



## NAS Kingsville in the 'hunt' for Fish & Wildlife Service conservation award

By Tracey Moriarty, Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Three United States Navy installations have been nominated for the 2009 Military Installation Conservation Partner Award by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

This award recognizes military installations that have accomplished outstanding work in cooperation with USFWS to promote conservation on military lands during the past year.

Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada; Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas; and Barry M. Goldwater Range, Arizona learned of their nomination the last week of February.

NAS Fallon's Environmental Program partners with the Fish and Wildlife Service's Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office (NFWO) and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

(SNWR) to implement conservation actions on lands managed by NAS Fallon.

Two species benefitting from Navy conservation are the Dixie Valley tui chub, a fish, and a recently-discovered species of toad. Both are endemic to west-central Nevada. The toad occurs at only a few wetlands and the tui chub occurs in two small ponds. Threats to the toad and tui chub include non-native plant and animal species, water exportation, and small population sizes.

The Navy partnered with the NFWO, SNWR, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the University of Nevada-Reno to implement actions for the benefit of local wildlife. These actions included species status surveys, fencing, noxious weed control, prescribed burns, translocations, and grazing management.

The population of the tui chub has increased about 200 percent as a result of the Navy's efforts. New information about the re-

cently discovered species of toad will be used to develop a Candidate Conservation Agreement between the NFWO and the Navy.

NAS Kingsville's land includes a diverse collection of endangered species, at-risk species, and migratory bird species of concern. Endangered species include piping plovers, Harris and black hawks, cactus ferruginous pygmy owls, burrowing owls, green jays, the Texas tortoise, indigo snake, alligators, and the south Texas ambrosia (a plant).

The Navy's work with USFWS, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and other partners have benefitted these species through working management plans, prescribed burns, brush removal, and bird, reptile and amphibian surveys.

As a result of the Navy's efforts and partnerships, thousands of acres of wetlands, coastal grasslands, riverine, and neotropical scrublands are being protected and managed

by the Navy in South Texas.

Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR), cooperatively managed by the United States Air Force and United States Marine Corps, has a long-standing cooperative relationship with USFWS to support one of the largest single landowner segments (about 1.5 million acres) of Sonoran desert in the U.S. The Sonoran desert eco-region has the highest diversity of native plants of any desert in the world, with more than 2,500 pollinator species and more than 600 native fish and wildlife species including more than two-thirds of all migratory bird species in the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Conservation efforts at BMGR include the creation of the Sonoran Desert Military Ranges Conservation Partnership Team (Sonoran Team) to focus on threatened, endangered, and at-risk species conservation management. The Sonoran Team formally joined

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## Air show announcer Rob Reider key player in Wings Over South Texas line-up



Award-winning announcer Rob Reider

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Putting a line-up of performers together for an air show is a lot like putting together a professional baseball team from scratch. You start with an outline, jot down the names of the "stars" that you'll need to be competitive, and then identify the supporting cast who will fill the roster. If you do it right, everyone comes together and the team is successful.

That's pretty much the approach NAS Kingsville Air Show Committee members have taken in putting together the line-up of performers for the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show, March 27-28. And it looks like this line-up is going to deliver a championship performance.

Along with the "big bats" of the Blue Angels, Fat Albert, the USAF Air Combat Command's Viper East team, and the US Army Golden Knights, headline civilian acts have been added including world champion acrobatic performer Rob Holland, and

the Commemorative Air Force's Tora!, Tora!, Tora!. Jan Collmer, Jack Knutson and Paul Fiala complete the line-up. The Grammy-nominated country music band Emerson Drive added another "heavy hitter" to the batting order.

Still, another critical piece to the puzzle was needed. And that need was filled at the very start of the process when the team added award-winning air show announcer Rob Reider to call the shots from air show central throughout the weekend.

"Without a doubt, Rob Reider is the best there is when it comes to air show announcers," said NAS Kingsville Command Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. "I had my mind set on bringing him back in 2010 after the first five minutes of the air show two year's ago. His knowledge and enthusiasm for what he does adds so much to the air show experience. He is definitely a key player in this year's line-up, and I'm thrilled to have him back again."

Reider, who hails from Cincinnati, carries an impressive résumé. He is an entertainer, television personality, singer, performer, writer, and five-time Emmy award winner. He is also the recipient of the prestigious International Council of Air Show's "Sword of Excellence" award – the highest award an air show professional can receive.

His professional background in the entertainment industry and the air show circuit have helped Rob develop a unique style to communicating the action and excitement to the audience. Reider himself admits that his enthusiasm is genuine. "I've never gotten over just how amazing air show performers are," Rob has said. "Narrating a show is a wonderful opportunity to try to put an audience 'into the cockpit.' Besides, when I'm announcing, I have the best seat in the house!"

It's been said of Rob Reider, "He's excited and supercharged! He's a performer with the unique ability to meet an audience where

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**Capt. Phil Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer,  
NAS Kingsville



**From the Bridge**

Greetings, Team Kingsville!

As of this publication, we are 14 days away from “Wings Over South Texas 2010.” I recently wrapped up a meeting with my operations officer in which we discussed the status of both static displays and military performers scheduled for our show. It is common for air show planners to have to deal with the ever-changing landscape of military participation.

The reason for this is simple. The units who have expressed interest in sending a static aircraft (parked for the weekend for display) or demonstration aircraft (participating in the flying portion of the show) have real-world training and operational require-

ments they have to meet. As squadron operations officers plan for training opportunities, the maintenance required to get the aircraft ready takes on a priority, and as it turns out, a significant amount of maintenance is done on weekends in order to prepare squadron assets for the next week’s schedule.

What this means for us is that we are working daily with aviation units from all services, and in many cases, we simply can not confirm the participation of a particular unit. When we do, we update our website, so check it regularly for the latest information.

Speaking of updates, I’d like to share with you the information I received last week regarding our new fitness center. The fitness center project was awarded March 4 and the contract includes all the options we had hoped for.

Ground breaking should take place within six months, and the construction will include a full-service gymnasium, with racquetball courts, aerobics room, and administrative offices. Also, we are getting a heated swimming pool with a zero-depth walk-in, a track, and athletic field with synthetic turf – with lighting!

With fitness center construction expected to take the better part of a year, by winter 2011, NAS Kingsville will have a new fitness complex, new Chapel (May 2010) and new Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (Summer 2011). We’ll also have our new runways, a new jet engine test cell, and an Army Reserve Center.

As soon as we have a date on the new bowling center, we’ll let you know about that, too. And oh, yeah, before we open the gates for the Wings Over South Texas Air Show 2010, we will also have our new esplanade and memorial air park completed.

All of this is great for the Navy, NAS Kingsville, and our community. There are many people to thank for all the work that has been done to bring this base to life, and to prepare for our upcoming air show. In coming editions, I will highlight a few of the key folks behind the scenes.

In the meantime, I say to them, keep doing what you have been doing. Your work is not yet done, but what a difference you have made already! Waddz sends.

**Conservation Award (from page 1)**

in partnership with the Sonoran Joint Venture to prioritize collaborative bird conservation work on the international Sonoran desert landscape. This was the first conservation partnership between military, USFWS, and state to join formally with a migratory bird Joint Venture in the U.S.

Additional efforts include management of the flat-tailed horned lizard, implementation of a conservation management program for the Sonoran desert tortoise, and conservation of the endangered lesser long-nosed bat.

