



'Wings Over South Texas' Air Show sets attendance records

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

More than 100,000 spectators witnessed an awesome performance of military and civilian aircraft March 27-28, at the NAS Kingsville "Wings Over South Texas" air show. Record attendance, excellent weather and non-stop action helped make the event the best-ever at the South Texas installation.

"Our 2010 air show was, without a doubt, a huge success for the air station," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. "Our attendance numbers were staggering and our performers literally went above-and-beyond to give

spectators a top-notch show. We also received national news coverage of the show through Fox News Bureau West out of Dallas, and international coverage through a number of Web sites, including the site for country music band Emerson Drive who performed a free concert following our Saturday show. I couldn't be happier with the way that everything fell together."

The NAS Kingsville air show committee went outside-the-box in planning this year's show, tying the local community into several pre-show events to help spread the word about the show and make the event a base and community affair. The show actually kicked off Friday morning on the cam-

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An estimated 100,000 spectators viewed the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show held aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville March 27-28. Turn to pages 6 and 7 for more photos. (U.S. Navy Photo by Jon Gagné)

Flying K wins 2009 Chinfo Merit Award

For the second straight year, the Flying K was among the winners of the annual Chief of Navy Information (CHINFO) Merit Awards program for print and broadcast journalism excellence.

Competition in the CHINFO Merit Awards is extremely tough, with more than 150 Navy and Marine Corps commands taking part in the print competition.

This year, the Flying K took home a second place award in the newspaper series category for its three-part focus on the command's Bird/Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) program at NASK and NALF Orange Grove. The series, which ran in April and May 2009, looked at how the command's BASH program has progressed into one of the Navy's premier programs over the last three years. BASH Manager Eddie Earwood and Air Field Manager Ken Moses play key roles in the program and were instrumental in producing the three-part series.

In 2008, the Flying K earned a third place award for Cmdr. Scott Allen's feature commentary on Texas ranching icon Anne Armstrong. The award was the first CHINFO Merit Award for NAS Kingsville in more than a decade.



Chaplain (Lt.) Mark Haley welcomes more than 100 people to the annual Easter Sunrise Service held at the NAS Kingsville pond Sunday, April 4. The annual event is put on by the command Religious Ministries Department. (Photo by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs)



Capt. Phil Waddingham
Commanding Officer
NAS Kingsville



From the Bridge

Greetings Team Kingsville!

What a great week it has been, and it just keeps getting better.

Lots going on at the base headquarters as we prepare for a Congressional Staff visit this week, and as we transition from air show planning and preparation, to post air show wrap-up, lessons learned compilation, and then completely shifting gears to focus on facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization. There is never a dull moment in the world of shore installation management!

As we look back now on Wings Over South Texas 2010, I have to admit, the weekend exceeded all of my expectations. Weather, statics, performers, crowd control and security, vendors, caterers, turn-out, you name it. All categories of measure were record-breaking. All that said, you

should know that my expectations were very, very high. Just ask my staff.

My guidance in the weeks that followed our 2008 air show was simple – make Wings Over South Texas 2010 the best air show ever at NAS Kingsville.

The air show planning team, led by Lt. Michael “Butters” Wildman, and with amazing support from Renee Hill from our MWR department, achieved nothing less than putting on the best air show South Texas has ever seen. Also, Jeanie Alexander, our School Liaison Officer, put together a tremendously successful air show “Pep Rally” at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) for thousands of students from schools throughout South Texas.

The pep rally and air show were so good in fact, that people can’t stop talking about them. Every detail was covered in-depth, and when surprises did arise (as they do when you plan such large events), the team had back-up plans to their back-up plans. And to the untrained eye, what started out as a deviation from the plan, was quickly transformed into a value-added experience. Nothing, I mean nothing, was left to chance. To say that Butters, Renee and Jeanie are pros at what they do does not do them justice. In some regards,

they rewrote the book on how to plan an air show. I salute them, and to each of them I say, Bravo Zulu for a job well done! They will certainly be hearing more from me in the future.

Speaking of the future, I’ll go on record as saying that I plan to return in 2012 for the next NAS Kingsville Air Show. After seeing this year’s performance, I wouldn’t miss the next one for anything in the world! Congratulations to the entire team for putting on such a professional, and well-organized event. I know there are over 100,000 folks who would agree with me on that!

Related to the air show was the biennial Chief of Naval Air Training Command (CNATRA) conference which is held at NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville, and which receives tremendous hospitality and support from the King Ranch. This year, along with current CNATRA Rear Adm. William Sizemore, five other former CNATRA attendees, including Rear Adm. Don Quinn, Vice Adm. (Ret.) Michael Bucchi, Rear Adm. (Ret.) Jimmie Taylor, Rear Adm. (Ret.) John Boyington, and Rear Adm. (Ret.) George Mayer. Each of these gentlemen thanked me personally for the hospitality of NAS Kingsville during the air show, and commented that this was the best air show they have ever seen here, and that the base has never looked bet-

ter than it does today. Rear Adm. Sizemore joked about stealing back his Blue Angel static aircraft display, but I made a deal with him and so I think we are safe for the next 10 years at least!

NAS Kingsville PRIDE is alive and well, and my hat’s off to all who work on this base, and help to make it a better place.

For now, keep doing what you are doing to make a difference, and I’ll see you around the block.

In closing I want to mention an initiative for Earth day recommended to me by the command Energy Conservation Board. Their recommendation, which I approved, was to use Earth Day (April 22) to get rid of old, power-hungry government appliances on base. So, if you have old refrigerators or other appliances that you are not using contact the Public Works Trouble Call desk and schedule a pick-up for April 22. PW will send a team to your work center to collect the old appliances and ensure they are properly disposed of.

This is a great idea from your Energy Conservation Board team, and I encourage everyone to look around their work spaces for old appliances that are not being used. Remember, this is only for government property - please don’t bring items from home.

Best, Skipper Waddz

Deckplate Leadership



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



taught about heritage and tradition. More importantly, during those two months, I was taught about the expectations of a Chief Petty Officer. I was taught about the fact that the Chief represented his command, his Sailors and his CPO Mess. His every action would set a standard for his Sailors to follow.

