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The City of Bishop celebrated their Centennial this past weekend. A parade through the center of town kicked off events Saturday morning, May 15, after a morning thunderstorm pushed through. Naval Air Station Kingsville personnel participated in the parade despite the rain, including an entry by the First Class Petty Officers Association and a color guard proudly carrying the colors.

The not-quite-soggy color guard members above are, from left: AC2(AW) Chris Olanday, AC3 Trevor Leon, AC3 Foy Fleming, and AC3 Matthew Hartopp. The three-day celebration included a number of events to celebrate the city's centennial, including a T-45 flyover courtesy of Training Air Wing TWO. U.S. Navy Photo by Jon Gagné.

Hurricane exercise tests command preparedness, communication

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs Officer

Navy commands and civilian communities around the country took a close look at their destructive weather plans and response instructions during the annual Hurricane Exercise conducted May 6-13. The exercise is designed to help commands and communities prepare for hurricane season by simulating storms in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, and tracking them over several days as they move inland. Commands that find themselves in the simulated track of the storms, act as if it were a real-time scenario and test their planned response for base preparation, accurate mustering of personnel, and safe evacuation of service members and their families, if needed.

"The purpose of this exercise is to test command's emergency and disaster plans based on a pre-designated hurricane coming into our area," said NAS Kingsville Emergency Manager Monette Walker. "While NAS Kingsville was not in the direct path of the storm, we still used the exercise to take a closer look at our destructive weather instructions and plans, and adjusted accordingly. Overall, it was a good learning experience for us, and we did pretty well."

Walker stated that her primary focus during the exercise was communication, from the command staff to base personnel, and activity to activity. "What's most important for us during the storm season is communicating back and forth and ensuring that we can

prepare the base and take care of our people and property. There are a lot of working parts that come with this, and we were able to test nearly all of them during this exercise. We walked away with a few lessons learned, but there were also some things that we did really well."

Preparing the command for situations such as hurricanes requires pulling all commands and activities together to get everybody moving in the same direction. When training is needed, the responsibility falls upon the NAS Kingsville Training Officer, retired senior chief petty officer Jon Bess.

"I had only been on board as the training officer for a couple of weeks when we had the exercise," Bess said. "And while we were not

in the projected path of the storm, I thought the best way to test our response was by holding a table top exercise with all the first responders. That not only got all of us on the same page as far as storm preparation goes, but it also gave me some valuable insight into how well we are prepared and what areas can be improved upon through training. These are things that I will be working on with the Emergency Manager to ensure that we have the right people in the right place at the right time when we have to respond."

While preparing for hurricane response includes simulating the various steps commands and activities have to take during each storm condition of readiness, the main focus

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Capt. Phil Waddingham
Commanding Officer
NAS Kingsville



From the Bridge

Greetings, Team Kingsville.

Hurricane Season starts June 1, and so I have asked our Flying K staff to focus this week's issue on hurricane preparation. Last week, NAS Kingsville personnel and tenant

command representatives participated in a Navywide hurricane exercise which reinforced to base personnel the steps they would need to take to prepare the base for severe weather. This edition of the Flying K will be focused on how individuals can prepare their homes and work centers to withstand the effects associated with a hurricane, and how to find useful information on our web site, and how to access NFAAS to update mustering information.

As we approach hurricane season, it is incumbent upon everyone to take steps to first protect your personal safety and property at home. At work, we are finalizing a mis-

sion essential personnel roster, and recovery personnel roster. If you are on either of these lists, you will have a role to play in helping to maintain the mission capability of our airfield, which could be used as a staging base for disaster relief operations if the Coastal Bend were ever to be hit hard. If you or your family members are not, you should still educate yourself on evacuations plans, and have a personal plan as well, should the call be made to evacuate the area.

Keep doing the great work you are doing, and I'll see you around the block.
 Skipper Waddz.

Fair Winds and Following Seas



Cmdr. Scott Allen
Executive Officer
NAS Kingsville



Twenty-Three Years After

Friday, May 15, was my last day as Executive Officer for NAS Kingsville. Almost four years have passed since my arrival in August 2006, and many things have changed. Once, an almost forgotten installation with a recapitalization rate of over 150 years, NAS Kingsville is scheduled to receive several military construction and special projects totaling \$60 million in this fiscal year. As Captain Waddingham has related in previous Flying K articles, this will be a year of con-

struction for NAS Kingsville.

For those of us who have participated in the Integrated Performance Team process, these future special and MILCON projects along with the Air Park, our Blue Angel, the Wings Over South Texas Air Show, NAS Kingsville's Fire Department winning the Navy's medium Fire Department of the Year and Fire Chief Ruben Perez winning Fire Chief of the Year for the Navy -- all indicate that NAS Kingsville is doing it right. The professionalism and commitment to excellence displayed by our team are second to none and exemplify the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. It is hard to explain transformation -- what it takes to get there and how together we can achieve results far beyond what was expected -- but that is what we have accomplished. I guess what I'm saying is we are changed by each other's commitment, dedication and sacrifice.

The first time I saw the changing of the

guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, I was a young Lieutenant and I remember being impressed by the precision with which these honor guard members executed their duty. The second time I watched this ceremony, I was a Commander and as taps began to play, I was moved to tears and had to look at the ground, as I simply could not watch it all. I guess you could say in the 15 years that had passed since I first witnessed this powerful ceremony, I had been transformed. Transformed by my experiences in the Naval service. Transformed by the loss of my fellow aviators, shipmates and friends. Transformed by the knowledge that service to one's country extracts a heavy price, but the reward is beyond measure.

As I move on to my next and possibly most challenging assignment as a "civilian," I will look back on my 23-year Naval career with pride. I will remember the flights to places only dreamed of at the bottom of the world. I will remember the times I have borne witness to the moods of the sea -- her tranquil beauty and savage tempests. I will remember the missions and the desire to honor those who came before me -- my teachers, my mentors, my family. Finally, I will remember the brothers I found along the way whose laughter and camaraderie sustained my soul through the long months of separation from my family. Shipmates, thank you for all you have done. I will always be in your debt.

Editor's note: Cmdr. Allen will retire from the U.S. Navy during a traditional ceremony on Friday, June 4, beginning at 2 p.m., at McFall Memorial Chapel aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville.

A Farewell Roast will be held in his honor on Thursday, June 3, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Captain's Club. Tickets are \$15. Contact Jon Gagné at x6375, for details.

Deckplate Leadership



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



Every day for the past year I have started my morning in the Executive Officer's (XO's) office discussing issues completed, issues pending, and issues on the horizon. This is typical at every command in the Navy as the XO and CMC work together to manage the day-to-day operations of the command. As we conducted our morning discussions, I often noticed the large photograph that hung on the wall behind the XO's desk. It was a beautiful photograph of a lone bald eagle sitting at the top of a majestic pine tree. Unfortunately, being wrapped up in the

myriad of issues that come with day-to-day management of a command, I never took the time to read the quote at the bottom of the photograph. That is, until recently, when I finally read the following words: THE ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the end, leaders are much like eagles.... they don't flock, you find them one at a time."