BMGR also serves as an epicenter for recovery actions for the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelope, the most endangered mammal in North America. Together, Luke Air Force Base and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma have significantly contributed to the conservation and recovery of this species.

The Military Conservation Partner Award will be presented by USFWS on March 25.

**Deckplate Leadership:**

**Sea Notes From the Command Master Chief**



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

**NAS Kingsville celebrate’s Women’s History Month March 23**

noticed throughout our history makes this year’s National Women’s History Month theme very appropriate.

This year’s theme is “Writing Women Back into History.” Today, there is a great push to document the extraordinary contributions women have made in our history. School systems, universities and textbook publishers are working hard to document and teach the important role women have played in our county’s history.

New textbooks are being written and new courses are being implemented that will bring to light the significant role women have played, and are playing today, to make this country such a great place to live.

NAS Kingsville will be doing its part to “Write Women Back into History” this month as our Command Diversity Committee hosts a special Women’s History Celebration at the Captain’s Club. This special event will be conducted at 10 a.m. on March 23.

Please put this date on your calendar and come join the celebration!

Regards,  
CMC

Greetings, Shipmates!

Well, it’s finally March and you can tell springtime is upon us here in South Texas. This weather is great!

March also marks the marks the 30th anniversary of the National Women’s History Project. In March of 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th to be the first National Women’s History Week.

Then, in 1987, Congress expanded the week into a month, and now March is recognized as National Women’s History Month.

Since its inception, the purpose of National Women’s History Month has been to recognize the significant achievements of women in the history of our country.

Before 1980, many of the major contributions women made throughout our country’s history went unnoticed. In fact, at that time less than 3-percent of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women and when included, women were usually written in as mere footnotes.

The fact that women so often went un-



**Air Operations advancement ceremony**  
*Lt. Cmdr. Dave “Gravy” Anderson congratulates Electronics Technician 3rd Class Richard L. Nava on his recent advancement to his current rank. A small advancement ceremony for Nava was recently held in the Air Operations flight terminal with Air Operations departmental personnel in attendance.*  
*(Photo by Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs).*



## In The Break

**Capt. Mark Brooks**  
**Commander**  
**Training Air Wing TWO**

Greetings to the TW-2/NASK family. As a team you all are accomplishing much in support of our mission to prepare Navy and Marine Corps aviators for the fleet. It is easy for that fact to get lost in the rapid pace of 21st century life—it is a fact that is not lost on me. Thanks for what you do!

I have been absent from these pages recently. There are several reasons for the absence; but, I want to mention the primary reason: I/we are just plain busy! Last week, my secretary, Meg Cross, made the comment that she has never seen it this busy with meetings. Some of that is self-imposed for sure, yet the majority is just a sign of the times. When asked by colleagues, family and friends, how things are going lately, I usually reply: Busy. It's a "good busy," but busy.

Being so busy in the business (pun intended) of flying Naval jet aircraft is a two-edged sword. We are at our best when we are flying and training regularly to a requisite

level of proficiency. That, however, is not an exact science and one aviator's proficiency may be another's burn-out. That is why we—rightly so—place so much confidence and responsibility in young Naval Aviators... even those of the Student variety.

Naval Aviators are unsurpassed operationally and in combat because we are raised to be responsible for and confident in our abilities and decision-making. Lately, senior leadership in the Navy has taken to using the phrase "Brilliant on the Basics." That concept is mainly aimed at the care and feeding of young Sailors.

My take on it is that we need to "Know and do the basics, and pay attention to detail." Regardless, the point is that the busier we become, the more important it is that we are established in the basics. Without a strong foundation, the complications of life today can derail an aviator in the blink of an eye—literally.

So... as we all continue to execute the mission of flying and training the next generation of Naval Aviation, I'm asking you all to know and do the basics, and pay attention to detail.

Recently, I established some goals for Training Air Wing TWO for 2010. First on that list is, "Zero mishaps. Period." As life

gets busier and more complicated, it will become increasingly important for us all to concentrate on basics, attention to detail, and establishment of strong foundations, in order to accomplish our mission safely. Anything less is unacceptable.

On a loosely-related note, I really enjoyed seeing my cousin Sandra Bullock win the Best Actress Oscar Sunday, March 6, for her role in the movie "The Blind Side." Besides the fact that she has become a true movie star in the mold of the greats from years past, I liked the movie because the story is a positive one about southern college football. The Brooks/Bullock clans are from the south and I (as some of you may know) am a bit of an SEC football fan.

Anyway, the loosely-related note is that my Alma mater (Navy) won the Texas Bowl on New Year's Eve to start 2010 out on a high note. The team I was born and raised to support (Alabama) won the National Championship. And now the family has an Academy Award winner in its midst.

So, if we can accomplish our goals for 2010—most importantly that of zero mishaps—then I'll consider this year a home run... okay, a touchdown!

Regards,  
 Fingers.

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**Wetting Down:** Cmdr. Barry "Bosco" Bassel, right, gets sprayed with water by his daughter, McKenna, 8, and personnel from VT-21 and VT-22 after completing his final flight March 3. The "Wetting Down" is a traditional event for pilots when they complete their last flight at NAS Kingsville, and friends, family members, and squadron personnel usually turn out to take part in the event. Also on hand for this water fight was Bassel's wife, Deborah, and youngest daughter Hunter, 5. (Photo by Meg Cross, Training Air Wing TWO).

## Camp personnel help distribute shoes to refugees in Djibouti

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Frank Montellano, Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs

CAMP LEMONNIER, Djibouti (NNS) -- Personnel from the Enduring Chapel at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti (CLDJ), helped distribute 10,000 pairs of plastic clog shoes donated by the World Emergency Relief (WER) organization to the Ali Addeh refugee camp, several schools, churches, and non-government organizations located in Djibouti, Africa.

"We did this project in conjunction with WER because of the high rate of foot injuries and infections due to the lack of footwear in many areas," Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Norman Otters, a former member of the NAS Kingsville Chapel staff.

"We work closely with WER and other organizations on many community projects, donating items such as clothing, baby needs, and sports equipment."

Approximately 1,600 pairs were given to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN refugee agency, for distribution at the Ali Addeh refugee camp, added Otters.

*Former NAS Kingsville Sailor helps Camp Lemonnier religious ministries team distribute 10,000 pairs of shoes donated by World Emergency Fund.*

Hassan Mohamed, the refugee camp manager, gave a tour to Lt. Cmdr. Robert Cain, a chaplain at CLDJ, and Ann Encontre, the UNHCR representative in Djibouti, to see firsthand the difference that the shoes made in the lives of the refugees.

"On behalf of UNHCR and the refugees in the camp, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your team for the donation of shoes and the interest you have shown in improving the lives of refugees in Djibouti," said Encontre while addressing the military volunteers.

"The visit with Mr. Cain is yet another example of the commitment of the U.S. government and its people to humanitarian efforts for the needy."

During the tour, Cain helped pass out food and met with several children wearing the donated shoes. "The [shoes] were given to the most vulnerable: orphans, single women, elders," said Mohamed.

The Ali Addeh refugee camp was established after the collapse of the Somali government in 1991 to host refugees fleeing the civil war. Currently, the camp hosts a total population of more than 11,000 refugees from Somali, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Ali Addeh refugee camp is administered by the Government of Djibouti, under the jurisdiction of the Ali Sabieh Commissioner and the National Emergency and Disaster Relief Organization (ONARS). UNHCR is responsible for the protection and humanitarian assistance programs in the camp. ONARS is the coordinating agency for refugee assistance.

