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## Performance, community involvement key in selecting NAS Kingsville's top Sailors

By Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville's 2010 Sailors of the Year share common traits that helped them stand out among their peers, according to the nominations submitted by the selection boards.

Sustained superior performance remained the top priority for the boards, but separating the top Sailors required looking at a number of other criteria. Among the list were leadership, command and community involvement, professional growth, off-duty education and collateral duties.

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer



AC1(AW) Jarred Lee



FC2(SW) Natascha Josey



CS3 Erick Soliz

Capt. Mark McLaughlin and Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff made the official announcement of the 2010 top Sailors at a command quarters and awards ceremony in late October. The recognition caught most of the selectees by complete surprise.

"I'm extremely happy and proud to announce the 2010 Sailors of the Year here today," McLaughlin said. "Each one of them has proven themselves to be not only reliable leaders, but also, great representatives of the command and the Navy. They are all truly deserving of this recognition and I congratulate each of them on their selection."

According to Ratliff, the competition at each level was extremely tough, as departments sent their best Sailors up for the awards. But in the end, the selectees stood out a little more than the others.

"Our selection boards really did their homework," Ratliff said. "They took their responsibilities as board members very seriously and I commend them on their dedication and commitment to the process. Having served on a number of these boards during my career, I can tell you it's not an easy task."

AC1(AW) Jarred Lee, of the Air Operations Department, was selected as Senior Sailor of the Year. Lee serves as the Facility Watch Supervisor for the Air Traffic Control Division, and is responsible for ensuring flight safety for more than 36,000 square miles of airspace during normal flight operations. Lee also serves as the assistant Tower

Branch Chief, tasked with ensuring proper control procedures are followed and FAA requirements are met by all controllers.

The 11-year veteran and native of Mayfield, Ky., has his eyes set on eventually applying for the Navy's Limited Duty Officer program and earning a commission as an air traffic control division officer.

"I'm extremely honored and humbled to be selected as Senior Sailor of the Year for the air station," Lee said recently. "I know every first class who was nominated was deserving of this recognition. I think what may have set me apart was my collateral duty of serving as leading petty officer for the command's color and honor guard, because we are always out in the community representing the very best of the command and the Navy."

"I also feel that I'm a well-rounded Sailor who is very devoted to the Navy and my community, spending countless off duty hours toward both. I'm very dedicated to doing the best job that I can, and try to lead by example."

Lt. Jody Kite, Lee's division officer, agrees. "Petty Officers Lee's performance as an air traffic controller and leader has been nothing short of extraordinary," Kite said. "His natural ability coupled with a sincere concern for the Sailors that he leads has served this command and the recipients of air traffic control services exceptionally well. As a Facility Watch Supervisor, AC1 Lee is

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## Making the holidays brighter

From left, Chaplain Mark Haley, RP2 Ross Curiel, and RP3 Quentin Williams prepare holiday food baskets recently to be distributed to shipmates in need as part of Operation Shipmate. The NAS Kingsville Chief's Mess donated turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday baskets. Personnel from throughout the base donated nonperishable food items and the Kingsville Navy League donated \$750 toward the purchase of food items. The chaplain's office handed out a total of 21 baskets this holiday season. The NAS Kingsville Wardroom will purchase hams for Christmas holiday baskets. (Photo by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



To be recognized by the Region as the nominee to compete for this award is a testament to all personnel at NAS Kingsville -- testament of everyone's hard work and dedication to the mission of supporting the Fleet, Fighter and Family.

Well done!

Further, I truly believe the communication, working relationships and leadership of the installation's department heads, chief petty officers, leading petty officers and civilians occupying leadership positions are the cornerstones of our organization. Everyone has performed superbly and we will continue to support our tenants in their mission objectives.

Following closely on the news from last Monday was the announcement of those Sailors who have been selected for advancement to the next higher pay grade.

NAS Kingsville had 12 members

selected: Congratulations to AC1 Martin Adrian Jr., ET1 Samuel Sanchez, AC2 Fomai Aokuso, AC2 Christy Collins, AC2 Jason Davis,

AC2 Foy Fleming II, AC2 Matthew Hartopp, AC2 Trevor Leon, AC2 Jarrun Robertson, CS2 Erick Soliz, AC3 Robert Chamberlain and AC3 Andrew Eickmann.

