



Tora! Tora! Tora!, Golden Knights among new acts added to air show line-up

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

With the Navy's Blue Angels and "Fat Albert Airlines" headlining NAS Kingsville's 2010 air show, military and civilian acts are now falling in line to help fill the card for the two-day event March 27-28. The most recent additions include the U.S. Army parachute team, the Golden Knights, and the internationally-acclaimed Commemorative Air Force's Tora! Tora! Tora!.

The Golden Knights will open the shows on both days and the team will participate in several pre-show events - including the "Meet the Performers" event for school children at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Friday,

March 26.

World Aerobatic Champion Rob Holland was the first civilian act to commit to the Kingsville show and Holland will be participating in a number of pre-show publicity events to help promote the show throughout South Texas.

Two other acts were added in early December as veteran air show performer Jan Collmer and Corpus Christi-native Paul Fiala joined the fold. As the New Year approached, a fourth civilian act was added, one that will literally "light up" the South Texas skyline.

Tora! Tora! Tora!, the re-creation of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, has been thrilling air show crowds since the late 1970s and this year they'll be bring their act to NAS Kingsville. The team's re-creation of the Pearl Harbor attack is usually one of the most talked about performances at air shows. It includes a number of Japanese fighters and bombers simulating the assault - with pyrotechnics that will add to the experience. This is one performance you won't want to miss.

A fifth civilian act was added to the list this week. Jack Knutson, founder of the Firebirds Aerobatic Team, features his Extra 300-S, a 300 horsepower monoplane, which is designed and constructed with one goal in mind - unlimited aerobatics. With a top speed of over 250 mph, a roll rate in excess of 400 degrees per second, and structural limitations of +10/-10 Gs, the Extra 300S is the perfect airplane for demonstrating flight on the wild side.

Show organizers are still working on adding additional military acts and static displays for the show, and those efforts will continue right up until the final deadline. The focus is to make the 2010 air show as entertaining as possible for children and adults.

To stay up-to-date on acts that will be performing, review show schedules, or obtain information on what you can and cannot bring with you to the air show, visit the Air Show Web site at www.wingsoversouthtexas.org/wost.



Members of the Commemorative Air Force's Tora! Tora! Tora! team fly through fire as they simulate the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor during a recent air show. The team was added to the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" line-up this week. (Photo courtesy of the Commemorative Air Force).

SOUTHCOM to direct Haiti relief efforts

From U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs
MIAMI (NNS) -- A team of 30 people from U.S. Southern Command will deploy to Haiti in support of U.S. relief efforts in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake Jan. 12.

The team, which includes U.S. military engineers, operational planners, a command and control group and communication specialists, arrived in Haiti Jan. 13 aboard two C-130 Hercules aircraft.

The team is scheduled to work with U.S. Embassy personnel as well as Haitian, United Nations and international officials to assess the situation and facilitate follow-on U.S. military support.

Other immediate response activities include;

- A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter evacuated four critically injured U.S. Embassy staff to the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Jan. hospital Jan. 13 for further treatment.
- Elements of the U.S. Air Force 1st Spe-

cial Operations Wing deployed Jan. 13 to the international airport at Port au Prince, Haiti, to provide air traffic control capability and airfield operations. They are expected to arrive in Haiti this afternoon.

- A U.S. Navy P-3 Orion aircraft from the Forward Operating Location at Comalapa, El Salvador, departed Jan. 13 to conduct an aerial reconnaissance of the area affected by the earthquake.
- The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), arrived off the coast of Haiti Jan. 14. Additional U.S. Navy ships are underway to Haiti.

Florida-based SOUTHCOM is closely monitoring the situation and is working with the U.S. State Department, United States Agency for International Development and the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and other national and international agencies to determine how to best respond to this crisis.

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The U.S. Army parachute team, the Golden Knights, will parade the colors during the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" air show March 27-28 at NAS Kingsville. The Golden Knights perform at more than 50 air shows throughout the U.S. each year. (U.S. Army photo)



Capt. Phil Waddingham
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NAS Kingsville



From the Bridge

Greetings, Team Kingsville. Here we are, full swing into the new year, and there are many items on the horizon worth looking forward to as the year progresses. I want to give you a quick rundown on some of the major projects--most of which are either already underway, or will have ground-breaking ceremonies this year--that will directly improve the quality of life of the men and women working on board NAS Kingsville, as well as the readiness of the base.

The first thing you will notice as you drive through the front gate are the changes we are making to entry signage and to our memorial air park. These improvements will be completed before the air show scheduled for March 27-28. We have already begun making changes to required signage, relocating some busy signs to more optimal locations, while simultaneously giving them a long overdue face lift. The squadron logo wall, introduced prior to the 2008 air show, will take on a whole new appearance, too. Look for the logos to be relocated at the intersection of Forrestal and Nimitz in conjunction with our new air park renovation. In their



place, we will place an all new electronic sign used to greet visitors and display important information. We are moving parked jets from their current location to a new home, and the A-4 on a stick, an icon at NAS Kingsville since the early 70s, will be dismantled. In its place will be our TA-4J Skyhawk, representative of the first Skyhawk variant to train students in advanced jet training at NAS Kingsville, poised gear down and hook down, with up lighting to add dramatic effect. There will also be a new curved wall adorned with squadron and command logos, and welcome sign prominently framing the TA-4J. The remaining aircraft will be transferred to the new memorial air park, which will be located on the left side of Forrestal Ave. as you drive on board, between Forrestal and the Fleet and Family Service Center. Seven pads will be constructed, in a diamond formation, one for each type of aircraft to have ever trained naval aviators at NAS Kingsville, going back to the SNJ-4 Texan, and including a full-sized T-45 Goshawk. Now, for those of you are paying attention, as of today, we only have a scale model T-45, and a T-2C (the TA-4J will be at the main intersection as I described earlier). Our Five-Year plan is to acquire each

of the seven aircraft that have ever graced the skies of NAS Kingsville so we can pay tribute to their service in an appropriate and honorable way, and give folks assigned to NAS Kingsville, and those visiting, something to be proud of. By the time of the air show, we will be five aircraft short, which means our goal is one aircraft per year to add to the formation. More to follow on this exciting project!

Turning left at the intersection of Forrestal and Nimitz, and proceeding north, you will notice a brand new McFall Chapel under construction, and scheduled for a grand-opening in early April. This \$1.4M project is the result of nearly two years of making a business case for a new Chapel, seeking and acquiring funding, and then preliminary design and contract award, followed by construction. This facility replaces the original McFall Chapel, built in the early 1940s, and named after Navy LT. J. William McFall, CHC, who served as NAS Kingsville's first Command Chaplain. He was killed in action on Dec. 12, 1943, while serving in the Southwest Pacific. The renovated Chapel will re-



McFall Chapel illustration

flect a traditional Southwest style to include a curved entry porch with columns, natural colored stucco exterior, large arched windows, and decorative details. The original stained glass windows, donated by parishioners and NAS Kingsville personnel in the 1980s, have been retained and will be incorporated in the interior of the Chapel as key design elements. Once again, NAS Kingsville will be able to conduct religious services in a traditional house of worship, as well as conduct winging graduation ceremonies, weddings, retirement ceremonies, and other gatherings in a brand new, beautiful facility we can all be proud of.