I was taught that the most important part of the Chief’s job was to ensure the success of his Sailors. The Chief’s Mess in USS Richmond K. Turner made it very clear to me and my four fellow selectees that a Chief’s success was measured by the success of his Sailors. The Chief is charged with leading, mentoring, developing and guiding Sailors. If he is doing this right, his division is setting the standard for the Command. A higher percentage of his Sailors will be advancing, gaining qualifications and having a positive impact on the Command.

I was also taught about the Chief’s relationship with officers in the command. The Chief had to be there for the young division officer, providing him with technical advice and mentoring him on how best to lead his Sailors. The Chief also had to be the person the Department Head, the Executive Officer, and even the Commanding Officer could all rely on to get the job done, safely, effectively and efficiently.

Team Kingsville,

Happy Birthday Chief Petty Officers! On April 1, 2010, all Navy Chiefs paused to celebrate the 117th birthday of the United States Navy Chief Petty Officer. Chiefs around the Navy spent the day honoring their heritage and traditions. Here at Naval Air Station Kingsville, the Chiefs Mess mustered at the Goatlocker where they enjoyed a barbecue and performed the traditional cake cutting ceremony. A great time was had by all.

As I write this article I can’t help but think back to Sept. 16 1992, when Chief Petty Officer Keith Back and Capt. John Allen pinned on my anchors. That was clearly the highlight of my Navy career. It was a great ceremony, but unfortunately we were under-way and my wife and daughters weren’t able to attend.

The pinning ceremony itself followed two months of “initiation” where I was

Sea Notes from the Command Master Chief

The Navy Chief Petty Officer holds many responsibilities in the performance of his duties. He must live up to the expectations of many and must always be aware that a poor decision will reflect negatively on the

entire Chief’s Mess. The Chief is the leader who must keep our Navy heritage alive and our Navy strong.

To all Navy Chiefs- Happy Birthday shipmates! Regards, CMC

Navy Chiefs celebrate 117th birthday, proud heritage

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) and the United States Navy Memorial held a commemoration ceremony for the 117th anniversary of the establishment of the rank of Chief Petty Officer on April 1 including a wreath-laying at the Lone Sailor statue.

“Our wreath-laying ceremony here in Washington, D.C., serves as the cornerstone for many similar ceremonies throughout our Navy, as chiefs around the world celebrate their contributions to our nation and fellow countrymen and women, by renewing their dedication to the principles of honor, courage and commitment,” said retired Fleet Master Chief (AW/SS/SW/PJ) Mike McC-alip, master of ceremonies.

More than 400 chief petty officers gathered at the Navy Memorial in their khaki uniforms and combination covers to show their pride and honor and celebrate the proud

tradition of the chiefs mess.

“We’re celebrating the pride we should feel every time we overhear one of our Sailors say, ‘Ask the chief.’ Above all, we’re celebrating the chief petty officers’ tremendously proud heritage that we’ve spent 117 years building,” said MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West.

Joining MCPON to celebrate the birthday of the chief petty officers were Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, retired Rear Adm. Edward K. Walker Jr., president and CEO of the Navy Memorial Foundation and Deputy Chief of Chaplains Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, and former MCPON (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt.

“I was inducted as an honorary Chief at the Naval Academy last month and in addition to it being one of the highest honors of

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In The Break

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

First things first: Well done to all that made this year's "Wings Over South Texas" "Air Show a huge success! Having grown up in Naval Aviation, I have been to more air shows than I can count. After the event two weekends ago, I remarked to several friends and family that it was the best I can remember. Local civic leaders who have been coming to air shows at NAS Kingsville for over 20 years said it was the best ever. From the weather, to the performances, to the hard-working folks that built up, tore down and cleaned up the infrastructure that is a full-scale air show, it was a truly memorable and enjoyable event!!

Speaking of memorable events, last night I watched one of the best that remains in the world of sports. This year's NCAA Men's Basketball Championship was also one of the best I have ever seen. It's a cliché to say that there weren't any losers in a game like the one last night—I'm sure the Butler Bulldogs don't feel that way; but, along with the Duke Blue Devils, they exemplified

classy organizations, giving it their all to the end, showing teamwork that we all should strive to emulate. Their superior examples were made all the more clear by another sports example on this morning's television news programs: Tiger Woods.

I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of seeing those with everything going for them – fame, fortune, family, good looks, health – throwing it all away... and then our society continues to drool over them with gross and obsequious behavior! Personal responsibility is a dying virtue in American society. Maybe that's why I value it so much – and why the United States Navy and Marine Corps value it so much in young officers, aviators and warriors.

Poor conduct and behavior should have negative consequences. Besides that of high visibility celebrities, we have examples of that right here in our own backyard. Thankfully, we enjoy relatively few instances of the poor behavior that seems constantly displayed in the media. And that's as it should be.

When I began my career nearly 30 years ago, it was drilled into my head that we are held to a higher standard. And that's as it should be.

On a lighter note: if being held to the higher standards of being a Naval Aviator

isn't motivation enough, maybe the following (purportedly from a fifth-grader and taken from the Naval Aviation Museum newsletter) will suffice. Enjoy.

"I want to be a Naval Aviator when I grow up because it's a fun and easy thing to do. Naval Aviators don't need much school. They just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read maps so they can find their way if they are lost. Naval Aviators should be brave so they won't be scared if it's foggy and they can't see or if a wing or motor falls off they should stay calm so they'll know what to do.

"Naval Aviators have to have good eyes so they can see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are closer to them than we are. The salary Naval Aviators make is another thing I like. They make more money than they can spend. This is because most people think airplane flying is dangerous, except Naval Aviators don't because they know how easy it is. There isn't much I don't like, except girls like Naval Aviators and all the stewardesses want to marry them, so they always have to chase them away so they won't bother them.

"I hope I don't get air sick because if I do, I couldn't be a Naval Aviator and then would have to go to work."

Regards, Fingers.

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my life, I am thankful I am now allowed to say happy anniversary to my fellow chief petty officers as one of you," said Mabus.