Their selection reflects their commitment to the U.S. Navy and a counter-commitment from the Navy to them for continued service. I am extremely confident in these Sailors' abilities to perform the roles required of their selection to the higher pay grade.

In closing, don't forget the La Posada Parade through downtown Kingsville on Dec. 4 and contribute a toy to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Until next time,

- Skipper Mac

Greetings Team Kingsville!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday break.

I'll start with the big news we received a week ago Monday: RADM Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, announced that NAS Kingsville is his nomination from the Region to compete against the other regions' top nominees for the coveted Commander, Navy Installations Command, Installation Excellence Award.

## Deckplate Leadership



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



ready for the upcoming Christmas season.

I encourage all of you to spend some time focusing on safety as we head into yet another holiday season.

If you're going to be traveling during the holidays, plan ahead. Make sure your vehicle is ready for the journey. Are your tires and antifreeze in good shape? Have you had your oil changed lately? And -- make sure you plan your trip carefully.

Break the trip up and don't push yourself too far in a single day. Instead, plan the trip with several stops throughout the day and then stop early enough in the evening to ensure you get a good night's rest before continuing your journey the next morning.

Also, be careful around the house as you prepare for the Christmas season. I will be

spending this evening up in my attic bringing down Christmas decorations. At my age, or any age for that matter, you must be very careful carrying boxes down a ladder!

Also be careful when hooking up your Christmas lights. Don't overload extension cords and make sure you don't damage the electric Christmas light cords with that stapler when hanging the lights.

In fact, I recommend you use the small plastic clips to hang your lights instead.

Finally, I would like to wish every member of Team Kingsville a Happy Holiday season! Spend time with your family and friends and have a great time!

Be Safe!

V/R

CMC

Team Kingsville,

Well this weather of late proves we have finally moved into the winter season! I was happy to see that everyone reported back to work safe and sound from their Thanksgiving holiday. I hope each and every one of you thoroughly enjoyed your well deserved time off. Now folks are going to be getting

## NASK Toys For Tots drive ends Dec. 11

The 2010 Toys For Tots program will come to an end on board the air station Dec. 11. That means you have one week left to participate in this annual program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and local sponsors Lisa & Jerry Bockholt.

"Toys are especially needed for children 2 years old and under, and children 13-17 years of age," Lisa Bockholt said earlier this week. "These are the two age groups that we always seem to have the most trouble getting gifts for."

CS1 Holy Clow of the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites staff is serving as the NAS Kingsville volunteer coordinator for year's drive in conjunction with the NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office.

CS2 Clow is looking for volunteers to assist with the toy distributions at the Secret Santa Warehouse in downtown Kingsville for the week of Dec. 13-17. If you'd like to volunteer, contact CS2 Clow at 516-6321.

Boxes are located throughout the base for donations through Dec. 11.

## NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

For more information, call 516-6331.

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with Children's Church  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

### Tuesday

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in Bldg. 2741

### Wednesday

7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship  
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at (847) 502-7085,  
for more information.

### Thursday at McFall Memorial Chapel

4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Marriage enrichment retreat free

Registrations are now being taken for a marriage enrichment retreat that will be held Jan. 21 to 23, at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. It is free of charge for personnel with a Department of Defense identification card -- active duty, Reserve, retired, dependents and civil service personnel.

There is a limit of 14 couples. Call (904) 542-3923, for reservations and information about the retreat.

### Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service  
at 5 p.m.  
followed by  
Christmas Eve Mass  
at 6:30 p.m.  
at  
McFall Memorial  
Chapel

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This newspaper is published for people like Laura Jo Crosnoe, financial technician in NAS Kingsville's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. Crosnoe, a Kingsville native, has been working aboard NAS Kingsville for more than 19 years.

## New structural fire trainer will increase firefighter effectiveness

A Structural Fire Trainer was delivered to the Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Station on Monday, Nov. 22.