Continuing past the Chapel along Nimitz Ave, you will notice a demolition and construction project immediately on the right at the location of the former Bachelor's Quarters. The transformation of Building 3755 into our new Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) is a \$13.6M project which will begin this Spring, and continue for about a year as we knock down the old building from the inside out, reconfigure the rooms, add eleva-



NAS Kingsville TA-4 static aircraft display will be moved to new area.

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Sea Notes From the Command Master Chief



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we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger

things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

George Carlin (1937 – 2008)

Happy New Year Team Kingsville!

As I sat down to write this article about New Year's Resolutions, I decided to Google "New Year Thoughts" to see what people were thinking about with regard to welcoming in 2010. To my surprise, I found the following piece, which was written by the late comedian George Carlin. Please take the time to read it. I think it will be time well spent.

Some thoughts for the new year...

By George Carlin

The paradox of our time in history is that



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In The Break

"What a beautiful night, I can't believe I get paid for this job!" That was both of our sentiments as we climbed above the 4,000-foot overcast. There was a thin winter blanket over South Texas and as we headed out to the MOA to await our night form student to join up. Lt. Cmdr. Justin Lewis and I, in Goshawk 250, were treated to the 12,000-foot sunset view of South Texas.

To the west, the lights of Laredo

were clearly visible outside the cover of the overcast blanket and to the south those of McAllen and Harlingen. Very far to the west we could see silhouetted Mexican mountain peaks. Kingsville and the surrounding towns were only slight glows under the thin cloud cover.

We are, indeed, very fortunate to be doing the job we do. However, early in this New Year, we should remember that we are training for a very important reason. The news reports of Christmas Day remind us that our country is still under a real threat. Clearly, the failed airplane bomb was an attack on freedom. While we train today, and in the upcoming months, we must remember we are preparing the next generation of Navy and Marine Corps aviators to engage in the war to protect freedom.

We certainly enjoy the flying here in South Texas but we should remember we're still at war in 2010. The Goshawks have "NAVY" and "MARINES" painted on them to remind us that we're part of that team that is seeking out adversaries and trying to prevent them from reaching our shores. This mission will not be complete soon, regardless of how much and what kind of coverage it receives. Our families support us, our community supports us, and so we must train well and be ready to engage when called upon.

Enjoyment of flight is one of the great benefits of this job. Serene moments during a night formation flight, and thrilling air-to-air engagements, are the perks of the business; but let us not forget that we're a significant part of the defense of this Country.

Toys for Tots campaign sets records

In spite of what many are still calling a sluggish economy, the local Kleberg and Kenedy County's Toys for Tots 2009 Campaign reported a record breaking year. Toy and monetary donations increased substantially, as did overall participation and volunteerism.

1,437 children from over 1,300 families were provided with approximately 6,200 toys, up from 1,367 who received approximately 5,200 toys in 2008. Interestingly, the number of families receiving assistance for their children doubled. Campaign organizers noted that the majority of families applying requested toys for one or two children, rather than an average of 3-4 as seen in years' past.

Community toy donations totaled 3,980, up from 3,593 in 2008. An additional 913 toys were purchased using donated funds, up from 224 in 2008. And, 4,130 toys, up from 1,449 in 2008, were provided directly to the campaign from the Toys for Tots Foundation, the 501 (c) non-profit coordinating organization that oversees the program nationally. These Foundation-provided toys included \$2,250 worth of toys received from the Toys R Us retail store chain as part of the company's national corporate sponsorship arrangement.

The Kingsville Walmart, through its Foundation, along with the Kleberg County Sheriff's Dept. Mounted Patrol, each donated \$1,000 to the program, making them the campaign's largest monetary contributors. Other major financial donors included Uranium Resources, Tom and Nancy Langshied, the Kingsville Noon

Lions Club, and NAS Kingsville's McFall Memorial Chapel's Religious Ministries Offering Fund.

The second annual Service Club Challenge saw more participation this year, and netted a combined total of over 700 toys to the campaign, up from 400 in 2008. For the second year in a row, the Kingsville Noon Lions Club won the all-for-a-good-cause competition by donating a total of 429 toys.

Other major contributors included the King Ranch Agri-Business management, employees, and their families; the management & employees of L-3 Vertex and Rolls Royce at NAS Kingsville; the NAS Kingsville Fitness Center; VT-21, VT-22 and Training Air Wing TWO; the NAS Kingsville's Branch Health Clinic; KISD's management and employees, as well as individual campuses; the Kingsville Tri-Cities Retired Teachers Association; DCP Midstream of South Texas; Curves for Women-Kingsville; Texas A & M University's Music, Athletic, Education, and Communications & Theater Arts Departments; the Pan American Presbyterian School (students and faculty); the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club; Domino's Pizza; Uresti Senior Assistance; CATO-Kingsville; the 4-H Family Club; Kingsville-Bishop Service Unit of the Girl Scouts; Pat Neher; Betty Bedingfield; and Santa Gertrudis Academy High School's National Honor Society.

This year's volunteer numbers far exceeded previous years, with assistance provided to the campaign by Maj. Brian Rolf and a host of active duty Sailors and Marines presently stationed at NAS Kings-



Toys for Tots coordinator Lisa Bockholt, left, presents a plaque and Toys for Tots pin to CS2 Holly Clow for her role in coordinating NAS Kingsville volunteers for the 2009 campaign during a post-campaign appreciation dinner at the Kingsville Pizza Parlor Jan. 12. A number of other NAS Kingsville personnel were also recognized for outstanding support of the Toys For Tots 2009 campaign. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

ville. Volunteers from Christus Spohn-Kleberg Hospital, the Kingsville Fire Department, the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce, the Kingsville Police Department, the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department, and Boy Scout Troop # 186 also provided tremendous assistance to the campaign.

Beth Dembski, Pizza Parlor restaurant owner, once again served as Distribution Coordinator, with assistance from Petty Officer 2nd Class Holly Clow, NAS Kingsville.

This year marked the 22nd year Stop-n-Lube business owners Lisa and Jerry Bockholt have coordinated the local effort. "Considering the economy, we have been truly touched by the overwhelming generosity of this community," said Jerry Bockholt.

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Mullen outlines military role in Yemen

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NEWPORT, R.I., Jan. 8, 2010 – Yemen has posed a concern as a potential terrorist safe haven for some time, and the United States will continue to work with its government to prevent that from happening, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said at the Naval War College.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said the U.S. military has no plan to conduct combat operations in Yemen, nor does the Yemeni government want U.S. combat forces in the country.

