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TW-1, TW-2 student aviators head west for carrier qualifications

Navy and Marine Corps student and instructor pilots from Training Air Wing TWO headed to the West Coast for carrier qualifications on board USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Nov. 4-9.

The detachment, which included students and instructors from Training Air Wing ONE out of Meridian, Miss. Both training air wings based their training out of Naval Base Coronado during the detachment, the first time a full cadre of aircraft (39 jets in total) had been at the base at the same time.

"This is a large number of students for us," said Lt. Becky Murphy, Training Squadron Twenty One's (VT-21) assistant detachment officer in charge and flight instructor. "We typically have around 25-30 students, but this time we have nearly 40. It means more jets, more instructors, and Nimitz has to be here longer to accommodate the qualifications."

Personnel from the Chief of Naval Air Training Command (CNATRA) at NAS Corpus Christi also attended the detachment, which marks the final stage of undergraduate training for students in the jet/strike pipeline. In order to complete the detachment successfully, the students must

complete four touch-and-goes and 10 arrested landings.

"The instructors lead the students out the ship," said Lt. Stephen Moore, CNATRA assistant officer in charge and flight instructor. "We do the navigation and communications for the students. We set the students up and drop them off, and from there they are on their own."

In addition to the Navy and Marine Corps student aviators, two French and one Indian student pilots participated in hopes of earning their carrier qualifications. Prior to qualifying aboard the carrier, students and instructor pilots from both training air wings conducted field carrier landing practice exercises at both NB Coronado and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

"VT-22 sent 10 students and 9 instructor pilots to the Det," said Lt. Col. Terrence Latorre, squadron commanding officer, "and we qualified all 10 students plus 1 instructor pilot under training. The logistics, weather and sea states were definitely more challenging than our East Coast dets, but we were able to get a 100 percent qualify despite it presenting a high tempo, steep learning curve for all."

The student aviators represent the next



A student pilot from VT-22 flies the squadron's command T-45C "Goshawk" over Naval Base Coronado. (Contributed photo by Richard Collens, Kent, England).

addition to the proud tradition of Naval Aviation, which will celebrate its centennial in 2011.

The Centennial of Naval Aviation, which will be commemorated through air

shows, flyovers, festivals, open houses and other events, officially kicks off at Naval Base Coronado Feb. 9-12.

(Contributed story by MC3 Josh Cassatt, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West)

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UFO's? Discs fly as MWR officially opens its Disc Golf Course on board the Naval Air Station Nov. 3. The course is open to all base personnel free of charge. Discs can be checked at the gym or Outdoor Rec during normal working hours (Gym: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends, OREC, Mon., 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tue-Thur 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) (Photo courtesy of MWR)

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4: LaPosada de Kingsville parade in downtown Kingsville. Theme for this year's parade of lights is "A Cowboy's Christmas." 5 p.m.

Dec. 10: Naval Air Station "Ugly Sweater" Christmas Party. Have you got the ugliest Christmas sweater? If you think you do, you could win a special door prize. Get your tickets from your command/departamental Christmas Party committee member.

Dec. 12: Toys For Tots collection on base ends.

Dec. 15: Toys For Tots program toy collected. Volunteers needed to assist with sorting toys at the Secret Santa Warehouse! If you're interested, contact CS1 Holly Clow, 561-6321.

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville!

With the end of the calendar year approaching, many efforts are underway to collect from those that have to provide for those that are in need.

It is my pleasure to commend all of you for your grateful contributions to this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

The goal for NAS Kingsville was \$12,000, and we shattered that mark! As

of Nov. 15, NAS Kingsville members contributed an impressive \$19,149.50 – Well Done!

CFC is run by volunteers who provide the means for all of us to give to numerous charitable organizations. My congratulations to ABHC(AW/SW) Rudolfo Oliva, NAS Kingsville's command sponsor for this year's CFC, and his assistant, ET1(SW) Jose Partida; we owe them a huge "Thank You" for their volunteer efforts.

As you may have noticed around the base lately, there are many cardboard boxes waiting for donations to the Toys-for-Tots campaign.

