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## Commander, Naval Air Forces visit includes facility briefs, all hands call

By Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

The Navy's Air Boss paid a visit to NAS Kingsville April 13. The stop in Kingsville was part of a 3-day visit to South Texas Navy commands for Vice Adm. Allen Myers, Commander of Naval Air Forces. Rear Adm. William Sizemore, Chief of Naval Air Training, hosted the visit.

Myers, who was joined by his wife Judy, a retired Navy Captain, and staff members arrived in Corpus Christi April 11. Their itinerary included an afternoon visit to the Corpus Christi Army Depot, followed by a full day on board NAS Corpus Christi on April 12, and a full day on board NAS Kingsville April 13.

At NAS Corpus Christi, Myers took an orientation flight in a T-6B Texan, toured the T-34, T-44 and TC-12 simulators, and met with NAS Corpus Christi and CNATRA leadership during a working lunch at CNA-

TRA headquarters.

Mrs. Myers also had a busy day, visiting the NAS Corpus Christi Child Development Center, base housing and the Naval Health Clinic. That afternoon, Mrs. Myers hosted a roundtable discussion with Junior Officer's spouses at the NASCC Bay Club.

The following day, Vice Adm. Myers was joined by NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin for an early morning orientation flight in a T-44C. The flight plan included a trip through the NAS Corpus Christi operating area and a fly over of potential wind farm construction sites. The flight concluded with a landing at NAS Kingsville.

Myers' schedule on board NAS Kingsville was also jam-packed. It began with windshield tour of the flight line and squadron hangar followed by a flight brief and ori-

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**Welcome Aboard!** Vice Adm. Allen Myers, center is greeted by TW-2 Deputy Commander Capt. Joseph Evans and Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson (far left) after arriving on board NAS Kingsville April 13. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin is in the background leaving the T-44 Pegasus following the flight from NAS Corpus Christi.

## 25 receive Wings of Gold at largest TW-2 winging ceremony in years

Training Air Wing Two (TW-2) held its largest winging ceremony in several years Friday, April 8 as 25 student pilots received their wings of Gold and were designated Naval Aviators. More than 400 people attended the ceremony, held in the main ballroom of the Captain's Club. TW-2 Commander Capt. Mark Brooks presided over the ceremony, along with VT-21 Executive Officer Cmdr. Quino Alonzo and VT-22 Skipper Lt. Col. Terrence Latorre.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was retired Navy Capt. W. Scott Gureck, executive director of communications and marketing for the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI), one of the oldest professional military associations in the United States. Since 1873 USNI – with 50,000 members – has nurtured creative thinkers who responsibly raise their voices on matters relating to national defense.

The son of a career naval officer, Gureck served more than 23 years in the Navy, retiring at the rank of Captain. His most recent active duty assignment was director of public affairs for the Commander, U.S. Pacific

Fleet. Prior to that assignment he was selected as the start-up director of the office of Navy community outreach (NAVCO), the national headquarters tasked to coordinate and align the Navy image, awareness and image branding efforts.

Gureck's active duty career began in aviation, as he earned his designation as a Naval Flight Officer and Electronic Countermeasures Officer, qualified in the EA-6B Prowler carrier-based electronic attack aircraft. While assigned on board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Gureck logged more than 150 arrested landings and made two deployments in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The winging ceremony marked the end of nearly 14 months of undergraduate jet/strike training at NAS Kingsville for the students. With two years of aviation training in total, they will now move on to Navy and Marine Corps Fleet Replacement Squadrons (FRS) to learn their selected aircraft prior to reporting to their first fleet assignments.

(See group photo on page 8)



### GOSHAWK POWER

T-45 Goshawks from Training Air Wing TWO fly over NAS Corpus Christi April 9 as part of the 2011 Centennial of Naval Aviation air show April 9-10. Piloting the aircraft for Training Air Wing Two are Maj. Brian Beck (above) of TW-2, and Lt. Eric Disher, instructor pilot for VT-22. NAS Kingsville personnel also played a key role in the air show on the ground. See details on page 3. (Photo by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

I'd like to begin this week's article with a "thank you" to all base personnel for all the preparation that went into a successful visit of the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Vice Adm. Allen Myers, on April 13. Your efforts in preparing the base and our activities helped ensure that Vice Adm. Myers departed the air station with a positive image of how professional our military and civilian team is that supports the training of the next generation of Navy and Marine Corps Aviators.