Rather, he said, the U.S. military will help the Yemeni military with equipment and training. U.S. military officials have been concerned about the country long before the attempted bombing of an American passenger jet on Christmas propelled it into the news, the chairman added.

“It’s been a concern of mine for a long time now because of what it represents, which is the potential for ... a safe haven for al-Qaida, as does Somalia and as do, quite frankly, some other parts of the world that are ungoverned territories or ungoverned parts of certain countries,” he said.

The American military has provided training to the Yemeni armed forces, including training the Yemeni coast guard to combat piracy. “We’ve been focused on Yemen

for a significant period of time, and we’ll continue to support them and help them,” the chairman said.

Mullen said people ask him often if the United States is going to send troops to the nation. “The answer is we have no plans to do that, and we shouldn’t forget this is a sovereign country,” he said. “Sovereign countries get to vote on who comes to their country and who doesn’t.”

The United States has worked hard to understand the country’s challenges, and improve the military-to-military relationship between the countries, the chairman said. “We have worked hard to try to improve our relationships and training, education and warfighting support,” he said. “And, yet, we still have a long way to go.”

The effort in Yemen is not limited to the military, the chairman said; all aspects of U.S. governance are helping in the nation.

“There is international support that’s required, there is support from our State Department, from our Treasury Department, from other institutions in America, as those institutions are represented in other countries as well,” he said.

America recognizes the seriousness of the situation in Yemen and will continue to work with the Yemeni government, Mullen said.

NNMC offers staff ways to keep New Year’s resolutions

By Sarah Fortney, National Naval Medical Center Public Affairs

BETHESDA, Md. (NNS) -- The National Naval Medical Center is offering staff members ways to keep their resolutions this year, be it to finally lose those 10 extra pounds or to quit smoking.

NNMC’s Health Promotion Office organized a walking group for those looking to stay in shape. The group meets in front of the Galley Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, said Lauren Thomas, Health Promotion department head and dietician. Those who sign up this month will receive a free pedometer.

Staff members who resolved to lose weight this year can also take advantage of a six-week weight management program, “The Healthy Weigh,” held each Wednesday starting the second week of January. The program teaches weight management skills and ways to develop an exercise program, Thomas said.

In addition, the Health Promotion Office offers a variety of classes for those who have made resolutions to lower their cholesterol or reduce stress. The New Year is also a good time for many people to quit smoking, said Adrienne Brantley, NNMC’s tobacco treatment coordinator, especially for those who have tried to quit several times.

“The average person tries to quit eight times a year,” Brantley said. “[The new year] is a fresh, new start.”

Health Promotion’s “You Can Quit” tobacco program, designed to educate and motivate smokers to quit, is held the first Thursday of each month. A new session of this four-week program

begins today, she said. Not only can smokers join the monthly quit groups, they can also participate in an online program, Brantley said.

Regardless of the resolution, when it comes to setting goals, it’s important to be specific, Thomas said. Instead of saying, “I want to lose weight,” commit to getting more exercise and making healthier food habits, she said. For example, eat fruit for a snack instead of going to the vending machine.

Resolutions should also be realistic, Thomas said. The best way to lose weight and keep it off is to do so gradually. People who start by focusing on a 10 percent weight loss tend to have a better chance of ultimately succeeding, she said.

Thomas suggests looking at past resolutions and asking if there’s a recurring theme. “Why didn’t it work?” she asked. “What were some of your barriers?”

Thomas said an individual’s resolutions might have been too broad and unrealistic. She encourages those people to address why they did not succeed and to come up with a new plan.

“Think about how you can accomplish these goals,” she said, and to recognize each small accomplishment along the way.

For more news from National Naval Medical Center, visit www.navy.mil/local/nmmc/.

Zone C results marks Perform-to-Serve’s full Integration

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Perform to Serve (PTS) results released Jan. 11, mark the full implementation of the program since it was expanded in early 2009 to include all E-3 through E-6 Sailors with less than 14 years of service.

More than 95 percent of Sailors requesting to “stay Navy” in Zone C received a quota to reenlist.

“This is the first time we have used these force-shaping measures in Zone C. The December results are the consolidation of six months of input. It will be the largest month of separations for that zone. You will see much smaller [separation] numbers in future months,” said Capt. Robert Loken, head enlisted community manager for the Navy.

Navy granted 1,339 reenlistment quotas to Zone C Sailors, who are Sailors with 10 to 14 years of service. Of the 98 Sailors who did not receive a quota for reenlistment, 31 submitted a PTS application indicating they desired not to reenlist. The other 67 Sailors may receive involuntary separation pay, if they meet certain criteria. Each record was individually reviewed for performance, pay-



grade, Navy Enlisted Classification qualifications, and the number of PTS reviews.

Several options are available to qualified Sailors who were not retained through the PTS process. Continued military service is available in the Selected Reserve or in the Army through the Blue-to-Green program. Other support services and benefits are still available through Navy’s job transition assistance program and the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

“The Navy as a whole continues to evolve. As it evolves, it takes on new mission areas and former requirements go away. PTS allows us to shape the force to keep the best and most qualified Sailors needed to execute our mission,” said Loken.

PTS is a centralized reservation system used by the Navy to manage reenlistments of active duty and full-time support Sailors in grades E-6 and below with less than 14 years of service. While most Sailors are permitted to reenlist in their current rate, Sailors in overmanned ratings may be offered reenlistment in an undermanned rating. Performance is a critical factor in PTS selection.

PTS was first launched in 2003 as a method for the Navy to shape manning to match mission requirement. It initially applied only to “first-term” Sailors in overmanned ratings. Last year, Navy expanded PTS to Sailors E-3 through E-6 with six to 10 years of service (Zone B), and then to Sailors E-3 through E-6 with 10 to 14 years of service. Sailors in paygrades E-1 and E-2 cannot apply to reenlist.

Sailors should consult their career counselors 15 months before their end of active obligated service to complete the appropriate paperwork, enabling the command to submit a PTS application, regardless of their reenlistment intentions.

“Get the applications in on time. Commands need to submit applications as early as possible in order to ensure Sailors get the maximum number of reviews,” said Loken.

Haiti Relief (from page 1)



Sailors load Haiti relief supplies aboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43).

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SOUTHCOM is well versed at providing humanitarian assistance in the region. Since 2005, the command has led U.S. military support to 14 major relief missions, including assistance to Haiti in September 2008. During that mission, U.S. military forces from USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) and other units airlifted 3.3 million pounds of aid to communities that were devastated by a succession of major storms.

For more news from U.S. Southern Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/southcom.

NAS Kingsville CDC earns accreditation; program among the top in the nation

By Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs

The air station's Child Development Center recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The NAEYC is the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Carmen Chapa, CDC director. "The accreditation lets our families know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

This continues the quality care, as the CDC has maintained accreditation standards for more than 20 years, according to Karen Simon, training and curriculum specialist at the CDC.

To earn NAEYC accreditation, CDC staff underwent an extensive self-study process, measuring the local program and services against the 10 NAEYC early childhood program standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria.