The local Kingsville community sponsor for Toys-for-Tots is Jerry and Lisa Bockholt, owners of the Stop-N-Lube business in

Kingsville and long-time Navy League members. Jerry and Lisa have been working Toys-for-Tots with the U.S. Marine Corps for many years and if you would like to contribute a toy for this wonderful charitable event, you may drop your donation at the Stop-N-Lube in town, or into any of the Toys-for-Tots donation boxes scattered throughout the base. A child should wake Christmas morning to a gift under the tree, and your contributions can make that happen.

Enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period and be safe in your travels wherever they may take you.

Until next time ~ Skipper Mac

Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM (SW/AW/FMF)
Charlie Ratliff
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

On Veteran's Day, my wife Pam and I, along with our School Liaison Officer, Jeanie Alexander, and the NAS Kingsville Color Guard, attended the Bishop Elementary School Veterans Day Assembly at the Bishop CISD Joe Trevino Theater.

This year marked the School's 22nd annual celebration and it was an absolutely outstanding event!

There were nearly 600 youngsters and parents in attendance – including nearly 75 military veterans. (See photos on page 8).

The celebration, which lasted over well over two hours, was filled with musical performances, videos and speeches that painted a wonderful picture of the millions of great Americans who have answered the call to serve their country's armed forces.

The 4th through 6th grade students performed numerous musical selections that put

everyone in the mood to celebrate. We also watched a video that spoke to the quality of young men and women who are serving in our military today.

The special guest speaker was Army SSG Robert Ochoa Jr, a 1998 graduate of Bishop High School, who was recently wounded in action in Afghanistan.

Ochoa's heartfelt speech, which captivated the entire audience, made me glad that men and women of his caliber are serving our country and protecting our freedom.

Probably the best part of the celebration for me was having the opportunity to meet all of the Veterans in attendance.

The Vets ranged from those who had served in the 1940's to those who serve today.

And believe me, every one of them is proud of their service to our great nation.

I know we have a long time between now and next year's Veterans Day Assembly, but I encourage you to mark 11/11/11 on your calendar and make sure you're in Bishop for the 23rd annual Veterans Day Celebration.

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All Americans owe thanks to Veterans, Vice President Biden says

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

Vice President Joe Biden honored service members and veterans at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 11, saying 100 percent of Americans owe their gratitude to the 1 percent who serve in the all-volunteer force.

"Collectively, the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who served and sacrificed for us are the heart and soul, the very spine of this nation," Biden said to an audience full of service members, veterans, and government leaders, including Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki.

"As a nation, we pause today to thank more than 23 million surviving veterans who so bravely protected our freedom," he said. "You gave, and they gave...millions of you gave service, limb, and sometimes life. In doing so, you imparted responsibility on all of us, as well, to recognize, respect and honor, and to care for those who risked their lives so that we can live ours."

Biden, whose son, Beau, served in Iraq with the Delaware National Guard, noted that the U.S. military is in its longest-ever period of sustained combat from nine years

of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Of two million who served in those conflicts, more than half have returned to civilian life, more than 40,000 have been wounded – with 18,000 unable to return to duty – and more than 5,700 were killed. More than 16,000 will need medical care for the rest of their lives, he said.

"Only 1 percent of this nation is fighting these wars," Biden said. "But 100 percent of America owes them a thank you; 100 percent of the nation can, and must, do something to acknowledge what they've done for us and continue to do this very moment for us."

Biden noted the chilly November temperatures at Arlington, and recalled being there on Memorial Day when the late May temperatures hit 91 degrees Fahrenheit. Those temperatures are nothing compared to the heat World War II veterans endured in the Pacific islands, or that Vietnam veterans coped with in Fallujah when the thermometer soared to 115 degrees Fahrenheit, he said.

"The chill in the air today," Biden added, "is nothing like the minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit that veterans remember from Korea, or the frozen Argonne Forest in France, or the snow-covered mountains of Afghanistan."

Biden said he's seen firsthand how 10th Mountain Division soldiers scale Afghanistan's snowy mountains with 60 pounds on their backs to fight al Qaeda.

"It absolutely blows me away to see what these kids – and they're not kids – what these young men and women continue to do," he said.

"I look out at all of you who served our nation, and all you who stood by and waited while they served, and I see the most tested among us, the most tested of all Americans, and the most honorable of men and women -- citizens who never feared the future and who are determined to build a better future today," the vice president said.