CNO spoke of the importance of the chiefs' leadership and the difference they are making in the lives of our great Sailors.

"I will never forget my first chief and I know I am not alone in that sentiment," said Roughead. "Like so many Sailors, I too can say that a chief not only showed me the ropes at sea, a chief changed my life."

After the ceremony, West stopped by Arlington National Cemetery to pay respects to the first MCPON Delbert Black. Black served in the Navy from 1941 to 1971 and became the first MCPON on Jan. 13, 1967. Black died March 5, 2000, at 77 years old.

"MCPON Black took care of Sailors at a time when our Navy had no idea what or who a MCPON was, and I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the anniversary of the chief petty officer with spending time with my fellow chiefs and paying tribute to the first master chief petty officer of the Navy," said West.

"Happy Birthday Chiefs!"



The Naval Air Station Kingsville Chief Petty Officers gathered April 1 to recognize the CPO 117th birthday. The Grade of Chief Petty Officer was established on April 1, 1893, for the Navy. The CPO component is often referred to as the "backbone of the Navy" because of the vast experience and high caliber of the Sailors who comprise this cadre of seasoned professionals. (U.S. Navy Photo by Jon Gagné)

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Chaplain (Lt.) Mark Haley
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Bringing Faith, Hope and Life into the New Year

Editor's note: The following is a "clip" of the Chaplain's Easter message presented at the Sunrise Service.

"It is good to be here at Naval Air Station Kingsville Community Sun Rise Service, to be able to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Our country that has been based and founded on the principles found in God's scriptures that we carry in our hands.

"I get shivers of joy up my spine just to be able to look and know our history of all people who have served our country. To every person who has served our country and continues to do so, I just want to say thank you. I know it is not easy -- deployments are long, separation from family is long -- but we are here to proclaim freedom.

"I am here because Jesus lives and today is about God living in our lives with faith and hope that makes life possible in all situ-

ations. I can say I have faith in Jesus for what Jesus did on the cross and his empty tomb. Think about it! What happened on the Cross was so terrible!

"What Jesus went through to pay the cost of my sins! Jesus loves us so much. This Good Friday's service, it was amazing, the same thing happened ... as Jesus died for us, he died for our sins, as the wages of sin is death.

"Again, after Good Friday's service was over, we just stood there. I did not know how to break us from the silence of death, but I knew many Catholic Christians were there and we turned around and said, "Peace be with you." We did and our sorrow turned from the darkness of death, to joy we have in the peace found in Christ.

"That was crucifixion Friday, but because of what happened today, crucifixion Friday has changed. It is now called, "Good Friday," because Jesus is alive! Think about it -- if Jesus was not alive, it would not have been a Good Friday. It takes both, it takes death on the cross and it takes Jesus coming alive to start a new beginning without the bondage of sin, as the consequences of sin was defeated at the cross and empty tomb. We are no longer separated from God. We can worship our

Lord and Savior, Jesus, with happiness in our lives.

"We need faith and hope to fulfill our military missions. I guarantee that I would not get on a ship or in a plane without faith and hope. Without faith and hope we could not get through the preparations and the commencing of our missions, our deployments.

"There are times when people do not have faith and hope to complete our missions, our deployments. They need people that have faith and hope around them, to complete their jobs and to be able to make it through the day. Everyone here has a testimony how someone in his or her life inspired him to continue on. Thank God we have faith and hope!

"Faith and hope during our hard times. Is there anyone here that has ever had it perfect? If you have, sit down and write a book because everyone would want to read it.

"We are going to go through hard times. We hear about our economy with all the cut backs and things that are happening to our communities. Everything is split in our country between our politics. What's going to get us through this? Faith and hope!

"What got us through 911? Faith and hope!

"What continues to get us through life? Faith and hope!

"Faith and hope will also get us through our good times. We are not going to have all

bad times. This Easter sunrise service would be chalked up as one of our good times. Right here, worshiping our Lord in his back yard by this pond at Naval Air Station Kingsville. All these beautiful flowers on the ground and his cross on the hillside; this is truly a good time. You noticed that Jesus is not still there on the cross. He is alive! He is alive where? Jesus is alive in our hearts and our lives.

"God blesses us. And it all started right there at the cross! Faith and hope!

"Then we have other states combines together with Faith and Hope -- California, New Mexico, all 50 states coming together forming the United States. We have the United States of America that was born from our forefathers: faith and hope.

"We are in a world that needs faith and hope. So what do we do? I like the new Navy slogan: "America's Navy: A Global Force For Good." That's what we do, all of us, not just the military. We bring faith and hope!

"When we take our last breath on this earth, "absent from the body, present with our Lord," we will be with our Lord and Savior Jesus. I know Jesus came alive. That gives me faith and hope that I will come alive, also. Jesus is alive, as we celebrate daily and especially on Easter Sunday. God loves us so much. We can face tomorrow with faith, hope and life."



Grammy-nominated Emerson Drive entertained the crowd after the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels' performance Saturday, March 27. More air show photos can be found at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Newsroom/index.htm>.



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.

Come Join Us!

MWR set to open Wiggly Field

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department will hold a grand opening of 'Wiggly Field' Dog Park on April 22, beginning at 5 p.m. The dog park is free to use and open at all times.

'Wiggly Field' is located at the old softball field on the corner of Nimitz Ave. and Hutchins St. The grand opening, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m., will include a short 1.5 mile dog walk around base. Free doggie-goodie bags will be given to the first pets to arrive at the gate for the event.

'Wiggly Field' Dog Park is a dedicated area for dogs to have fun and get exercise without the restriction of a leash.

Dogs are required to be on a leash anywhere outside of the dog park. Pet owners are required to watch their dogs while they are enjoying the dog park, and should clean up after their dogs visit the park to help ensure it is a safe and clean area for all dogs to use.

Uniform changes announced in NAVADMIN 118/10 include CPO cutlass, occasion of wear of ball caps

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval operations approved a number of uniform changes as announced in NAVADMIN 118/10 March 31.