While this visit was more of a Training Air Wing Two evolution, I did get to spend some time with the Navy's "Air Boss," and I was able to explain to him in detail some significant issues that we, as an air station, are dealing with as we move forward. Vice Adm. Myers was very quick to praise the efforts of base personnel and the progress the air station has made over the past couple of

years dealing with infrastructure issues and facility maintenance. I feel confident that he left feeling very pleased about how well all of you are doing.

I especially enjoyed the Admiral's Call at the Captain's Club. How fortunate for the newest of Naval Aviators – still in a training status – that they get to hear from the Navy's top aviator about issues that will affect their training, their service and their careers. Months, or maybe even years from now these students will realize how lucky they were to be here to hear his presentation.

Switching gears, by the time you read this article, there will be only a few days of service left for one of our long-time professionals here at NAS Kingsville. At the end of this month, Mr. Cesar R. Cavazos, the NAS Kingsville Security Officer, will retire after 36 years of continuous service to the government and the air station.

Mr. Cavazos graduated from Henrietta M. King High School in Kingsville in May 1961, and then enlisted in the Army. After six years and a tour in Vietnam, he left active duty as a Staff Sgt. and transitioned to the Army National Guard. For full-time employment, Cesar joined the Kingsville Police Department and worked in various capacities as a Patrolman, Detective, Patrol Division Lieutenant and Personnel Officer.

In June 1975, he left the Kingsville Police Department and entered the Department of Defense workforce as a Command Investigator here at NAS Kingsville. Ten years later, he was promoted to assistant security officer, and in 2001, assumed the position he holds to this day.

The Security Officer position is no easy task. For over three and a half decades, Cesar has been instrumental in developing the air station's security plans and standard operating procedures, conducting drills and designing improvements to procedures and infrastructure, all in an effort to keep everyone and everything on this base safe. He performed superbly!

Cesar retired from the U.S. Army service in April 1991, after serving faithfully for 24 years in his military capacity and earning the rank of 1st Sgt. (E-8). With his six years of active duty time and 36 years as a DoD Security Officer, Cesar has dedicated 42 years of faithful service to the United States.

I personally wish him and his wife Irma, all the best as they settle into a life less hectic than protecting NAS Kingsville. Fair Winds and following Seas to you Cesar, we will miss you greatly!

Until next time  
~ Skipper Mac

## Focus: United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)

By: ABE1(AW/AW) Charles Holman

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is provided to service members to record hours on the job to count towards an apprenticeship program. Sailors should take advantage of this great program. It requires no cost and is very simple to complete.

While serving on active duty, service members simply log onto <https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil> to enroll, track and record progress.

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Having a Department of Labor (DOL) Certificate of Completion is a definite advantage in getting better civilian jobs since employers know the value of apprenticeships.

The command USMAP Command Coordinator is ABE1(AW/SW) Charles Holman.

For further information he can be reached at 361-516-6180 or [charles.holman@navy.mil](mailto:charles.holman@navy.mil).

<https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapsp>

## DoD launches new Helpline to support victims of sexual assault

The Department of Defense today launched its newest initiative to support victims of sexual assault. Using DoD Safe Helpline, service members can "click, call or text" for victim support services for themselves or others.

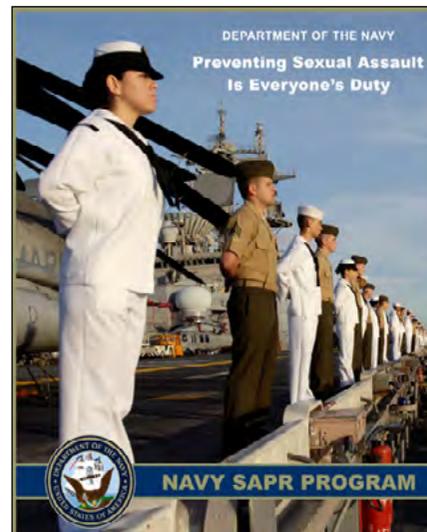
The free, anonymous and confidential resource can be accessed worldwide, 24-hours a day, every day, to connect with live sexual assault support professionals.

In addition to improving victim care, secure and confidential access to Safe Helpline was developed to encourage victims to come forward when they might not otherwise.

"The under-reporting of sexual assault poses a serious challenge to military readiness," said Clifford L. Stanley, under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "We believe the Safe Helpline will provide DoD sexual assault victims with a variety of support outlets, which will lead victims to report sexual assault, seek needed information, and receive care."

Safe Helpline offers three access options designed for service members. Users can log on to <http://www.SafeHelpline.org> to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format.