"This training device is a win-win for us in that it will decrease overtime and increase our effectiveness in fighting ground fires," said Fire Chief Ruben Perez.

"In order to maintain our structural fire fighting skills, we have been sending our firefighters to the Refinery Terminal Fire Company once a year," Perez said. "It's good training, but it costs us tuition and overtime for our 41 firefighters."

"Using the Structural Live Trainer aboard NAS Corpus Christi also costs us in overtime."

Not only will having this trainer aboard NAS Kingsville decrease costs, but it will increase effectiveness allowing firefighters to conduct more training, as well as train with local community fire departments.

"This trainer is good news for NAS Kingsville and the local community," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin. "It offers a cost-effective, realistic training environment for our firefighters."

"It also allows our firefighters to train with the local communities' fire departments, who they work side-by-side with in fighting a fire in the local community," McLaughlin added.

Perez stated that NAS Kingsville has made efforts to acquire a fixed live-fire training facility since 2002. "We have come



Fire Chief Ruben Perez looks over the Structural Fire Trainer that was delivered recently. According to Perez, the training device will decrease personnel costs and increase personnel effectiveness.

close, but it's never materialized for us.

"With the number of actual fires on the decline, it's extremely challenging for firefighters to gain real-world experience," Perez added. "This training device is one option to ensure our firefighters gain and maintain their professional skills."

"More importantly, it will increase firefighter safety and give us a chance to work

as a team with our mutual-aid partners in a controlled hazardous environment, which will improve overall operational effectiveness in fighting ground fires."

Next step is to find a location on the installation to place the trainer and develop standard operating procedures to ensure firefighter safety.

## Flight Plans

### Volunteers needed for NJROTC drill meet

Volunteers are needed to help make the Saturday, Dec. 11, Annual Coastal Bend Classic NJROTC Drill Meet successful.

Volunteers would serve as judges to the scheduled events.

Report to Hangar 42, aboard NAS Corpus Christi, on Dec. 11, at 7 a.m. in uniform—khakis, peanut butters or flight suits. The meet ends at about 5 p.m. Volunteers will receive a box lunch.

If you are interested in volunteering, call QMCS Trent Harrell at (361) 961-1965 or cell (361) 548-9420.

### Rechargeable batteries accepted at recycling center

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Recycling Center is now accepting certain rechargeable batteries.

They are: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), and small sealed lead batteries less than 11 pounds (Pb).

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## In the Break



### Pilot for a Day is good to go

Lt.j.g. Scott Lindahl, of Training Squadron 21, poses with 7-year old Jonathan Nesmith with all the flight gear that pilots wear, from helmet to G-suit. Jonathan, a patient at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, was the November Pilot for a Day, Nov. 18. He was joined by his parents, younger brother and grandparents as he spent the day getting a taste of naval air training. As the sponsoring squadron, VT-21 gave Jonathan a "pint-size" flight suit and bag. He visited the VT-21 Ready Room, Para Loft, Air Operation's weather office, radar room and air traffic control tower, Fire Department and Security Department. Jonathan also took the seat in the flight simulators and got a taste of jet training, maneuvering in the skies and landing on board a simulator aircraft carrier at sea. VT-21 sponsored a lunch of pizza in the Captain's Club and the Fire Department provided dessert of cake and ice cream. All in all, it was a day that the Portland resident and his family will not forget.

### Top Sailors from page 1

a direct representative of the commanding officer and bears full faith and confidence in maintaining the high standards of safety and operational performance of the watch crew. He is truly an outstanding Sailor."

Lee will now represent NAS Kingsville at the Navy Region Southeast Sailor of the Year competition this month. If selected, he would then move on to further competition as the Region-wide Sailor of the Year repre-

sentative.

The 2010 Junior Sailor of the Year is FC2(SW) Natascha Josey, of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department. Josey supervises four enlisted personnel in the day-to-day maintenance actions in the maintenance shop, completing more than 250 work orders in the past year. Jo-

*see Top Sailors on page 5*



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Master Chief Navy Counselor Laura Paquian and Navy Counselor 1st Class Staci Bradley listen to a Sailor talk about his Navy career goals during a career development session aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is conducting composite training unit exercise preparing for an upcoming deployment. Photo by MC3 Kathleen Gorby.