Included in the announcement is the approval of a Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Ceremonial Cutlass for optional wear by E-6 through E-9s. Chief petty officers are authorized to wear the cutlass in full dress uniforms when acting as a member of an official party during a ceremony. However to ensure uniformity, all members of the official party must wear either the cutlass or the sword. Because this is an optional uniform article, Sailors are responsible for the cost of the item.

Additional details on the final design and manner of wear of the cutlass will be released in a future Navy message.

Also announced in the NAVADMIN, are changes to the occasion of wear of the Navy and command ball caps. The ball caps are authorized for wear with the following uniforms: wash khaki, utilities, physical training uniform, coveralls, and flight suit. Commanding officers can authorize the wear of the ball cap at sea with the Navy Working Uniform and Camouflage Utility Uniform (CUU) by bridge watch teams and command training teams.

Ashore, commanding officers may authorize the wear of ball caps with the NWU and CUU by command training teams during field exercises held in restricted areas to help provide immediate visual identification of supervisors, controllers and safety observers. Ball caps are not authorized for wear in transit to or from exercise events.

CNP releases podcast on education opportunities, explains impact of education on today's Sailor

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- In a podcast released April 5, the Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) explained the impact of education on today's Sailor and described a few of the voluntary education opportunities available to Sailors — both enlisted and officers.

"Education is our asymmetric advantage; no other nation brings in over 40,000 people a year and the first stop is the school house," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, CNP. "For us, as a service, it's the most important strategic investment we make — an investment in our people to operate the Navy of the future."

Recently the Navy issued NAVADMIN 105/10 outlining changes to eligibility and policy requirements to receive education benefits through Tuition Assistance and the Navy College Program for Afloat College

Beginning Jan. 1, 2011, the Navy blue coveralls are only authorized for wear when underway. However, commanding officers can allow the wear of the Navy blue coveralls ashore in environments that place an excessive amount of wear on the working uniforms. The NAVADMIN also reminds commands they are responsible to purchase coveralls for work in areas that are likely to permanently soil or prematurely destroy the uniform.

Also beginning Jan. 1, the blue 100 percent cotton t-shirt worn with the NWU will be the only authorized T-shirt for wear with the Navy blue coveralls, replacing the white T-shirt formerly worn with the uniform.

Sailors can now wear black or navy blue backpacks on either the left shoulder or on both shoulders while wearing the service uniform or NWU. When wearing the NWU, a matching NWU pattern (blue, grey and black) backpack may be worn on the either the left shoulder or both shoulders. Sailors are reminded no personal ornamentation can be attached or worn on the backpack.

For complete uniform changes see NAVADMIN 118/10. More information on Navy uniforms can be found on the Uniform Matters web page at www.npc.navy.mil.

To read the latest Navy Uniform News Gram, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/USNavyUniforms/Newsgrams2.htm>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/. (From the Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)

Education.

Policy changes include the requirement of Sailors to complete an education plan before beginning courses and for new accessions to satisfy a minimum service requirement at their first permanent duty station.

Changes were put in place to appropriately balance the personal and professional demands of Sailors, maximize acceptance of college courses between institutions, improve course completion rates and ensure the Navy remains a good steward of education funding.

To listen to the complete podcast, visit <http://www.navy.mil/media/audio/cnp/CNP%20on%20Education%20FINAL.MP3>, or read the complete NAVADMIN at www.npc.navy.mil. (From the Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)



Members of the NAS Kingsville Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) recently conducted a base beautification project at the Navy Exchange/Commissary. The Sailors painted the lines in the parking lot, adding a new look. Above, from left, are CS2 Jeff Hall, CS2(SW) Robert Toler and CS2 Christopher Crocker, making finishing touches to the parking grids. Below, from left are AME2(AW/SW) Fernando Cisneros, CS2(SW) Keturia Laidlaw, CS3(AW) Erick Soliz, CS2 Christopher Crocker, CS Jeff Hall, CS2(SW) Robert Toler and CS2 Holly Clow. The JEA plans to continue beautification efforts throughout the year aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville and participate in other community and fundraising endeavors. They plan to begin their car washes soon. (Courtesy photos)



Commissary Commando competition could earn you cash

Are you ready to rumble? Can you compete with some of the best Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard single service members in the world? The Defense Commissary Agency is challenging command Single Sailors to see how many people you can get through the doors of local commissaries in the month of May.

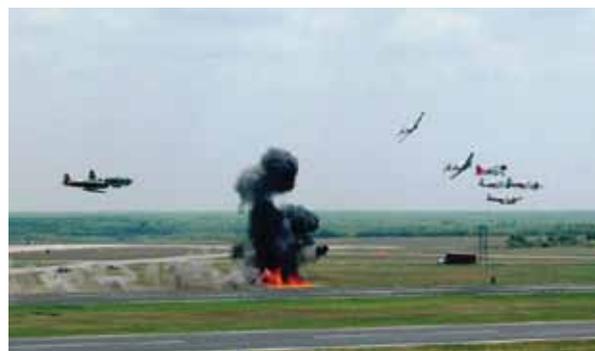
The competition will require a little ingenuity. Participants will meet with their perspective commissary managers and receive

a guided tour of the store. Then, they must come up with a marketing plan to bring people into the store. Photos, video, social media and other communication tools are encouraged.

Big cash prizes are up for grabs, including a grand prize of \$1,500. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, visit the Commissary Commando Web site at www.commissaries.com. You have to register by April 16.



The U.S. Army's Golden Knights opened the "Wings Over South Texas" air show each day.



KA-BOOM! The Commemorative Air Force's Tora, Tora, Tora team re-enacts the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.



ACCS(AW) Brian Carr, Air Ops leading chief petty officer, was one of the air traffic controllers working in the tower, ensuring no mishaps occurred on the air field.



Air Show veteran Jan Collmer performs in his Extra 300L.



Command and Air Ops personnel sneak a break from the action. Top: Cmdr. Scott Allen, Executive Officer, left, and Capt. Phil Waddingham, Commanding Officer, survey the tarmac as the finishing touches of the air show set-up are put into place, Friday, March 26. Above: Lt. Cmdr. David "Gravy" Anderson, left, and Lt. Michael "Butters" Wildman go over last-minute details on the flight line. Left: ACI(AW) William Bowman, Connie Cashen, and ACC(AW) William Hornbeak take a pause for a photo.