Camp Lemonnier provides, operates and maintains superior service to meet the needs of regional tenant commands, and facilitate operations in the Horn of Africa, while promoting positive relations between the United States and African nations.

For related news, visit [www.navy.mil/loc/cnrc/](http://www.navy.mil/loc/cnrc/).



*Former NAS Kingsville Community Outreach leading petty officer RP2 Norman R. Otters, from Oskaloosa, Iowa, hands out plastic clog shoes to students at the Guelleh Batal School in Djibouti. World Emergency Relief donated approximately 10,000 pairs of these shoes to the Camp Lemonnier base chapel, which distributed the shoes to local schools, refugee camps, churches, and Army Civil Affairs detachments. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Joshua Bruns)*

## California looks to Vets to "serve again"

By MCI (SW/AW) Jason McKnight, Naval Surface Forces Public Affairs

CORONADO, Calif (NNS) -- California's educational institutions are actively seeking transitioning Sailors and Marines for careers offering the opportunity to "Serve Again."

The U.S. Department of Education's "Troops to Teachers" program connects people who still have the desire to continue serving their communities with employers looking to fill shortages in California's classrooms and across the nation.

"Almost everyone I've worked closely with has found employment," said Rick Nathanson, recruiter with CalTroops, the California office of Troops to Teachers, and a prior commanding officer of the decommissioned USS Mauna Kea (AE 22). "We really try hard to find as many ways as possible to say 'yes.' Sometimes the jobs won't be in California, but that doesn't mean we can't help you find one."

Studies conducted by the National Center for Educational Information and Old Dominion University showed educational employers prefer military veterans nine to one over otherwise equally qualified civilian job seekers.

"Why veterans? Because things you take for granted every day as the way things are supposed to be are the qualities employers desire most," said Nathanson. "Your organization, self-discipline, punctuality, desire to achieve and honest, sincere caring for the success of others are virtues they're looking

for in someone they want in teachers."

The field of education, like the Marines, is always looking for a few good men and women, especially in math, science, and special education said Nathanson.

"Troops to Teachers provides a lot of help for veterans who are considering a job in teaching kindergarten through 12th grade.

From stipends as high as \$5,000 to help offset the costs of becoming a teacher, to help with credentialing, we can help," said Nathanson.

"There are many requirements you have to meet, but for those with the true desire to teach America's next generations, we can help with all of them."

Nathanson said veterans hired to teach at schools designated as "high need" can look forward to financial incentives as high as \$10,000.

Naval Surface Forces (CNSF) Command Career Counselor Master Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Laura Paquian said she counsels all Sailors she helps transition out to keep an open mind about teaching as one of many options available to them when they leave the Navy.

"The more you explore, the better off you will be. (Teaching) is another opportunity to serve and mentor, just at a different level," said Paquian. "I think once you've devoted time serving your country, service to others comes as second nature. Teaching is like the Navy...every day you're going to make a difference."

## Navy offers four-year NROTC Scholarships to winners of Cyber Challenge

From Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) -- The Navy is establishing five annual four-year college Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarships for U.S. high school and college students who demonstrate advanced cyber security skills.

The new cyber-option NROTC scholarships are a key part of a comprehensive Navy strategy to attract, recruit and develop elite cyber professionals needed to operate securely and effectively in cyber space.

This includes providing intense professional and career development programs for officers, enlisted and civilian cyber security experts. The new cyber-option NROTC scholarship program will allow the Navy to identify the best and the brightest young minds to support the Navy's cyber force.

The Navy will award five cyber-option NROTC scholarships annually to high school seniors or first year college students who individually place in the top 20 percent at the U.S. Cyber Challenge competition. The competition is a national talent search and skills development program that identifies young Americans with the interests and technical skills required to fill the ranks of cyber security practitioners, researchers and professionals who become the innovative leaders in cyber security.

The students must have also met the re-

quirements for entering the NROTC program, such as maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale, ranking in the top 40 percent of their class, scoring competitively in the ACT and/or SAT and passing a physical exam.

Upon commissioning from the NROTC program, the cyber-option scholarship winners will use their skills in cyber warfare leadership positions.

NROTC scholarships provide significant benefits, including 100 percent payment of college tuition; full reimbursement for required books, supplies and equipment; a monthly monetary stipend; and active duty pay and benefits for up to 45 days a year.

The NROTC program, overseen by Naval Service Training Command at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., was established to develop midshipmen mentally, morally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, loyalty and Navy core values. NROTC graduates become Naval officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval service and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.

For more information about applying for NROTC scholarships, visit <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>.

## Military Census underway; Make your voice heard

*Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON--NAVADMIN 001/10, released in January, is the second in a series of military census newsgrams which provide guidance for Sailors to make their voices heard during the 2010 Decennial Census.

Beginning March 15, the Census Bureau will conduct the Nation's twenty-third decennial census to gather a complete count of the population of the United States to include personnel living onboard naval installations and ships with a U.S. homeport.

The decennial census is an in-depth survey used to gain population counts which fuel government decisions on how approximately \$400 billion per year of federal funding is spent in your neighborhood on hospitals, schools, senior citizen centers, emergency services and public works projects. In addition, the enumeration determines the number of seats a state occupies in the House of Representatives.

Sailors will be asked to complete a short Military Census Report containing 6 questions.

"By participating in the 2010 Census, Sailors of all ranks have an opportunity to help create a better future for those they care about," said Chief Petty Officer Melanie Kinchen, of Navy's Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch, and responsible for coordinating Navy's Census efforts. I can't imagine any

Sailor who wouldn't want to make that difference."

Commander, Navy Installations Command is the lead for executing census procedures onboard shore installations and Commander, U. S. Fleet Forces Command is the lead for afloat commands.

Ship crew members will be required to complete a regular census questionnaire for their onshore address as well as a Shipboard Census Report (SCR) onboard the ship. The completion of both forms is required by the federal government.

In addition, military personnel assigned to a group quarters, to include bachelor's quarters, will be counted at the group quarter, even if it is located on a non-naval installation.

Census questionnaires will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to all housing units on military installations beginning March 15, 2010. If you live off-base, you will receive a census questionnaire at that address.

All commands may obtain information specific to their command by contacting their command's Census Project Manager.

For additional information about the 2010 Census and the Census Bureau's Military Fact Sheet, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Census2010/>.



*Contract workers pour cement at the new NAS Kingsville Air Park just inside the front gate, which should be completed within the next two weeks. Once the Air Park is finished, all command static display aircraft will be moved to the site to welcome visitors and special guests to the base. The command's Blue Angel F/A 18 will also move to the new park after the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" air show.*

*(Photo by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs)*

## NMCRS Visiting Nurses help Marine return from injuries

*By Rod Hafemeister, Wingspan Editor*

For 106 years, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has been working to help Sailors and Marines and their families. NMCRS celebrated its 106th birthday on Jan. 23 – it was founded in 1904, by 19 volunteers with \$9,000, the Navy's share of gate receipts from the 1903 Army-Navy football game.

Since then, it has grown to a worldwide organization with 3,600 volunteers.

During 2009, NMCRS provided \$47.4 million in financial relief in response to 91,374 cries for help – the most clients and the greatest amount of assistance since 1994. That means that one out of every five Sailors and Marines on active duty sought help from NMCRS during the past 12 months.

