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Air Operations held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony Monday, July 20 to mark the opening of the air station’s new Radar Facility. Taking part in the ribbon cutting were, from left, Ricky Smith, SPAWAR; AC3 Elias Mogollon; Capt. Phil Waddingham, Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Paddock, and Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate.

Radar Facility opening makes NAS Kingsville ‘most modern air station’

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, personnel from the Air Operations Department, and invited guests that included Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate and Kingsville Economic Development Council director Dick Messbarger turned out for a special ribbon cutting ceremony Monday July 20 to mark the opening of a new Radar Air Traffic Control Facility on board the air station. The new facility is the final element of an \$11.5 million National Air Space Modernization Program on board the base.

While the new Radar Facility occupies the same spaces at Air Operations that the old facility used, the end result of the modernization project is remarkable. Air Traffic Controllers have more space to

work, larger scopes, touch-screen communications links in “real time,” and more up-to-date equipment to use for tracking and controlling aircraft movements throughout NAS Kingsville.

“I’m happy to say what I believe to be a true statement,” Capt. Waddingham said during the brief opening ceremony, “and that is that this new facility makes NAS Kingsville the most modern Naval Air Station in the Navy.”

Over the last four issues of the Flying K we have been featuring the remarkable transition the Air Operations Department has made over the last 18 months, and in our final report (see pages 7 and 12), we explain how the new facility has transformed the air station.

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33 Sailors receive awards at ceremony

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham presented awards and special recognition to 33 NAS Kingsville Sailors at an awards and quarters ceremony conducted at the Captain’s Club Thursday, July 23. Headlining the list of awardees was the announcement of the Sailors of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2009.

“I’m proud to announce our top Sailors of the Quarter today,” Waddingham said during the ceremony, “and at the same time recognize all the Sailors who were nominated by their departments for this recognition. Every one of our nominees has displayed superior performance, strong leadership, community service, and outstanding dedication to the command mission.”

Selected as Senior Sailor of the Quarter was CS1 Erasmo Guerrero of the Combined Bachelor Housing/Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Department, while ET2 (SW) John Fuller of Ground Electronics earned Jr. Sailor of the Quarter. CS3 Erick Soliz of the Combined Bachelor Housing/Navy Gateway Inns & Suites Department was named Bluejacket of the Quarter.

Other awards included letters of appreciation for assistance with the 2009 NAS Corpus Christi South Texas Shootout air show, Letters of Commendation from Navy Region Southeast, the CBQ ‘Room of the Month’ for June 2009, and the presentation of Safety Bucks for personnel who identified and corrected safety issues around the air station.

Subway adds NAS Kingsville stop

Navy Exchange manager Ofilia Alvarez and NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the opening of the new Subway restaurant on station July 21. Waddingham thanked everyone who attended the opening, and contributed the special day to two years of collaborations with tenant commands, state leadership, the Navy Exchange command, and Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command.

“This will bring a great quality of life for our sailors.” “We are very happy Subway is part of our NAS Kingsville team.” Photo by EN3 Brenda Acevedo.



Subway hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Breakfast served 7-11 a.m.



Capt. Phil Waddingham
Commanding Officer,
NAS Kingsville



Greetings, NAS Kingsville! What a great week this has turned out to be! Two Grand Openings in as many days, and many more planned in the months (and years) ahead. All of this has not come easy, and it has taken a lot of planning and hard work by many people to pull it off. But it represents just the tip of the iceberg. We have set a new course for the naval air station. Many significant improvements in both quality of life and readiness lie along our "ship's projected intended movement." I couldn't help making a surface navy reference here, because the business of shore installation management is not as much a high-speed fighter intercept, as it is a long, sustained journey at sea. The good news is that we are starting to take sightings which validate that our navigation is accurate, and we are indeed on course.

On Monday, July 20, we cutover from our temporary radar air traffic control facility to a brand new, state-of-the-art \$11.3M approach control facility. This

new facility, part of an FAA sponsored national airspace modernization program, includes communications upgrades at both NALF Orange Grove and NAS Kingsville, as well as a digital air surveillance radar and user configurable terminal work stations at Kingsville. The end result is improved reliability and maintainability as well as increased performance. This upgrade will make the work of our technicians in keeping the equipment operational much easier, and will provide our controllers with the best technology available to provide air traffic control services to both TW-2 and CNA-TRA aircraft, in addition to participating civilian traffic. If you're interested in seeing the new facility, contact Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Paddock or ACCS Brian Carr and they can set up a tour of the new facility for you.

Next, on Tuesday, July 21, we had the ribbon cutting ceremony for our Navy Exchange sponsored new Subway® sandwich shop. This project has been two years in the making and I for one couldn't be happier with how it turned out. Everyone involved in the project worked hard to bring this from concept to reality. I would be remiss if I did not thank Lt. Brent Simmons and his Quality of Life integrated performance team for taking the surveys to determine what you, our customers,

wanted in the way of dining options on board the naval air station. The results of those surveys also helped us to make our case to NEXCOM and Subway® to consider NAS Kingsville as a new construction site. It was this data, along with the professional manner in which our NEX is managed by Ofilia Alvarez, which I believe convinced NEXCOM's commander, Rear Adm. Robert Bianchi to support the project with funding necessary to convert the proposed site to meet Subway® specifications. Additionally, I want to thank the support we received from Tara Culbertson and her MWR staff. As an NEX affiliated enterprise, Subway® is a direct competitor to the MWR Bowling Center and Line Shack food operations. Recognizing that there would likely be a drop in sales at these venues, Tara fully supported the idea, and has vowed to continue to improve the quality and service of her food operations. She is committed to filling the needs of her customers and looking to expand dining options as we pursue funding for a brand new, 12 lane bowling center. To Sheri Bradbury and her staff at Subway, "Welcome aboard!"

Other navigation checkpoints along our journey include the Barracks renovation project which wraps up in August, and the McFall Chapel renovation, will be completed in April 2010. The Fitness

Center begins early next year, and the new Navy Gateway Inns and Suites begins later this year.

Runway resurfacing is underway, and the TW-2/NASK Ops team has come up with a brilliant plan to minimize the impact to flight operations by staging aircraft out at Orange Grove. This is not as easy as it sounds, since along with that requirement came increased security demands—without the additional money to cover the expense. Through careful scheduling of limited resources and personnel, the planners figured out how to make it happen. Hat's Off! to Lt. Cmdrs. "Bosco" Bassel and "Latka" Datka of TW-2 and Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Paddock and Lts. Jody Kite and "Butters" Wildman for making the jobs of the base and wing commanders easy.

Finally, I wish a Fair Winds and Following Seas again to Commander Tim "Cowboy" Carr and his wife Karen after 20 years of faithful service to our Navy and our Nation.