Wrap Up (from page 1)

pus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) as nearly 7,000 students from schools throughout South Texas turned out to attend an air show "Pep Rally" sponsored by the college.

"NAS Kingsville did a remarkable job of including the city, county and the university in their 2010 air show," said Joe Beidron, TAMUK associate athletics director-external advancement. "This was a wonderful, first-class event and a source of great pride for all of us in Kingsville and here at the college. We are so appreciative for being included in the event. We're already looking forward to the 2012 show!"

In addition to the event at the College on Friday, the Kleberg County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Kingsville put on a free, 'Meet the Performers' event at J.K. Northway coliseum. More than 1,000 people turned out to meet the performers up-close, take photos, swap stories and get auto-

graphs.

"We are so overwhelmed at the success of this event," said Parks & Recreation Director Susan Ivy. "Hosting the 'Meet the Performers' event at the coliseum really gave us a feeling that [local residents] were actually part of the air show. We've never had that connection before, and, we were excited to offer this event for both our residents and the performers."

The air show itself required months of pre-planning. The Air Show Committee, which began holding planning meetings last August, made certain that every detail was covered – from coordinating berthing for the performing teams, to parking and traffic management, to trash pickup. Air Show Coordinator Lt. Michael Wildman credits a "team approach" to making everything click.

"Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the hard working Sailors and civilians of NAS Kingsville, the staff at Texas A&M Univer-

sity Kingsville, and the leaders in the community, the air show was an outstanding success," Wildman said. "It was so great to see so many folks out enjoying the entertainment that 'Team Kingsville' worked so hard to put together.

"The Air Show was truly a joint effort with support coming from all over South Texas to provide security, medical, fire and other services. It was great to have aircraft from all services, the Coast Guard and even the Department of Homeland Security. I know I had a lot of fun and I look forward to seeing what will happen at the 2012 show, I know it will be even better!"

Lt. Jody Kite, NAS Kingsville Air Traffic Control division officer, served as Air Boss for the weekend show. Aside from having the best seat in the house to view the performances, he also worked hand-in-hand with the best air show announcer in the business, Rob Reider.

"I was thrilled to work with Rob during the air show," Kite said. "Between the heart-stopping performances and the fantastic job Rob did of putting the audience 'in the cockpit,' I had the time of my life. This was a great team effort, and the command is very proud of the hard work and determination of our Sailors and civilian personnel who put on a world-class event showcasing the Navy's premier jet training base and the community we call home here in Kingsville."

The final detail for the Air Show team is going over the event and compiling lessons learned for the next air show. The team is also gathering feedback on the show via a quick and easy survey to get a "big picture" feel of how the public – and staff members – felt about the show. If you'd like to fill out the survey, visit the following link: http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&site_id=472&service_provider_id=118820.



All members of "Team Kingsville" took part in ensuring the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show was a complete success, including those who helped clean up.



Air Field Manager Ken Moses tries to communicate despite the jet noise.



MA2 Kelly Miller of NAS Corpus Christi directs traffic towards the VIP parking lot during the weekend show.



Static displays representing various branches of the armed services were enjoyed by all air show-goers during the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show.



Grammy-nominated Emerson Drive sings the National Anthem Saturday morning, opening the air show, as the U.S. Army Golden Knights "hand carry" the national ensign to the flightline.



KidsZone provided entertainment for the youngsters throughout the weekend.



GOOD SEATS: Air Show Announcer Rob Reider, left, Air Show Air Boss Lt. Jody Kite, center, and Air Show Coordinator Lt. Michael Wildman take in the action during Friday's practice show. More than 1,000 high school JROTC personnel were on hand to enjoy the show, along with more than 40 previous Pilots For a Day and family members.

Navy volunteers serve as judges for local school's science fair

By Fifi Kieschnick, NASK Public Affairs

Ten Sailors volunteered to judge science projects of kindergarten through sixth grade students attending St. Gertrude School last month. It was the first of several science fairs Naval Air Station Kingsville has been asked to support recently as part of the schools' annual science fair competition.

There was a wide variety of projects, ranging from a second grader's "Can you teach an old dog new tricks?" to "How infrared technology helps energy conservation."

AC1(AW/SW) Patrick Harrison and AC2(AW) Mike Daugherty, both of Air Operations, judged projects belonging to first grade and kindergarten students, which included what color water dogs preferred to drink, whether plants grow better in juice or milk, which glue is the strongest, and what gum holds its flavor the longest.

"The science fair was a great opportunity to give back to the community," Harrison said. "The event was a great opportunity to meet the kids and see the bright minds of the future."

HM2(SW) Jordan Saffell, of the Branch Health Clinic judged third graders projects. "I was blown away that at such a young age they came up with

difficult science projects," Saffell said. One project in particular stood out in her mind – a little girl testing the theory of how coffee affected adults' blood pressure.

"The students were shy to talk to us about their projects," Saffell said, "but eventually warmed up.

"It was an outstanding experience that I would like to do again," she added.

According to school officials, science projects were categorized by engineering, physical science, earth science, and life and health science. The projects were judged on originality, scientific thought, approach, thoroughness, quality of display and the student's oral presentation of the project.

HM2(FMF) Juan Gutierrez, leading petty officer of the Branch Health Clinic's Preventive Medicine Department, said the science fair was very organized and the staff was hospitable. "I was also impressed with the students' performance during the interview of their project," Gutierrez added. "All of the fourth graders I spoke to were knowledgeable about the work they put in and what they learned from their experience.

"I enjoyed my time with the children and being part of their success," he concluded.

Key stakeholders discuss environment, stewardship, topics of shared concern

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy's Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (CNO N45) hosted "Partners for the Planet," March 31 in Alexandria, Va.

The event brought together the U.S. Navy, environmental non-government organizations (NGOs), and other key stakeholders to discuss environmental topics of shared concern.

Short-term objectives were to increase NGO and other key stakeholder awareness of the Navy's current and future environmental stewardship efforts, increase Navy leadership awareness of programs and initiatives led by the environmental community, and identify future partnering opportunities.