The website also provides vital information about recovering from and reporting sexual assault. A second option is to call the telephone hotline at 877-995-5247 to speak



with Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support.

Safe Helpline staff can also transfer callers to installation-based sexual assault response coordinators (SARC), on-call victim advocates, civilian rape crisis centers, or to the Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The third option is for users to text their location to 55247 inside the United States or 202-470-5546 outside of the United States to receive automated contact information for the SARC at their installation or base.

Further information on Safe Helpline can be found on <http://www.SafeHelpline.org> or at <http://www.sapr.mil>

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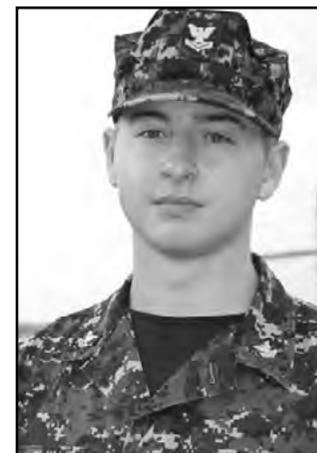
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# NAS Corpus Christi's Centennial Air Show

Despite a potential government shut-down, NAS Corpus Christi's Centennial of Naval Aviation air show went on as planned April 8-9, and local aviation enthusiasts turned out to see the action. According to official estimates, nearly 40,000 people attended the event on opening day.

Unfortunately, the weather, while providing sunny skies, didn't cooperate. Strong winds pushed the US Army's parachute team off their mark kicking off the show,

and the headline act, the US Navy Blue Angels, had to cancel their performance due to heavy winds. Still, a number of acts did perform, including the US Air Force Viper East demonstration team. The Naval Air Training Command – and Training Air Wing TWO – were also on the card.

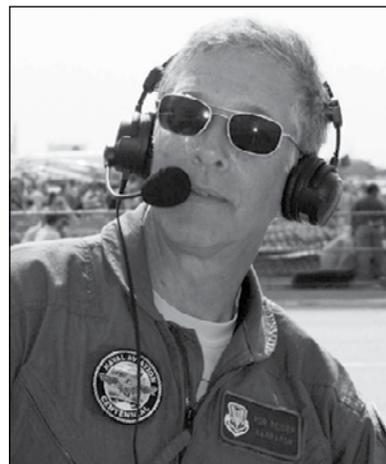
The weather was more forgiving on Sunday, however, and the Blue Angels were able to take to the sky and bring the show to a successful close.



NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson signs autographs for future Naval Aviators. Below, air show announcer Rob Reider, left, and Air Show air boss Lt. j.g. Larry Sommers.



Training Air Wing Two's Lt. Cmdr. Chris "Bunky" Marlar poses for a photo with a youngster in front of a T-45 Goshawk with a Centennial of Aviation paint scheme.



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A driver safety class will be offered May 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 2740, room 212.

For either class, register through ESA-MS or contact the Safety Office at x6153 for more information.

### Operation 'Purple Camp' accepting applications

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for Operation Purple Summer Camps. This free summer camp program was developed by the Association to support military children, ages 7-17, dealing with the stress of war.

Each camp is "purple" and open to children of active duty, National Guard or Reserve service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service and NOAA.

Applications will only be accepted online and the deadline for submission is April 29. The site to register is: <http://support.militaryfamily.org/site/R?i=IYxT-psG-kfF-WeBqQRDIYg>.

In this eighth summer of the program, Operation Purple camps will host more than 3,500 children at 40 weeks of camp in 25 states.

### Forfeited land sale

On Tuesday, April 26, the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) will offer forfeited land tracts to eligible Texas veterans in a sealed-bid sale.

The one-year Residency Requirement has been eliminated. If you are a veteran living in Texas, regardless of when you moved here, you can qualify for a loan.

All winning bids financed through the VLB will be originated as a mortgage loan with a Note and Deed of Trust. Winning bidders must meet VLB credit requirements if obtaining VLB financing.

Closing costs and a down payment of not less than 5% of the minimum bid listed will be required at closing. The VLB can only finance 95% of the minimum bid listed up to \$80,000.00. In addition, any amount you bid over the minimum listed must be paid at closing, if you are obtaining VLB financing.

Type II Tracts (tracts that did not sell

through our sealed-bid sale) that have been on our website more than six months are now being marketed and sold by a private auction company, Hudson & Marshall. For more information, visit Hudson & Marshall's website at: [www.txlandauction.com](http://www.txlandauction.com) <<http://www.txlandauction.com>>.