For everyone else, keep doing what you are doing. Whether flying, instructing, controlling, fixing, typing, planning, spending, cooking, or cleaning, each and every one of you make a difference here on base and it shows. See you around the block.

Skipper Waddz

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Charlie Ratliff
Command Master Chief



Two weeks ago, I spoke to you about the many services offered by our Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Department. This week I wanted to mention another Department here on board NAS Kingsville that provides strong support to our Sailors and their families. The Navy's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Program helps strengthen personal and family competencies to meet the unique challenges of the military lifestyle.

We are fortunate to have a very enthusiastic and dedicated staff at the NAS Kingsville FFSC. They are completely focused on providing strong support ser-

vices to Sailors and their families. Some of the many programs and services offered by our Kingsville FFSC include: Relocation Assistance Program; Family Employment Readiness Program, Personal Financial Management; Mobilization and Deployment Support; Exceptional Family Member Information; Transition Assistance; Volunteer Opportunities and Crisis Response. Let me take a minute to talk about a few of the programs FFSC offers:

Relocation Assistance Program: Are you new to NAS Kingsville? If so, you will be attending Command/Base Indoctrination at the FFSC. At Indoctrination, you will have a variety of speakers provide you with information about services available to you and your family here on base and in the local community. If you are preparing to transfer from NAS Kingsville to your next duty station, your first stop should be the FFSC. They have great information on duty stations worldwide. In addition, they offer pre-depar-

ture briefs on permanent change of station (PCS) moves. These briefs will make your upcoming move much smoother for you and your family.

Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP): A career in the Navy usually means relocating your family on a regular basis. This type of lifestyle creates unique career challenges for military spouses. The FERP allows a FFSC expert to work one-on-one with a military spouse to address challenges such as how to conduct a job search, career planning, resume writing, interview techniques and federal employment information.

Personal Financial Management, Education, Training and Counseling Program (PFMP): The PFMP provides a range of information, education, and counseling to assist Sailors and their families with managing their finances. This program is great at helping Navy families develop basic money management tools.

Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP): TAMP is a DOD

wide program to assist military members with the transition from military to civilian life. The most recognized service associated with TAMP is the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). TAP is a five day seminar that addresses social, financial, and professional issues associated with transitioning out of the Navy. TAP will help you with employment resources, resume writing and job interview techniques. It also gives you information about many benefit entitlements you have as a Veteran.

There are simply too many other programs offered by the NAS Kingsville FFSC to cover them all here. However, I strongly encourage you to stop by the FFSC to find out exactly what services they offer that will benefit you and your family.

And to our FFSC employees, I sincerely appreciate your dedicated service to our Sailors and their families.

Sea Notes From the Command Master Chief



Capt. Mark Brooks
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Good day to you, the NASK/TW-2 team! This is my first effort as Commodore and a lot has happened recently: a Change of Command, the 4th of July, and the retirement of our TW-2 CSO, Cmdr. "Cowboy" Carr this past Friday. Cowboy made some great contributions for "In the Break" during his tenure. I hope I can do half as well as both he and BD did over the last two years.

As I write, my favorite program ("Sunday Morning" on CBS) is on the TV and the program is devoted to the passing of Walter Cronkite. He died July 17, and is remembered, among other things, for his devotion to the coverage of our manned space program, particularly the Apollo 11 mission that resulted in man's first step onto another celestial body - 40 years ago.

Like many Americans of my generation, Walter Cronkite was the epitome of a journalist and the "most trusted man in America." Think about that. What a wonderful way to be described: the most trusted man in America. He deserved that moniker because he clearly believed it was his duty to provide honest, factual information to the public. In doing that he was supporting and defending the First Amendment to the Constitution right to Freedom of the Press. During one of the many programs this past weekend reflecting on his storied career, Cronkite made it clear that he was disappointed in today's "journalism". I agree. Today the mainstream media provides something more like "infotainment" than journalism.

As those that have sworn an oath to support and defend the Constitution, we have a sacred responsibility to the entire document on which our country is founded. In TW-2, we are clearly training the next generation of those that will defend the Constitution/nation. But, how do we "support" that living document? I suppose there are many right answers. I offer that the excellence exemplified by Mr. Cronkite and the NASA program that he

covered provide sound examples of support to the fabric of America. During the Change of Command ceremony where I took command from Capt. Davis, I asked that everyone in our organization commit to improvement in themselves, their organization, and their community. In other words, don't just get by. Let's get up and live every day like we mean it.

Melissa and I look forward to the next two years and getting to know all of you. It is truly a privilege to have command of Training Air Wing TWO. It is fantastic to be a Navy Captain that gets to fly with the finest the Navy and Marine Corps have to offer every day. There will be challenges (in fact, I'm already dealing with a few); but, as President John F. Kennedy said way back in 1961, "We choose to go to the Moon in this decade. We choose to go to the Moon, not because it is easy, but because it is hard." By the way, the first man to set foot on the Moon was a Naval Aviator and I am told the next crew has been selected for the Space Shuttle and they're all Naval Aviators. Go figure. Go Navy! Go Marines! All the best, Fingers.

The Flying K

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Student aviators participate in South Texas bicycle race

The NAS Kingsville Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department recently sponsored two student naval aviators to participate in one of largest cycling events in South Texas sponsored by the Texas Bicycle racing Association (TBRA). The University Oaks Criterium was held in San Antonio last month, and student aviators Josh Webb and Evan Scott were among the participants. The pair was sponsored by MWR and Renee Hill, MWR's Sports Specialist.

The race consisted of a 1.1 mile loop with several sharp corners and 30-40 feet climbs. The "criterium" format so the riders raced around the course for about 30 minutes before race officials informed them of how many laps they had remaining.

"We showed up about an hour before the race and got signed-in with the organizers. They thanked us for our service and paid for our entry fee so all we had to do was pay the one day license fee, which was nice. We then spent the next thirty minutes warming up for the race."

The pair began the race 17 other riders, jumping out to a fairly fast tempo and then settling in to a moderate pace after that, according to Scott. After about 15

minutes, one rider broke away from the group, setting the pace for the rest of the event.

"There had been several other break-outs [before this one]," Scott said, "but this guy stayed away. Hindsight being 20/20 we should have followed him," Scott added. "Even then, we decided to push a hard-pace from the front around the 20 minute mark, which lasted for about a lap and then most of the riders grouped back together."

Over the last 4 laps, Scott ended up leading the pack about half of the time in an attempt to catch the rider who had broken away earlier.

"No one else was willing to help pull him in," Scott said, "so I backed off so as not to kill myself before the end of the race. When we hit the last lap, I was at the front of the pack. But on the final corner another rider cut inside of me. In the end a total of 4 riders managed to make the final sprint that I had previously led. The rider who cut inside of me beat me in the sprint, but I managed to come in next, taking third place. Evan finished 12th."