Although the Society is most known for its financial assistance, there is another, quieter aspect that has profound effects on injured Sailors and Marines: the Combat Casualty Assistance (CCA) Visiting Nurses Program. Late last year, Retired Adm. Steve Abbot, President and CEO of NMCRS, highlighted the Coastal Bend NMCRS Visiting Nurses Program.

"Cpl. Ronny Porta, USMC, was 23 when his Humvee was hit by a bomb in Iraq (in May 2007)," Abbot wrote. "He sustained burns over 75 percent of his body, lost his right arm at the shoulder, and lost his thumb and middle finger on his left hand, leaving him with no opposable digits."

Porta was evacuated to Brook Army Medical Center, the military's premier burn treatment

and rehabilitation center. Enter Visiting Nurses Sue Waddingham and Theresa Goodwin and local NMCRS Director Tambi Parker.

"Ronny's family lived out of state; we were able to coordinate and help with living expenses while they were in San Antonio until benefits kicked in," Parker said. "We acted as intermediaries, provided referrals and resources for him and his family.

"Ronny's family is one which we touched in virtually every aspect."

As of late 2009, NMCRS had provided \$29,000 in grants to assist Porta and his family. And to date, he's undergone 70 surgeries, with more scheduled.

Waddingham, the wife of NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, calls Porta "a truly amazing individual."

"Although he still has many surgeries and challenges ahead, he has told us on several occasions that he would do it all again for the country he loves, the United States of America," she said.

"His family has been by his side every step of the way, enduring separation and sacrifice as they manage a business in Maryland and being with Ronnie in Texas, and as Ronnie's younger sister finished high school and started college, all since his injury.

"The Portas and others like them are all heroes in our eyes, so very deserving of our care and support, and we feel very honored to be able to provide it."



*Marine Cpl. Ronnie Porta, severely injured in 2007 by a bomb in Iraq, is presented with a new laptop computer by NMCRS Visiting Nurses Theresa Goodwin (l.) and Sue Waddingham. The laptop was provided by Soldiers' Angels, a private non-profit that works with NMCRS to facilitate delivery of specialized computer equipment, PDA's, and other electronic aids to wounded warriors. Photo courtesy NMCRS and NAS Corpus Christi Public Affairs Office.*



Lt. j.g. Graham Cleveland



Lt. j.g. Zachary Armstrong



2nd Lt. Christopher Daniels



Capt. Shane Bursae



1st Lt. John Yunker

## Five students designated as Naval Aviators, presented Wings of Gold at TW-2 ceremony

Five student aviators were designated as Naval Aviators and presented their "Wings of Gold" during a Training Air Wing TWO Winging ceremony at the Captain's Club Feb. 26. The event marked the end of nearly 14 months of advanced training for the pilots at NAS Kingsville. Each of the men will now move on to a Fleet Replacement Squadron to begin transition to their selected fleet aircraft. Receiving their wings were:

**Lt. j.g. Zachary Armstrong, USN.** An Alabama native, Armstrong enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating high school, but after 5 years decided to pursue something different. So, he headed off to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University for his undergraduate degree. He then went back home to attend the University of Alabama to work on his graduate degree. One year later,

Armstrong left college and entered the Navy to pursue a career in aviation. After completing Officer Candidate School, he reported to Pensacola, Fla., and the Naval Air Training Command. After completing aviation indoctrination, he moved to South Texas for primary training at NAS Corpus Christi, and advanced jet/strike training in Kingsville.

**Capt. Shane Bursae, USMC.** Born into a Navy family, Bursae moved up and down the East Coast as a child, from one duty station to the next. After high school, he moved on to the University of Michigan, where he earned a degree in computer science. After graduation, he entered the Marine Corps Aviation Program, as a Weapons Systems Officer, flying in the back seat of an F/A 18 Hornet. Thanks to LASIK surgery which corrected his eyesight, Bursae was able to

apply for the Marine Corps' pilot transition program.

**Lt. j.g. Graham Cleveland, USN.** Raised in a Navy family in Whidbey Island, Wash., Cleveland decided to see the world on his own terms after graduating high school. After several years of traveling coast-to-coast, with overseas trips to Australia and Europe thrown-in, he decided it was time for him to pursue a college degree. Like his brothers and father before him, he chose the Naval Academy. Upon graduation, Cleveland entered the flight training program, completing API in Pensacola, and primary training at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla.

**2nd Lt. Christopher Daniels, USMC.** A native of Auburn, Ill., Daniels attended the University of Illinois' Institute of Aviation prior to entering the Marine Corps. After at-

tending the Corps' Basic School, he entered the Aviation program and reported to Pensacola for Aviation Indoctrination. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., and after being accepted to fly jets, he reported to NAS Kingsville for advanced training.

**1st Lt. John Yunker, USMC.** Born in Virginia Beach, Va., the son of a Naval Aviator, Yunker attended the College of Engineering at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Calif., earning a degree in aerospace engineering. Upon graduation, he received his commission and entered the Marine Corps' aviation program. He completed aviation indoctrination at NAS Pensacola and primary training at NAS Whiting Field. Yunker reported to NAS Kingsville for advanced jet/strike training in February 2009.



Carrier Landing qualifications are the final step in advanced jet/strike training for Student Naval Aviators prior to earning their Wings.



A T-45 Goshawk from Training Air Wing TWO takes off from the flight deck of the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during a recent carrier qualifications detachment at sea.

## NALF Orange Grove 'Touch N' Go' diner serves up quality, good morale

By Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs

"Something as simple as food can be one of the best morale boosters. Especially in a remote area like the NOG," said Lt. Michael Wildman, officer in charge of Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Orange Grove (NOG).

"It helps even more to know that the guy fixing the food cares so much about his customers," Wildman said about CS1(SW) Anthony Court, who runs the 'Touch N' Go' Diner at the NOG.

The diner at Orange Grove recently received numerous furnishings from the Galley aboard Naval Station Ingleside after it closed its doors Jan. 29, which Court has used to transform the Touch N' Go. Items received includes booths, chairs, tables, table cloths, small freezer, a POW table setting, art work, napkin holders, a three-door food preparation table, and more.

The transfer to Kingsville was coordinated by NAVSTA Ingleside Galley personnel through NAS Kingsville's Food and Beverage Director Daniel Rackley.

"I worked with Mr. Rackley in 2001 when I was stationed at NAS Kingsville," said CS1 Jose Huerta, of Naval Station Ingleside. "I remember working at the 'Touch

N' Go' and the plain, uneventful setting there which needed sprucing-up.

"It was a great pleasure to help bring some life into that 'strictly business' environment and reutilize some Galley equipment."

NALF Orange Grove serves as an additional training site for Training Air Wing TWO as an extension of usable air space. The field consists of two 8,000-foot runways, a parking apron, air traffic control tower and radar facility, a crash, fire and rescue station, and a fully instrumental aircraft refueling station. The diner now can seat 32 patrons, up from 10.

"It's a small diner, but now it's more enjoyable, more personable for our patrons," said Court, who runs the diner 8-hours a day, Monday through Friday, making 150 to 200 sales a week.

"Petty Officer Court is always trying to find a way to improve the environment of the diner," said ABH2(AW) Raymond Gross, who, until recently, was assigned to the landing field. "With the furniture he acquired from Ingleside, the Touch N' Go's appearance has greatly improved. Previously, personnel would bring their own lunches, but now, most of us eat at the Touch N' Go."