All sealed bids must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, the day before the sale. No walk-in bids will be accepted on the day of the sale.

There is a limit on the number of bids you may submit. You may bid on a total of six tracts in the Forfeited Land Sale and you must list your choice preferences on each bid.

The sale will be available for viewing via webcast. Live viewing is not guaranteed as we have a limited number of connections. The webcast will be archived and available on our web site approximately 24 hours after the sale.

For complete information and instructions, see Forfeited Land Tracts <<http://www.glo.texas.gov/vlb/veterans-benefits/forfeited-land-sales/index.html>> or call toll free: 1-800-252-VETS (8387).

### Response line available 24/7

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 response line at (361) 533-0454 or contact Pat Kapitan at (361) 961-1670 or (361) 947-3140.

### TAMUK offers continuing education courses

Texas A&M University Kingsville is offering a variety of continuing education courses that will begin in March. Classes include conversational Chinese or French or German, guitar lessons, Organizing your Financial Life, Yoga, and more.

For more information about the courses being offered, e-mail [conted@tamuk.edu](mailto:conted@tamuk.edu), visit [www.tamuk.edu/continuinged](http://www.tamuk.edu/continuinged), or call 593-2861.

### 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). Customers may drop them off at the recycling office Monday through Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (361) 516-6231.

### NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

**Sunday at McFall Memorial Chapel**  
10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Services  
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass  
**Tuesday**  
11:30 a.m. - Bible Study, in Bldg. 2741

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. - Officer Christian Fellowship  
**Thursday**  
4:30 p.m. - Catholic Choir Practice  
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting



**Energy Savings:** Robert Long, a civilian employee with the Public Works Department, replaces burned-out T-12 light bulbs in Building 2740, with new energy-efficient T-8 bulbs. T-8 bulbs save an average of 8 watts of energy per bulb for normal operating periods. (Photo by IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

## Energy Facts: Did You Know?

- If you reduce the temperature setting of your water heater from 140o F to 120o F, you could save over 18% of the energy that was used at the higher setting. Even reducing the setting 10o F will save more than 6% in water-heating energy.

- If every American home installed low-flow aerators on all faucets, 250 million gallons of water would be saved every day.

- A dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day; a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.

- A new model refrigerator uses about a third the energy to operate as a similarly sized refrigerator from the early 1970s.

If you replace an older 18 cubic foot refrigerator with an energy-efficient model of the same size, each year you would save over 1,000 kWh of electricity and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, by over a ton and emissions of sulfur dioxide, the leading cause of acid rain, by over 20 pounds.

- Fluorescent lights convert electricity to visible light up to 5 times more efficiently than incandescent lights and last up to 20 times longer.

- The incandescent light is the most common lighting source in U.S. homes. It also wastes the most energy. Ninety percent of the energy consumed by an incandescent light is given off as heat rather than visible light.

- Replacing an incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent will save the energy equivalent of 46 gallons of oil as well as one-half ton of carbon dioxide emissions over the lifetime of the bulb.

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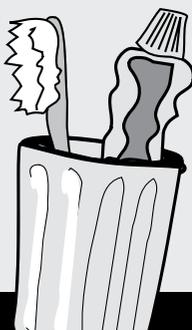
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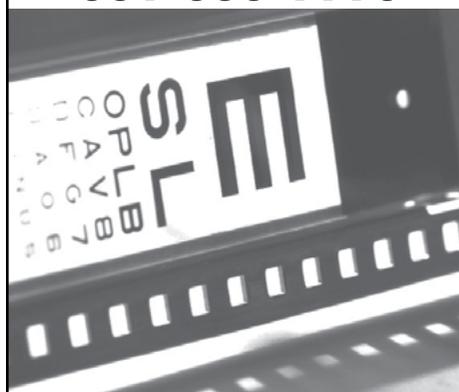
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## SAPR team earns award

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Team received an Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Service on behalf of Victims of Crime for 2010-2011 from the Coalition for Crime Victims' Rights.

Pictured above, from left, are: Jo Beth Walter; IC1 (SW) Bernardino Martinez; CSC (SW/SCW) Pearline Myers; Cpl. Charlie Ramirez, DPS; Mark Skurka, Nueces County District Attorney; Rosa Balderas; Pat Kapitan; IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth; CS1 (SW) Holly Clow; ET1 (SW) Abel Camarillo; and FC2 (SW) Natascha Josey. (Photo by Frank Firmatura)



## VFW salutes NASK 1st Class Association

The Kingsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hosted an Appreciation dinner for members of the First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) and Command Master Chief of NAS Kingsville April 6.