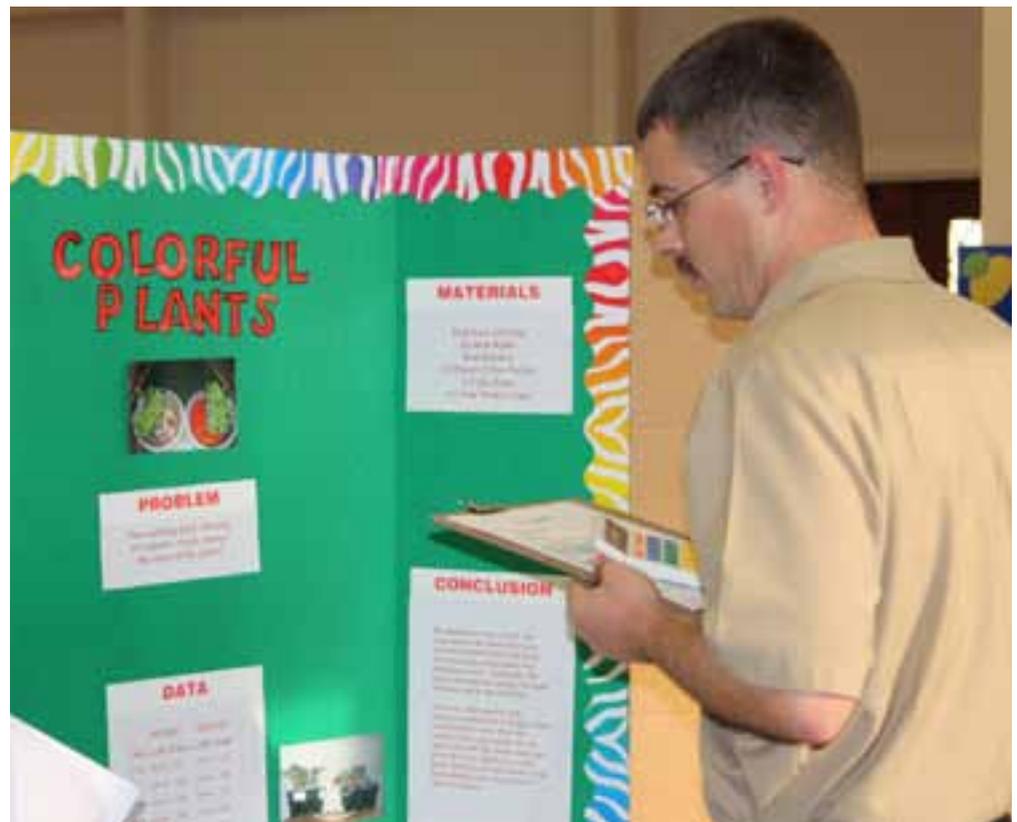
NGO participants included Endangered Species Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Oceana, and Ocean Conservancy, among others. These organizations have had ongoing dialogues with the Navy on a number of environmental topics. Representatives from

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Marine Mammal Commission also attended.

In addition to CNO N45, Navy participants included staff from a wide range of Navy organizations, including the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment (ODASN(E)), Chief of Naval Operations Shore Readiness Division, Office of the Oceanographer & Navigator of the Navy, Office of Naval Research, systems commands, fleets, and regions.

Communication with interested members of non-government organizations is a major priority for the Navy. CNO N45 intends to continue its work to strengthen ties between the Navy and the NGO community at the headquarters and fleet/regional levels.

For more information, contact Tracey Moriarty, director, Environmental Outreach, at tracey.moriarty@navy.mil.



AC1(AW/SW) Patrick Harrison of NAS Kingsville's Air Operations reviews a fifth grader's science fair project. Harrison was one of 10 volunteers who volunteered to judge science projects of St. Gertrude School students last month.

The science fair winning projects competed against other schools in the Kingsville Independent School District.

Winners from the district will compete at the Coastal Bend Science Fair being

held at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi the end of this month.

If you'd like to serve as a science fair judge, contact RP1 Christine Tamag at x6331.

President remarks on Navy's biofuel program

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- President Barack Obama announced March 31 his administration's future plans on energy security to include the Department of Navy's (DoN) biofuel program inside Hangar 3 at Joint Base Andrews, Md.

These plans include strategic efforts by the Department of Defense to enhance energy production and promote clean energy innovation. As part of the Navy's Energy Strategy, the Navy is developing the critical protocols needed to certify alternative fuels for use in Naval Tactical systems.

During the president's announcement, an F/A-18 'Green' Hornet and a Marine Corps Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) which are a part of the DoN's biofuel program were in the background displaying demonstrating progress toward the current administration's energy goals.

"Our military leaders recognize the security imperative of increasing the use of alternative fuels, decreasing energy use, reducing

our reliance on imported oil, making ourselves more energy-efficient," said Obama. "That's why the Navy, led by Secretary of the Navy Ray] Mabus, who's here today, has set a goal of using 50-percent alternative fuels in all planes, vehicles, and ships in the next 10 years."

Using alternative fuels and being energy efficient is primary piece of Mabus' energy reform targets for the DoN.

"One of the reasons we are trying to become energy independent, to the maximum extent possible, is to make us better warfighters," said Mabus.

As an environmental and energy concept, the 'Green' Hornet encompasses efforts ranging from operational and policy through technology research and development. The Navy will demonstrate an F/A-18 Super Hornet powered by a 50/50 biofuel blend on Earth Day, April 22, at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. as part of its biofuel certifications.

USO announces Sesame Workshop stateside tour begins April 17

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Sesame Street/United Service Organizations (USO) Experience for Military Families, a free traveling USO show based on Sesame Workshop's award winning "Talk, Listen, Connect" initiative and produced in partnership with Vee, is back in the United States after an around-the-world tour.

The show, which is exclusively for military families, kicks off its second swing through the United States April 17 at Fort Knox, Ky. Audiences will experience a 25-minute character performance and receive promotional items and outreach materials, said officials.