Biden said the thing he is asked most of the wounded warriors he visits is if he can help them return to their unit.

"They're sending us a message," he said, "but they're also sending the enemy a message that our resolve in the face of the new threats we confront will never, ever waiver because we have so many brave young men and women of this generation. As the president has said, our spirit is strong and it cannot be broken. You cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you."

The strength and resolve of service members, veterans and their families must



Vice President Biden

be matched by the nation's support, Biden said. He added that the Obama administration and Congress "are making historic investments in a bipartisan way" to returning veterans through increased VA benefits.

The nation now and in the future must give veterans "every bit of the care they've earned and deserve," he said. "It's the only truly sacred obligation we have as a government."

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Greenfleet Online: Navy unveils energy, environment, climate change website

By Chris Dettmar

CNO Energy & Environmental Readiness Division
Public Affairs

The Department of the Navy unveiled a new Energy, Environment and Climate Change website this month.

The website, located at <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil>, provides news and information about Navy programs to achieve energy security, practice environmental stewardship and understand the potential challenges presented by a changing climate.

These programs serve to increase combat capability and ensure mission readiness in the decades to come.

Content on the site focuses on the Navy's successes and initiatives in the following three areas:

Energy Security

The Navy's energy programs focus on having an adequate, reliable and sustainable energy supply sufficient to meet the demands of the Navy's mission.

As part of this effort, the Navy aims to reduce energy demand and increase alternative and renewable energy supply.

The recent testing of the experimental RCB-X riverine command boat using a

50-50 blend of an algae-based biofuel and petroleum was a step toward accomplishing these goals.

Environmental Stewardship

Environmental stewardship enables Sailors to carry out their missions while minimizing impacts on the environment, both afloat and ashore.

The Navy is committed to continuing its strong track record of environmental stewardship.

This includes efforts to assess and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, protect marine life during training and testing at sea and implement technologies and processes to safely manage waste without compromising core mission capabilities.

Climate Change

In May 2009, the Chief of Naval Operations created Task Force Climate Change to make recommendations to Navy leadership regarding policy, strategy, force structure and investments relating to the Arctic and global climate change.

To learn more about the U.S. Navy's Energy, Environment and Climate Change programs, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil>. For more news from Ocean Stewardship, visit www.navy.mil/local/oceans/.



Fly Navy -- Retired Navy Cmdr. Bob Coolbaugh, pilots his replica Ely-Curtiss "Pusher" aircraft on board Naval Station Norfolk, Va., recent as part of a ceremony to commemorate 100 years of naval aviation. The original

Curtiss "Pusher" flown by Eugene Ely took off from the light cruiser USS Birmingham on Nov. 14, 1910, marking the beginning of Naval Aviation. (Photos by MC3 Richard J. Stevens).



Flight Plans



Kingsville Navy League president Bud Malcek presents a \$750 check to RP2 Ross Curiel of the Chaplain's staff in support of Operation Shipmate.

Operation Shipmate now underway

The holidays are right around the corner. You can play an important role in making your shipmate's holidays brighter by participating in NAS Kingsville's Operation Shipmate; a program to assist military members and their families during the holiday period.

As in years past, the Chief's Mess will purchase and donate turkeys for Thanksgiving holiday baskets. The NAS Kingsville Wardroom will purchase hams for Christmas holiday baskets. But, your help is needed to complete the holiday meal.

Decorated boxes designated "Operation Shipmate" have been placed in various buildings around the air station where food items may be donated. All personnel are encouraged to contribute canned goods, baby food and other non-perishable items to "round out" the holiday meals.

Last year, 33 military families received food baskets. Chaplain's Office would like to collect enough nonperishable food items for 25 Thanksgiving and 25 Christmas food baskets. Food vouchers may also be purchased from the Commissary through voluntary offerings given at services conducted at McFall Memorial Chapel on Sundays.

Help ensure your shipmate has a bright holiday season by supporting Operation Shipmate. For more information, call the Chaplain's Office at 516-6331.

Collection boxes can be found at the following locations:

- McFall Memorial Chapel
- Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 2741
- Security Building
- Branch Health Clinic Kingsville
- NASK Headquarters Building 2740
- VT-21 / VT-22
- Air Operations
- Public Works
- FISC Jax Det / Supply
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Clothing allowance closes compensation gap

The Navy is making good on its commitment to fully and equally compensate Sailors for the purchase of a full complement of Navy Working Uniforms (NWU).