As I read those words I realized I had spent every morning for the last year in the office of someone who is the epitome of leadership. Cmdr. Scott Allen is a leader that other leaders strive to emulate. He has the answer for every situation and his decisions are

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The Flying K

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Safety's Charles Young takes a spin around the NAS Kingsville motorcycle safety course. (Photo by Jessica Walker, NAS Kingsville Safety Department).

Motorcycle safety key to summer travel

By MCI Ardelle Purcell,
National Naval Medical Center

BETHESDA, Md. (NNS) -- With Memorial Day approaching, historically marking the start of the 101 Critical Days of Summer, National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) leadership is supporting the Navy's summer safety campaign "Live to Play, Play to Live," in hopes of preventing motorcycle deaths and injuries.

"We need everyone to ride smart and most of all to ride safe this summer," said NNMC Deputy Commander Capt. Daniel Zinder, who also rides a motorcycle. "If new motorcycle riders and experienced riders take motorcycle safety courses to learn new skills or refresh old skills, I believe we can prevent and reduce motorcycle fatalities."

According to Dan Moore, Naval District Washington lead traffic safety instructor with Cape Fox Professional Services, motorcyclists need be aware of other drivers on the road.

"Once the weather warms up, motorcycles are on the road and it was reported in 2008 that 33 Sailors lost their lives in motor-

cycle accidents," he said. "Most people in an accident with a motorcyclist almost always say 'I never saw them.' We have to be aware there are others on the road."

Sport bikes represent a popular trend in motorcycles, a vehicle the Defense Department describes as any motorcycle with a forward leaning position, rear set foot pegs and high power-to-weight ratio.

For those wanting to purchase one of these motorcycles, Moore recommends riders understand the limitations of their skill.

"Sport bikes are the cheapest motorcycles out there and most people that get sports bikes are not experienced riders," he said. "Their popularity has brought them out to the streets. So a person that gets these types of motorcycles needs to make sure they can handle it. They need to take the training classes that can teach them if they get into a situation, how to get out of the situation."

For more information on motorcycles, riding motorcycles on base, safety gear and the "Live to Play, Play to Live" safety campaign, visit www.navymotorcyclerider.com.

greatly influences its culture. However, it's the XO who executes the mission by implementing the Commanding Officer's vision and guiding principles.

The XO is the person who makes the tough decisions on a daily basis. He is the one who listens when others have issues or problems. He then provides advice, counsel, and guidance on how best to handle the situation at hand. He is the person the Commanding Officer goes to when he needs a second opinion on complex issues that will require difficult decisions that affect the command

Kingsville to revive historic downtown district

Kingsville's Historic Down District Association (KHDDA) is moving forward with plans to revive the downtown area.

Kingsville's Downtown Manager, Bob Trescott, will present the second in a series of Downtown Chats in May and June on the city's plans for reviving Downtown Kingsville and on its participation in the Texas Main Street program.

"We're holding these meetings to get people involved in ways that are relevant to them," Trescott said. "Folks can help with arts, music, helping business, activities for kids, real estate – in short, with anything that they might have fun with or find interesting."

City Commissioner Al Garcia stressed the importance of the meetings and the need for people attend them. "We need for [residents] to attend the meetings that are going to be provided by the downtown manager Bob Trescott. We need [their] help in order to get ideas and input from the community."

"KHDDA supports the Main Street application and the city's plans for revitalization," said Rose Morales, co-chair of the Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association. "We look forward to working with everyone to create a more active downtown district."

The remaining informal meetings will be open to the public and will include a presentation, question-and-answer and discussion periods, and volunteer opportunities.

Each session has a separate topic and individuals are invited to attend as many sessions as they would like in order to get the most information. However, any topic can be discussed at any meeting.

"This is a great opportunity for us to create awareness of our heritage, including culture, economics and education," said Maggie Salinas, chair of the City Historical Development Board.

"It's also an opportunity to partner with our university and other resources to

showcase our historic and natural resources," Salinas added. "Through the Main Street program, we can preserve the valuable assets that are unique to our city. Now is an opportunity for us to exchange ideas and work together."

Upcoming Downtown Chats are listed below. They will be held on consecutive Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., in the City Commission chamber, Sixth Street entrance, at Kingsville's City Hall. These meetings are open to the public. Each session will have a unique topic but will be open to discuss any topic of interest to the attendees.

May 25, 5:30 p.m.,

City Commission Chamber,
City Hall, 6th Street Entrance
Kingsville's Downtown and the Four Points of Main Street™:

- Second Session, Design
- Historic Preservation Projects
- Roads, Streetscape, and Parking
- Wayfinding and Connections
- Building Facades
- Public Space and Public Art

June 1, 5:30 p.m.,

City Commission Chamber,
City Hall, 6th Street Entrance
Kingsville's Downtown and the Four Points of Main Street™:

- Third Session, Promotion
- Markets and Media
- Brand and Image
- Events
- Performing Arts and Music
- Materials and Media

June 8, 5:30 p.m.,

City Commission Chamber,
City Hall, 6th Street Entrance
Kingsville's Downtown and the Four Points of Main Street™:

- Fourth Session, Economic Restructuring
- Competitive Market Advantage and Niches
- Commercial Real Estate
- Business Assistance
- Business Recruitment
- Bottom Line: Reduce Risk & Increase Profits

Location: City Chamber Office, Kingsville

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always in the best interest of the command and its Sailors and civilian employees.

In discussions with fellow Master Chiefs over the years, it is clear that to me, and to my peers, there is no more difficult job at any command in the Navy than that of being the Executive Officer. Sure, ultimate command responsibility rests with the Commanding Officer. He is one who defines the mission and puts forth his vision and guiding principles. He sets the tone for the command and

and its Sailors.

During my 10 years as a Command Master Chief I have served with 11 Executive Officers at six commands. Each of these XO's were outstanding Naval Officers, dedicated to their commands and their Sailors. But, Cmdr. Scott Allen is without a doubt the finest Executive Officer I have ever served with. Although he is a compassionate leader, he has no problem making the tough decisions that others would shy away from. More importantly, the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent are unparalleled. Cmdr.

Allen is much more than an outstanding Naval Officer. He is an inspirational leader, a great American and one of the finest individuals I've ever known.

XO, it's been an honor and a privilege to have served with you. Sail safe into retirement and may you have fair winds and following seas, Shipmate!

Very Respectfully,
CMC



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



Faith is a response to the call of God- an awareness of being called and a willingness to respond to that call.