Both riders were thankful for the sponsorship and the experience, and according to Hill, the opportunity for other riders to participate in events like this is

possible through MWR.

"We don't sponsor everyone and this race was very inexpensive," Hill said. "But if anyone is interested in participating in local athletic events in and around Kingsville and Corpus Christi, we're willing to work with them."



Josh Webb, front, and Evan Scott take on the bike course in San Antonio.

Arriving:

Newly reported personnel

Lt. j.g. Vaughn Villareal, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown - San Antonio, Texas.

Lt. Jeffrey Callaway, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown - Leawood, Kan.

HM2 Jordan Padriac, Branch Naval Clinic. Hometown - Morgantown, N.C.

Lt. j.g. David Tarr, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown - Redmond, Wash.

Lt. j.g. Chris Nigus, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown - Overland Park, Kan.

Ensign Josh Moulzouf, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown - Apple Valley, Minn.

EN1 Reginald Smith, MWR. Hometown - Bessemer, Ala.

Ensign Denny East, Student Aviator TW-2. Hometown Ararat, N.C.

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New Navy transportation program arrives at NAS Kingsville

By: EN3 Brenda Acevedo, Public Affairs

Carpooling Anyone? Hop on to the NASK Van pool and ride practically free while you help save the environment and lessen the monthly wear and tear on your personal vehicle.

If you live in Corpus Christi and work in Kingsville, this might be the "Free ride" you've been looking for.

The Department of the Navy (DON) implemented the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) Outside the National Capital Region (ONCR) effective July 2001.

Ensign Clayton Beame and GSMC (SW) Ryan Wystub from Public Works (PW) initiated the program at NASK last summer, due to the high price of gasoline.

"The program is awesome," Beame said, "in fact I ride the van pool myself on a daily basis."

The program has been such a success, PW has continued running the service due to the convenience and safety the program has brought to NASK employees.

According to DON, the program is intended to reduce federal employees' contribution to traffic congestion and air pollution. This program is also designed to expand their commuting alternatives being that there are

limited sources in South Texas.

Currently, the program runs two 15 passenger vans and one seven passenger van. Within each van, the passengers make their own schedules on where to meet, the time for pick up and the driving rotation. Passengers mostly listen to the radio, sleep or converse during the trip to the base via Chapman Ranch Road.

Janie Ramos, the NASK CO's secretary, finds the experience to be pleasant and relaxing. "I enjoy the group I travel with, we all get along great," Ramos said.

Randy Penitusi, who works at the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, said he enjoys the commute by using the extra time to sleep a little bit more in the morning and do puzzles on the ride back home.

The program is funded through the Department of Transportation, and approved through the Asst. Secretary of the Navy's Office of Financial Management and Comptroller (FMO). To be eligible for this program, you must be a military member or DON employee. Participants are eligible for reimbursement up to \$230 per month by method of transit vouchers, which will cover the fee for the van (rent-



al) and gas.

Gilbert Roque, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites director, enjoys the money he saves and plans to keep Van pooling as long as he is employed at NASK.

Roque is right in taking advantage of this program, in fact, let's all do the math.... Corpus Christi is approximately 47 miles away, depending on where you live. Driving would make this amount a total of 94 miles daily, 470 miles weekly, 1880 miles monthly, and yearly a grand total of 22,560 miles of wear and tear on your vehicle, not to mention the cost of maintenance.

Passengers like, Beam, Ramos, Peni-

tusi and Roque recommend van pooling because of the amount of money they save monthly, not to mention doing their part to "Go Green."

Here are other points that might interest you:

- Gas is really expensive!
- Wear & tear costs more than gas.
- Driving is stressful!
- Socializing is good for you.
- Oil imports cause trade deficits!
- The planet is on fire!!
- Helps you, helps someone else.

Currently there are a total of 23 van poolers from NAS Kingsville. Two of the vans meet at 6:30 a.m. at the CVS pharmacy on Staples and Yorktown in Corpus Christi.

If you have a group of people interested in setting up a van pool, contact Ensign Clayton Beame at Clayton.beame@navy.mil.

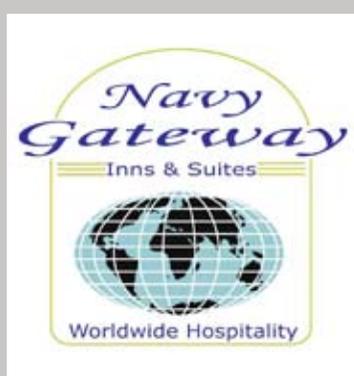
For more information on the Incentive program visit: <http://www.fmo.navy.mil/services/tip/tip.htm>, or contact Ensign Beame at 516-6049.

Take some pride - and share the ride!

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites top performers



Lisa Silhavy



Sujitta Hewitt

CBH manager CSCS (SW) Mike Reed and NGIS director Gil Roque presented awards to two civilian staff members during a special ceremony at the CBQ July 17.

Receiving the awards were Sujitta Hewitt and Lisa Silhavy, both members of the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites housekeeping staff. The awards recognized superior achievement and inspirational commitment to customer service in addition to normal housekeeping duties at the Combined Bachelor Quarters (CBQ) complex.



The Kingsville Rotary is part of Rotary International, and one of 55 Rotary Clubs in South Texas District 5930.



Left, Rotary president Leo Alarcon presents Capt. Waddingham with a traditional Rotary coffee mug for providing a "State of the Station" brief to the membership.



Medal Presentation: Capt. Phil Waddingham presents a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Lt. Brian Schonefeld during a special ceremony in the CO's office July 21. Schonefeld received the award for superior performance while assigned as facilities and engineering acquisitions division director with the NAS Kingsville Public Works Department from June 2006 to July 2009. Among Schonefeld's significant accomplishments was managing 30 mission critical construction and facilities services contracts valued in excess of \$40 million, resulting in a significant impact to NAS Kingsville's command readiness. Schonefeld's next assignment will be with the Navy Seabees at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Gulfport, Miss. (Photo by EN3 Brenda Acevedo)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Exceedance of Total Trihalomethanes

Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that the water NAS Kingsville supplies has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM's), as set in the commission's Drinking Water Standards.

TCEQ's standard maximum MCL level for TTHM's is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 80 parts per billion (ppb). Compliance with this level is based on a running annual average of quarterly sample results. NAS Kingsville's running annual average for the second quarter of 2009 exceeded the standard level at 0.082 mg/L or 82 ppb.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of developing cancer.

Personnel do not need to use an alter-

native water supply. However, those who have health concerns may want to talk to their doctor to obtain more information about how this may affect them.

NAS Kingsville and Naval Facilities Command Southeast are working to correct the problem. The command has increased the flushing of water lines throughout the base in order to limit the amount of water that is stored in our underground tanks. We are currently flushing 250,000 gallons per day. In addition, the air station has made changes to the disinfection injection system. NAS Kingsville and NAVFAC Southeast are conducting regular TTHM monitoring of the system, which has shown that these actions are helping to reduce the TTHM's in our water supply.

