Texas came right back less than a minute later, with Harris connecting with tight end Tyson Williams on a 67-yard scoring play. Castillio added the extra point kick to give West Texas a 17-6 lead midway through the second quarter. The Buffaloes made it 24-6 on their next possession when Harris and Burton connected again for a 20-yard TD pass.

But just as it seemed that West Texas was about to take full control of the game, the Javelinas responded; driving 74 yards in 7 plays to close the gap to 24-13 when Daniel Ramirez hooked up with Armstrong on a 27-yard scoring play. The play seemed to shift the momentum in favor of the Hogs as the teams left the field for intermission.

From the opening kickoff of second half, to the final buzzer, the second half belonged totally to the Javelinas. The Hoggie defense held the Buffaloes to just 17 plays over the last 30 minutes, and the Javelina offense followed suite.

The Hogs scored on both possessions in the third quarter after long, 12-play drives, both ending with field goals to cut the deficit to 24-19 heading in to the final quarter.

The Hoggie defense responded, holding West Texas again to just three plays, and the Javelinas got the ball back with just over 13 minutes left to play on their own 9-yard line. 13 plays and seven and a half minutes later, place kicker Christian Brom added his third field goal of the game to make it 24-22.

With just over six minutes left, the Hoggie defense was called upon to hold the Buffaloes again, and they did – forcing West Texas to give the ball back to the Javelinas with just over 4-minutes left on the clock. Three plays later, the Hogs had their first lead of the night when Nick Poppell hit Sherman Batiste with a 13-yard TD pass. A



Wide receiver Ryan Lincoln (4) caught 7 passes for 114 yards and rushed for 50 for 164 total yards in the Javelina victory. (Photo courtesy of TAMUK)

two-point conversion attempt failed, but the Hogs' defense would respond again, ending all hopes for the Buffaloes when linebacker Marcus Sanders sacked Harris for a 13-yard loss on fourth and long – the only sack of the game.

The score was a lot closer than the actual game stats would imply. The Javelinas had 322 yards in passing and 202 on the ground, for 524 yards of total offense. West Texas had 236 yards through the air and 121 on the ground for 357 total yards.

Kingsville (6-1) moved up two notches in the Division II Coaches Poll with the win, while West Texas (5-2) fell to 17th.



Placekicker Christian Brom kicked field goals of 41, 21 and 20 yards to keep the Javelinas in the game. (Photo courtesy of TAMUK).

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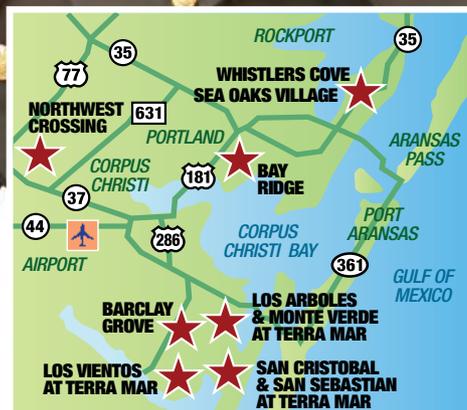
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