The one-time targeted NWU Clothing Replacement Allowance (CRA), expected to begin Nov. 15, applies to Sailors who entered Recruit Training Center (RTC) Great Lakes, Ill., between Oct. 1, 2007, and April 26, 2009.

This allowance is distinctly different from the annual CRA Sailors receive. The targeted CRA is a one-time cash payment to correct a shortfall among Sailors who did not receive the total allowance for a full complement of NWU items between the specified dates while attending Great Lakes. The annual CRA is a cash allowance paid to Sailors on their anniversary month for the replacement of uniform items based on a normal wear rate.

The amount of targeted CRA will vary based on when a recruit entered RTC. Active component (AC), Full Time Support (FTS) and National Call to Service (NCS) Sailors who entered training between Oct. 1, 2007, and Sept. 30, 2008, will receive \$368.19. Those Sailors who attended training between Oct. 1, 2008, and April 26, 2009, will receive \$524.35.

Once this payment is received, these Sailors will have been given all of their re-

quired allowances for initial purchase of the NWU.

"Sailors receiving the targeted CRA are expected to purchase and maintain a full complement of NWU components," said Capt. William Park, branch head, officer personnel plans and policy. "For those who previously purchased NWU items, the targeted allowance covers the out-of-pocket expenses."

Affected Sailors' leave and earning statement (LES) will have a note in the remarks section to notify them when they receive the one-time CRA payment.

This note and payment will be in addition to any eligible anniversary CRA payments. NAVADMIN 358/10 has additional information on how Sailors can determine if they are eligible for the one-time targeted clothing replacement allowance.

Sailors who entered RTC prior to Oct. 1, 2007, were provided an enhanced CRA in fiscal years (FY) 2008 and 2009, and CRA sustainment payments in FY10, providing sufficient compensation for the entire NWU ensemble.

All AC, FTS and NCS Sailors who entered Great Lakes after April 26, 2009, received the entire NWU ensemble in their initial uniform issue at RTC and a sustainment CRA payment in FY10.

Because of the late payments, the dates Sailors are required to have the full complement of NWUs items has shifted.

Sailors who are not affected by the CRA shortage must have a full complement by the fleet-wide mandatory wear date of Dec. 31. While this wear date also applies to Sailors who will receive the one-time NWU CRA, they now have until Sept. 30, 2011 to possess a full complement of NWUs.

To read the full NWU targeted clothing allowance NAVADMIN, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/EBF1785B-6065-42AA-A32D-E5E452737C7D/0/NAV10358.txt>. (From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)



Sailors will be compensated for the purchase of a full complement of Navy Working Uniforms (NWU).

Senior Enlisted Continuation Board results approved, notifications underway

The board results have been approved by the chief of naval personnel, and Navy Personnel Command (NPC) is notifying commanding officers of Sailors who have not been selected for continuation.

Once notifications are complete, all results will be posted on BUPERS Online at <https://www.bol.navy.mil> where individuals may check their results personally, similar to advancement results.

"Commands have been directed to notify the Sailors not being continued and report back to us that it's been completed; we'll then release the full list on BUPERS Online," said Capt. Leo Falardeau, Navy Personnel Command assistant commander for career progression.

The Senior Enlisted Continuation

Board is a performance-driven review of master chiefs, senior chiefs and chiefs with more than 19 years of service and three years' time-in-grade. It serves as a force stabilization measure, like Perform to Serve, allowing the Navy to retain the best Sailors.

The Senior Enlisted Continuation Board convened Sept. 20 at NPC. The board reviewed 9,096 active duty, full-time support, and Reserve records including 5,740 chief petty officers, 2,343 senior chief petty officers, and 1,013 master chief petty officers.

For more information visit the Navy Personnel Command website at www.npc.navy.mil. (From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs Office)

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Bishop Elementary School salutes military Veterans for 22nd consecutive year

Story and photos by Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

When it comes saluting military veterans on Veterans Day, few schools can match the effort of Bishop Elementary School.

For the past 22 years, the school has been holding Veteran's Day services to recognize the sacrifice of active duty and retired military personnel from throughout South Texas.