"The 10 components included such things as the curriculum in place, education and training of teachers, the physical environment of the CDC, family and community relationships, and leadership and management of the staff," Simon explained.

The CDC received NAEYC accreditation after a site visit by an assessor, who reviewed and validated that the CDC and staff

met specified standards. Centers must achieve an 80 percent level and the NAS Kingsville Center's programs achieved nearly 100 percent in all areas.

Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

In the 23 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. Almost 8,000 programs, serving one million young children, are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

"The NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. "The CDC's NAEYC accreditation is a sign that they are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start."

The NAEYC accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards today reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development.



CDC preschool students Jamari Thigpen and Calvin Schumann look for "treasures" during recess recently. They are 2 of the nearly 48 children and infants enrolled in the Child Development Center, which recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Child and Youth Program Assistant Glenda Garza helps Aiden Hoefelmeyer paint in the CDC's Toddler Room recently. Classmates Delainey Garcia (left) and Isabella Utley also enjoy the activity. Kingsville's CDC was recently recognized for their commitment to quality care and curriculum by the National Association for the Education of Young Children when they earned accreditation.

Navy Message provides SRB guidance

From Navy Personnel Command

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy officials provided a status update for the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) program Jan. 8 notifying Sailors that some SRB awards may be discontinued as manning levels in critical skills are met.

As reenlistment goals for particular skills are achieved, SRB award levels for those skills will be removed from the plan, but no earlier than 30 days following the release of a NAVADMIN announcing award levels, according to NAVADMIN 006/10.

SRBs enhance the Navy's ability to size, shape and stabilize manning by using a monetary incentive to encourage Sailors with critical skills and experience to stay Navy. It is a market-based incentive and award levels are strategically adjusted as retention needs dictate.

The message also reminds commands to refamiliarize themselves with the program, which was revised last year, as announced in NAVADMIN 006/09.

Commands must submit SRB reenlistment requests for eligible Sailors 35-120 days prior to the requested reenlistment date. SRB requests submitted less than 35 days in advance without substantial justification will not be accepted. Sailors can



reenlist for SRB no more than 90 days prior to their end of active obligated service (EAOS). Exceptions to this policy as well as complete SRB guidance are listed in OPNAVINST1160.8A. Commands should refer to NAVADMIN 250/09 for the most recent list of SRB eligible ratings and award levels.

More than 1,300 Sailors have already received SRBs this fiscal year. SRB funding is limited so SRB eligible Sailors are encouraged to plan ahead.

For more information, review the NAVADMIN at www.npc.navy.mil/NR/ronlyres/2BE37815-AAAA-420A-A26F-455C21A27D11/0/NAV10006.txt or speak with your career counselor.

Army unmanned aircraft program grows to support demand

By Donna Miles,
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 2010 – Discussions about the Army's use of unmanned systems in the combat theater are likely to focus on bomb-detecting robots and ground vehicles able to navigate through hazardous terrain. Chances are the discussion won't immediately go to one of the fast-growing fields in the Army: unmanned aircraft systems.

These systems, operated at the tactical level by troops on the ground, are bringing warfighters unprecedented intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability, Army Col. Christopher B. Carlile, director of the Army Unmanned Aerial System Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Ala., told reporters Jan. 7.

"There's an old saying that science and science fiction is only separated by timing, and that timing is now," he said during an Association of the U.S. Army aviation forum. "We have it."

Some considered Army UASs little more than "model airplanes with some sensors hanging from them and a bunch of guys flying around with play toys" when they first entered the scene in the mid-1990s, Carlile conceded. But they've proven themselves as force multipliers that save lives on the battlefield, and have come to be embraced by the warfighters who employ them, he said.

With almost 1 million UAS flight hours clocked in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army is committed to growing the program to keep pace with demand for UAS capabilities. This year alone, the Army plans to train more than 2,000 operators who ultimately will deploy with the ground troops they will support, Carlile reported.

Army UASs come in three primary forms. The Raven, just under 3 feet long, supports battalions down to the platoon level. The Shadow, 11 feet long with a 14-foot wingspan, supports brigade-level operations. The more sophisticated "big daddy" of Army UASs, the Extended Range Multi-Purpose system, has a 56-foot wingspan and supports division-level operations.

These systems provide life-saving situational awareness and make soldiers more effective in tracking down enemy targets, Carlile explained.

"This is not the movies," Carlile said. "There is not an infantryman who can call up and have the National Security Agency turn a satellite so he can see what's on the back side of a building. That doesn't happen."

In the past, infantrymen found out what was behind the building when gunfire came from it, or a rocket-propelled grenade came at them from around the corner. Now, they have the Raven, the smallest UAS. At less than 5 pounds, it is lightweight and portable enough to deliver an aerial reconnaissance capability once limited to higher-echelon elements.

"They can take that and fly it and put it

above, and see if there is an ambush on the other side of the street, in real time," Carlile said. Troops also can determine what the enemy is up to – such as hiding behind civilian shields – to reduce the risk of collateral damage during operations.

Army UASs also have proven their effectiveness in identifying and taking out enemy operatives. A little-known fact, Carlile said, is that Army UASs have launched about 80 percent of the successful drone strikes that have made headlines in the news.

When he commanded the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq as a major general, Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, now commander of U.S. Forces Iraq, called the tactical UAV Shadow system "an absolute must" for his brigade commanders in locating, identifying and ultimately defeating high-value targets.

The UAS Center of Excellence leads the Army's effort to synchronize its UAS program with those of the other services, especially the higher-visibility Air Force remotely piloted vehicle program based at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

Recognizing the contribution these sister-service aircraft make to the fight, Carlile emphasized the complementary value of unmanned aircraft operated by troops on the ground, directly alongside the soldiers they support.

"Their whole intent is to support the guys they eat dinner with every night, the ones they sleep in the same tactical assembly area with," he said. "Because of that, they have a tie they would not have if they were in Las Vegas, Nev.," home of the Air Force UAV center at Creech Air Force Base.

"You cannot have that same tie with the soldier. You cannot have that same situational awareness 8,000 miles away," he said. "It just does not exist."

Lt. Gen. James Thurman, the Army's deputy chief of staff for operations, told attendees at the AUSA session Jan. 7 the Army will continue to invest in unmanned as well as manned aircraft to support warfighters.

"Unmanned aircraft systems continue to significantly improve our war efforts, and demand for these specialized systems continues to rise," he said. "The Army will continue to pursue highly capable systems while providing aircraft, highly skilled operators and advanced capabilities to support the war efforts."

While pointing toward solid growth within the Army UAS program, Carlile isn't predicting a day when unmanned aircraft will take the place of piloted ones. Army experiments to measure both platforms' effectiveness in tracking enemy targets in combat found they had the best results when working collaboratively to support the operation, he said.

"When we put the manned and unmanned together into the combat operation, we get an exponential increase in synergy," he said.

Story courtesy of Army News Center.