Of all the items the diner received from



*The NALF Orange Grove Touch N' Go Diner has taken on a new look and is now providing increased and improved services for its patrons, thanks to the efforts of CS1 Anthony Court and Naval Station Ingleside personnel.*

the Ingleside Galley, the food preparation table is the thing that makes Court's job easier. "I had been working on a small table not designed for food preparation," the Plainview, Texas, native said. "This makes preparing food much easier."

"Thanks to the efforts of CS1 Court, being proactive in getting furnishings from Ingleside, it really feels like a little galley now," Wildman added. "The POW/MIA table is an awesome touch.

"The camaraderie we have at the Grove

is the highest it's been since I have been here, and the efforts in the kitchen play a big role in producing that level of cohesion and motivation. We have some great Sailors and civilians who work out here every day, and CS1 Court plays a major role in the day-to-day morale of the NOG team.

"Thanks to NS Ingleside's equipment, Court has been able to make his motivation and dedication more visible. When you walk in his galley, you know exactly how much he cares," Wildman said.



### Touch N' Go Diner Now Open

*Left, CS1 (SW) Anthony Court cuts a fresh tomato for his afternoon lunch service. Below, Lt. Michael Wildman talks with an Orange Grove landowner during a recent visit and BBQ for local residents. The recently-refurbished Touch N' Go diner has the capacity to serve - and seat - up to 32 people at a time.*

*Before: Bare walls and plastic chairs made the diner uninviting to patrons. CS1 Court took advantage of Naval Station Ingleside's galley closure to upgrade the appearance and seating capacity of the Touch N' Go, and created a more pleasant atmosphere for customers.*



*CS1 (SW) Anthony Court*

## Navy to update Fitness Reports, Evals

*From Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Public Affairs*

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The Navy announced changes to the performance evaluation system and advancement policy March 9 to better reflect service as an individual augmentee (IA)/Global War on Terror support assignment (GSA) and physical fitness assessment results.

The changes apply to all reports ending Aug. 1 or later and come as a result of Sailor feedback, according to NAVADMIN 083/10.

Under the new policy, a new billet subcategory code will be added to performance evaluation and fitness reports to provide a mechanism for reporting seniors to identify Sailors performing an IA/GSA.

"The IA/GSA billet subcategory was added to ensure IA and GSA Sailors are recognized for their service away from their parent command and remain competitive with their counterparts," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel.

"Our Sailors are doing great work

around the world, whether assigned to traditional billets, joint commands or as an IA. We want to ensure all Sailors are properly recognized for superior performance."

Additionally, both concurrent IA/GSA and regular evaluations will be used to determine performance mark averages and time-in-rate waivers to ensure outstanding performance during an IA/GSA is properly rewarded.

The new policy also requires reporting seniors to document all physical fitness assessments (PFAs) conducted during the regular reporting period using new PFA codes on performance evaluation and fitness reports.

The change supports Navy's culture of fitness and is another tool available to leaders to identify and reward top performers, according to the message.

The new policy applies to performance reports ending Aug. 1 or later.

Timing of the change minimizes impact to selection board deliberations and the advancement process.

For more information, read NAVADMIN 083/10.

## NALF Orange Grove ship's bell has proud history

Visitors arriving to NAS Kingsville's Outlying Landing Field at Orange almost certainly notice the ship's bell which hangs glistening in the sun on the flagpole there. Engraved in its well-shined surface is "USS Algorma-1919."

Cast originally for the ocean tug USS Algorma (AT-34), the bell has hung at the Grove for as long as anyone can remember. Its history, lost in the deep caverns of historical records somewhere unseen, has remained unknown. Or, it did until a curious NAS Kingsville officer and naval history buff, Lt.j.g. Gaylord Harvey, suggested that command personnel might be enriched by tracing the roots of this bell, which for many years, proudly struck eight bells each morning at Colors at the remote field.

The challenge was accepted, and the search began in 1977. It was tough going at first; then contact was made with Ms. Patty Maddocks, director, library and photographic services, at the U.S. Naval Institute.

A complete history of USS Algorma was researched from her commissioning on May 15, 1920, with Lt. H.C. Brown in command, through her patrol and towing duties



in the Atlantic Theater, ending when the ship was decommissioned June 18, 1946. Algorma received a battle star for her part in the Normandy invasion of World War II.

The ship's bell was transferred to NAS Kingsville in 1946, when the then-commanding officer Cmdr. H.V. Morrison requested a bell for the command.

The men who served aboard Algorma should be pleased to know that their ship's bell did not become scrap when the ship was decommissioned. Instead, it has served as a symbol of the fleet, and the proud history of the Navy, at a small remote landing field in South Texas, where those who see it for the first time usually ask about its history.

Now, we know what to tell them.

## OSHA's 7-Step Training Guidelines

Is your safety-training program all it could be? Have a look at OSHA's guidelines for setting up and conducting effective, compliant training.

Step 1 - Determine if training is necessary. How do you know what training is necessary—or whether training is needed at all? Before you can answer that question, you have to ask yourself:

- Does an OSHA regulation or other law mandate safety training?
- Has there been an increase in workplace mishaps recently?
- Are new processes, procedures, equipment, or substances being introduced into the workplace?

Step 2 - Identify training needs. Once you know that training is necessary, you have to figure out what the training should accomplish.

OSHA says to train:

- Employees who are required to be trained by OSHA regulations.
- Employees who may face particular hazards on the job.
- Employees who may reasonably be expected to be assigned to a job that requires safety training.
- Supervisors of these employees.

Step 3 - Identify goals and objectives. What should training accomplish? OSHA emphasizes that safety training goals should be absolutely clear and put into written, action-oriented, specific language. An objective such as "being able to use a fire extinguisher" is too vague. A stronger objective is: "An em-

ployee will be able to tell where the fire extinguishers are located, which classification to use for which types of fires, and demonstrate how to operate a fire extinguisher safely."

Step 4 - Design learning activities. The best training uses interactive learning activities that engage employees and are designed to resemble or simulate the actual job or situation. Here's an example:

A Safety Meeting handout about accident reporting asks trainees to read an accident scenario and then fill out a report form using the information, which is a proven way to test comprehension.

Step 5 - Conduct the training. Think of the training session as an important meal. And like a memorable meal, its presentation must be as appealing as its taste.

A successful session will have both "sizzle and steak"—style and content—with lots of participation, give-and-take, questions, examples, opinions, and enthusiasm from the trainer and trainees.

Step 6 - Evaluate the program's effectiveness. After the training is finished, how can you tell if it has done any good? Receiving the training is not enough; employees must understand it and integrate it into daily practice.

Step 7 - Improve the program. If you find through testing, feedback, and observation that the training was not effective, it's clearly time to investigate further.

Whether or not you need to make changes, be sure to document that the training has occurred. Be sure to include dates, meeting times, meeting places, and other specifics.

## EXERCISE SOLID CURTAIN MARCH 22-26

*This is an annual exercise conducted on all Navy installations to enhance Security force readiness and abilities to prepare for and defend against threats. This is a routine exercise and is NOT in response to any specific threat.*

*What You Can Expect:*

- **Probable increased traffic or delays in base access.**
- **Increased activity at all gates.**
- **Increased patrols on and around the installation.**
- **Potential for EXTREMELY restricted gate access on 24 March for greater than 12 hours with a mid-day start.**
- **Increased Security levels.**

*What You Can Do:*

- **Carry proper ID at all times.**
- **Arrive early.**
- **Plan accordingly.**
- **Be patient.**
- **Follow all orders**

## Navy women in aviation show diversity is rising

*By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sunday Williams, Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Southeast*

ORLANDO, Fla. (NNS) -- Navy women were out in force at this year's 21st Annual Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference held Feb. 27 in Orlando, Fla.