In addition, other actions that will be taken include removing one of NAS Kingsville's two underground water storage tanks from service, and conducting a hydraulic study to determine the right size of water storage and distribution piping needed on board the air station.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Norma Barrera, NAS Kingsville Environmental Manager, at (361) 516-6404.

July's Pilot For A Day is San Diego, Texas native



Pilot for a Day, 15 Year old, Ramon Gonzalez III came on board NASK for an all-day tour of base facilities July 23, with mother Olga, and cousins Kaysee Munoz and Richard Gomez. Thanks to PFAD program officer Capt. "Stale" Beers, TW-2 Sponsor Lt. "Jones" Keith and base personnel Ramon enjoyed his day aboard NASK as TW-2's July 2009 Pilot For a Day. (Photos by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NASK Public Affairs)



Retirement ceremony marks the end of 20-year career in the cockpit

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Training Air Wing TWO (TW-2) Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Tim Carr closed the log-book on his 20-year career in Naval Aviation with an official retirement ceremony held at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club July 17. TW-2 Commander Capt. Mark Brooks served as guest speaker for the ceremony.

"Cmdr. Tim 'Cowboy' Carr is a fighter pilot's fighter pilot," Brooks said. "I grew up around Navy fighter aviation. I've been a fighter pilot my whole career, so I know what I'm talking about, and folks that have flown and fought with Cowboy-many of whom are here today- they know what I'm talking about, too. My first flight in the T-45 Goshawk here last year was an ATM hop in Cowboy's back seat. [Last week], we flew together for his last opportunity to sit in the cockpit, and I can (unfortunately for my ego) confirm that he is one good fighter pilot. And, he will be missed."

Brooks then touched on Carr's aviation career, from his entry into the Navy and commissioning through Officer Candidate School in 1989, to earning his Navy Wings of Gold at NAS Kingsville in 1991, to his first fleet assignment with the Sunday Punchers of Attack Squadron 75 (VA-75) forward



Above left: Cmdr. Tim Carr salutes TW-2 Commander Capt. Mark Brooks and requests permission to go ashore. Right, Carr renders a salute as he walks through the sideboys at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony July 17.

deployed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in support of Operation Southern Watch in the skies over Iraq and Operation Deny Flight over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Brooks also mentioned Carr's transition from the A-6 Intruder to the FA-18C Hornet and subsequent duty with VFA-192 in Atsugi, Japan and two deployments aboard USS Independence (CV 62) in support of Operation Southern Watch in Iraq. Carr met each assignment, Brooks said, "head-on."

Then, in 1998, Carr ended up back in South Texas reporting aboard Training Air Wing TWO as a flight instructor with the

VT-22 Golden Eagles. The two-year assignment gave Carr the unique opportunity to give back to his aviation community by training the next generation of fighter pilots, and Carr accepted the challenge with open arms.

In 2000, Carr accepted an assignment with the "Golden Warriors" of Fighter Attack Squadron 87 (VFA 87), affectionately known throughout the aviation community as the "War Party." One of his most memorable tours of duty, Carr would deploy again aboard Enterprise and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), taking the war party

to the enemy for the opening days of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"After my War Party tour," Carr said during his remarks, "I headed east to the U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island to complete my Masters Degree in strategic studies, and then, back overseas to England for a two-year tour with the NATO Maritime Component Command Headquarters in London. In 2007, Carr accepted his final set of orders that brought him back full-circle to NAS Kingsville as Chief Staff Officer for Training Air Wing TWO.

Fighting back emotions, Carr told the more than 150 people in attendance that he was honored to have served the Navy as a fighter pilot and flight instructor, and having the opportunity of living his dream for 20 years. "I know my children and my wife Karen put up with a lot during my career," Carr said, "including 11 moves and 14 different homes, three years of sea duty and 5 deployments. But now, we head off in a new direction."

During his career in aviation, Carr accumulated more than 3,000 flight hours in tactical jets, including more than 600 arrested landings at seas, and 60 combat missions.

Six pilots designated Naval Aviators at TW-2 winging ceremony

NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Six Navy and Marine Corps flight students were designated as Naval Aviators and presented their "Wings of Gold" during a Training Air Wing TWO Winging Ceremony at the Captain's Club July 10. The ceremony marked the end of nearly 13 months of advanced and undergraduate jet strike training for the men at NAS Kingsville.

Receiving their Wings were:

Lt. j.g. Brant H. Schmall, VT-21. A native of Mitchell, Neb., the 27-year old Schmall enlisted in the Navy after graduating high school entering the Aviation Electrician rating and working on SH-60B helicopters at HSL-40 in Mayport, Fla. During his first enlistment he applied for a commissioning program with a dream of becoming a pilot. After earning his degree from the University of Nebraska in 2006, he was immediately commissioned an ensign and accepted for the Navy's aviation program. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., and reported to NAS Kingsville and VT-21 in May 2008.

Lt. Robert A. Waterston, VT-21. Born in Singapore, Waterston's family moved to the United States when he was two-

years old, settling in Houston. Shortly after graduating high school, Waterston enlisted in the Navy's Nuclear Power Program as a machinist mate. After completing three straight strategic deterrence patrols aboard the USS Nevada (SSBN 733), Waterston entered the Navy's Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP) and headed off to the University of Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering in 2000 and then entered the Navy's aviation program. Waterston completed his primary and multi-engine advanced training at NAS Corpus Christi and earned his Navy Wings in 2002, selecting the P-3 pipeline flying the P-3 Orion. He accepted follow-on orders to NAS Corpus Christi as a primary flight training instructor with VT-28, and 18 months later was accepted for a transition to the Electronic Attack (VAQ) community. Waterston will continue his Naval Aviation career flying the EA-18G Growler.

1st Lt. William M. Barrett, VT-22. Born at the Naval Hospital at NAS Jacksonville, Fla., in 1984, Barrett is the son of a Marine infantry officer. When his father left the Corps the family settled down in Stafford, Va., where Barrett graduated from high school. He spent a year at Virginia Tech University and then transferred to James Madison University where he graduated in



From left: Lt. j.g. Matthew Charles; Lt. j.g. Anthony Clay; Lt. j.g. Jaime Moreno; 1st Lt. William Barrett; Lt. Robert Waterston; Lt. j.g. Brant Schmall.

2006 with a degree in political science.

Barrett received his commission in the Marine Corps in 2006 and later that year reported the Basic School in Quantico, Va., for Marine Corps Aviation indoctrination. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Corpus Christi with VT-27, and reported to NAS Kingsville and VT-22 in May 2008. His next assignment will be at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., flying the F-18 Hornet.