## Career development board compliance rate improves

By MC1(AW) LaTunya Howard  
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

According to Navy leaders, more commands conducted career development boards (CDB) in fiscal year 2010 than in previous years.

The total number of CDBs at the end of fiscal year 2010 was 139,699.

This is an increase of more than 300 percent since 2005, when the first complete year of CDBs were documented in the Career Information Management System (CIMS).

"Command master chiefs and command career counselors, along with the career development team, are being more proactive," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Mark Rush, Navy counselor rating technical advisor, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

"There is now a system in place that tells commands the different types of CDBs to conduct and when to have them. It makes the process constant rather than sporadic," said Rush, attributing the increase to command engagement.

In accordance with the enlisted retention and career development instruction, OPNAVINST 1040.11C, CDBs are required for all Sailors upon reporting to a command, after six months on board, at 12 months on board and at 12-month intervals thereafter. By conducting these boards on schedule, the

Sailor's career desires are recorded in CIMS and become part of a permanent record that can follow the Sailor throughout their career.

"We previously used local databases. CIMS is allowing command leadership, up to the bureau level, to track who is doing the job of conducting CDBs and who is not," said Rush. "This ensures Sailors are informed and commands maintain accountability."

Typical topics covered during a board include watch-standing qualifications, continued education goals, advancement, short and long-term career objectives, Perform-to-Serve and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores. Leadership can use CDBs to learn the priorities of the Sailor.

CIMS is available to all shore commands with Internet access and on board 150 ships using CIMS Afloat on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System server. The primary function of CIMS is to assist career counselors with tracking, conducting and documenting CDBs.

The command master chief, chief of the boat, senior enlisted leader and command career counselor team are the focal points for career development initiatives within the command. "CDBs are the right thing to do," said Rush.

"It keeps the Sailor on track with their career long and short term goals, and it's a leadership tool for retaining our best and brightest."

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department leading chief, says that Soliz has impressed not only his peers – but also senior Sailors from throughout the command.

"CS3 Soliz is a stellar performer in his duties and responsibilities," Myers said. "He is a Sailor that juniors below him should try to emulate. He has stepped in as the JEA president and continues to make things hap-

pen on the base and in the local community. He already performs as a second class petty officer so once he puts on his second chevron he will not be shy of the additional responsibilities that come with his advancement. He is not only an asset to this department, but also to the command and the Navy."

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# NAS Kingsville's Sailors of the Quarter recognized



**Senior Sailor of the Quarter  
ICI (SW) Bernardino Martinez**

NAS Kingsville's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 is ICI (SW) Bernardino Martinez, a native of Fort Worth, Texas.

Martinez enlisted in the Navy in 2004, and spent the first five and a half years of his Navy career as an interior communications specialist on board the USS Momsen

(DDG 92). He reported to NAS Kingsville 10 months ago, and serves as the assistant leading petty officer for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's facility maintenance shop. He supervises 5 technicians in the maintenance and upkeep of 9 MWR facilities, and all installed portable equipment, which includes 5 government vehicles and 3 farm tractors.

"ICI Martinez is a highly motivated First Class Petty Officer with outstanding initiative," said MWR leading chief Johnny Tienda. "He makes himself an invaluable asset, takes on all assigned duties and looks for more ways to positively impact his department and command. He demonstrated his technical knowledge by scoring in the top 2% of his rating on the March 2010 advancement exam, and displays tremendous potential for Chief and Officer assignments."

Martinez aggressively pursues off duty education and has inspired others in the MWR department to do the same. He has met all graduation requirements for an Associates Degree in applied science with an option in applied electronic studies from Thomas Edison State College, and is presently enrolled at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, in search of a Bachelor's Degree in industrial technology.

"I am very honored and proud to have been selected from such a competitive group of fellow first class petty officers," Martinez said shortly after being informed that he had earned the award. "It's even more special for me," Martinez added, "since I was just recently advanced to E-6 in July."