The Sesame Street Workshop/USO partnership put on its first show at Twentynine Palms, Calif., in July 2008. Since then, The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families has traveled more than 45,000 miles to 76 bases in nine countries. More than 120,000 service members and families have been entertained during 176 shows.

2010 Census reaches milestone of Census Day

WASHINGTON – The federal government designated April 1 as the official day of the population count in the United States. Sailors and their families should have used this day as the point of reference for answering Census questions.

"When completing the Census, answers should represent a snapshot in time — they should paint a broad picture of your household on a single day, April 1," said Chief Warrant Officer Melanie Kinchen, of Navy's Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch, and the lead for coordinating Navy's overall Census efforts. "Sailors, Navy civilians and their families should use this date no matter what day the form is actually completed."

All of the information disclosed on the Census to include race, gender and age are used to ensure accurate representation of the population to federal agencies which target funds, resources and policies toward age-based, civil-rights based and gender-based services.

"The government needs to know what services each community needs. For example a community which houses mostly single working adults will require different services than a community which houses an abundance of children or retired adults," said Kinchen. "In order to provide the right services to the right communities, the Census asks questions such as age and gender."

"The momentum that this show has gathered since it first performed for military kids and families is unbelievable," said Gary E. Knell, Sesame Workshop president and CEO. "To see how families come together and then use the messages from the show to talk to their kids is the greatest reward that we could ask for. We at Sesame Workshop are thrilled to continue this work with our partners and friends at the USO and reinforce our commitment to military families."

Sloan Gibson, USO president, noted the positive impact the tour is having on the military community.

"The fact that more than 100,000 troops and family members have attended these shows so far speaks volumes about the tour's relevance to today's military," Gibson said. "We listen to our troops and understand the challenges they face at home, and are proud to call Sesame Workshop our partner in helping to ease the daily stresses on military families." (*American Forces Press Service*)

Once the Census form is completed and returned, it will ultimately be compiled with the input of the nation and forwarded to the White House for apportionment of House Seats and to help determine the distribution of approximately \$400 billion per year in federal funding for neighborhood schools, hospitals, senior citizen centers and emergency services.

For those who have not completed and returned their Census forms, the Census Bureau will begin to assign and dispatch Census workers to conduct interviews in order to compile the required data.

Navy personnel stationed on board vessels April 1 received the Shipboard Census report; those assigned to group quarters received a Military Census Report; and those who maintain a stateside residence received the standard Census questionnaire at their home. All forms have 10 or fewer questions and take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Members stationed overseas will be counted using personnel records from the Defense Manpower Data Center.

To hear more information about the 2010 Census, listen to the podcast at <http://www.navy.mil/media/audio/cnp/CNP%20Census%20Podcast.mp3>

For more information from the Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/cnp. (*From The Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs*)



YOKOSUKA, Japan--A live production of *The Sesame Street Experience* is performed for families in the Benny Decker Theater at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, recently. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabriel S. Weber)

Census 2010 Quick Facts Frequently asked questions

1. Why does the Census need exact birthdates?

ANSWER: The Census collects the ages of residents in order to provide federal agencies with the information necessary for programs which target funds or services to children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, and the older population. The Department of Education uses census age data in its formula to determine state allotments.

In addition, under the Voting Rights Act, data on the voting-age population is required for legislative redistricting. Lastly, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uses age to develop its mandated state projections on the need for hospitals, nursing homes, cemeteries, domiciliary services, and other benefits for veterans.

2. Why do Sailors have to provide their phone numbers?

ANSWER: For the standard Census form, the Census Bureau requires phone numbers to clarify data, when necessary. Some forms are returned illegible or incomplete. By providing a phone number discrepancies may be addressed over the phone instead of sending a census worker to your home. Your telephone number is kept confidential, as are all your responses

Phone numbers are not required on the Military Census Report or Shipboard Census Report.

3. What is the purpose of the Census knowing what race a Sailor is?

ANSWER: Information on race is required for many Federal programs and is critical in making policy decisions, particularly for civil rights. States use these data to meet legislative redistricting principles. Race data also are used to promote equal employment opportunities and to assess racial disparities in health and environmental risks.

4. What happens next?

ANSWER: If you have completed your Census Form, your data will be compiled at the end of the Census and final counts will be sent to White House for apportionment of House Seats and distribution of approximately \$400 billion a year in federal funding.

If you have not completed your form, shortly after Census Day, Apr. 1, the Census Bureau identifies addresses from which no response has been received. A Census worker will be dispatched to your residence to conduct interviews.

Additionally, a Census worker will return to each installation to collect census forms for group quarters and transitory location (i.e. campgrounds, marinas, etc)

Trading Post

For Sale:- FE-370 Olympus camera 10 months old, black in color. 8 MP and 5x optical zoom. Has night shot capability, video recording and many other picture modes. Along with it is a 2 gb memory card stick and a camera bag. Camera has been well taken care of. Selling it to upgrade to a SLR camera. Asking \$150. Price negotiable. Call Lt Snehil Sood at 757-469-7165 or email at snehilmarine20@aol.com.

For Immediate Sale: 2008 4-dr. V-6 4.7 Dodge Ram. Black in color. (60,000+ miles). Asking \$15,000. Call 592-0776 or 516-6165.

FOUND: Silver diamond ring at the 2010 Air Show. Call Jon at 361-516-6500 for more information.

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Focus on Energy

Appliance rebates available in several states including Texas

Several states are offering home owners rebates for disposing of old appliances in the form of rebates. Texas is included in the list, offering \$23 million in federal stimulus funds to pay for a mail-in rebate program for consumers who purchase certain energy-efficient household appliances.

The rebate program, administered by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), will only apply to those who buy an eligible

Energy Star appliance and replace a functional old appliance. Purchases must be made from April 16-25, a 10-day period coinciding with Earth Day, April 22. The rebate program will not be retroactive and will only apply to purchases made once the program gets underway April 16.

Those who wish to take advantage of this program should first reserve their rebates by calling (toll-free) 877-780-3039.

You can also register online at www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us.

An additional \$75 recycling rebate will be added to all appliance rebates. Get registered for the program early, because the rebates are first-come, first-serve.