Army Sgt. Juan Rivera launches a Raven unmanned aerial vehicle into the air over Baghdad during operations in December 2005. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. William Servinski II)

NATO leader expects 'significant progress' in Afghanistan

By John J. Kruzal, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- NATO's top military commander expects significant progress in Afghanistan before the scheduled departure of U.S. troops begins in July 2011, a timeline that he said lends focus to the mission.

The remarks Jan. 13 by Adm. James G. Stavridis, NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe, add weight to an American troop withdrawal start date that has been criticized as representing more a symbolic aspiration than a realistic commitment.

"I have great confidence that as we get forward toward 2011, we're going to have significant progress," Stavridis said in an interview. "If we do that, we will be able to start transitioning over to an Afghan security force lead, and that's going to be the key."

Characterizing the significance of the July 2011 target built into the new U.S. strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan announced last month, Stavridis backed a statement by Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

"I saw President Karzai in an interview last night saying that the 2011 date does not concern him; it helps focus things," Stavridis said. "I think that's a good way to think about it."

The new strategy President Barack Obama unveiled last month will send an additional 30,000 U.S. troops and at least 7,000 more NATO forces to Afghanistan, bringing the total there to around 150,000. The U.S. deployment is expected to include a brigade-sized element to train Afghan forces - a key component undergirding the transfer of responsibility to Afghanistan to begin in July 2011 that will enable the potential drawdown of American troops.

During a congressional hearing a day

after the Dec. 1 strategy rollout, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said the 18-month deadline signals the need for the Afghan government in Kabul to claim greater responsibility and shows the American public the war isn't open-ended.

Though any reduction in U.S. forces in July 2011 would be based on conditions on the ground, Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Defense Department expects to be able to transition uncontested areas to Afghan responsibility and gradually draw down at that time. Echoing these remarks, Stavridis today emphasized the importance of handing over authority from the United States and NATO to Afghan forces.

"I'm very confident, as we get forward to 2011, we're going to have serious momentum in this area, because we're putting very significant resources against it from the whole NATO alliance," said Stavridis. "It will be job No. 1."

The Afghan military is slated to increase from 134,000 troops in December 2010 to 170,000 by July 2011. Some 70,000 U.S. and 43,000 NATO forces are in Afghanistan now as the increase of forces gets under way.

Similarly to the drop-off in violence that came in the wake of a U.S. troop surge in Iraq, Stavridis said, success in Afghanistan also will take shape through better security and improvements in government institutions.

"I think progress and success will look a lot like Iraq does today," said Stavridis. "I think what we'll end up with is a nation that will have reasonable control over its borders, have a reduced level of corruption and terrorist attacks, a strong and dedicated security force, both in the army and in the police side, and I think we will then be able to transition province by province."

Navy runs over Missouri in Texas Bowl

Story by Jon Gagné, Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs

Navy's triple-option offense, led by quarterback Ricky Dobbs, proved to be too much of a puzzle for the Missouri Tigers in the 2009 Reliant Texas Bowl in Houston Dec. 31. Navy spotted the Tigers a 7-0 lead in the opening minute of the game, but from that point forward, it was all Navy. The Midshipmen picked apart the Missouri defense with the triple-option, and Dobbs ran for 166 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-13 win in front of more than 69,000 fans – including more than 350 from NAS Kingsville, who attended the game free of charge thanks to the Naval Academy.

Dobbs also threw a touchdown pass to Bobby Doyle and Marcus Curry ran for a score as the Midshipmen (10-4) rushed for 385 yards against Missouri's 12th-ranked run defense. Navy controlled time of possession by nearly 22 minutes and ran 81 offensive plays to only 57 for the Tigers. The lone bright spot for Missouri came on the second play of the game when quarterback Blaine Gabbert threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Danario Alexander. But the Tigers could only muster 298 yards the rest of the game - largely because they only had the ball for just over 19 minutes.

Gabbert also threw two interceptions and was sacked four times as Missouri (8-5)

lost for the second time in its last five bowl appearances.

Alexander, who led the nation in receiving yards coming into the game, took a short pass from Gabbert and outran the Navy defense just 24 seconds into the game. It was Alexander's 14th TD catch of the season and eighth covering more than 50 yards.

The Tigers knew what to expect from Navy's offense and still couldn't stop it.

Dobbs broke a 24-yard run on Navy's second possession, diving into the end zone with 2:58 left in the first quarter. It was Dobbs' 25th touchdown run of the year, adding to his NCAA single-season record for a quarterback.

NAS Kingsville personnel in attendance enjoyed the game, despite being in the upper decks of Reliant Stadium. "The seats were fine," said Maryann Shramko, a retired Senior Chief who would have preferred being at a Dallas Cowboys game. "The nice thing about Reliant Stadium," Shramko said, "is, there isn't a bad seat. You get a good view of the game wherever you are, and we had a great time."

NAS Kingsville commanding officer Capt. Phil Waddingham and his family were among those in the stands. "It was a fun time for all of us," he said.



NAS Kingsville personnel enjoy Navy's big win at the 2010 Texas Bowl in Houston.



Reliant Stadium, Houston



Above, Navy quarterback and Texas Bowl MVP Ricky Dobbs uses the triple option offense to keep the Missouri Tigers off-balance in the 35-13 win at the Reliant Texas Bowl in Houston, Dec. 31.



The Waddingham family poses for a shot with a few of the all stars (above), while the NASK volunteers man the serving tables.

Volunteers serve-up Texas-style Cactus Bowl BBQ

More than a dozen NAS Kingsville volunteers took part in the annual Cactus Bowl "Taste of South Texas" barbecue at JK Northway Coliseum Jan. 6. The volunteers served dinner for more than 80 NCAA Division II all stars who were in town for the annual Cactus Bowl, played at Javelina Stadium, Jan. 9. Among the players were four members of the Texas A&M University Kingsville team, which completed a 9-4 season and made it to the Division II national playoffs.

More than 200 Cactus Bowl supporters also turned out for the event, which included a silent auction, musical entertainment by a mariachi band, and player and coaches introductions.

The NAS Kingsville team helped with the serving line and beverage tables during the event, taking a few minutes to chat with the players and guests, and sample the menu.

The West Squad won the game on Friday, and TAMUK quarterback Billy Garza was named the game's MVP.



Top: Chaplain Mark Haley talks with a Shriner about how the group uses the Cactus Bowl to support their efforts with children. Bottom: NASK volunteers serve the players and coaches.



A mariachi band entertains the All Stars, while CSI Pearline Myers and Anna Carvajal handle the beverage table.