When I think of my family answering God's calling, I think of IA (individual augmentee) tour of duties - compared to our relationship to God's mission of bringing peace into this world from the bondage of sin. Being aware of God's mission helps us to be aware of our callings in life. IAs support our missions of fighting for our freedoms all over this world. It brings the mission front lines first hand to our awareness of being called to fight the good fight. This takes a willingness to respond to the call of fighting for freedom. God calls and brings to our attention the need of freedom from the evils in this world and we have a choice to respond to that call, by faith.

We go forth and protect our American way of life to preserve our liberties that develop into communities that unite together, helping one another. With freedom of choice

we can live up to our highest moral standards. It takes honor, courage and commitment to uplift our communities united as one nation under God with liberty and justice for all. The same goes for our military families all around the world - we have answered our calling of protecting our American liberties and rights for all.

Memorial Day is just over the horizon. Let us honor our families who have answered the call of freedom. Freedom has been forged by our past actions of honor, courage and commitment - share it with our future generations who continue to shape our world through faith.

Thank you for answering the call of freedom that allows our flag to fly high above the smoke of the battle ground of this world. "We have just begun to fight," said John Paul Jones. Let us continue to respond to our callings - the call of freedom.

Religious Ministries Services

Sunday: Family Bible Services with Children's Church, 9:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass, 12:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Noon Bible Study. **Wednesday:** 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!

National Naval Aviation Museum symposium highlights achievements in Naval aviation

By MCI Rebekah Adler

Navy Public Affair Support Element East

NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- The National Naval Aviation Museum recently concluded its two-day 24th annual Naval Aviation Symposium, which featured the enshrinement of Neil Armstrong, who first learned to fly when he was in high school.

"I would like to thank the Naval Aviation Museum for allowing me to join those remarkable individuals who are enshrined in the Hall of Honor," said Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon's surface. "My Navy and my country have given me extraordinary opportunities and I have had the benefit of working with amazing individuals."

Along with his achievements as an astronaut, Armstrong also served as a flying Midshipman and logged 78 combat missions during the Korean War.

The Naval Aviation Hall of Honor was created in 1979 and has selected 84 people for enshrinement.

"The symposium is also a valuable way to educate the public and service members on Naval Aviation's history and achievements," said retired Marine Corps Col. Denis

J. Kiely, senior editor, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation and symposium coordinator.

The symposium's other highlights included performances by the Naval Air Station New Orleans Navy Band followed by themed sessions featuring prominent speakers such as author Steven Coonts, who gave a speech at a luncheon on Thursday.

The themed sessions topics included "Genesis: The Birth of Naval Aviation (1898-1914)," "Answering the Call: Naval Aviation's Dynamic Expansion for the Great War" and "Naval Aviation: Issues and Answers." More than 4,000 people were at the event, which sold out both days.

"As for the service members, especially the young officers who are going through flight training, this event is important for their professional military education," Kiely said. "It's part of their heritage, to learn about those who have preceded them. It also teaches them courage, devotion and duty. It also shows the public that Naval aviation has a very rich tradition."

According to Kiely, this year's symposium leads into next year's event which will celebrate the first 100 years of naval aviation and is scheduled for May 2011.

All invited to May 28 health, safety fair

By Jessica Walker, NASK Safety Office

NAS Kingsville will host its third annual Health & Safety Fair at the Captain's Club Friday, May 28, and all personnel and their dependents are invited to attend the event, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be plenty of useful information for everyone covering health and safety issues. Some of the exhibitors this year include the Branch Health Clinic, NASK Fire & Emergency Services, Morale Welfare & Recreation, Navy Federal Credit Union, Driscoll Children's Hospital, AFLAC Insurance, Texas Dept. of Public Safety, Mothers Against Drink

Drivers (MADD), American Red Cross, and various motorcycle displays from well-known vendors and the list continues. Topics will include recreation safety, hearing protection, smoking cessation, motorcycle safety, financial management, disaster planning and more.

Let's make this health and safety fair as great as last year's - or even better! We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

This year's event is brought to you by the friendly folks at the NASK Safety Office, TW-2 Safety, Branch Health Clinic, L3 Vertex, Rolls-Royce, Cape Fox and the Navy Exchange.

Total Trihalomethanes - Return to Compliance

NAVAL AIR STATION KINGSVILLE has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that our drinking water now meets the standards for total trihalomethanes (TTHM).

The MCL for TTHM is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Compliance with this level is based on a running annual average of quarterly sample results. Our most recent RAA was 0.054 mg/L.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact Norma Barrera at (361) 516-6404.

Navy freeing up aviation training pipeline

MILLINGTON, Tenn. -- In an effort to reduce and stabilize the current wait time for training, the Navy is seeking to decrease the number of officers in the Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API) student pilot pre-load.

Reductions to aviation fleet requirements and recent material challenges with training aircraft have caused the student pilot population to exceed the optimal pre-load by approximately 200 personnel.

"Typically, time from commissioning to API start should be three months. The current delays have increased this time to six months," said Capt. Mike White, director, Aviation Officer Distribution.

To assist in reducing the number of students in the pipeline, Navy officials have planned to offer redesignation to qualified volunteers.

"Qualified volunteers from the existing API pool will be solicited through June," White said. "Community managers and detailees will be available to answer questions and make assessments of volunteers' qualifications and affinities toward alternative paths. Following an administrative review board, those selected will be removed from training status and administratively redesignated. If an individual is not accepted, for whatever reason, they will continue aviation

training."

Navy officials are also planning to offer delays or deferments via internships, graduate education, and other temporary additional duty options, prior to moving to Pensacola, Fla.

"We have been pursuing internship opportunities through various agencies in the Washington, D.C. area for our U.S. Naval Academy graduates," White said. "In addition, several newly commissioned officers will go directly to Naval Postgraduate School to pursue a graduate degree while graduates from Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) units around the country will have the opportunity to work locally with their unit or perhaps in recruiting."

Beginning in December, some Navy ROTC graduates may be assigned to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) until their API start date.

"The length of time spent in the IRR will be dependent on their API class start date," White said. "Nominally, this period will be about three to six months."

For more information about Aviation Officer Distribution, visit www.npc.navy.mil/Officer/Aviation.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

MWR Event Calendar

Pool Season: Pool opens Saturday, May 29. Pool hours: Monday through Friday: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lap swim); 1-8 p.m. recreational lap swim. Saturday, Sunday and holiday recreational lap swimming 1-8 p.m.

Daily pool fees (single): Active duty, Reservists and retired military - Free. Family members/authorized civilians \$1; Navy League, \$2

Monthly fees: Active duty, Reservists and retired military - Free. Family members/authorized civilians \$10 single, \$13 family; Navy League, \$13 single, \$30 family.