Martinez' list of collateral duties includes serving as a command SAPR advocate and member of the First Class Petty Officers' Association.



**Junior Sailor of the Quarter  
ET2 (SW/AW) Matthew Watson**

NAS Kingsville's Jr. Sailor of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of FY 2010 is Electronics Technician Matthew Watson of the

Air Operations Department's Ground Electronics division. Watson, a native of Byers, Texas, enlisted in the Navy in 2004.

Watson works as an electronics technician in the Approach Control Radar facility on board the air station, specializing in the Precision Approach Radar (PAR). He conducts routine and preventative maintenance on all radar, communication and navigational equipment used to provide a safe flying environment for training student naval aviators.

"I don't feel that I am any different than any other technician in my division," Watson said about his selection. "We all work hard to maintain our equipment and keep the field open so the mission at NAS Kingsville can be completed. I do try to help my community by volunteering my time whenever I can, but ultimately the big picture is to keep the air field open so that pilots can train."

Watson's supervisor, Senior Chief Kirk Hurst, said Watson was nominated by his department because he is simply one of the best Sailors and technicians at the command.

"ET2 Watson is an outstanding Sailor and technician," Hurst said. "As one of just four Radar technicians, he performed more than 175 maintenance checks and 10 corrective actions on more than 20 pieces of equipment, valued at over \$20 million. His attention to detail and technical expertise resulted in 50,000 incident-free flight operations during the past quarter."

"Watson has also displayed superior technical skill and determination learning

*see SOQS on page 14*

## **Congrats to the Navy & Marine Corps' newest Naval Aviators winged Nov. 19**

Training Air Wing TWO's most recent winging ceremony was held aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville on Nov. 19 in the Captain's Club ballroom.

Pictured right are the newest Naval Aviators. Front row, from left: Lt. Col. Nathan Neblett, MATSG Executive Officer; Cmdr. Skip Kelsey, VT-21 Commanding Officer; Cmdr. Narayanan Thiagarajan, Indian Student Liaison; Lt. Karan Batura; Lt. Prateek Pachauri; Lt. Col. Terrence Latorre, VT-22 CO; Capt. Matthew Halbert, Instructor.

Center row, from left: Lt. j.g. Andrew Turo; Lt. j.g. Timothy Herman; Lt. David Tarr; Lt. j.g. Troy Vantrease; Cmdr. Darren Guenther, VT-22 XO.

Top row, from left: Maj. Erik Sprague, Instructor; 1st Lt. Jordan Meredith; 1st Lt. Gregory Fuhrer; 1st Lt. John Viskup; 1st Lt. Matthew Phillips; 1st Lt. Matthew Holcomb.

(Photo by Richard Stewart, Chief of Naval Air Training Public Affairs)



# Volunteers serve up pipin' hot cowboy breakfast

About 50 volunteers from Naval Air Station Kingsville, Branch Health Clinic Kingsville and the training squadrons stood alongside countless community volunteers to serve breakfast to thousands of visitors to the King Ranch on Nov. 20. It was the King Ranch annual Ranch Hand Breakfast. Breakfast included a heaping plates of eggs, refried beans, biscuits and gravy, sausage and tortillas. Visitors were also treated to demonstrations of team roping, horseshoeing, rawhide braiding, and more. NAS Kingsville firefighters were also on hand as a community partner. Pictured here are some of our volunteers in action.



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Jon Gagné &  
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**TOOTH TIPS** by C.A. Clements, D.D.S., M.A.G.D.

**Clenching And Grinding Of Teeth**

Many people do it! Some know they do it! Some have to be told they do it! Whichever the case, clenching and grinding of your teeth can be a very harmful and possibly subconscious "habit" that is responsible for many headaches, neck aches, loose teeth and prematurely worn down teeth. Some people clench or grind their teeth severely in their sleep, totally unaware, and for some, the result is not much sleep at all. If you have unexplained head or neck aches, a simple test you can do yourself, using your fingers, is to put pressure on the sides of your head and at the base of your skull. Both of these areas tend to be sore on a clencher/grinder. To prevent or limit these bad symptoms, various dental mouthpieces can be constructed. Most people undergoing treatment notice that they sleep better and have fewer head and neck aches. I notice fewer loose teeth and less wear. These can add up to a happier and healthier patient!