With three Navy admirals in attendance and two Navy officers inducted into this year's WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame, the admirals in attendance sent a strong message that diversity allows for a greater and more versatile workforce.

Rear Adm. Wendi Carpenter, commander, Navy Warfare Development Command, is one of those leaders who believes that Navy leadership is on the right track with diversity.

"Look across the spectrum of opportunities that women have been offered in the Navy as well as the diversity that has been embraced by our senior leaders at the three- and four-star level," said Carpenter. "I think all of our four star commanders are really try-

ing to educate people on diversity and make them understand that it's not just a strategic imperative, it is something that is a wise business decision because you just get better answers and better alternatives by having more people in your workforce besides one size fits all."

Rear Adm. Margaret DeLuca Klein, director of operations, Naval Network Warfare Command, was one of the keynote speakers for the conference and said she also agreed that diversity in the Navy has come a long way and it is still getting better.

"The Navy is really pushing to open up submarines to females," said Klein. "The opportunities really are limitless."

Navy women are involved in many areas of aviation including the space program.

U.S. Naval Reserve Capt. Kathy Sullivan was inducted into the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame Sept. 27, for her accomplishments in aviation. Sullivan was a member of the first space shuttle astronaut class and the first American woman to walk in space.

"Any honor that is nominated and voted on by peers, that's really pretty special," said Sullivan. "These awards are not given away lightly and they are not honors that can be politicked or bought. If you look across the room at the aviation talent from the business side to the flight side, and at the people who have gone before us, it's really something to have their vote of confidence and really quite something to join their company," said Sullivan.

Retired Navy Cmdr. Trish Beckman was also inducted into the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame. Beckman is the first woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F-15E program and the first American woman to qualify as a crewmember in the FA-18D. She also helped influence the United States Senate to repeal combat exclusion laws and change executive branch policy, allowing women to fly aircraft engaged in combat missions.

Nearly 3,000 people attended this year's conference from all aviation walks of life. All branches of military service were represented

as well as many corporate officials from various airlines and other aviation organizations. International attendees represented 20 different countries.

All of the Navy leadership attending the conference agreed that across the board in our armed forces, diversity is on the right path. They also agreed that the WAI conference is a great way to network and problem solve issues within the aviation community in addition to showing the world their progress in diversity.

WAI was able to award approximately \$678,300 in scholarships to WAI members of all ages to be used for everything from flight training to mechanics.

The WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor women who have made significant contributions as record-setters, pioneers, innovators, or leaders who have helped women be successful in the aviation field.

For more information on Women in Aviation, visit their Web site at [www.wia.org](http://www.wia.org).

### 2010 Women in Aviation Hall of Fame Inductees



**Patricia "Trish" Beckman, Cmdr. USN (Ret.)**

*As a Naval Flight Officer, Trish Beckman flew in 67 types of aircraft. She helped influence the U.S. Senate to repeal combat exclusion laws and change executive branch policy, allowing women to fly aircraft engaged in combat missions.*

*Currently, Beckman flies for Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group in Seattle and has more than 5,000 flight hours in 71 total aircraft types. Beckman is a founding and current board member of Women in Aviation, International.*

*When she retired from the Navy in 1999, Beckman had accumulated more than 3,300 flying hours in 66 types of aircraft.*



**Vice Adm. Vivian Crea, USCG (Ret.)**

*Vice Adm. Vivian Crea is the most senior ranking woman in the history of the United States Coast Guard.*

*Her career consisted of many "firsts:" including the first female aircraft commander in the U.S. Coast Guard; first female military aide to the President; first female to command a U.S.C.G. Air Station; first female executive assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard; first female selected as rear admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard; first female appointed as vice admiral and first female of any military service to be appointed Second in Command of the military force.*



**Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, The Boeing Company**

*Hennemann is the chief training pilot for The Boeing Company for the almost 700 instructor pilots globally delivering training for initial-type ratings as well as recurrent training. She was the first woman to captain a 747-400, the first woman to captain a 777, and the first woman test pilot employed by Boeing in both production and experimental flight test.*

*She broke the distance record in the greater than 661,000 pound weight class, when she and her crew flew a 777-200LR from Hong Kong to London.*

*She is an active mentor spanning two more generations of women test pilots, with 6 other women currently in her department.*



**Alice du Pont-Mills, pilot and instructor**

*A member of the famous du Pont family, Alice du Pont-Mills received her pilot's license in 1929, at the age of 18. The following year, she received her instrument rating and logged numerous hours shuttling her father between Cape Cod and Wilmington. In 1934, she and her brother, Richard, flew their Waco aircraft, outfitted with pontoons, to South America, traveling more than 60 miles up the Amazon River, and as far south as Rio de Janeiro logging more than 1,000 hours.*

*During World War II, du Pont-Mills taught instrument flying to Navy airmen, and women ferry pilots at Newcastle, Del.*



**Kathy Sullivan, Capt., USNR (Ret.), NASA Astronaut**

*Kathy Sullivan is a member of the first Space Shuttle astronaut class and the first American woman to walk in space. She is a veteran of three space shuttle missions, logging more than 530 hours in space.*

*She is a retired Navy Reserve captain and private pilot who flies and owns a Super Decathlon. In 1993, she served as chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where she oversaw the agency's \$500 million research and technology portfolio.*

*In 2006, she became the first director of the Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University.*



**Chaplain (Lt.) Mark Haley**  
NASK Command Chaplain

**Bringing Faith, Hope and Life into the New Year**

Faith is trusting in something larger than us. Hope is seeing this something larger than us being set in progress. And life is living this progress of our hopes in these things larger than us. Want is larger than us? It is our Faith, Hope, and Life.

I had an opportunity to volunteer and participate in Driscoll's annual school career day. I saw many things that were larger than ourselves, as many career opportunities was presented to the students: Naval careers that parallel their hopes were presented, police, fire, teachers, elected officers, band directors, football coaches, and a boxing champion. These students were presented many things that were much larger than themselves that they have put their faith and hope in for the past 15 years.

We asked each person what he or she wanted to be when school is completed. Then, like paint on a beautiful painting, our

future community leaders were displayed before our eyes. They wanted to become veterinarians, doctors, nurses, artists, military, SWAT, athletes, mechanics, engineers, lawyers; just to mention a few that was very common for each class. Our future communities are in progress.

What does it take to become a part of something much larger than ourselves? It takes faith. Faith that we have in the present, will direct our future, our country, and communities. It takes hope as our communities put into action all the resources possible to develop our future communities. Then it takes a lifetime of serving each other. With these three God-given virtues and blessings -- faith, hope, and life, we will continue to prosper as a Nation.

"Ask not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country." John F. Kennedy. Thank you for putting your faith into your calling; that gives us hopes to live our lives with liberty and justice for all. So when you are wondering what our future will be like, look at the painting that is in progress around us. Every person working together will develop this painting. This year will develop into one of our best year's ever.