In March 2010, The NAS Kingsville FCPOA assisted VFW Post 2375 with their annual "Pass the Boot" project. Including 2010, VFW Post 2375 has raised \$6,000 for the past three consecutive years.

The VFW uses these funds to continue VA benefits, lobby for Tricare benefits, and scholarships for college students. The goal is to help provide between 45 and 50 scholarships for continuing education.

With the support of NAS Kingsville's FCPOA, VFW Post 2375 is able to continue to provide those scholarships. Pictured above from left, are: District Commander, Roy Davis; IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth; Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff; VFW member Ernesto R. Flores; CSC (SW/SCW) Pearline Myers; CS1 (SW) Erasmo Guerrero; CS1 (SW) Anthony Court; Commander, John Edward Moreno. (Photo by Pam Ratliff.)

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# SAPR committee hosts awareness luncheon

By IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

In recognition of Sexual Awareness Month, Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Team and volunteers organized and held the first annual Sexual Assault Prevention Month luncheon on Apr. 15, recognizing this year's theme "Hurts one, affects all."

SAPR team members wore T-shirts with the SAPR logo on the front and this year's theme on the back donated by the NASK wardroom. This was the second of two successful events the SAPR team conducted as fund-raisers for the Women's Shelter of South Texas.

After the welcome and opening remarks by Capt. Mark McLaughlin, Commanding Officer, and Command Master Chief Charlie Ratliff, AC2 Mary Greenwood-drumheller read a Presidential Proclamation for National Sexual Assault Prevention Month from President Barack Obama.

There are always at least three perspectives to any scenario, and with this particular subject there is the victim, the accused and everyone else.

Guest Speaker Elizabeth Lyman, a former Marine and assault victim, who is now assisting others as a victim advocate, shared her experience as a victim. Her emotional presentation highlighted the importance of what "hurts one affects all" truly means.

Lyman told of what she experienced and how the help of a Marine victim advocate got her through the ordeal. That one volunteer changed Lyman's approach to handling her personal crises, which in turn inspired her to come to the aid of others in similar situations.

The next speaker, Efrain Franco Jr., from Family Planning of the Coastal Bend/Male Central Clinic in Corpus Christi, offered a unique insight into what is considered the accepted display of emotion by males versus females in society. He spoke of the way males are taught from childhood that it is important the male to hide his true emotions and not openly share humiliating

experiences. Franco shared his experiences and opinions of one who works with male victims of sexual abuse.

"Franco put out some really good points I think most people are not aware of or consider," said IC1 (SW) Bernardino Martinez, a SAPR victim advocate. "He spoke of how the 'macho image' is considered to mean tough, strong and without vulnerability.

"Men should be able to protect themselves, and fight back, so it's thought to be unacceptable to believe a male has been victimized. This type of belief is completely misleading in reality," Martinez continued, "men are just as likely to be a victim as anyone else, because sexual abuse is not about the sex of the person; it is about power."

Once the presentations were complete, CS1 (SW) Erasmo Guerrero and FC2 (SW) Natascha Josey presented the guests with plaques in appreciation of their contribution to the program. The plaques were donated by Ground Electronics.

When asked why was it important for the SAPR Team to do an event like this, Frank Firmatura, director of the NASK Fleet and Family Support Center responded: "For too long sexual assault reporting has been a hush-hush subject.

"If you don't talk about it, then it is easy to convince yourself that it did not occur. That attitude has kept society from addressing the problem and coming up with solutions to end sexual abuse."

The NASK SAPR team used this venue to highlight one, that as a team, we are here to provide help to victims and two, we all have responsibilities to report sexual assault and take action to help prevent it from occurring in the future."

Thanks to the generosity of the SAPR Team, and other volunteers the attendees and guests were treated to some food and desserts.

All were well-fed and Rosa Balderas, FFSC Counseling and Advocacy Counselor, closed the event with a benediction.