For more information about the federal stimulus funds available for this program in Texas, call Lt. Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, of NAS Kingsville Public Works, at x6368.



Celebrate Earth Day, April 22

Recycle government appliances

Naval Air Station Kingsville will be participating in an appliance recycling program this month. Government appliances that you'd like to recycle may be picked up on Thursday, April 22, at various times and locations, which will be published at a later date. For more information, call x6368.

Remember, it's our Earth.
 Save Electricity; Save Gas; Conserve on Water;
 Recycle Whenever Possible.
 Do your part for Energy Conservation - Help to Save Our Planet for Our Future Generations.
 Let's All Work Together to Go Green And Make our Earth a Better Place to Live. For All of us Now; And For the Future.



Thousands of students from schools throughout South Texas (pictured below) enjoyed a "Wings Over South Texas" Pep Rally, Friday morning, March 26, held at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK). Crew members of Fat Albert and the Blue Angels (bottom, left) spoke to the students, as well as Viper East crew members. The Golden Knights arrived at the stadium (left) in style and also spoke to those assembled. More pep rally and air show photos can be found at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Newsroom/index.htm>.



Registration opens for 2010 all-military wilderness challenge

by Mark O. Piggott, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Public Affairs

YORKTOWN, Va. (NNS) -- Registration opened April 1 for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department's 10th annual all-military Wilderness Challenge.

The Wilderness Challenge is scheduled for Oct. 7-9 in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. The event is hosted and co-organized by ACE Adventure Resort, West Virginia's largest outdoor outfitter.

More than 300 military people, representing teams from around the world, are expected to compete. Only the first 60 teams will compete, so teams interested are encouraged to register early.

"The MWR Wilderness Challenge continues to bring together the best athletes in the armed forces and puts them to the test," said Michael Bond, event coordinator. "The competition gets tougher and tougher every year."

Bond encourages teams to register early to reserve their space in the competition.

The Wilderness Challenge contains a series of six outdoor adventure races in a

team format designed to bring camaraderie, competition and team spirit between all the branches of the armed forces. Teams participating in this year's challenge will compete in an 8K mountain run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile forced hike through the mountains, a 13-mile whitewater raft race on the Gauley River and a 7-mile kayak race on the New River.

Wilderness Challenge 2009's winner was the "Dale Milton Racing" team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"The Army and the Navy have yet to win the Wilderness Challenge," stated Bond. "This is a great opportunity for a team from one of these services to step up and win big."

"It is not an easy competition and only the strong survive, so the winning team will be the best of the best in outdoor recreation and physical endurance," said Bond.

Registration is open to all branches of the military. Teams must be comprised of four active duty military personnel, one of which must be female. Registration can be made online at www.wildernesschallenge.net or by calling (757) 887-7256.



Team Wounded Warrior from Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Va., shoots the rapids down the Gauley River during the first day of the 2009 All-Military Wilderness Challenge in West Virginia, last October. The Wilderness Challenge is a competition between military teams from across the country Oct. 8 through Oct. 10 in five extreme outdoor events. Marines from the "Dale Milton Racing" team from Camp Lejeune, N.C. won the 9th annual Wilderness Challenge, completing all five events in a time of 7:17:41. (U.S. Navy photo by Mark Piggott).

SAVI advocates needed, training available

Here is a great command collateral duty opportunity for first or second class petty officers -- become a Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) advocate.

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) advocates, now known as Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) advocates are needed. Training to become an advocate will be held at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi April 20-23.

Several personnel have already shown an interest in this collateral duty, including IC1 Jessica Booth, ET1 Jose Partida, EN1 Lubert Moran, and IC2 Bernardino Martinez.

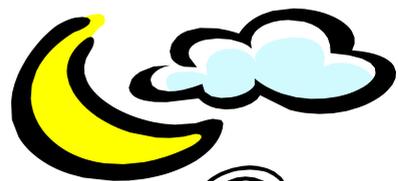
These personnel, and others interested in making a difference in victims' lives, should contact Pat Kapitan at NAS Corpus Christi for registration and information. Call 961-1670, for details.



Spectators watch the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels perform during the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show held aboard NAS Kingsville March 27-28. The Blue Angels were the featured performers. More air show photos can be found at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Newsroom/index.htm>.



U.S. Navy's Blue Angels were the featured performers during the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show held aboard NAS Kingsville March 27-28. More air show photos can be found at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Newsroom/index.htm>. (Courtesy photo by Cmdr. Gerry Murphy)



**Youth
lock-in
set for
tonight**



Naval Air Station Kingsville and NAS Corpus Christi's Child and Youth Programs will be joint-hosting a Youth Program Lock-In April 9 and 10, from 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. at the NAS Corpus Christi Youth Activities Center.

The Lock-In is for 10 to 18 year olds. Entry fee is \$10, which covers cost of three meals, a full night of supervision and endless fun in a safe environment.

For more information, call the NAS Kingsville Youth Director at x6718.



Air Park Ribbon-Cutting -- NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham, center, shares the ceremonial scissors with Public Work's Lt. Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, Ensign Clayton Beame and Contracts Officer Jack Kopatz during a small ceremony marking the official opening of the new NAS Kingsville Air Park April 6. Also attending, from left, CWO Chris Chandler, Firefighter Jose Ramos; Firefighter Shannon Malone; CMC Charlie Ratliff; Lt. Cmdr. Hamilton; Ensign Beame; Capt. Waddingham, Kopatz, Fire Chief Ruben Perez; Firefighter Joshua Huston; and NASK Security Officer Cesar Cavazos. (Photo by Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs).

Flying in tandem. Prior to the 2010 "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show, World Aerobatic Champion Rob Holland flies with the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. Rob Holland, who is flying the MX-2 aircraft, is the 2008 U.S. National Unlimited Freestyle Champion and the "2008 Airshowbuzz.com Person of the Year." He is a favored crowd-pleaser at air shows throughout the country. The Blue Angels flight demonstration team exhibit choreographed refinement of skills possessed by all Naval Aviators. More air show photos can be found at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Newsroom/index.htm>. (Courtesy photo by Scott Slocum.)