Lt. j.g. Matthew E. Charles, VT-22. Born and raised in Boise, Idaho in 1985, Charles was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy following graduation from high school in 2003. He reported to NAS Kingsville in June 2008.

Lt. j.g. Anthony J. Clay, VT-22. A native of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Clay was accepted to the Naval Academy in 2003 with hopes of eventually becoming a Na-

val Aviator. Shortly after graduating in 2007 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Clay reported to NAS Corpus Christi and VT-28 for primary flight training in the T-34 Turbo Mentor. He reported to NAS Kingsville and VT-22 in June 2008 for advanced and intermediate jet/strike training in the T-45C Goshawk.

Lt. j.g. Jaime A. Moreno, VT-22. Born in Medellin, Columbia in 1985, his family moved to the United States when he was two, eventually settling down in College Station, Texas, and a few years later to Florida where he eventually graduated from high school and was accepted to the Naval Academy. He graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in political science and a minor in Spanish. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., and reported to NAS Kingsville for advanced jet/strike training in March 2008.

\$11.3 million National Air Space Modernization Program upgrade complete as **Radar Facility grand opening makes NASK most modern air station in the Navy**

By NAS Kingsville Public Affairs
 Focus on Air Operations Series Part 4 of 4

Sailors and civilian employees of the Air Operations Department and invited guests joined NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham for a special ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, July 20 marking the opening of NASK's new Radar Control Facility and the completion of a National Air Space Modernization Program on board the air station. Special guests on hand for the ceremony included Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate and Kingsville Economic Development Counsel executive director Dick Messbarger and reporters from the Kingsville Record and the Kingsville Journal. The new facility is the final ingredient of a remarkable makeover for the Air Operations Department, a task that took just over 18 months to complete at a cost of nearly \$12 million. The end result of the transition is that NAS Kingsville can now boast of being the "most modern air station in the Navy."

"We've been waiting for this day to arrive for over a year now," Waddingham told those in attendance at the official opening ceremony. "This facility is a perfect example of what I like to call Kingsville P.R.I.D.E; or, professionalism, responsibility; integrity; dedication; and effectiveness.

"Take a look around at what we have here. This facility is professional in every aspect. Our technicians from the Navy Space and Naval Warfare Command (SPAWAR) and their contract support personnel have done an outstanding job putting this facility together. Just look at what they've done; responsibility and integrity is integral to everything we do here at NAS Kingsville. Dedication - you just don't put something like this together and do it seamlessly unless you really care about what you are doing. That includes taking the pain every step of the way and our Air Operations folks working closely with Wing Ops to ensure that we have minimal - if not zero - impact to Training Air Wing TWO operations. The results of which equals the 'E' in pride, the effectiveness. We've been able to accomplish our mission every step of the way, and that's a big tribute to everyone in this room, from the technicians and controllers to the installers."

Waddingham also spoke about the

transformation the new facility brings to the command - from a much larger perspective.

"What we now have," Waddingham said, "is what I believe to be a true statement when I say that today we have the most modern air traffic control facility in the U.S. Navy right here at NAS Kingsville. This NASMOD (National Air Space Modernization) program is an initiative that goes back to 2001 working with the Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). That initiative was put in motion to ensure that our [military] air stations to have the same type of equipment that our brethren at the FAA have so that we can seamlessly control aircraft from one facility to the next. What we now have here in Kingsville increases our reliability, our maintainability, and our performance to accomplish our mission. It also includes some additional capabilities for future expansion should we receive additional requirements added to our existing mission."

The Radar Facility upgrade took just over seven months to complete, requiring air traffic controllers to use a small, temporary Radar facility set-up in the Air Operations parking lot. NASK electronics technicians maintained the equipment.

"We've been able to accomplish our mission every step of the way during this transition period," Waddingham added, "and that is a credit to everybody here today. This [facility] is truly state-of-the-art, and it's right here at NAS Kingsville. I'm very proud that it's up and running and I look forward to coming here and having the controllers show me exactly what it is they're looking at on their scopes."

Waddingham added that new facility features the same equipment being used at NATTC (Naval Air Technical Training Center) Pensacola, Fla., the 'A' school for Navy air traffic controllers. Because of that, Waddingham said, "new controllers reporting to NAS Kingsville are already familiar with our capabilities."

A new, \$6.3 million digital Air Surveillance Radar system was constructed at South Field earlier this year to tie-in to the new facility. The state-of-the-art "real time" digital display is impressive,

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Above: AC1 (AW) William Bowman, standing, explains what AC2 Dwayne McClure, seated, sees on his new digital radar screen to Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate, center, and Kingsville Economic Development Counsel director Dick Messbarger. The new Radar Facility replaces the temporary Radar Control shack that operated out of the Air Operations parking lot (below) for the last six months.



Secretary of Defense Gates thanks Sailors for their “decision to serve”



GREAT LAKES, Ill., (July 17, 2009) Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) the Honorable Robert M. Gates, left, “Troops the Line” with Capt. John W. Peterson, commanding officer of Recruit Training Command, during a recruit graduation ceremony. Gates visited the Navy’s only boot camp for the first time to see where Sailors begin their Navy careers. Gates also observed how recruits train including Battle Stations 21, a grueling 12-hour test held entirely aboard the battle stations trainer USS Trayer (BST-21), a 210-foot-long Arleigh Burke-class destroyer simulator. (U.S. Navy photo by Scott A. Thornbloom).

By MCCS Rhonda Burke

Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates thanked the Navy’s newest Sailors and their families for their decision to serve our nation, especially in a time of war.

Gates served as reviewing officer for the recruit graduation ceremony welcoming the Navy’s newest 971 Sailors to the fleet, July 17.

“You are the next generation of Sailors that has been tasked with the heavy burden of ensuring the safety and security of our nation,” Gates said. “I have no doubt that you are up to the task. It takes uncommon perseverance to make it through basic training, just as it takes uncommon patriotism to make the decision to join the military in time of war.”

During his visit to the Navy’s only basic training facility, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Gates had the opportunity to tour various training facilities and recruit living spaces as well as observe Battle Stations-21 and the recruit capping ceremony.

Gates’ message to the new Sailors is that they are now part of the greatest Navy that has ever sailed on the world’s oceans.

“Just as in the days of wooden ships and iron Sailors, our enemies underestimate our resolve and capabilities at their own peril,” Gates said.

The Secretary of Defense also recognized the vital role Sailors are playing on the ground in the Central Command area of operations.

“Every time I visit the war theatre, I am struck by the number of Sailors on the ground,” Gates said. “Right now there are more Sailors deployed on land in the Central Command theatre than on ships.”

For the new Sailors, the significance of having the Secretary of Defense speak at their graduation was not lost.

“It was a great experience to be here when he is,” said Seaman Recruit Jamesha Howard of Shreveport, La. “It was a big surprise.”