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**Wings of Gold** -- Training Air Wing Two held its largest winging ceremony in several years Friday, April 8 at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club. Wings of Gold were presented to 25 student aviators during the ceremony, marking the end of nearly 14 months of undergraduate jet/strike training here. Pictured are, front row from left, Lt. Col. Terrance Latorre, CO VT-22; Col. Marshall Denney III, CO MATSG 22; Lt.j.g. Richard Lefils; 1st Lt. Timothy Burchett; Lt.j.g. Nicholas Green; Lt. j.g. Christopher Napoli; 1st Lt. Ryan Bolles; Lt. j.g. Amanda Ross; Lt. j.g. (Middle, from left): Lt. Binay Sharma; Lt.j.g. Robert Gwinn; 1st Lt. Devin Kolenic; 1st Lt. Daniel Miller; Lt. j.g. Robert Tuohy IV; 1st Lt. Ryan Cunningham; 1st Lt. Mark Maholchic; Lt.j.g. Christopher Walker; Capt. Wesley Deaver. (Top row): Cmdr. Quino Alonzo, XO VT-21; Lt.j.g. Matthew Warshaw; 1st Lt. Chase Thompson; Lt.j.g. Matthew Woodard; Lt.j.g. Ian Higgins; Lt. j.g. Daniel Leahey; Lt.j.g. Jon-Michael Chombeau; 1st Lt. James Cappabianca; Lt.j.g. Nicholas Rezendes; and 1st Lt. Jeffrey Redmon. Not shown, Lt.j.g. Kenneth Beyda. Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



**Skyhawk Association Visit:** NAS Kingsville hosted a group of former A-4 Skyhawk pilots for a one-day visit to the air station April 8. The group, all members of the A-4 Skyhawk Association, had a busy day on board the base, visiting the Air Operations Department and Approach radar Control, the squadron hangar, and Ground Training complex. They also got to attend Training Air Wing Two's winging ceremony at the Captain's Club. NASK Commanding Officer



Capt. Mark McLaughlin also met the group at the air station's air park, and provided a brief history of the base and then posed for photos in front of the A-4 Skyhawk on display. Above left, members of the Skyhawk Association take a look inside the cockpit of a T-45A Goshawk. Above right, Ground Training Officer Charlie Michalk explains how far Naval Aviation has come with flight simulators for training student aviators. (Photos by IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

# Navy “Air Boss” visits NAS Kingsville

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entation flight in the T-45A Goshawk over the NAS Kingsville training airspace, and a working lunch at the Training Air Wing Two headquarters building.

The working lunch included senior leadership from throughout the air station.

After lunch, Myers held an all hands call for Training Air Wing TWO flight students, instructor pilots, basewide enlisted personnel and government civilian employees in the main ballroom of the Captain’s Club.

Myers focused his remarks on the elements vital to success in a career in Naval Aviation – including Standards of Conduct, character and integrity, and pride and professionalism on and off-duty.

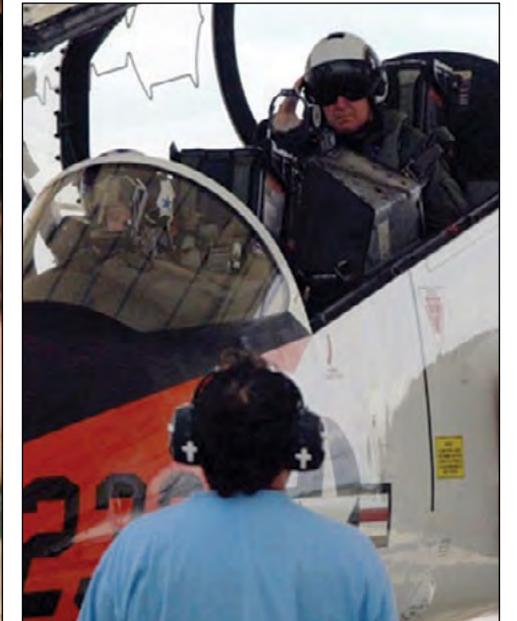
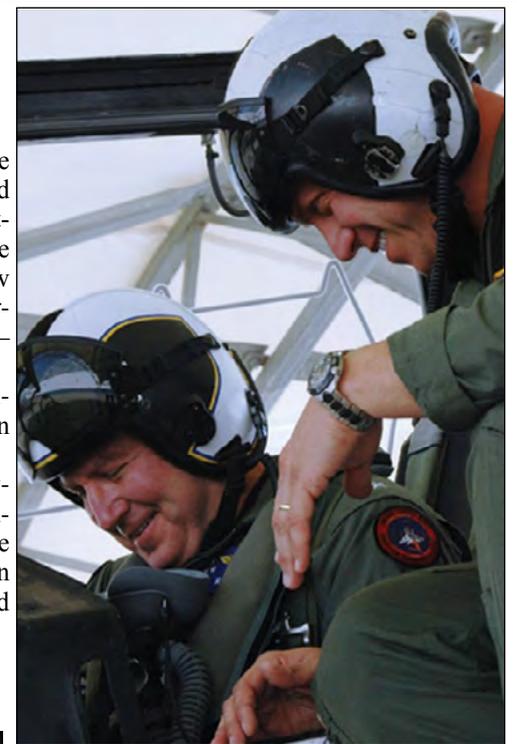
“I have always taken the approach that each day presents an opportunity to excel,” Myers stated.