Pool Parties: Private parties are \$50 per hour with a minimum of two hours. Public parties are \$50 (flat fee) and include tables and chairs for three hours. Call 361-516-6113, for reservations.

Lifeguard Class: June 7-11. Certifications include Lifeguarding AED, First Aid, and CPR for the professional. Participants must be at least 15 years of age and must complete all required swimming tests. Cost: \$100 for active duty, Reservists, Retired Military and Dependents. \$150 for authorized civilians.

Fitness: Check out the Fitness Center's schedule of programs being offered to help you get in shape! Classes include Super Circuit Training, Sweat N' Play, Moms on the Move, and more. Call 516-6167, for more details.

Hunting: Escondido Ranch is now open. All hunters must first purchase a King's Hunt Club membership before using the facility or hunting on base. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, contact the Ranch at 830-373-4419, or visit www.NavyEscondidoRanch.com.



VT-22 Student Awards

Instructor of the Month (March)
Capt. Dennis McVeigh

Student of the Month (March)
Ensign Robert Gordon

Student of the Month (April)
Lt. j.g. David Tarr



FIESTA NIGHT AT THE LIBERTY CENTER -- Single Sailors and Geo Bachelors were treated to authentic Mexican food, music and dance lessons during Fiesta Night at the MWR Liberty Center. During the evening the Sailors provided input on services they would like to see at the Liberty Center. The list of suggestions included trips to sporting events and San Antonio, games, tournaments, cooking classes, and of course, food. From left are ABEC Bernard Diaz; AME2 Fernando Cisneros; Delia Martinez, Liberty/ITT Staff; ABH3 Luis Aguilar; Jerrica Holloway Liberty/ITT Staff, ABH3 Emilio Ortiz, and ABH2 Jesus Martinez (front). (Photo by Shirley Ley, Liberty Center/ITT Staff).



The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department sponsored a Star Service: Creating Stellar Customer Relations (CSCR) Class May 5-6, at the Fleet and Family Support Center. The two-day course provides Fleet and Family Readiness employees the skills and strategies needed to create extraordinary customer relationships. MWR's Shirley Ley served as the course instructor. The class was comprised of military and civilian employees from MWR, Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, and Youth Programs. CSCR results are improved service and higher customer satisfaction. Class participants are from left: EN3 James Phelps, MWR; FC2 Natasha Josey, MWR; Nat Garcia, NGIS; Anna Cansino, NGIS; Eryca Thompson, CYP; Carol Garza, Housing; Nakita Tell, CYP; Cynthia Arevalo, NGIS; EN1 Reginald Smith, MWR; and Mary Ann Delgado, NGIS.

Intramural Softball Standings

As of May 18

Team	Won	Lost
Border Patrol 1	4	0
Trauma Daug	4	2
Warriors	3	2
Kold Blooded	3	2
VT-22	2	2
B.U. (A)	2	2
B.U. (B)	2	2
VT-21	2	3
Border Patrol 2	2	4

Schedule:

Monday, 24 May

5 p.m. Warriors vs Trauma Daug
6 p.m. B.U. (A) vs Border Patrol 2
7 p.m. VT-22 vs VT-21

Wednesday, 26 May

5 p.m. Kold Blooded vs Border Patrol 1
6 p.m. Trauma Daug vs Border Patrol 2
7 p.m. VT-21 vs B.U. (A)

Monday, 31 May

NO GAMES on Memorial Day

Swimming pool opens

Pool opens Saturday, May 29. Scheduled hours of operation are: Monday - Friday: Lap Swim 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Recreational Swim, 1-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Recreational Swim, 1-8 p.m.

50-Mile Swim Club

The 50-mile Swim Club lasts throughout the pool season! Sign up at the pool's front desk, and track your miles. Swimmers who log 50 miles by the end of the summer receive a free T-shirt!

Lunchtime Volleyball

The Lunchtime volleyball league starts June 14. Team rosters can be turned in at the fitness center front desk.

Join NASK in celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

at the Captain's Club
on Tuesday, May 25,
from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu: Lumpia, Fried Rice, Pork Adobo, Fried Rice Plates are \$6 each.
Extras: Refreshments & Cake

Call Lucy Clarkson at x6333
or RPI Tamag at x6331,
for more information.

Theme: "Diverse Leadership
for a Diverse Workforce"

NEX launches new online store

By Kristine M. Sturkie,
Navy Exchange Service Command

Authorized patrons of the Navy Exchange (NEX) now have the added convenience of shopping online with the launching of its new Web-based store at www.myNavyExchange.com.

The new Web site features select merchandise such as tactical gear, Navy uniforms, Navy Pride items, fitness apparel and shoes, motorcycle safety gear, watches and sunglasses.

NEXCOM developed a secure system that validates authorized customers from those that aren't eligible before accessing the online store. Once a customer is confirmed as an authorized patron, access is granted into the online store where they can shop and purchase merchandise. Once a transaction is completed, the site allows customers to track their purchases and the delivery process.

Customers can also purchase NEX Gift Cards on the new Web site. Customers may also sign up to receive the new digitally-enhanced NEX sales flyer rather than have one mailed to their home. The NEX also offers e-mail and text messaging services to inform customers of events at their local store. Customers can also follow what is happening at the NEX on both Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Ensign Jay English, left, cuts a cake after his commissioning ceremony into the United States Navy. Pictured far right, father and son, Retired Chief Petty Officer Donald English stands proudly with his son, Ensign Jay English.



(Photos by Jay English, Demetrius Campbell and Monica Verde)

All in the family

Jay English, son of Donald and Connie English of Kingsville, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering May 8, from Savannah State University, Savannah, Ga. Upon graduation, English was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy.

English received his commission via the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), with his dad, a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer,

issuing the commissioning oath and rendering the traditional "first salute" to his son.

English will now move on to his first tour of duty in the Navy aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh (CG 67), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Jay graduated from Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla., in June 2005. His family moved to Kingsville later that year. His father is employed with the CNATRA Maintenance Contracts Detachment aboard the air station.

Navy designs new IA program preserving career choice, predictability

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- A new program to preserve career choice, volunteerism and predictability of Individual Augmentee (IA) assignments while solidifying Sailor and family support is being developed by U. S. Fleet Forces (USFF) and Navy Personnel Command (NPC).

The Overseas Contingency Operations Support Assignments (OSA) program will be implemented this fall through the Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) system, utilizing Sailor duty preference inputs.

"There are some inequities between the IAMM (IA Manpower Management) and GSA (Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment) processes," said Ron Dodge, deputy director for enlisted distribution. "When Sailors go on IAMM assignments, they are put on temporary additional duty (TAD) and receive per diem and entitlements, but Sailors going on a GSA are actually on permanent change of station (PCS) orders and don't receive those same entitlements. When delays have occurred during processing in Norfolk and San Diego, Sailors on GSA orders were responsible for out of pocket ex-

penses for lodging and meals. This program fixes that disparity. Sailors on OSA orders will also be in a TAD status."