Story courtesy of Navy NewsStand.

SECNAV visits future of Navy at Recruit Training Command

By MCCS Rhonda Burke

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) -- The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) visited the Navy’s only boot camp, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, July 16 to see firsthand the training the Navy’s newest Sailors receive as they prepare to join the fleet.

“These are the folks that are going to be the Navy of the future, and I wanted to see how people come into the Navy, what sort of training they get, what sort of lessons they are learning,” SECNAV Ray Mabus said. “I have been very impressed with the level of training, the level of recruits, the level of commitment and the level of the staff here.”

The secretary had the opportunity to see Battle Stations-21 and participate in a recruit capping ceremony. He also toured the physical training facility, Freedom Hall, as well as a recruit barracks facility before joining staff members for lunch in a recruit galley.

Mabus he wants recruits in training to know how important what they are about to do is to the Navy and the nation.

“It is important not only for the ship they are on, the command that they are in, but for this country and for this world,” Mabus said. “They will play a major role

in keeping us safe, keeping us secure and keeping us the country that we are.”

The secretary spoke of the challenges the Navy is facing in keeping the sea lanes open, combating piracy and fighting against violent extremism around the globe.

“The Navy is so important to America. We are always the away team; we are always forward deployed. We are always ready for whatever mission comes along,” Mabus said. “We have got to be flexible; we have to be quick; we have got to be able to change missions. The only way we are going to meet them is with highly skilled, highly trained, highly motivated Sailors, and that is what you are producing here at Great Lakes.”

Mabus was commissioned in the Navy through the ROTC program at the University of Mississippi. He served on the cruiser USS Little Rock (CG 4) as a surface warfare officer.

“Whatever success I have had in life, I’m pretty sure it might not have happened and it certainly would not have happened as easily without my time in the Navy,” Mabus said. “It taught me so many things. It made me grow up. I was 21-years-old, and all the sudden I had 60 people completely dependent on me. I was a very junior officer, and it taught me the value of



GREAT LAKES, Ill., (July 16, 2009) Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, left, makes his first visit to RTC Great Lakes since being named SECNAV June 18. The recruits had just completed Battle Stations 21 (BST-21) on board the 210-foot-long Arleigh Burke-class destroyer simulator. (U.S. Navy photo by Scott A. Thornbloom).

teamwork and how one person can’t do it all.

“I credit the Navy with a lot; it was some of the most profound time in my life.” Mabus believes his experience as a Navy veteran will serve him well as sec-

retary of the Navy.

“I can very truthfully tell people, like these recruits that are just coming in, what an important time this is in their life and how important it is for their future,” he said.

Navy Sailors of the Year advanced to Chief

By MCCS Bill Houlihan, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

The 2009 Navywide Sailors of the Year (SOY) were advanced to chief petty officers during a ceremony at the Navy Memorial July 16. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick West hosted the ceremony.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Shore SOY, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class James Nicholson; Fleet Forces Command Sea SOY, Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Robert Barber; Pacific Fleet Sea SOY Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment) 1st Class Christopher Green and Navy Reserve SOY, Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 1st Class William Frost each received the Navy Commendation Medal prior to receiving their Chief's anchors.

Nicholson is currently assigned to Surface Warfare Medicine Institute in San Diego; he previously served aboard USS Makin Island (LHD-8). Barber is assigned to Fleet Readiness Center Southeast in Jacksonville, Fla.; Green with Strike Fighter Squadron 41 out of Naval Air Station LeMoore, Calif., and Frost with Helicopter Combat Support



Squadron 85 on North Island, Calif.

Throughout the week, the Sailors of the Year and their families met with Department of Defense and Navy leaders, visited historical sites and enjoyed special events held in their honor in the Washington area.

Prior to the pinning, West discussed the significance of wearing anchors as chiefs then pointed out that the rest of their summer won't be easy.

"In a couple weeks," said MCPON, "you'll begin a process that will challenge you to a degree you've never experienced. I'm talking about Chief's Induction. It's not meant to be easy, and it won't be. But you'll learn how to wear those anchors."

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Gary Roughead, presented each Sailor Navy Commendation Medals and offered his thoughts as to why the four Sailors of the Year were selected from a Navy of more than 440,000.

Water Conservation: Conserve when you can

Did you know that it's cheaper to save water than waste it? In most locations, every drop of water that goes down the drain has a double cost: the first cost is higher water bills, while the second cost is higher sewer bills. If the water is heated, there is a third cost - the energy used to heat the water. Substantial financial savings can be realized with a good water management program. Saving water also saves energy. Less water used means energy consumption is reduced for water treatment, heating, cooling, and transporting that water. Additionally, pollution prevention occurs in two ways: reduced energy consumption means reduced air pollution, and less water used means reduced amounts of chemicals are used to treat water.

Executive Order 13123 "Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management" requires the Navy to reduce water consumption through life-cycle cost-effective measures. The standards established for water consumption by the Energy Policy Act restricts showerheads to 2.5 gallons per minute, and urinals to 1 gallon per flush. Toilets for commercial buildings are required to use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush at 80 psi, and faucets shall use no more than 2.2 gallons per

minute at 60 psi.

The latest Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) performance requirements for plumbing fixtures are:

Continuous flow faucets - 2.0 gallons per minute or less. (Best avail 0.38 gpm).

Self-Closing faucets - 0.25 gal. per cycle

Showerheads - 2.2 gallons p/min. or less. (Best available is 1.5 gpm).

Urinals - 1 gal. per flush or less. (Best available is a waterless system).

Water use in the U.S. doubled from about 200 billion gallons a day in 1950 to over 400 billion gallons a day in 1990. Collectively, Federal agencies spend more than \$500 million per year for water and sewer costs.

Toilets can account for almost half of the water consumption in a typical building. Nationwide, we flush about 4.8 billion gallons of water every year.

Repairing leaky faucets that are dripping a drop per second can save about 36 gallons a day. You may want to have automatic shutoff faucets installed in public restrooms. Replacing a regular faucet with an automatic shutoff that delivers a limited amount of water for each use can save 5,000 gallons of water a year.

Use your water smartly - conserve.



U.S. 5th FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (July 11, 2009) Amphibious assault vehicles from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (22nd MEU) approach the well deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) during an amphibious training exercise. Bataan is serving as the flagship for the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. The 22nd MEU is serving as the theater reserve force for U.S. Central Command. (U.S. Navy photo by MCC Tony Sisti).

Bataan conducts amphibious operations in U.S. 5th Fleet operating area

By MC2 (SW/AW) Jeremy L. Grisham

USS BATAAN, At Sea (NNS) -- Sailors and Marines aboard multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) recently conducted full-scale amphibious operations training, which allowed the crew to maintain proficiency and readiness on four different types of crafts.