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AC2 Mary Greenwood-Drumheller teaches a sophomore social studies class at H.M. King High School. (Photo and story by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum)

**Sailors prepare students for 'real life' through Jr. Achievement**

AC2 Mary Greenwood-Drumheller is a volunteer with the Junior Achievement Program, a nationwide program that uses volunteers from the local community to help mentor and guide students.

NAS Kingsville currently has three volunteers active in the local schools. The program lasts from five to seven weeks, with the volunteers teaching a class at a local school once a week about various subjects that will help to prepare the students for "real life." All age groups are covered, with each group

learning about a different subject from the volunteers. The topic for Greenwood-Drumheller's class was entrepreneurship. As well as lecturing, Greenwood-Drumheller also has the students actively participate in discussions and even take part in role playing games.

"I was nervous when I first started," said Greenwood-Drumheller, "but once the kids got involved and showed interest and realized this could affect their lives it became easier. This is a very rewarding experience."

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Cmdr. Scott Wilmot, left, and Air Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson prepare to sample one of the entries in the Chili Cook-off held Nov. 17. (Photo and story by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum.)

### Commissary chili cook off winners receive holiday baskets

NAS Kingsville Executive Officer Cmdr. Curtis Wilmot, left, and Air Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson prepare to sample one of the entries in the Chili Cook-off held Nov. 17. The event, which was sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA), will be the first of many community outreach projects, according to new Store Director Velma Siler.

"It's all about satisfying our Sailors," Siler said. "That's why we're here and that's why we're doing these outreaches. We want to make our customers aware of their com-

missary options."

Wilmot and Anderson served as judges for the chili contest, sampling each of the six entries before selecting a winner. First, second, and third place winners each received a Thanksgiving gift basket from the commissary complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Delia Martinez of MWR took top honors. Melita Couch took second and Carol Garza, third.

The commissary is planning to host a bake-off next month, with more prizes from the store being offered to the winners.



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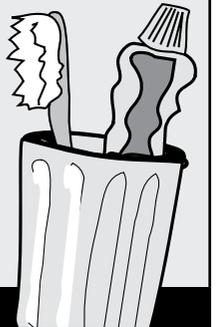
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by Tina Konwerski

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Saturday, December 4, 2010 HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi, 6901 Holly Road (Near Rodd Field). Join us for unique, festive and exciting holiday shopping and our bake sale. Blood Mobile will be onsite for interested donors.

December 4th thru December 22, 2010 Christmas Tree Forest Corpus Christi, TX - Art Museum of South Texas (361) 825-3500. [www.ArtMuseumofSouthTexas.org](http://www.ArtMuseumofSouthTexas.org) One of the Museum's most popular traditions is back! Reflecting the theme Christmas Around the World, the forest will be made up of 20 individual trees representing various countries. Museum visitors will be able to cast their votes for their top three favorite trees.

The City of CC Parks & Recreation Department's Cultural Services Division invites you to attend one of its two Tamale Cooking Demonstrations to be held in the Galván House in Heritage Park. Wednesday, December 8, 2010; one from 10:30 a.m. to noon; and the second from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person and includes the demonstration, recipes and food samples. Reservations are requested, 361-826-3417 to reserve space. Galván House in Heritage Park at 1581 N. Chaparral. FMI 361-826-3417, [www.ccparkandrec.com](http://www.ccparkandrec.com).

Harte's Holiday Party - December 9,

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Chocolate shavings, for garnish



To a coffee mug, add chocolate syrup, peppermint syrup and coffee. Mix together. Top with a dollop of whipped cream and chocolate shavings.



# FLYING K DINING GUIDE

## What's Happening, from page 12

**2010 - 10:30 a.m.** at Janet F. Harte Public Library - Corpus Christi Children's Program. Join us as we celebrate Harte Library's Holiday Party! We will have the Flour Bluff Intermediate Choir performing, refreshments, children's craft and tree decorating. All events are **FREE** and open to the public.