According to NAVADMIN 171/10, OSA will be used by enlisted Sailors while officers will continue to fill IA taskings through the GSA process. OSA will allow Sailors to apply for an IA assignment 10 to 12 months prior to their projected rotation date (PRD).



CAMPLEMONNIER, Djibouti -- Adm. J. C. Harvey Jr., commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, addresses Navy individual augmentees and oversees contingency operations support Sailors at Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Carlotta Holley).

A dedicated OSA team at NPC will be available to discuss OSA opportunities and details regarding specific OSA assignments that match a Sailor's desires, timing and skill sets.

OSA orders will be executed at the end of the Sailor's normal PCS tour, however, these assignments will be in a TAD status from the current command to ensure Sailors

and their families maintain the traditional support of a parent command relationship.

"The family gets to stay where they are, where they have all the things in place to get the support they need while their Sailor is on an IA assignment," Dodge said.

If Sailors are accepted for OSA, they will be administratively extended at their current duty station for the duration of the IA assignment plus an additional 60 days to facilitate reintegration and preparation for their next PCS move.

Although Sailors will remain assigned to the parent command, procedures will be established to account for Sailors filling IA assignments rather than recording them on board and filling a billet. Doing so will generate a requisition for that Sailor at the original PRD, mitigating impacts to Fleet readiness.

Comprehensive business rules will be provided in a NAVADMIN in July. The program will rollout by October.

Those Sailors currently in the GSA pipeline will see no changes to their orders as a result of modifications to the process.

For more information, visit www.npc.navy.mil.



Lt. j.g. Danielle Thiriot Lt. j.g. Kyle Mason 1st Lt. Daniel LaChasse Lt. j.g. Brett Jakovich 1st Lt. Joseph Diniega 1st Lt. Adam Young 1st Lt. Matthew Golike

7 students designated Naval aviators, presented Wings of Gold

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

Seven student pilots were designated Naval Aviators and presented their coveted Wings of Gold during a Training Air Wing TWO winging ceremony at the Captain's Club May 15. The ceremony marked the end of nearly 14 months of undergraduate jet/strike training at NAS Kingsville for the students.

"All of these [students] have done a great job here," Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Mark Brooks said as he opened the ceremony. "We are extremely happy to have family and friends here with us today as we recognize their outstanding accomplishment. This is a great day for these students and the Navy and Marine Corps."

Three pilots were singled out for training excellence during the ceremony. Capt. Brooks presented Boeing "Top Hook" awards to 1st Lt. Daniel LaChasse and 1st Lt. Adam Young for achieving the highest scores during the carrier qualification stage of training.

Another student, the lone female of this Winging group **Lt. j.g. Danielle Thiriot**, was singled out for high performance during all phases of training here. Thiriot was asked to stay with Training Air Wing TWO for another 12 months to serve as an instructor pilot through the Selectively Retained Graduate (SERGRAD) program.

Thiriot is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in government and religious studies, and she is presently work-

ing on her Master's Degree in management and finance at Boston University. She was commissioned through the ROTC Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She earned two "E's" for bombing excellence during weapons qualifications.

Also receiving their wings were:

Lt. j.g. Kyle Mason, Jacksonville, Fla. Mason attended Virginia Tech University and earned a degree in English. He earned his commission through the ROTC program and completed primary training at NAS Corpus Christi. His next assignment will be with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106 at NAS Oceana, Va., flying the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet.

1st Lt. Daniel LaChasse, Pasadena, Calif. LaChasse spent four years at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy before entering the Marine Corps. He earned his commission through Officer Candidate School, and completed his primary flight training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. Aside from earning the "Top Hook Award," LaChasse earned two bombing "E's" and an ACM "E" during weapons training. His next assignment will be at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Lemoore, Calif., flying the F/A-18 Hornet.

1st Lt. Matthew Golike, Fredericksburg, Va. Golike attended the Virginia Military Institute for four years, graduating in 2007 with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in international studies and French. He entered the Marine Corps following graduation and was accepted into the aviation program. He completed his primary flight training at NAS Corpus Christi and reported to NAS Kingsville in April 2009. He earned an "E" for bombing excellence during weapons training. His next assignment will be at MCAS Beaufort, S.C., flying the F/A-18 Hornet.

Lt. j.g. Brett Jakovich, Cambridge, Minn. A graduate of the University of North Dakota, Jakovich holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in aeronautical studies.

Jakovich earned his commission in the Navy through Officer Candidate School, and entered flight training in October 2007. He completed his primary training at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla., and reported to NAS Kingsville for jet/strike training in October 2008. During his training here, Jakovich earned two "E's" for bombing excellence during weapons training.

Jakovich's next assignment will be with Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 at NAS Lemoore, Calif., flying the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet.

1st Lt. Joseph Diniega, Oahu, Hawaii. After serving in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) in high school, Diniega moved on to the University of Colorado. Four years later, he left with a degree in aerospace engineering and entered the Marine Corps' Officer Candidate School.

After being accepted into the aviation field, Diniega reported to NAS Pensacola for Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API), and primary flight training with VT-6. He reported to NAS Kingsville for undergraduate training in February 2009. During his training here, Diniega earned an "E" for bombing and ACM excellence during weapons training. His next assignment will be at MCAS Cherry Point, S.C., flying the EA-6B Prowler.

1st Lt. Adam Young, Cincinnati, Ohio. A graduate of the Naval Academy, Young chose to pursue a commission in the Marine Corps hoping to be accepted into the aviation program. He reported to Training Air Wing TWO at NAS Kingsville in March 2009, and in addition to earning a "Top Hook Award" during his carrier qualifications aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) last December, he also earned "E's" for bombing and ACM during weapons qualifications. His next duty station will be at MCAS Beaufort, S.C., flying the F/A 18 Hornet.



Three pilots were singled out for training excellence during the May 17 winging ceremony. Capt. Mark Brooks presented Boeing "Top Hook" awards to 1st Lt. Daniel LaChasse (center) and 1st Lt. Adam Young (left) for achieving the highest scores during the carrier qualification stage of training. Another student, not pictured here, Lt. j.g. Danielle Thiriot, was singled out for high performance during all phases of training. U.S. Navy Photo by Jon Gagné.

New SRB levels announced

The Navy has adjusted Selective Reenlistment Program (SRB) levels to match reenlistment needs for critical skills and ratings, including the hardest to fill areas such as nuclear operators, Aegis fire controlmen, and air intercept controllers.

NAVADMIN 175/10 approves 24 increases in SRB award levels and 10 decreases. Award levels in 124 categories remain unchanged, one was added and 12 award levels were removed.