Bataan opened its well deck to the sea, allowed up to seven feet of water to enter the specialized compartment and launched and received landing craft air-cushions (LCAC), landing craft utility, amphibious assault vehicles and lighter amphibious resupply cargo craft from the dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) and amphibious transport dock ship USS Ponce (LPD 15).

For Bataan's engineering and deck departments, launching and recovering LCACs is routine, but working with the other craft is a bit more uncommon, so when the chance came to sharpen their skills, the crew was eager and ready for the challenge.

Deck department Sailors stationed at well-deck control, the craft access ramp and the along the parallel "wing walls" of the well deck brought aboard each craft, unloaded their cargo and then launched

them back out to the sea.

"As far as proficiency, that's our job. We need to be ready for anything," said Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Eric Peterson from Hoisington, Kan., leading petty officer for deck's 2nd division. "Overall, you're only as strong as your weakest link."

Each amphibious craft presents unique challenges for the engineering team responsible for keeping the well deck flooded at the proper level, or "ballasting." Whether the requirement was six inches of water or seven feet, the operators and equipment were ready to execute.

"It really is assault and repair divisions that work diligently to maintain all ballasting equipment at peak performance," said Chief Damage Controlman (SW) James Welch, a native of Fresno, Calif., and one of Bataan's ballasting control officers. "When the time comes to do the job, we don't have any doubts about how the equipment will perform."

Bataan is serving as the flagship for the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Operations.

-- Story courtesy of Navy NewsStand

Safe Harbor Sailors angle with fishing pros

By MCI (AW/SW) Michelle Smith,
NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas

DALLAS (NNS) -- More than a dozen Sailors, half of whom are enrolled in the Navy Safe Harbor program, were honored July 18 - 19 in Dallas at the 2nd annual "Tournament of Heroes" invitational bass tournament. The event was held on Lake Lewisville, a 29,592-acre lake located on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, near Lewisville just north of Dallas off Interstate 35E.

The 14 active-duty and recently retired Sailors were part of a group of about 40 recovering wounded service members invited to relax and enjoy two days of activities planned by presenters of the 2009 Dallas Summer Boat Show and North Texas Marine.

The military members, all novice fishermen, were paired with professional anglers who served as their partners and mentors on the lake. Pre-tournament festivities included a recreational boat flotilla, the national anthem and an aircraft fly-over. While the service members tried their hand at fishing, their families and guests were entertained at Hawaiian Falls, a local outdoor waterpark.

Navy Safe Harbor fisherman Brian Alaniz of Austin, Texas, was a Hospital



Corpsman 3rd Class class assigned at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., before his medical retirement in 2004. Alaniz said while he had only caught about four or five fish in his lifetime, he was looking forward to the experience of fishing with professional angler, Alan Perrin.

"We had a lot of fun, the bass weren't really bitin', but that's not what we really came out here for, we just came out here to have a good time, and we did that."

Alaniz said he has benefited from being a part of the Safe Harbor program.

The Navy's Safe Harbor Program began

in 2005 with three staff members and today has a staff of 17 non-medical care managers located at seven major Navy treatment facilities, four Veterans Administration polytrauma centers, Brooke Army Medical Center and the United States Special Operations Command Care Coalition.

The goal of these non-medical care managers is to allow Navy service members and Coast Guardsmen to focus on recovery from a serious illness or injury, while Safe Harbor's non-medical care managers work to meet each service member's needs such as pay and personnel issues, lodging and housing, child and youth care, transportation needs, legal and guardianship issues and education and training benefits.

Enrollment in the Safe Harbor program is voluntary and is not limited to combat-related wounds or injuries. Service members injured during liberty or through shipboard accidents – as well as those having incurred a serious illness, whether physical or psychological – are welcomed into the program.

Sporting events such as the fishing activity are sponsored by the Wounded Warrior Program and are held at various locations across the United States.

Editor's Note:

NAS Kingsville participation in Wounded Warrior Programs includes a special Wounded Warrior hunt at Escondido Ranch for wounded warriors from Brooke Army Medical center in San Antonio. The hunt was held earlier this year and coordinated by MWR Marketing Director Wayne Short and the Escondido Ranch staff. The one day event was well-received and MWR is planning on conducting another hunt for the warriors early next year.

In 2008, the NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office contacted the hospital to extend a personal invitation from NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham to attend the 2008 Wings Over South Texas air show as special guests of the command. More than 30 warriors and family members accepted the invitation and received special passes to the Captain's Chalet at air show central. The group was treated with personal visits by members of the Blue Angels flight team, and individual photo opportunities with the Blues on the NAS Kingsville flightline.

Plans are in the works to continue this effort by inviting Wounded Warriors from Brooke Army Medical Center to the 2010 air show in April.



NAS Kingsville Sailors of the Quarter



Sr. Sailor of the Quarter

Jr. Sailor of the Quarter

Bluejacket of the Quarter



Capt. Phil Waddingham presented Letters of Commendation and command plaques to NAS Kingsville Sailors of the Quarter Thursday, July 23 during an All Hands Quarters and Awards ceremony at the Captain's Club. Selected Sailors are, from left, CS1 (SW) Erasmo Guerrero, Navy Inns & Suites, Sr. Sailor of the Quarter; ET2 (SW) John Fuller, Air Operations/Ground Electronics, Jr. Sailor of the Quarter; and CS3 Erick Soliz, Navy Inns & Suites, Bluejacket of the Quarter.

(Photos by EN3 Brenda Acevedo, NASK Public Affairs)

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Intramural Softball Standings

Team	W-L
NASK Civilians Bad Intentions	9-0
Securiguard Warriors	6-3
L-3 Fury	5-2
Hunter's Heroes (SNAs)	4-1
Border Patrol	4-3
Dept. Public Safety	3-3
Dirty Birds (SNAs)	3-6
Clinic Trauma Dawgs	3-6
Fighting Irish (SNAs)	3-6
220 & Up Guys (Enlisted)	2-5
Fire & Emergency Services	1-8

Racquetball: Kartik Malhorta (VT-22) waltzed through the recent singles racquetball tournament at the NASK gym, going 10-0 in heads-up play. Mike Harris (VT-21) finished in second place.

Upcoming Events:

Wallyball tournament Aug. 4, 4 p.m. Clinic Trauma Dawgs set to defend their title against all comers.

3-on-3 indoor soccer tournament, Aug. 7, 4 p.m. at the gym. Call the Fitness Center to register your team.



All-Night Softball Tournament, Aug. 14 beginning at 4 p.m (Sign up at the Fitness Center)

3 on 3 Basketball tournament, Aug. 18 Aug, starting at 4 p.m.

Team Volleyball Tournament, Aug. 29, starting at 10 a.m. (Sign up at the Fitness Center).