Enjoy God's Blessings, Chaps

**Religious Ministries Chapel Services:**

Sunday: Family Bible Services with Children's Church, 9:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Noon Bible Study

Wednesday: Catholic Noon Lent Season Mass; Officer Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Catholic Choir practice, 4:30 p.m.; Prayer/Music Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

All events take place in the Chaplain's multipurpose room, Bldg. 2741.

NAS Kingsville Easter Sunrise Service (7 a.m.) April 4, at the pond on base.

Come Join Us!



**Energy Savings Ideas for your home**

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with lower wattage Compact Fluorescents (CFL).
- Install light fixtures with dust-to-dawn photocell features for outside lighting using CFLs.
- Ensure gaskets on refrigerators and freezers are in good shape and not leaking, if they are, replace them. Also check for gasketing leakage around your doors and windows.
- Replace your shower head with a 1.5GPM (Gallons per minute) or 1.75 GPM low flow fixture. Standard fixtures use about 3.0 to 4.0 GPM.
- Install aerators on facets in your home to save water. They go down to as little as .5 GPM. Current ones use much more!
- Should you change out your toilet, be sure to install a low-flow model. They can go down to 1.0 GPM, will save about 60 percent of the water you currently use, per flush.
- There are also some great rebates available for changing out old appliances to new high efficiency ones. Visit <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/arra/rebate/> for more information.
- You can lower your overall energy bills significantly by making energy efficient choices when buying any new appliance or electric consuming device. Also visit the government's [www.femp.gov](http://www.femp.gov) Web site for even more great information.

*Submitted by NASK Base Resource Efficiency Manager Rex White.*



*Public Works' Steve Moore welcomes visitors in true Texas style*

**World Championship Rattlesnake Races**

The 2010 World Championship Rattlesnake Races and St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held in historic Old San Patricio, March 20-21.

Spectators can enjoy a variety of activities including live music, arts and crafts booths, games, rattlesnake races, rattlesnake handling, exhibitions, drinks, food including fried snake, and more. Gates open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Opening ceremonies will feature the Patriot Guard Riders and Water's Edge Pipes and Drums. NAS Kingsville's Ensign Clayton Beame will also be honored.

Rattlesnake races begin at 1 p.m. and contestants not wishing to bring their own rattler will be furnished one. Cost to enter the rattler races is \$20. Winners of each heat will receive a plaque, and the "World Champion" will be crowned in the finals on Sunday. Owner (or temporary owners) will take home a trophy.

A long list of activities will be held for all ages, including egg-catching, human wheelbarrow races, boot races, cow chip chunking, and more. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. Daily admission is \$5 for ages 6 and older. Proceeds benefit Wounded Warriors.

For more information, contact Steve Moore at (361) 877-9609 or visit the website <http://www.wcrattlesnakeraces.com>.



*Rusty Moore, Steve's son, shows that some rattlesnakes are easier to handle than others.*

## MWR Chuck Wagon Delivery Schedule

After three weeks with our new mobile canteen MWR has worked out a schedule for their new Chuck Wagon food service. If by chance the canteen doesn't show at the scheduled time, please have patience, it will be along shortly. The canteen runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The following is our schedule:

	Breakfast:	Lunch:
Air Ops	7-7:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m. to Noon
Fire Dept	7:30-8 a.m.	10:30- 11 a.m.
Base/Wing Admin	8-8:30 a.m.	12-12:30 p.m.
VT21/VT22	8:30-9 a.m.	11-11:30 a.m.
MOD Hangar	9-9:30 a.m.	11-11: 30 a.m.
RV Park	9:30-9:45 a.m.	No Stop
Medical/Security:	9:45-10 a.m.	12:30 - 1 p.m.

## Bowling Standings

### In the Dog House League (3/10)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Lane Breakers	71-45
2.	Triple X's	65.5-50.5
3.	Three Minds	62.5-53.5
4.	The Guys	57-59
5.	Tumbalos	53.5-62.5
6.	The Hounds	38.5-77.5

### Weekly High Scores:

John Zapalac, 235 game, 608 series  
Rodney Malin, 215 game  
Lane Breakers, 564 game, 540 game  
3 Minds, 1,605 series handicap

### Wed. Nite Mixed League (3/11)

Pos.	Team	Won/Lost
1.	Pete's Angels	59.5-36.5
2.	DUHs	57.5-38.5
3.	Pin Bangers	51-45
4.	Slow Rollin'	51-45
5.	Laugh Out Loud	48-48
6.	Big K Rollers	46-50
7.	Sixty Forty	40-56
8.	Guttermouths	30-62

### Weekly High Scores:

**Ben Gonzales, 212 game, 518 series**



## Air Show features something for everyone

This year's Wings Over South Texas Air Show will have something for everyone, including kids of all ages.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Youth Activities Center will host the KidZone featuring all kinds of inflatables, bouncers, and a rock climbing wall. Youth will be able to defy gravity in the Extreme Air Power Jump, climb and corkscrew down a three-story tall Space Shuttle Slide, jump and play in the Blue Angel and Thunderbird Bounce Houses, climb through the Galaxy Explorer and spend time in the Space Camp Training Camp!

"Safety is our number one priority in the KidZone," said Brent A. Edwards, NAS Kingsville's Youth Director.

"The KidZone will feature a highly-renowned special event company, the same one as in 2008, with a similar plan: Safety first! With massive amounts of fun trailing shortly behind. We plan to target every age demo-

graphic that would come to the Air Show - from 4 week- to 18-year olds alike, we will have something for them."

KidZone hours of operation are Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prices for the activities are:

\$3 ticket for 2 rides on inflatables

\$5 ticket for rock wall

\$5 ticket for power jump

\$20 bracelet for 1-day all activities in

KidZone

\$10 bracelet for 1-day all inflatables (does not include rock wall or power jump)

Sales for the ride tickets and bracelets will be available at the KidZone tent during hours of operation.

Beginning March 15, patrons may purchase \$10 bracelets for 1-day all inflatables at ITT. For more information, contact Delia Martinez at x6449.

## Intramural Basketball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Lettuce Taco	4	1
Red Hawks	3	1
Unknown	3	1
The Cooks	3	1
Border Patrol	2	2
Trauma Dawgs	1	4
ATC B.B.	0	5
Bang 'Em Boyz	0	3

### Upcoming schedule:

Monday March 15:  
6 p.m. Bang 'Em Boyz vs. ATC B.B.  
7 p.m. Lettuce Taco vs. Unknown  
8 p.m. Red Hawks vs. The Cooks  
Wednesday March 17:  
6 p.m. Lettuce Taco vs. Trauma Dawgs  
7 p.m. VT-21 Red Hawks vs. ATC B.B.  
8 p.m. Bang 'Em Boyz vs. Border Patrol

Monday, March 22:

6 p.m. Border Patrol vs. The Cooks  
7 p.m. Bang 'Em Boyz vs. Red Hawks  
8 p.m. Unknown vs. Trauma Dawgs  
Wednesday, March 24:  
6 p.m. Bang 'Em Boyz vs. Unknown  
7 p.m. Border Patrol vs ATC B.B.  
8 p.m. The Cooks vs. Lettuce Taco

## Upcoming sports events:

Soccer tournament, Saturday, March 13.  
Sign up at the Fitness Center!

College Hoops Contest:  
March Madness Bracket Challenge begins March 15. Fill out a bracket to win!

Racquetball Ladder Tournament begins March 22. Sign up at the Fitness Center.