“From the Bridge,” 2010 “Year of Construction” aboard NAS Kingsville (from page 2)



tors, add a new front check-in lobby, and add architectural enhancements to the roof and exterior to bring it into conformance with our new installation appearance guidelines. All new, modern furniture will outfit the rooms as the finishing touch. By the way, if you want to gain a sneak preview of what the new facility is going to look like as far as the lobby goes, stop by our existing NGIS and check out its newly renovated lobby. Where are the permanent party personnel going? Good question! They are going to move (prior to the demo) to Building 3740 (BQ), which is located further north on Nimitz, the next building after the TW-2 headquarters. Bldg. 3740 has been undergoing renovation for over a year, and in the next few months, the final stages of the renovation continue with the addition of new, energy efficient windows and a new roof. There is no doubt that the quality of life for military personnel living aboard NAS Kingsville is about to take a huge step in the right direction. And for those visiting now, and in the future especially, our NGIS and staff are providing the highest quality service you will find at the prices offered in all of South Texas.

After noting the newly renovated NGIS and BQ, look off to your left and you will ob-

serve more work taking place beginning late this summer adjacent to the northwest corner of the Captain’s Club. What is this? It is the new \$11.5M (approximate) NAS Kingsville Fitness Center, which includes an outdoor swimming pool. Look for this new facility to open in early 2012. So far, everything I have mentioned is “bought and paid for.” Not yet approved for funding, but conceptually approved by the CNIC MWR Board of Directors, is a new 12-lane Bowling Center, which will be built on the north side of the Captain’s Club. I expect construction to begin on this project concurrent with the construction of the Fitness Center. As soon as we get confirmation on the funding and scope of the project, we will be sure to let you know. Based on the plans that I have seen already, this is not your Grandfathers Bowling Center!

Continuing toward Public Works, you will notice even more construction beginning early this year on the new U.S. Army Reserve Center. This 45,000-square-foot facility will be home to South Texas Army Reserve and National Guard units who were assigned to NAS Kingsville as a result of a BRAC 2005 decision.

Turning right, as if to head to the flight line, you will notice straight ahead the new \$12.6 million Jet Engine Test Cell, which is due to be completed in March. As you proceed west, you will notice the \$12.5 million hangar renovations being completed in June, the most prominent being Building 760, our lone round-top hangar, which will serve as surge space for the T-45 required avionics modernization program (RAMP), increasing CNATRA Det.’s ability to build state-of-the-art digital avionics based T-45C model aircraft from our supply of older T-45As.

Arriving at the intersection of Burton and Mitscher, and proceeding south, you will eventually come to the demolition projects of our old pool, our old barracks Building 2700, and our old NGIS Building 3730.

If you continue further south along Mitscher, and then bear right onto King Ave. and proceed to South Field, you will see our new digital air surveillance radar, operational since last summer, but you will also likely see the beginning of the construction of a 10-acre, 500kW photovoltaic array, which

will reduce our energy costs, and increase our use of renewable energy, both of which are Department of the Navy and Department of Defense mandates.

Of course, I could have also told you about the runway repairs, electrical upgrades, smart metering of buildings, sewer system and water treatment improvements, and overall installation appearance upgrades that mark a long list of ongoing projects.

2010 is no doubt the “Year of Construction” at NAS Kingsville. These projects are significant, and many have been a-work-in-progress in one form or another for several years. It is only now that they are coming to fruition; not soon enough I might add, but they are finally no longer just “plans in the can” -- they are a reality and you can see for yourself. They will make a difference in the quality of life of our personnel, and will contribute demonstrably to the overall readiness of this naval air station and that of Training Air Wing TWO for years to come.

Look for articles on these and other projects as we forge ahead together in 2010. Our goal is to keep you informed of all that is happening this busy year, and we look forward to celebrating the ground-breakings and grand openings of these exciting projects.

Warm regards and Happy New Year!

Skipper Waddz

Navy League Salute!



Outgoing Kingsville Navy League president Jeff Lambert, right, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Electronics Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Heath Britt, recognizing his selection as the 2009 Sr. Sailor of the Year during a recent Navy League luncheon at the Sirloin Stockade in downtown Kingsville. The Navy League recognizes the air station’s top Sailors each quarter with the presentation of a certificate and a savings bond.

(Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs).

Ribbon cutting ceremony marks move of CBH offices

A ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 11, marked the official move of the CBH office spaces from Bldg. 2700 to Bldg. 3730, the current Consolidated Quarters and Navy Gateway Inn. Bldg. 2700 is scheduled for demolition later this year. Taking part in the ceremony are Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff, Gil Roque, Senior Chief Mike Reed, and Capt. Phil Waddingham.



Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs



NASK names Sailors of the Quarter

By AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham and Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff recently announced the Sailors of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Electronics Technician 1st Class (SW) Daniel Tapia, a native of Corsicana, Texas, was selected as Sr. Sailor of the Quarter for the command. Tapia, 35, serves as supervisor for the Ground Electronics and Micro-miniature Repair work centers.

"Petty Officer Tapia received my highest recommendation for NAS Kingsville Sr. Sailor of the Quarter," said Ground Electronics leading chief ETCS (SW) Brian Meyer. "He is the epitome of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. He is a proactive professional that not only does the difficult tasks assigned, but he seeks out discrepancies and corrects them immediately."

Tapia is a recognized system expert and is sought out throughout the region on matters pertaining to all Air Traffic Control Radar systems. Over the past year, Tapia supervised more than 350 maintenance checks on over 100 pieces of equipment valued at \$15 million, resulting in 50,000 incident-free flight operations and saving the Navy over \$70,000 in repair costs through his work as Microminiature supervisor. Tapia's experience and expertise was called upon when the air station's only Airport Surveillance system suffered two potentially catastrophic failures. His quick thinking and procedural knowledge resulted in NAS Kingsville receiving the replacement parts within 24 hours of the failures.

Tapia, who joined the Navy in 1994, also serves as the command public address coordinator, divisional career counselor, departmental airfield driver coordinator, and NASK immigration specialist. He volunteered over 50 hours to the Commemorative Air Force air show in Midland, Texas, designing and coordinating the PA system for the event.

"Petty Officer Tapia is a modest leader that does not seek recognition, only the personal satisfaction of a job well done," said Meyer. "His exceptional technical ability, outstanding leadership, and selfless dedication to his job and his shipmates make him the model of what all Sailors should strive to be."

The Jr. Sailor the Quarter is Air Traffic Controller (AW) 2nd Class Daniel Tarrega (FWS), a native of Jackson Heights, Queens, N.Y. During the past year, Tarrega supervised more than 60 air traffic

controllers at one of the Navy's busiest Approach Control facilities. He also served as the leading petty officer for the air station's Color and Honor Guard, which perform at more than 50 events annually throughout South Texas. With 6 years of Navy service under his belt, Tarrega has his eyes set on making the Navy a career.

"I'm very happy with my Navy career so far," Tarrega said recently. "I have experienced more things in the past 6 years than I ever would have if I would have stayed a civilian. In the near future I will transfer from NAS Kingsville and continue my career at NAS Diego Garcia. From there, it's hard to say what will be next. But, I look forward to see where the Navy will take me and my family."