The all hands call provided a unique opportunity for flight students and enlisted personnel. It’s not often you get to hear firsthand from the Navy’s Air Boss about the status and future of Naval Aviation – how important your individual job is to the overall ‘big picture’ of today’s Global Force – and the keys to personal success.

“I thought Vice Adm. Myers had a positive message for us all,” Capt. McLaughlin said following the visit.

“And I’m pleased that he included government civilian employees because it solidifies the fact that we are all part of the same team working together to meet our mission of training the world’s very best Navy and Marine Corps jet pilots.”

(Photos by NASK Public Affairs)



Vice Adm. Allen Myers speaks to flight students, instructors, enlisted personnel and civilian employees at the Captain’s Club. Top right, Vice Adm. Myers goes over pre-flight instructions with Lt. Cmdr. Dave Anderson, while above right, Myers offers a salute to the plane captain before departing on a T-45A orientation flight.



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government working cooperatively together for a common good - safety in the workplace.

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi is the third organization throughout the Department of Defense to receive this award, and the NAS Kingsville clinic is the first branch health clinic to be awarded.

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This is the first FLTCIP Open Season since 2002.

"The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program gives enrollees security and peace of mind as they plan for the coast of long term care," said OPM Director John Berry. "I encourage current Federal and postal service employees, uniformed personnel, and their qualified relatives to learn about this important benefit."

During the FLTCIP Open Season, all current Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and active members of the uniformed services and their spouses will have the opportunity to apply for coverage with abbreviated underwriting, which means that a minimal number of health questions will be asked during the application process.

This is an option not offered during year-round enrollment. In keeping with President Obama's June 17, 2009, memorandum Federal Benefits and Non-Discrimination, same-sex domestic partners of Federal and USPS employees can also apply with abbreviated underwriting.

The FLTCIP is the largest employer-

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Please note, certain medical conditions, or combinations of conditions, will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. If accepted into the program, employees pay 100 percent of the cost.

Now through June 24, you can download or complete an online FLTCIP Open Season application on the Web at <http://www.ltcfeds.com/index.html> under the "Apply" tab.

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By Tina Konwerski

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**TODAY** – "Boots in the Sand" an initiative designed to tell the story of the 50,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines still serving in Iraq supporting Operation New Dawn. The Goal is to get 50K "LIKES" for the 50K Troops! The troops need your support! Log on, "like" us, and explore [www.facebook.com/boots.in.thesand](http://www.facebook.com/boots.in.thesand). For more info, visit [www.usf-iraq.com](http://www.usf-iraq.com).

**All Veterans** – past and present – living or deceased are invited to be a part of the Memorial Day DVD production that will be presented on screen at the 2011 Memorial Day Service.

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**REGISTER NOW** online for PandaMania "Where God is Wild about YOU!" Vacation Bible School for K-6th Grade. June 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon. First United Methodist Church, 900 S., Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi. Call 361-884-0391 or visit [www.ccfumc.com](http://www.ccfumc.com)

**Easter Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt**, April 24, 10:45 a.m. Service. Hunt begins at Noon. Public invited free. South Shore Christian Church, 4710 S Alameda St, Corpus Christi. 361-992-6391.

**TAMUK:** Wednesday, April 27, 2nd Annual **Jazz Blast** will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Plaza adjacent to the Memorial Student Union Building, Texas A&M Kingsville. The University jazz bands and combos will perform. Paul Hageman, James Warth and Jason Kihle are directors. Admission is free. For more information, call 361-593-2803.

**Benefit Bike Run:** Saturday, April 30, "Trochell Family Benefit Bike Run." Aransas Pass Moose Lodge (361-758-8110) FM Rd 2725 & Hwy 361. 10 a.m. First Bike out – 12 p.m. Last Bike Out – 3 p.m. Last Bike In - \$10 per person/rider/passenger. PLUS \$7 BBQ Plates from 11 a.m. to GNE. Bake Sale, Music, Auction at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Mann at 361-790-3496.

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## What's Happening

By Tina Konwerski

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### Stew & Conbread Luncheon:

Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354 Order of The Eastern Star annual Stew and Cornbread Luncheon will be on May 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Corpus Christi Masonic Lodge No. 189 located at 4114 Weber Road. Tickets are \$6 each. For info call 986-0476.