## Fleet & Family Support Center Class Schedule

### Transition Assistance

#### Program (TAP)

March 15-19; May 10-14  
July 12-16; Sept. 13-17

### Executive TAP

April 12-16

### Command Financial Specialist

August 9-13

### First term CONSEP:

June 7-10

### Mid-Career CONSEP:

Sept. 20-23

### Military Saves:

March 1-5

## Trading Post

**Home For Sale:** 3 BD/2 BA home in Paulson Falls. Beautiful hardwood and tile floors throughout, covered deck in fenced yard, all appliances stay, updated faucets and fixtures, ceiling fans in every room. A must see!! \$146,999 OBO. Available FEB. Call 847-975-2790 or e-mail jschuman\_78@yahoo.com.

**For Sale: 1985 Jeep CJ-7,** Inline-6 cyl, automatic transmission, Dark green. \$4,000 firm. Runs like a CHAMP! Perfect for off-roading! Clear Texas title. Well-loved vehicle, lovingly maintained, brought to Texas from Hawaii. 100,000 miles. Looks like it was originally a hard top, has full steel doors w/rolling glass windows. Some rust along the floor, minor cracks and rust on exterior of body, rust on hood - hey it's 25 years old! Call Tara at (cell) 675-0373.

**For Immediate Sale:** 2006 4-DR 6-cylinder Ford Escape. Silver gray in color, 60,000-plus miles. Asking \$11,500 (Blue Book value). Good Condition - new front tires. Contact Rosa at home, 592-0776 or @ VT-21, 516-6165

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All commercial ads must be placed through our publisher, Alice Newspapers, Inc. Call 361-664-6599, for details.



The Blue Angels fly overhead during the 2008 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show as more than 20,000 spectators enjoy the show.

**Rob Reider (from page 1)**

they are, touch their hearts, make them laugh, make them cry, and leave them with a feeling that they have been totally entertained."

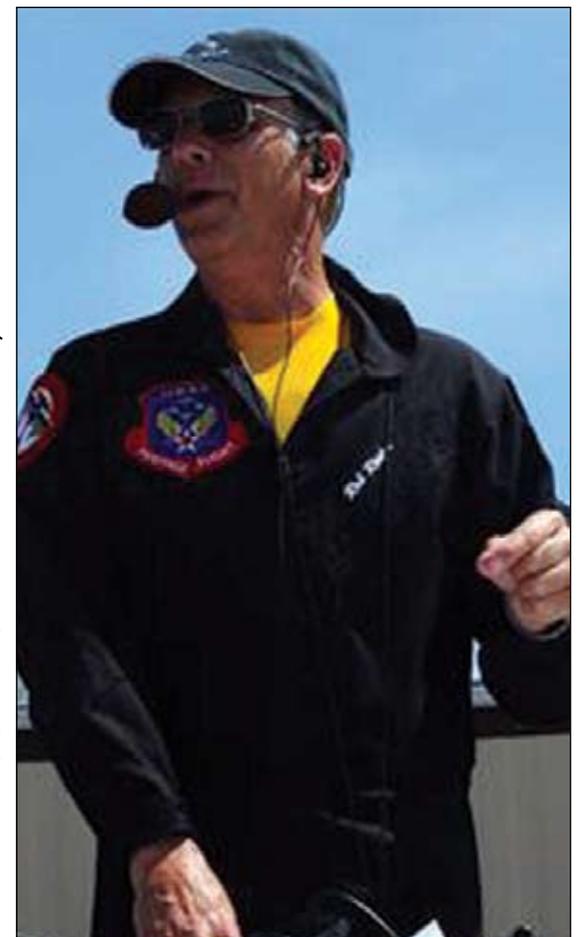
Just ask someone who has attended an air show that Rob has announced; you will be told that he is simply, "the best there is."

When the gates to NAS Kingsville open March 27 for the opening day of "Wings Over South Texas," you'll see Reider on the stage at air show central. And from the moment he opens his microphone, he will have your attention as he calls the shots.

You may only be hearing his voice as your eyes search the skies above for the action, but without his voice, it's just not the same. So, the 2010 air show line-up is complete. The roster is stacked.

"I'm excited to be coming back to NAS Kingsville for another exciting air show," Rob says. "

With a show on Saturday and Sunday air show weekend, let's follow the lead with a quote from Hall of Fame shortstop/first baseman from the Chicago Cubs (and Dallas native), Ernie Banks: "Let's play two."



Air Show announcer Rob Reider

**Astronaut legend receives Naval Astronaut Wings aboard USS Eisenhower**

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USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, At Sea (NNS) -- Legendary astronaut and former Navy pilot received a pair of honorary Naval Astronaut Wings in a ceremony aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike) March 10 in recognition for his dedicated service to the Navy and in the field of space exploration.

Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon July 20, 1969, was aboard Ike as part of the "Legends of Aerospace" tour sponsored by Morale Entertainment.

"Today is a special occasion for all of naval aviation. As you can imagine, it is a tremendous honor for me to present Neil Armstrong with astronaut wings," said Ike's Commanding Officer, Capt. Dee L. Mewbourne. "We present these wings on behalf of the generations of naval aviators -- past, present and future."

Described by many as humble and unassuming, Armstrong accepted the wings with great honor.

"I take these wings with great pleasure and great pride," said Armstrong. "I have made certain achievements in my life and been recognized many times, but, there is no achievement I value more highly than when I received the wings of gold [for naval aviation]; to be given a second pair of gold wings is just as special."

Prior to the Ike visit, in a conversation with retired Capt. Edward F. Bronson, Arm-

strong, who served as a naval aviator from 1949 to 1952, mentioned he never received a pair of Naval Astronaut Wings. The wings were not authorized prior to 1961 when they were first presented to Cmdr. Alan Shepard Jr.

Armstrong qualified for carrier landing aboard the USS Cabot (CVL 28) and USS Wright (CVL 49) in 1949. He qualified as a naval aviator in 1950, and made his first jet carrier landing on USS Essex (CV 9) in 1951 while assigned to Fighter Squadron 51.

During the ceremony, Armstrong said that since that time nearly everything in his career has had its roots in naval aviation.

"I have learned so much throughout my career and I owe a tremendous amount to the Navy," he said.

Mewbourne expressed gratitude to Armstrong for enriching the lives of all Ike's Sailors by visiting the ship and sharing his stories and experiences.

"You reminded us that we need to push the envelope every day, but also stay professional," said Mewbourne

As Mewbourne and Capt. Roy Kelley, commander, Carrier Air Wing 7, pinned on the wings, Armstrong's friend and Apollo 13 astronaut Jim Lovell joked that it was tradition to throw the recipient in a lake after he received his wings.



Armstrong offered these final words to the crowd, "You will be surprised how much of this [the Navy] will follow you through the rest of your life," said Armstrong.

"You all have a long naval life ahead of you, and it's great."

Others in attendance, as part of the "Legends of Aerospace" tour were Gene Cernan, the last man on the moon, retired Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie, the last Air Force pilot ace, and Bob Gilliland, a test pilot and the first man to ever fly the SR 71 Blackbird, known then as

the fastest and highest-flying production aircraft in the world.

Eisenhower is underway in the Persian Gulf on a regularly scheduled deployment to the 5th Fleet. Operations in the 5th Fleet AOR are focused on reassuring regional partners of the coalition's commitment to help set conditions for security and stability. U.S. forces maintain a naval and air presence in the region that deters destabilizing activities while safeguarding the region's vital links to the global economy.

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