This year's ceremony, held at the Bishop CISD Joe Trevino Theater, welcomed nearly 600 people and military veterans from throughout South Texas. The tribute included moving videos, music and dance tributes, presentations and special tributes.

The NAS Kingsville Color Guard got the ceremony underway by parading the colors. Representing to NAS Kingsville were, AC2 Michael Daugherty, AC3 Trevor Leon, AC3 Fomai Aokuso and AC3 Israel Cansino. Student Ava Garza performed the Na-



NAS Kingsville Color Guard



Master Chief Charlie Ratliff and his wife Pam join members of local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts in saluting the colors.



Fourth and fifth grade students perform a musical salute to military personnel through song and dance to popular music during military conflicts from WWII to the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm.



tional Anthem for the ceremony, and Bishop Elementary School Principal Carmen Gonzalez served as master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Army Staff Sergeant Robert Ochoa Jr., a Bishop native and 1998 graduate of Bishop High School. Ochoa is a three-time Purple Heart recipient who recently returned from duty in Afghanistan where he was wounded by an improvised explosive device (IED). Ochoa spoke about his ordeals, and his medical care and rehab at Brooke Army Medical Hospital in San Antonio, and his commitment to recover and go back. Despite his injuries, which include losing three fingers, he said he was "grateful to have served and survived from his injuries."

Ochoa received a standing ovation from the crowd at the conclusion of his remarks.

Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff presented a Veterans Day video featuring remarks from retired Lt. Col. Oliver North.



SSG Robert Ochoa Jr.



NASK supports Kingsville Veterans Day Parade

Led by the NAS Kingsville Color Guard and Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff, NAS Kingsville turned out in force to help celebrate Veterans Day at the annual Kingsville Salutes Veterans parade Nov. 11.

Carrying the colors for NASK were: AC3 Christy Collins, AC2 Matt Hartopp, HN Christopher Pharris and AC3 Megan McCall.

The NASK First Class and Junior Enlisted Associations also participated, following the Color Guard and walking with students from Kleberg Elementary School.



Veteran Purple Heart recipients ride in a float dedicated to their sacrifices in battle.



CS1 Holly Clow, Kingsville American Legion Post 99 president, center, marches with other local American Legion members.



H.M. King High School Marching Band, above, and JROTC Unit, below.



Soldiers from the Kingsville National Guard led the parade down Kleberg Avenue, followed by a number of floats and vehicles featuring military veterans.

Also featured in the parade was Army Staff Sergeant Robert Ochoa, a three-time Purple Heart recipient who recently returned from Afghanistan where he served as a squad leader. Ochoa is a 1998 graduate of Bishop High School.

The H.M. King High School marching band turned out in full force, as did the Bishop High School band, and the H.M. King Army JROTC also marched in formation.



Anse Windom pilots his "Javelina Express" train full of local dignitaries and H.M. King High School cheerleaders.



Perez Elementary School's "Perez Cadets" dressed up in cammies and waved flags supporting all branches of the military.



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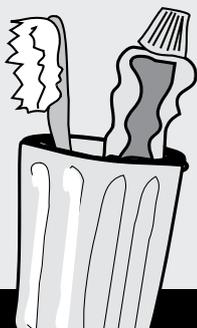
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Have You Met? Linda Koenig

Linda Koenig, NAS Kingsville's safety and occupational health manager, has a poster behind her desk that says, "Tenacity. Never let defeat have the last word."

If you had to choose one motto to describe Linda, that would be it.

She's determined, dogged, steadfast and does what she has to do to get the job done. She knows that "whether life is going great or not, when you fall down, you have to pick yourself up and dust yourself off."

She's always had to be that way.

She and her five siblings were raised by a single mother. They were migrant workers in South Texas; the family moved around every year from the Robstown-Petronilla area to wherever the work was.

Linda became head of household at age 16, when her mom died. Her sisters and brother ranged in ages from 14 to 2. She raised them all as her own and ensured they graduated from high school and college.

Linda has been a member of Team Kingsville since Aug. 31, transferring from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to get back home to be close to her family. She says her goal here "is to get the base and tenant commands to continue working as a team to communicate safety issues to everyone and make this installation a benchmark place to work."