“The Selective Reenlistment Bonus program allows Navy to properly incentivize high-demand Sailors with critical skills in order to maintain a prepared force, which is ready and able to execute global operations in today’s complex security environment,” said Rear Adm. Dan Holloway, director of Navy’s Personnel, Plans and Policy division. “Having a flexible and responsive SRB program helps minimize over or under execution of critical skill retention goals and allows Navy to maximize use of our allotted resources.”

“People are our most valuable resource and we are a world class Navy because of their skills and professional dedication,” said Holloway. “The intent of the SRB is to reward those who attain training in skills most critical to Navy’s current needs and mission requirements. We know our Sailors have a strong direct effect on all readiness resource areas; we must never forget this.”

WINNING PARTNERSHIP -- Kleberg Elementary School has partnered up with NAS Kingsville in a program titled, KERP (Kleberg Elementary Reading Program). Third grade teachers, Laurie Harrison and Mrs. Womack, have partnered up with ABE2 Kendall Armstrong and Jeannie Alexander from NAS Kingsville to create a volunteer reading program. Service members read to students, share life experiences and become acquainted with the children. This is a win-win situation. The students look forward to hearing new stories and spending time with their heroes; as well as, the service members enjoy spending time with the students and serving as role models. This program will continue next school year. Kleberg looks forward to inviting others to be a part of this successful and growing program. KERP partners pictured above are: front row from left, Sebastian DeLeon, LeAnn Greene, Shawn Rios, and Rudy Calzada. Back row, Anszel Sepulveda, Juan Montalvo, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Womack, ABE2 Kendall Armstrong (NASK), Lt. j.g. Grant Mauritzson (VT-22), and Lt. j.g. David Tarr (VT-22).



Meeting Team Kingsville



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Deputy Public Affairs
NAS Kingsville

Hi.

I’d like to introduce myself – I’m new on the NAS Kingsville Public

Affairs staff.

I transferred in January from the now-closed Naval Station Ingleside. I am really

glad to be a part of Team Kingsville.

I know. What’s taken me so long to say, “Hello?”

Well, I just figured out what I wanted to say.

First, let me tell you a little about myself.

I’m originally from Northern Virginia. I transferred to Texas in 1988, when I was working for the Army. I’ve been working in the public affairs field for many, many years. And, I love it! I love what I do and who I work for. I feel honored to be supporting the men and women in uniform who serve our country.

And, again, I am very glad to be a part of Team Kingsville. I’m new to Naval aviation, just having spent the past quite-a-few years working with the surface Navy in Ingleside. So, I’m learning a lot in addition to meeting new people.

So, that’s what I’d like to write about in my column, “Team Kingsville.” I’d like to introduce you to some of the people I meet who play a part in making Team Kingsville the awesome organization that it is.

I look forward to meeting you, learning from you and sharing your story with the rest of Team Kingsville.

Secretary of Defense: Navy, Marines need adaptable people

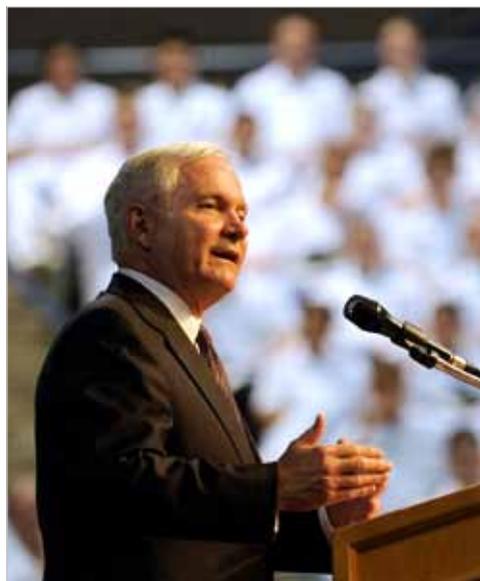
By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (NNS) -- The types and numbers of Navy ships will change, but the quality of Sailors and Marines aboard those ships and serving ashore must endure, the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) said during the Navy League annual Sea-Air-Space Convention at the Gaylord Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., May 3.

SECDEF Robert M. Gates, speaker at the event, said sea service members will need to remain adaptable to their changing missions around the world.

“[They] must have moral, as well as physical courage; they must have integrity; they must think creatively and boldly,” said Gates. “They must have the vision and insight to see that the world and technology are constantly changing and that the Navy and Marine Corps must therefore change with the times – ever flexible and ever adaptable. They must be willing to speak hard truths, including to superiors.”

How the United States handles the increasingly complex security challenges of the future will depend less on the quality of its hardware than on the quality of the leaders, the secretary said.



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates

As examples, he used Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Victor Krulak, the visionary behind the Higgins boat who later contributed greatly to U.S. understanding of counterinsurgency in Vietnam.

Gates also cited Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, who as a young officer helped to develop the circular formation for carrier escorts, used to great effect in World War II and for decades after.

The secretary also mentioned Adm. Hyman Rickover, whose genius and persistence overcame the conventional wisdom that nuclear reactors were too bulky and dangerous to put on submarines.

Finally, he spoke of Lt. Cmdr. Roy Boehm, who after World War II, designed and led a special new commando unit that became the Navy SEALs. Boehm’s legacy is at work every night, he said, tracking down America’s most lethal enemies in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

“What is compelling about each of these leaders,” Gates said, “is that they had the vision and insight to see that the world and

technology were changing, they understood the implications of these shifts and then they pressed ahead in the face of often-fierce institutional resistance.”

These qualities would come to the forefront in any era, Gates said, but they are especially important today, given the pace of technological changes and the agile and adaptive nature of the most-likely and lethal U.S. adversaries. The enemy could run the gamut from modern militaries using asymmetric tactics to terrorist groups with advanced weapons.

The emphasis in the Navy and the Marine Corps has to be on their people, the secretary told the group.

“Over the past three-and-a-half years, in the fury of two wars, I have seen the future of the Navy and Marine Corps onboard ships, on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, at Navy bases and Marine camps, and at the Academy,” said Gates. “These young men and women fill me with confidence that the future of our sea services is incredibly bright and that our nation will be secure in their hands.”

Hurricane season runs June 1 to Nov. 30

Knowing the basics can help you prepare

The ingredients for a hurricane include a pre-existing weather disturbance, warm tropical oceans, moisture, and relatively light winds aloft. If the right conditions persist long enough, they can combine to produce the violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains, and floods we associate with this phenomenon.

Each year, an average of 11 tropical storms develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. Many of these remain over the ocean and never impact the U.S. coastline. Six of these storms become hurricanes each year. In an average 3-year period, roughly five hurricanes strike the U.S. coastline, killing approximately 50 to 100 people anywhere from Texas to Maine. Of these, two are typically "major" or "intense" hurricanes (Category 3 or higher storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale).