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**LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY - Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Saint Peter's by the Sea, 1541 Waldron Road, CC, 78418. Free hot cocoa and snacks. See our website: [www.live-nativity.webs.com](http://www.live-nativity.webs.com)

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**Christmas Jam** a fund raiser for JudahFest, Inc: **Saturday December 11** - at Coffee Waves on Alameda Time: from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. - NO Cover Charge Bands: The Acoustic, The Verb, Padre Island Baptist Youth, Verse 34, and Come December. Fmi call 361-813-0997

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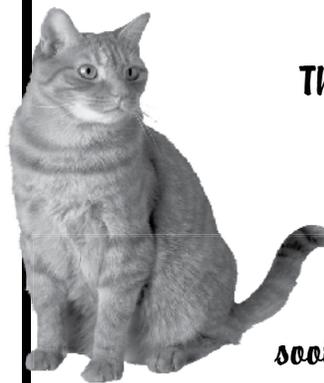


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### Dec. 9

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### Dec 16

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### Saturdays

Saturdays, at 2 p.m., children's movies are  
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### Bowling Leagues

#### In the Doghouse League Standings as of Nov. 23

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	33	19
2	Alley Cats	27	25
3	The Other Guys	27	25
4	Tumbalos	27	25
5	The Players	24.5	27.5
6	The "HR's"	24	28
7	DNA	24	28
8	Minds in the Gutter	21.5	30.5

**High Score Game-Men:** Lindy Conner,  
267; Lindy Conner, 246.

**High Score Series-Men:** Lindy Conner,  
726; John Zapalac, 573.

#### Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Nov. 17

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Rat'Lers	26	18
2	Slow Rollin	25	19
3	Big K Rollers	22.5	21.5
4	Pin Bangers	22.5	21.5
5	Laugh Out Loud	22	22
6	Badass	22	22
7	Pete's Angels	19	25
8	DUH's	17	27

### Mids get kudos in final regular season polls

The U.S. Naval Academy football team  
(8-3) received votes in the latest Associated  
Press and USA Today/Coaches Poll.

The Mids received 14 voting points in  
the Associated Press poll, which puts the  
Mids 30th.

Dave Foster of WZTV-TV in Nashville  
ranked the Mids 22nd, Brett McMurphy of  
AOL Fanhouse ranked Navy 23rd, Andy  
Staples of Sports Illustrated, Keith Sargeant  
of Gannett and Travis Haney of the Charles-  
ton Post and Courier ranked the Mids 24th,  
while Cecil Hurt of the Tuscaloosa News  
has the Mids ranked 25th.

Navy also received four voting points in  
the coaches' poll, which puts the Mids 31st.

### TAMUK falls short in D2 quarterfinals

The Texas A&M-Kingsville football  
team was 18 seconds away from slaying the  
beast on Saturday afternoon at Javelina Sta-  
dium, but the defending national champions  
Northwest Missouri State once again found  
a way to win in the NCAA Division II Play-  
offs with a 35-31 victory.

Bearcat (11-1) All-American quarter-  
back Blake Bolles swung a pass out to tight  
end Josh Baker who was able to out run the  
Javelinas (10-2) to the corner of the end  
zone for the winning score from three yards  
out.

It was the same corner where Tarleton  
State's Scott Grantham had scored to defeat  
the Javelinas in the playoffs last year in dou-  
ble overtime.

### SoQs from page 8

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formal training. He initiated and worked  
with Public Works department during the re-  
cent refurbishment of all AN/FPN-63 radar  
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tions. In addition, his efforts included the  
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NAS Kingsville's airfield."

Hurst added that Watson sets a superb  
example through his unbelievable work  
ethic. As divisional training petty officer,

he re-organized and reinvigorated the divi-  
sion's training program to include a robust  
cross-training program that has significantly  
improved the division's flexibility in techni-  
cian assignment and reduced fault correc-  
tion times.

Kirk also said Watson takes great pride  
in the training and success of Ground Elec-  
tronics' junior Sailors.

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