Tarrega has been a top performer for the command during his time on board. He reported aboard as an E-3 in May 2006. He was selected for E-4 off the September 2006 exam and advanced to E-5 in 2008. He admits he is honored to be selected as Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year.

"It feels good to be selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year for NAS Kingsville," Tarrega said. "I hope I inspire other Sailors to strive and achieve high standards for themselves and their careers in the Navy."

Tarrega, 30, and his wife Felicia welcomed their first child, son Damian, Jan. 5.

The Blue Jacket of the Quarter is Master at Arms 3rd Class Jessica Jimenez, a native of San Antonio. Jimenez is assigned to the NASK Security Department and serves as the base police night shift watch commander. She is one of the only 3rd class petty officers to be qualified to hold this position, and her supervisors say she is well-equipped to handle the responsibility.

"Watch command positions are normally held at senior levels," says GM1 Kevin Hooks. "Petty Officer Jimenez, however, with her experience and knowledge, has demonstrated that she has the acute, well-rounded skills required to hold the position."

As a Watch Commander, Jimenez is well-versed in, and in charge of, all aspects of law enforcement and force protection duties for the air station. As well as being responsible for all military, civilian, and DOD personnel on her shift, Jimenez is also in charge of the investigation of criminal activity and for ensuring that all crime scene procedures, from the securing of evidence to the proper collection and processing of it, are carried out correctly.

Collateral duties for Jimenez include



ET1 (SW) Daniel Tapia



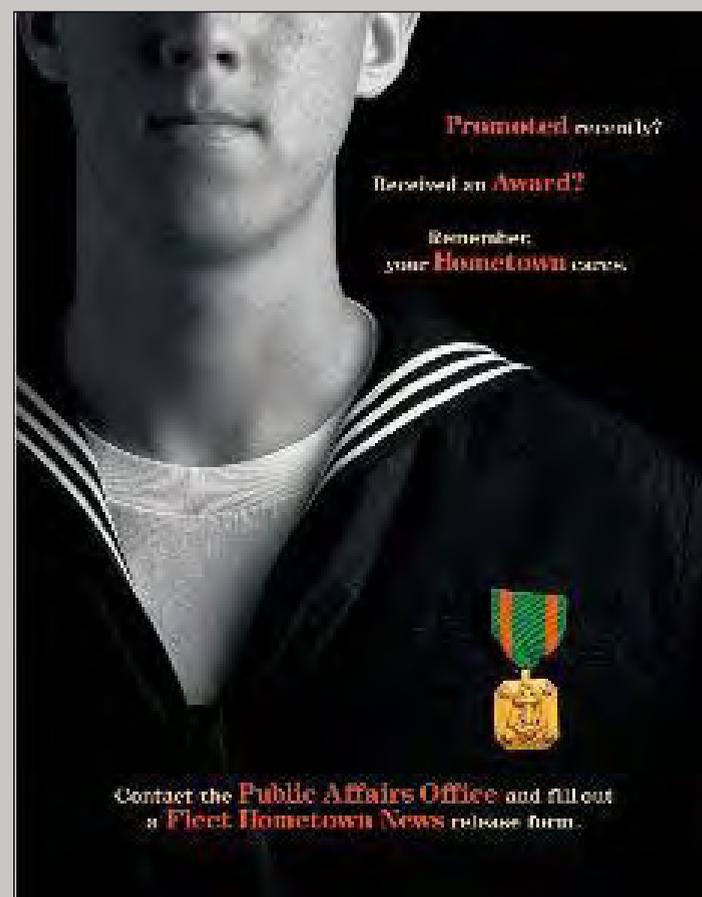
AC2 (AW) Daniel Tarrega



MA3 Jessica Jimenez

environmental and safety representative, member of the E-mentor program, and Sexual Assault Victim's Intervention (SAVI) advocate. She frequently volunteers with the Junior Achievement program and recently participated in a 5k run in support of the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner, which helped to feed the less fortunate and elderly in San Antonio.

"I am honored that my department and the command felt that I was appropriate for the selection as Blue Jacket of the Quarter," Jimenez said recently.



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Keep your family safe: practice Operational Security on Internet social media Web Sites

By Bruce Moody, CNIC Fleet and Family Support Program

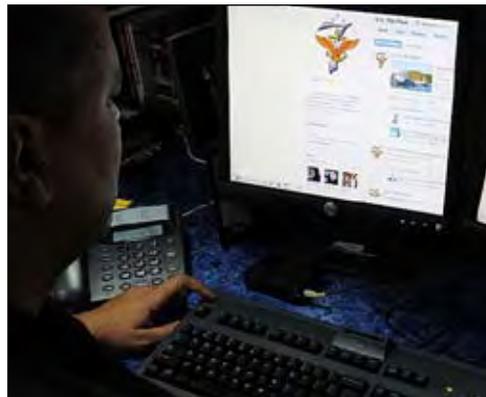
Sailors and Navy families can keep safe on social media sites by practicing operational security, or OPSEC. Through OPSEC, potential adversaries are prevented from discovering critical information.

For the Navy that includes information about where a ship is going and when it returns home. It also includes information about Sailors who deploy as individual augmentees.

Navy families may not know it, but they play a critical role in keeping Sailors safe. They can protect family and friends by protecting what they know of the day-to-day operations of their loved ones.

"Family members are vital to the success of the Navy," Shauna Turner, manager of the Deployment Support Program at the Fleet and Family Support Program, said. "But, potential adversaries also understand this."

There are many countries and organizations that would like to harm Americans and degrade our influence in the world. It's possible, and not unprecedented, for spouses and family members of U.S. military person-



nel to be targeted for intelligence collection. This is true in the United States and especially true overseas.

Navy family members all know some bits of critical information. It may not be classified, and it may even seem insignificant. But, to the potential adversary, it's a piece of the puzzle. When you post information for your family and friends, remember that the bad guys are constantly "data mining," searching the Internet for information on military operations.

Here are some guidelines to follow when communicating with people on social

media. Don't post:

- Exact deployment dates or return dates. This applies to ships, subs, squadrons and individual augmentees.
- Dates or location of a ship's upcoming ports of call.
- Detailed information about a mission.
- References to trends in crew's morale or an individual's personal problems.
- Details concerning security procedures, response times or tactics.
- Information about equipment or lack thereof.
- Speculations about future operations.

"The main rule is to simply use common sense," Turner said. "Think before you post. Anything you post on social media, including photos, is instantly available around the world. When in doubt, don't post it."

Social media allows Sailors and Navy families to keep in contact like never before. It's a wonderful way to feel close to someone who's far away. Sailors and Navy families are encouraged to enjoy the connection that social media offers while practicing good OPSEC and keeping mindful of the risks presented with the widespread dissemination of information.



Chaplain (Lt.) Mark Haley
NASK Command Chaplain

Bringing Faith, Hope, and Life into the New Year

What can we bring into this New Year? What will really make a difference? What will mold us, so we can mold this New Year; into the best year ever? Believe it or not, it is our faith that brings hope, makes it possible to shape our New Year, and to live a life that is full and exciting. The themes for our chapel here at NAS Kingsville are faith, hope, and life.