What is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone, which is a generic term for a low pressure system that generally forms in the tropics. The cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms and, in the Northern Hemisphere, a counterclockwise circulation of winds near the earth's surface. Tropical cyclones are classified as follows:

Tropical Depression

An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds* of 38 mph (33 kt**) or less.

Hurricane Exercise

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shifts to the command's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as the storm gets closer to landfall. Once activated, all phases of response are directed from the site, including communications with local civil emergency management agencies.

"It's important for us to coordinate what we're doing with the local community," Walker said, "because in a real hurricane we may need to ask the city or county for assistance or respond to their requests for mutual aid. We're fortunate to have a great working relationship with Kingsville and Kleberg County first responders, and we communicate back and forth all the time. That gives us a big advantage when it comes to storm preparation."

Tropical Storm

An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph (34-63 kt).

Hurricane

An intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 kt) or higher.

Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

Hurricane Names

When the winds from these storms reach 39 mph (34 kts), the cyclones are given names. Years ago, an international committee developed names for Atlantic cyclones. In 1979 a six-year rotating list of Atlantic storm names was adopted — alternating between male and female hurricane names. Storm names are used to facilitate geographic referencing, for warning services, for legal issues, and to reduce confusion when two or more tropical cyclones occur at the same time.

Through a vote of the World Meteorological Organization Region IV Subcommittee, Atlantic cyclone names are retired usually when hurricanes result in substantial damage or death or for other special circumstances.

The names assigned for the 2010 Hurricane Season are: Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula,

Richard, Shary, Tomas, Virginie and Walter.

Basic Safety Actions

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Have a written plan based on this knowledge.

At the beginning of hurricane season (June 1), check the supplies for your disaster supply kit, replace batteries and use food

stocks on a rotating basis.

During hurricane season, monitor the tropics. Monitor NOAA Weather Radio. It is an excellent / official source for real-time weather information and warnings. If a storm threatens, heed the advice from local authorities. Evacuate if ordered. Execute your family plan.

Watch vs. Warning

Tropical Storm Watch: An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified coastal area within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning: An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.

Hurricane Watch: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Hurricane Warning: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in

advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

Disaster Supply Kits

You should have a Disaster Supply Kit on hand during hurricane season. This Kit should include all the items that you and your family will need to get through the storm and the recovery period. You should have enough supplies to last 3-7 days.

Recommended items for Disaster Supply Kits include:

Water. Have at least one gallon available per person per day for 3 to 7 days.

Food. Store at least enough food for you and your family for 3-to-7 days. Include non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices; foods for infants or the elderly; snack foods; non-electric can opener; cooking tools / fuel; paper plates and plastic eating utensils.

Blankets / Pillows, etc. For comfort if you are directed to a shelter.

Clothing. Seasonal, but include rain gear and sturdy shoes.

First Aid Kit. Include medicines and prescription drugs.

Special Items. Any special needs items for babies or elderly personnel.

Toiletries. Include hygiene items, moisture wipes, tissue, etc.

Flashlight and batteries. Make sure you have a good supply of batteries on hand.

Radio. Battery-operated radio is a must. Also, if you can purchase an NOAA weather radio, that would be helpful.

Telephones. Fully-charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set.

Cash (include some small bills) and Credit Cards. Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

Keys. Home, vehicle, office, etc.

Children's toys. Toys, books and games for the kids.

Important documents. Store important documents in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag. Include insurance papers, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security cards, etc.

Tools. Keep a set with you during the storm

Gasoline. Ensure your vehicle tanks are filled.

Pet care items. Include proper identification, immunization records, and medications. Also provide an ample supply of food and water, a carrier or cage, and a muzzle and leash. (Source: National Weather Service.)



Lack of awareness, preparation common among major hurricane disasters

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Hurricane hazards come in many forms: storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. This means it is important for your family to have a plan that includes all of these hazards.

Look carefully at the safety actions associated with each type of hurricane hazard and prepare your family disaster plan accordingly. But remember this is only a guide. The first and most important thing anyone should do when facing a hurricane threat is to use common sense.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center, predict a "near normal" hurricane season for U.S. coastal areas in 2010.

The "near normal" prediction includes the probability of 12-16 named storms during the season, with 6-9 of those storms reaching hurricane strength and 2-5 becoming major hurricanes.

"Living in a coastal state means having a plan for each and every hurricane season. Review or complete emergency plans now - before a storm threatens," said retired Navy

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 23-29

Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "Planning and preparation is the key to storm survival and recovery."

Similar climate patterns to those expected this season have produced a wide-range of activity according to the National Hurricane Center. Those climate patterns have produced near-normal and above-normal seasons. An "average" hurricane season has 11 named storms, with six hurricanes and two hurricanes listed as category IV or better.

"The outlook is a general guide to the overall seasonal hurricane activity," Lautenbacher said. "It does not predict whether, where or when any of these storms may hit land. That is the job of the National Hurricane Center after a storm forms."

Bill Read, director of NOAA's National Hurricane Center, said, "Our forecasters are ready to track any tropical cyclone, from a depression to a hurricane, which forms in the Atlantic Basin. We urge coastal residents to have a hurricane plan in place before the season begins and NHC will continue to provide the best possible forecast to the public."

When a storm forms in the tropics - and even before that stage - NOAA forecasters at

the Miami-based National Hurricane Center are in continuous monitoring mode - employing a dense network of satellites, land- and ocean-based sensors and aircraft reconnaissance missions operated by NOAA and its partners. This array of data supplies the information for complex computer modeling and human expertise that serves the basis for the hurricane center's track and intensity forecasts that extend out five days in advance.

The science behind the outlook is rooted in the analysis and prediction of current and future global climate patterns as compared to previous seasons with similar conditions.

"The main factors influencing this year's seasonal outlook are the continuing multi-decadal signal (the combination of ocean and atmospheric conditions that have spawned increased hurricane activity since 1995), and the anticipated lingering effects of La Niña," said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "One of the expected oceanic conditions is a continuation since 1995 of warmer-than-normal temperatures in the eastern tropical Atlantic."

"Americans in hurricane-prone states

must get serious and be prepared. Government - even with the federal, tribal, state and local governments working perfectly in sync - is not the entire answer. Everyone is part of the emergency management process," said FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison. "We must continue to develop a culture of preparedness in America in which every American takes personal responsibility for his or her own emergency preparedness."

NOAA's Atlantic hurricane season outlook will be updated on Aug. 7, just prior to what is historically the peak period for hurricane activity.

More information can be found at <http://www.noaa.gov/>.

Hurricane Mustering

All command personnel are required to muster via the Navy Family and Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) during all hurricane contingencies in addition to mustering with their commands. Save the following link on your list of favorites: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fnavyfamily.navy.mil%2F>.