"Communicate, have integrity and show respect for one another," she emphasizes.



"That's how we'll be able to work together."

Linda dislikes bullies and people who take advantage of others. On the other hand, she likes reading, plants, and educating others. Linda and her husband Alfred live in Corpus Christi. They have three grown children, and eight cats and dogs.

Linda believes in teaching others, helping them to be their best at all times, and that we are all here for a purpose. Her favorite pastimes include reading, working with plants, and visiting friends, relatives, her children and grandchildren. Linda, her husband Albert and their large family -- which includes eight dogs and three cats -- live in Corpus Christi.

If Linda could only tell you one thing, it'd be, "Life is short. Tell your loved ones today that you love them. Don't wait until tomorrow -- tomorrow is not a promise but a gift."

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Have You Met? Melanie Gartner



Melanie Gartner is Naval Air Station Kingsville's new Youth Director. She's not only new in the job, but new to the climate and South Texas, and brand-spanking new to the military.

What led her to Kingsville and the Navy? Her husband Craig works for the Border Patrol and his job brought him, Melanie, and their 8 year-old son here from Fargo, N.D.

Though she's worked with youngsters for more than 12 years, she knows she has a big learning curve ahead of her. "I've got to learn to work within the military system," Melanie said, "get familiar with the regulations and procedures."

But, she is sure to adapt quickly because she likes orderliness. "I like things to run smoothly, at an even flow, and not to get too wild.

"I have a big problem with clutter and chaos," Melanie said.

"Chaos with kids is okay," she added, "because if you have kids, you know there will be chaos. But kids like structure and I like providing them with that structure."

One of the first things on her agenda is planning youth activities for Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Dec. 2 Tree Lighting Ceremony. But afterwards she is determined to get a new program for teens, call Keystone

Club, up and running. And she's already thinking about ways to increase summer enrollment. She wants to grow the program, to help keep it cost-effective.

If there's one thing you should know about Melanie is that "it takes me a while to warm up to people. I'm quiet at first," she said, "and sometimes people take that the wrong way. But I am very social."

One thing you'll notice about her right away is the sparkle in her eye when she talks about children, youth activities, and her goals for the NAS Kingsville Youth Program.

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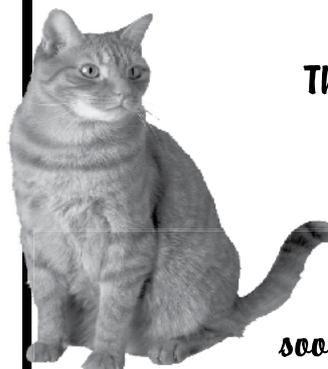


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2 cups baking mix, such as Bisquick

2 large eggs

1-1/4 cups milk

1/2 cup pumpkin puree

2 Tbsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Preheat an electric skillet to 375 degrees F, or heat a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Whisk together all ingredients until well-combined, but do not over mix. Let rest for 10 minutes. Turn griddle down to 350 degrees. Ladle quarter-cupfuls of the batter onto the griddle. Cook until the edges of the pancakes start to set and bubbles start to form on the surface of the pancakes. Flip. Cook another 1-3 minutes until pancakes are golden brown on the other side.

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by Tina Konwerski

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Harte's Holiday Party - December
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Harte Public Library - Corpus Christi - Children's Program. Join us as we celebrate Harte Library's Holiday Party! We will have the Flour Bluff Intermediate Choir performing, refreshments, and children's craft and tree decorating. All events are **FREE** and open to the public.

Saturday, December 11, 2010, 10 am to 4 pm - Teach someone to "Read, Write or Speak English"
The Corpus Christi Literacy Council and San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council will be conducting a free Volunteer Tutor Orientation. After training, volunteers will teach adults one-on-one or in small groups. Corpus Christi Literacy Council - San Patricio County Adult Literacy Council. **Registration Information: SPCALC 361-364-2310 Location: Bell-Whittington Library, 2400 Memorial Parkway, Portland, TX 78374**

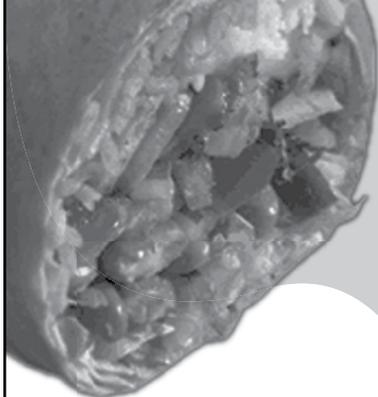
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Mids get bowl game in San Diego

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) -- The Naval Academy has qualified to play in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl Dec. 23 as a result of its Nov. 6 victory over East Carolina.

Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk said the game will be played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego against a projected opponent from the Mountain West Conference. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN, and the game time is set for 5 p.m. PST, 7 p.m. locally.

Qualifying for the Poinsettia Bowl is a landmark achievement for the football program as it marks the first time in school history that Navy has gone to eight-straight bowl games.

"We strongly encourage Navy fans to buy their bowl tickets directly from the Naval Academy Athletic Association," said Gladchuk.

"Our goal is to bring a large contingent of the Brigade of Midshipmen, and we expect more than 20,000 Navy fans in the stands. It is very important for this game and for future Navy bowl considerations for our fans to purchase tickets through the NAAA."



MWR Events

Flag Football playoffs begin Monday, Nov. 22 and run through Dec. 8. (double elimination tournament).

3-on-3 basketball tournament: Starting Nov. 30. Sign up at the base gym.

Nov 20-24: Auto Skills Center. Pre-Thanksgiving vehicle check-up. Reservations not required.

Nov. 23: Native American story time at the Base Library, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 27 San Marcos Outlet Mall shopping trip. \$9 per person, sing up at ITT.

Dec. 9: Jingle Bell 5K family "fun run."

Dec. 10: NAS Kingsville Christmas Party at the Captain's Club. See your command or departmental rep for tickets.

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League Standings as of Nov. 15

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	26	18
2	Tumbalos	25	19
3	The Players	23.5	20.5
4	The Other Guys	22	22
5	Alley Cats	21	23
6	The "HR's"	20	24
7	DNA	20	24
8	Minds in Gutter	18.5	25.5

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High Score Series-Men: Lindy Conner, 604; Rodney Malin, 587.

Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Nov. 15

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Slow Rollin'	25	15
2	Rat'Lers	23	17
3	Big K Rollers	21.5	18.5
4	Pin Bangers	21.5	18.5
5	Laugh Out Loud	19	21
6	Badass	18	22
7	DUH's	17	23
8	Pete's Angels	15	25

Javelinas earn first round bye in D2 playoffs

The Texas A&M-Kingsville football team wrapped up their 2010 regular season Nov. 13 with a 38-24 win over Southeastern Oklahoma University, improving the Javelina's season record to 10-1 and clinching a first round bye in the Division II playoffs which begin this week. The Hogs will play at home Nov. 27 against the winner of the Northwest Missouri - Missouri Western game this weekend.

The Javelinas, coming off wins over Midwestern State and Southern Oklahoma, reached the 10 win plateau for the first time under head coach Bo Atterberry. The Javelinas have been ranked in the top 10 in D2 all season, spending the final two months ranked in the top four. The road to the D2 title won't be an easy one for the Javelinas, however. If they win their second round game, the Hogs will more than likely face a rematch with unbeaten Abilene Christian (11-0) in the quarterfinals. Abilene Christian gave the Hogs their only loss of the season in early October (31-24) at Javelina Stadium.

The Division II playoffs will run through Dec. 18. Playoff brackets can be downloaded on the NCAA.com web site.

The final top 5 teams are as follows:

1	Minnesota-Duluth	10-0
2	Abilene Christian	10-0
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4	Texas A&M-Kingsville	10-1
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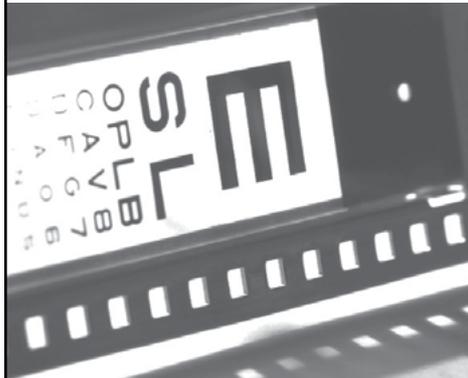
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