**Top Summer Readers**

The MWR Library recently recognized the first two children to reach the top level prizes in MWR's annual summer reading program entitled, "Read on the Wild Side." Samantha Crisman, left, daughter of Mike and Lisa Crisman, and Raina Rivera, daughter of Joe and Rachel Rivera, display their awards. This is third straight year that Crisman has reached the top level for reading.

**Lucky Winner**

Youth Center student Charlie Lenzy, left, is presented two free tickets to the new movie "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," by NAS Kingsville Library summer hire Shelby Purdy. The Library held a drawing for the free tickets last week.

(Photo by Vickie Jacobson, MWR Librarian).

Top Clinic civilians, Sailors selected

By Bill W. Love,
Naval Health Clinic
Corpus Christi
Public Affairs

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) held command-wide selection boards July 14 and 16 to select top civilians and Sailors to receive Civilian of the Quarter (COQ) and Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) recognition. Sailors and civilian employees from branch clinics at NAS Kingsville, Naval Station Ingleside, Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, and NAS Corpus Christi competed for the awards.

There were seven Sailors vying for three titles, and 19 civilians competing for five.

The Corpus Christi clinic and its three branch health clinics conducted local SOQ competitions to determine candidates for the overall NHCCC SOQ title.

"I'm told that it was a close competition because of all of the fine staff recognized throughout the core facility and outlying clinics," stated Capt. R. G.

Kelley, commanding officer of NHCCC. "My hat is off to all of those nominated; thanks for your efforts and for the difference you've made to the command."

Kingsville Clinic Sailor Selected

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Shannon Bia from NHCCC won Senior SOQ, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Steve McKinley from Branch Health Clinic Kingsville won Junior SOQ and Hospitalman Matthew Keydeniers from NHCCC won Bluejacket of the Quarter (BJOQ).

"I was proud to be selected from my clinic and know that I was going to represent my peers in the overall competition in Corpus," said McKinley. "I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates pushing and helping me along the way."

In the civilian quarterly competition, Gaspar Cantu from NHCCC won the supervisor category, Beth Aiken from NHCCC won category II, Phillip Yarbrough from NHCCC won category I, Jennifer Villarreal from NHCCC won the contractor category and Frances Edmond from NHCCC won the Red Cross volunteer category.

Quail Unlimited to hold annual banquet here

Quail Unlimited, one of the top outdoor recreational facilities in South Texas, will hold their 2009 annual banquet/fund raiser at the J.K. Northway Coliseum in Kingsville Saturday, Aug. 29. Quail Unlimited sponsors various projects throughout the year related to wildlife research and education. The group also sponsors habitat improvement, and awards scholarships for undergraduate and graduates in natural biosciences.

In 2006, Quail Unlimited took on NAS Kingsville's Escondido Ranch as one of

their projects, donating \$70,000 so far for habitat manipulation, and providing technical guidance to the Navy's South Texas Natural Resources Management program

Banquet tickets include dinner, an open bar, and entry to the live and silent auctions. Advance tickets are \$75.00 per person, and \$125.00 per couple. For more information, visit the Quail Unlimited website at www.stcqu.org, or call 361-592-6723, 361-877-9894, or 361-568-3536.

For additional information contact Rich Riddle at 516-6470.

Command Religious Ministries Services

The NAS Kingsville Chaplain's Office is pleased to announce that Catholic Mass will be held daily, Monday through Friday, at Noon in the Chaplain's Multi-purpose room in Bldg. 2741 beginning Monday, July 27.

All interested personnel are cordially invited to attend the services.

For more information, contact the Chaplain's Office at 516-6331/6618.



New Radar Facility (continued from page 7) Air Operations Series Part 4

and the new system gives air controllers a number of new capabilities available at the touch of a screen.

Over the last 18 months, the Air Operations Department has put in motion a number of initiatives to fine-tune and modernize those capabilities. Leading the charge was Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Paddock, NAS Kingsville air boss.

“What a lot of people don’t know about what we do here at Kingsville,” Paddock said recently, “is when we open our airfield each morning at 7 a.m. we contact the Houston FAA Center at Bush International Airport and assume the responsibility of coordinating all 38,000 miles of air space for South Texas from our auxiliary landing field at Orange Grove and our McMullen target range, all the way south to Brownsville. That includes 7 major airports. This new facility makes our job a lot easier and our interface with Houston Center a lot more seamless.”

But the Radar Facility is just one of a long list of additional improvements the Air Operations Department has completed, many put in motion shortly after Paddock arrived on board nearly two years ago. The list includes new Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) systems at both Kingsville and Orange Grove and a new TACAN shelter at NAS Kingsville, and the installation of uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) for all critical air traffic control systems.

“Power outages and fluctuations were really effecting our equipment when I first



Air Boss Lt. Cmdr Patrick Paddock talks with Kingsville Record & Bishop News reporter Maria Rodriguez following the opening of the new Radar Facility.

got here,” Paddock said, “so that was one of the first things I addressed. Fortunately we were able to find the funding necessary to purchase UPS systems for all our gear at Kingsville and Orange Grove. We also added new emergency generators for our Radar Air Traffic Facility, TACAN site, Precision Approach Radar and our towers at both locations.”

Paddock also targeted upgrading air traffic control systems from analog to digital, and an overhaul of the PAR and ILS (instrument landing system) here, a ground-based instrument approach system that provides precision guidance to aircraft approaching and landing on a runway. The command also conducted a new \$4.7 million lighting upgrade at the Orange Grove complex.

Ingenuity also came in to play in the process, as Ground Electronics personnel saved the Navy and the command more than \$140,000 in repair costs by repairing damaged electronic circuit cards to the component level on station. “That’s a testament to the proficiency of our electronic technicians here at Kingsville,” Paddock said. “This is the best crew I have ever worked with in my 30-year career.”

The transformation of NAS Kingsville will continue over the next 12-18 months with additional upgrades, including runway resurfacing at both fields (underway now aboard NASK), an overhaul of transmitter and receiver sites and airfield drainage system upgrades aboard the air station.

“We’ve coming a long, long way over the past 18 months,” Paddock said. “But today, we can proudly take note in the fact that NAS Kingsville is now looked upon as being the model Naval Air Station for preparing for the future. That says a lot; a lot about our efforts, and a lot about the Sailors and civilian employees that make this department capable of meeting our mission of supporting flight operations for training student naval aviators.”



New digital air surveillance RADAR at South Field is tied directly in to the new Radar Control Facility.

New back-up power supply units tie-in all critical Air Operations equipment to ensure communication lines with pilots and controllers remains intact and that ATC equipment remains on line 24/7 and is protected from power surges.



New Tactical Air Navigation systems (TACAN) at NAS Kingsville, left, and NALF Orange Grove.



Up next on the list of Air Operations improvements is a runway resurfacing project for both fields. NAS Kingsville’s project got underway earlier this month while the two Orange Grove runways are targeted to be resurfaced next year.