Every person is important in shaping our future. As a nation of faith, we have a God-given gift to share with others, and this gift is faith. Wow! We have all we need with faith. You may be wondering, "What is Chaps talking about? What is this, faith?" We can find this answer in the Bible. Hebrew 11: 1-3 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

What are we sure about in the year 2010? We are here to serve together, build together,

and to continue to build a community that will experience hope as we complete our missions. What is our mission? It's to train the world's finest aviators and fighter pilots so we that can continue to experience the hope of freedom. It does take the right village to sharpen our skills. This will be done this year as it was completed last year and the year before. We can be sure of this; faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. We can not see the whole year of 2010, but we have faith to mold it toward the hope of freedom that we cherish in America.

How important is faith to our country? It is important enough to fight for. "Give me liberty or give me death," is our battle cry from our faith in the past. I see flags on our warships that still fly these banners of faith.

"Don't tread on me!" is another battle cry meaning DO NOT take away my rights; my faith will not stand for it. Some things are the backbone of our country and faith strengthens our foundation. As our currency cries out to the world, "In God we trust," it is faith that brings life and a life hoped for. We in America experience this life fought for by our fore-fathers and our sons and daughters of today's military. Yes, we can be sure of that. How do I know? Because, you are here! We together will overcome all things, to complete our task of bringing hope, by the light of our

faith into our world.

The Salvation Army has a motto that brings hope in this world, and that motto is "Saved to Serve." What a life! A life of serving each other that brings hope of freedom. We have Faith, so we will experience hope. Now we can live a life of freedom. This brings peace into our world. We have faith, knowing that we will experience peace in our communities and our homes.

We are here to serve together in community, reaching out with our faith, bringing the light of hope into our world.

Blessings, Chaps

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass, 12:30 p.m.;
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Harlem Ambassadors coming to Kingsville

The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will visit Kingsville, Texas for a benefit game at Texas A&M University-Kingsville SPEC GYM on 10 February 2010 at 5 p.m.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of "Harlem-style" basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines.

The Ambassadors feature non-stop laughs and deliver a positive message for kids wherever the Ambassadors play. "At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team too," Coach Ladè Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show, and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

The Ambassadors set themselves apart from other "Harlem-style" basketball teams by working with local not-for-profit and service organizations and holding Harlem Ambassadors shows as community fundraising events. For Kingsville's event, the Ambassadors partnered with NAS Kingsville personnel to help entertain the entire city of Kingsville.

The Ambassadors will play two quarters against one of NAS Kingsville's intramural basketball teams, and two quarters against an

NAS Kingsville-City of Kingsville VIP "All Star" squad that will include a number of command and city officials, some with basketball experience and some without.

VIP cheerleaders will be on hand to spur on their team, and the game promises to be a lot of fun for players and fans.

The Ambassadors have worked extensively with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters and American Red Cross, as well as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in communities throughout the U.S. They perform more than 200 shows a year. Those shows have helped raise millions of dollars – an accomplishment of which Ambassadors' president Dale Moss is very proud.

"It feels good to be able to provide quality entertainment and create memories that the fans will take with them," Moss explained. "We're able to give even more when we can help provide funding for a Habitat for Humanity house or new computers for the school library, and that feels great."

For your FREE ticket to the game, stop by the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce (located at 635 E. King Ave.), or call 361-592-6438), or the NASK ITT Office (361-516-6449).



Officials Abe Roman (left) and Michael Westcott (right) along with Lade Majic (center) break out some of their best dance moves just before a foul shot during an exhibition game at the IronWorks Gym at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan Dec. 9. Throughout the game Majic was able to persuade many players and fans to break out in dance. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Salvador Moreno).

Bowling Standings

In the Dog House League (1/12)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Lane Breakers	52-32
2.	Three Minds	47.5-36.5
3.	Triple X's	44.5-39.5
4.	Tumbalos	43-41
5.	The Guys	40.5-43.5
6.	The Hounds	24.5-59.5

Weekly High Scores:

Lindy Conner: 205, 212 / 577
Rodney Malin: 234 game (Jan. 7)

Wed. Nite Mixed League (1/13)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Slow Rollin'	39-25
2.	DUH's	38-26
3.	Pete's Angels	38-26
4.	Pin Bangers	33-31
5.	Laugh Out Loud	32-32
6.	Big K Rollers	28-36
7.	Sixty Forty	26-38
8.	Guttermouths	21-43

Weekly High Score:

Bob Gookin: 232 game

Personal training certification seminar

The MWR Fitness Center will be hosting an Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA) personal training certification three-day seminar from Jan. 29 through Jan. 31. The cost of this course is \$344.25 which reflects a 25-percent discount for active-duty and retired military personnel, dependants, and DoD cardholders currently employed at NASK. This course, which will be conducted at the NASK Fitness Center, will provide nationally-recognized qualifications needed to become a personal trainer. With this type of professional certification, a trainer can work at any gym across the country or military base throughout the world.

According to NASK fitness director Jay King, a personal trainer is a fitness professional who helps people accomplish their fitness goals through exercise guidance and nutritional counseling.

Many personal trainers work through local fitness centers or personal training studios and health clubs,

assisting clients within the facility. Others may be available for sessions in a client's home, or serve as instructors for fitness classes. Trainers are generally needed to demonstrate various exercises and help clients improve their exercise techniques and design workout programs.

A trainer is readily able to provide motivation and support to an individual in an exercise program, in addition to proper technical instruction. A trainer can keep records of clients' exercise sessions to help monitor progress, and may also advise clients on how to modify their lifestyle outside of the gym to improve total fitness.

If you have a genuine desire to learn more about fitness, improve your health, and help other in their fitness pursuits, then go to AFAA.com to register and begin your fitness journey today.

For more information contact Jay King at 516-4386, or Lynn Gallo, at 925-240-7850. To register, call Felix at the AFAA office directly, at 1-800-446-2322 ext. 277.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations 2010

Youth Explosion & Car Show

Friday, Jan. 15, 6-10 p.m.
Bay Area Fellowship-Kingsville 2001 Brahma Blvd. Additional parking available at Wilcox Furniture
* Contact: (361) 455-5386 *

Taste of Soul- Food & Fellowship

Saturday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. -3 p.m.
Kleberg Park Rec. Bldg. , East Escondido Rd. * Contact: (361) 455-1509 *

Let Liberty Ring Concert

Sunday, Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m.
Texas A&M University Kingsville Student Union Bldg- 2nd Floor
* Contact: (361) 675-0831 *

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

Monday, Jan. 18, 1 p.m.
Set-Up at 12 p.m. - Courthouse Area
Downtown: 6th St. to Yokum Ave
* Contact: (361) 522-7767 *

Join the city of Kingsville immediately following the parade for a short program by the Courthouse steps. Walking in the Vision of the Dream!