NAS Kingsville Awards & Recognition

Navy Commendation Medal

Lt. Michael Wildman

Air Ops / NALF Orange Grove OIC
2010 Air Show

Navy Commendation Medal

Lt. j.g. Ricardo Cerna

Asst. NASK Security Officer
From Commanding Officer,
Naval Support Activity Bahrain

Navy Commendation Medal

AC1 (AW) William Bowman

Air Ops Tower Branch Chief and
Facility Watch Supervisor

Navy Achievement Medal

AC2 (AW) Carlos Lopez-Haver

Air Traffic Control Tower Supervisor,
Command Honor Guard

Flag Letter of Commendation

From Commander, Task Force 48
Operation Unified Response

AC2 Brian Heaver

Air Ops/Air Traffic Control

Blue Angels

Letters of Appreciation

Lt. Michael Wildman

Air Ops/NALF Orange Grove

NAS Kingsville

Letters of Appreciation

2010 Air Show/CO's Chalet

DC1(SW) Victor Brooks

MWR Department

EN1 Reginald Smith

MWR Department

EN3 James Phelps

MWR Department

Sr. Civilian of the Quarter :

Ken Moses

Air Ops/Air Field Manager

Federal Service Awards:

Mary Esquivel

Child Development Center
20 year pin

Thomas S. Francisco

Fire & Emergency Rescue
5 year pin



Capt. Phil Waddingham presents medals to (from left) Lt. Michael Wildman, Lt. j.g. Ricardo Cerna, AC1 William Bowman, and AC2 Carlos Lopez-Haver during a command quarters and awards ceremony at the Captain's Club May 20. (Photox by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).



Comic's 'happy hour' provides inspirational real-life messages



Bernie grips the audiences' attention by revealing his step-by-step downward spiral into the world of high-risk drinking and drug abuse. Not even the alcohol and drug related suicide of Bernie's younger 19-year old brother Scott would slow down Bernie's drinking and reckless behavior. Three DUI arrests later, at the age of 26 Bernie served a six-month sentence in Los Angeles County. Now 21-years free from alcohol & drugs Bernie is motivating service members to identify the warning signs and take safe action before it is too late or fatal. Bernie is inspiring service members to be prepared, trained and ready to defend the Safety of our Nation!

By Jon Gagné, NASK Public Affairs

Comedy can be uplifting - especially when there's a message that hits home. That's how comedian Bernie McGrenahan looks at it, anyway. He's seen life from all angles; the



up's and down's, and the in-between's, and he's eager to tell you about it.

McGrenahan visited NAS Kingsville May 13, to provide an inspirational and humorous look at life through his experiences as part of his "Happy Hour" Drug and Alcohol Prevention Tour. The comic is performing at military installations throughout the south to send home a personal message about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault and harassment to inspire military and civilian personnel to make smart choices and better prepare military units for mission success.

"Kingsville, Texas - what did I do to deserve this?" McGrenahan asked as he took the stage in the Captain's Club last week. From that point on, the comic kept the audience in stitches as he joked about news headlines, celebrities, life in general, and military service. Halfway into his routine, he turned

the focus to real-life lessons learned.

Three DUI arrests by the age of 25, the suicide of one of his younger brothers, and a six-month stint in the Los Angeles County Jail are only part of his story. Reckless drinking and behavior, failed relationships, and broken dreams led to a downhill spiral that few people could ever recover from. But McGrenahan did recover and today he is eager to speak to people about his life.

"McGrenahan's presentation is hilarious and moving," said NAS Kingsville Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. David Anderson. "I found myself laughing so hard that I had tears in my eyes, and then, becoming so emotional from his message that I had to fight the tears back. His "Comedy With a Twist" show is one I highly recommend to any command, school or business. He delivers a powerful message that hits home with all of us."

Now 21 years sober, McGrenahan tours the country, appears on late-night television shows, visits schools and military installation touting the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, sexual assault and harassment to anyone who will listen. If you ever get an opportunity to see him perform - take it. You won't regret it.

To view more information about McGrenahan and his Happy Hour Comedy Tour, visit his Web site at www.comdeyisthecure.com.

Barracks Moving Day



NAS Kingsville Sailors finally got the "go" to move into the recently renovated Bldg. 3740 Barracks this week. Building 3755, the old barracks, will now undergo a complete renovation from top to bottom, and will eventually become the new Navy Gateway Inns & Suites for the air station. Above, ACAN Garrett Scanlin, back, and ACAN Thomas Debeneditis, front, move their personal items out of Bldg. 3755.



RPSN Quentin Williams carries a load of clothes to one of the barracks wash rooms. Below, ACAN Thomas Debeneditis unpacks in his new room.

Above right, Cmdr. Scott Allen checks out the renovated barracks prior to opening of the facility. The barracks are managed by the command's Bachelor Housing Department, managed by CSCS (SW) Mike Reed.

Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NASK Public Affairs



Brownsville youth is Pilot For a Day

Training Air Wing TWO and NAS Kingsville welcomed aboard 10-year old Paul Polanco as "Pilot For a Day" May 20. Paul was accompanied by his parents and his brother Phillip for his special day on board the air station.

The Pilot For a Day program is a joint community relations evolution between Training Air Wing TWO, NAS Kingsville and Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Once a month, a child being treated at the hospital is brought aboard the Naval Air Station and provided a special day with the pilots and personnel of the base. Paul is presently being treated for gastrochosis and an enlarged spleen.

Sponsor commend for this month's evolution was VT-21, with Marine Capt.

Erik Sprague serving as sponsor pilot, and Marine Capt. Luke Prigg serving as TW-2 Program Coordinator. Pilots from NAS Corpus Christi also assisted with the event, flying a C-12 down for the day. Lt. Josh Lostetter piloted the plane and provided Paul and his brother a tour of the aircraft - including the cockpit.

In addition to visiting the paraloft, air operations and the air traffic control tower, Paul visited the Approach Radar Facility, the VT-21 Ready Room, the base Fire Department, Security, and the Ground Training Complex where he got to sit in a T-45 fight simulator and conduct some hands-on training.

Left, Paul and his brother pose for a photo at Air Ops with Capt. Sprague (left) and Lt. Lostetter, right.



Above, VT-21 Pilot For a Day sponsor pilot Marine Capt. Erik Sprague poses with Paul in this flight gear and his brother Phillip at the paraloft. Above right, L-3 David Colclasure provides assistance. Below, the PFAD teams visit the Air Traffic Control tower. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

Above, AC2 Maggie Greenwood takes Paul out onto the tower's catwalk for a close look at the NAS Kingsville airfield. Below, Paul (center) and his brother Phillip pose for a photo with C-12 pilot Lt. Josh Lostetter of VT-35 at NAS Corpus Christi. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).