### Art Exhibit:

Women Artists of the West 41st Annual Members Exhibition – May 11 - June 4. Rockport Center for the Arts. For info visit rockportartcenter.com www.woaw.org.

### Bosai Club

May 13-15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Thur-Sat) and 8-11 a.m. Sunday. The Corpus Christi Bonsai Club will host "Gateway to Bonsai," at the Holiday Inn on Emerald Beach. Beautiful Bonsai trees from around the state will be on exhibit along with a viewing stone exhibit. Public invited to view the exhibit at no charge. For more info, call 361-992-0009.

### Rumble in the Park

May 20-22, "Rumble in the Park" Bike Fun Run! Vendors, food, live music, bike show, biker games, tattoo contest! \$20 per person for all 3 days or purchase a One Day Pass for \$10. Simmons Park in Ingleside. To pre-register by phone, call 361-776-2906.

### Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, May 20, 2011 "Tom Keller Memorial Golf Tournament," Corpus Christi Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society. Registration & Brunch 10:30 a.m. Scramble format starts at Noon. All food and beverages provided. For more information contact Cody at GCHS 361-225-0845 ext 108 or gchs31@yahoo.com.



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## Texas First Lady to visit Kingsville April 27

AUSTIN, Texas — First Lady Anita Perry will join the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for the Texas Main Street Program's First Lady's Tour. The tour is an annual event celebrating Texas Main Street Cities. The tour will welcome the new Texas Main Street cities of Uvalde and Vernon and also Kingsville, which is re-entering the program.

The schedule includes stops on Wednesday, April 27 in **Kingsville from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and on Friday, April 29 in Uvalde from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Vernon from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Each

city will also host a brief media reception with the First Lady at the close of her visit.

"Growing up in a small town, I know the vital role downtown plays in a community," said Perry. "Being a Main Street city means citizens recognize that downtown is still the heart and soul of their community."

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) sponsors the 2011 First Lady's Tour. "For the past 17 years, IBAT has been proud to sponsor the First Lady's Main Street Tour. We are proud of our community banks, the Main Street banks, that help our local communities and Main Street

businesses thrive and prosper," said IBAT President and CEO Chris Williston.

Mrs. Perry will give the keynote address at each celebration and a public reception follows the ceremony.

Each First Lady of Texas since the Texas Main Street Program's founding in 1981 has participated in this event, which has become a traditional honor for new Main Street cities.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. Today, there are 87 official Texas Main Street programs. The programs are in cities and commercial neighborhood dis-

tricts of all sizes, ranging from less than 2,000 to more than 220,000 in population, and in all areas of Texas.

Over time, Texas Main Street communities have realized more than \$2.3 billion in economic reinvestment, the creation of more than 26,000 local jobs and the expansion or creation of almost 7,000 businesses in their Main Street districts.

These reinvestments show that significant economic development impact can be realized through historic preservation.

For more information on the Texas Main Street Program, contact State Coordinator Debra Farst at 512.463.5758 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

**Morale, Welfare & Recreation**



Bravo zulu to the top ranking teams of NAS Kingsville's basketball season. Above is the winning team from Border Patrol. Patrol took top honors of the basketball league for the second year in a row. Pictured below is "Caution," the second place team.



**Bowling Leagues**  
**In the Doghouse League**  
**Standings as of April 12**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Lane Breakers	74	50
2	Alley Cats	73	51
3	Minds in the Gutter	64.5	59.5
4	The Other Guys	63.5	60.5
5	Tumbalos	61	63
6	The Players	60	64
7	The "HR's"	51.5	72.5
8	DNA	48.5	75.5

**Weekly High Scores:**

**High Team Scratch game:**  
Lanebreakers 538; Three Minds 532  
**High Team Series:**  
Lanebreakers 1534; Three Minds 1493

John Zapalac 238 game, 646 series  
Jerry Brooks 223 game, 581 series

**Wednesday Nite Mixed**  
**Standings as of April 13**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Petes Angels	68	48
2	Slow Rollin	63.5	52.5
3	Big K Rollers	62.5	53.5
4	Bad Ass	60	56
5	Rat'Lers	57	59
6	Laugh Out Loud	56.5	59.5
7	Pin Bangers	49.5	66.5
8	DUH's	47	69

**Weekly High Scores:**

Darrell Bell: 278/222 game, 671 series  
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Roberto Herrera: 276 game, 618 series  
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