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## TW-2 resumes flight training following T-45 Goshawk crash

By Jon Gagné  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Training Air Wing TWO resumed flight training at NAS Kingsville Nov. 3, a day after a T-45 Goshawk from VT-21 crashed in a heavily wooded area south of airfield runways. Two pilots on board the aircraft safely ejected before the crash. Both were treated for minor injuries at the scene and then taken to Christus-Spohn Hospital-Kleberg for further evaluation and later released.

The pilots were conducting a routine training flight at the time of the accident. The Naval Air Training Command has not released the names of the pilots involved in the crash.

NAS Kingsville fire and emergency re-see *Crash* on page 6



NAS Kingsville Fire Chief Ruben Perez, left, gets an update from the crash site from lead firefighter Juan Saenz after the fire from the crash was extinguished.



Firefighters from NAS Kingsville extinguish the fire at the crash site while Chief Warrant Officer Ramiro Castillo, Chief of Naval Air Training Maintenance Contracts Detachment officer-in-charge provides cell-phone updates on the crash to the chain of command. (Photos by Jon Gagné)



Galdieri



Martinez



Alonzo

## Community recognizes service, 3 receive awards for efforts

By Fifi Kieschnick  
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

The Kingsville Council of the U.S. Navy League recognized Navy personnel for their volunteer efforts in the local community on Nov. 10, at the annual Combined Services Luncheon.

Recognized were Lt. Michael Galdieri, an instructor pilot from Training Squadron 21, as Junior Officer Volunteer of the Year; IC1(SW) Bernardino Martinez, of NAS Kingsville, as Enlisted Volunteer of the Year; and Joy Alonzo, wife of Cmdr. Quino Alonzo, commanding officer of VT-21, as Military Spouse of the Year.

Galdieri, a native of Allentown, Pa., received the award for devoting many hours in and outside the squadron to serve his local community. During the past year, he has taken time out of a very demanding flight schedule and time away on detachment to benefit and support the community.

"Lt. Galdieri is an exceptional Naval officer, aviator and mentor," said Cmdr. Alonzo. "His behind-the-scenes volunteer work has gone largely unnoticed except by those close to him and this is a wonderful opportunity to honor him for his outreach to the community. He is definitely deserving of this distinctive award."

Galdieri founded operationpower.us, a nonprofit organization to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project; regularly volunteers with the Junior League of Corpus Christi where he recently supported a successful reading outreach program; supports the Boys and Girls Club where he recently hosted their end of summer party; mentors college students; volunteers at the annual King Ranch Hand Breakfast; and hosted two Pilot For a Day children from Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Galdieri told everyone assembled that he tries to live his life by the motto, "For

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## From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin  
Commanding Officer



### Greetings Team Kingsville,

After driving across the western United States this past weekend to get back to Texas, it dawned on me to share some of the fall/winter driving safety tips that are suitable for South Texas.

To begin with the basics, when was the last time you really had your vehicle inspected for winter driving conditions? If you haven't done so, please visit our Auto Skills shop and Bill Boswell will give your vehicle a look-over and let you know any areas of concern.

Additionally, there are always nighttime animal hazards that can be very dangerous to you while driving, those include hogs and deer.

With the rut about to hit full swing for whitetail deer, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT) recommends that you slow your speeds, if you're driving at night, and use high beam headlights to the maximum extent without causing a safety hazard to oncoming drivers. If you see the eyes of deer along the roadway, assume there are more deer there.

Lastly and obviously, the most severe scenario is an imminent collision with an animal. Again, TxDoT recommends you do not "swerve to avoid," for that creates an even larger issue where you may lose control or even rollover your vehicle. Instead, it's recommended to maintain control of your vehicle, apply maximum braking and hope for the best as God has done the math on whether you will collide or not.

Please be careful as the holidays approach and you drive to many points of interest.

Plan your route, let your supervisors know where you are going and utilize the daylight as much as possible.

Stay safe and don't drive fatigued.  
Until Next Time~Skipper Mac



**Family affair** -- ACC(AW/SW) David Armstead, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., reenlisted for four more years of service recently with order to Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, Md. Armstead, who has 16 years of Naval service will be transferring Dec. 1 Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control officer served as the reenlisting officer. Armstead's family joined him for the ceremony. From left with Armstead are: Tiffanie, wife Kelsie, Miranda and Isaac. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

## Deckplate Leadership



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

Team Kingsville,

Monday I flew to Jacksonville, Fla., with the 2011 NAS Kingsville Sailor of the Year, AC1(AW/SW) Michael Tredway. He is competing against 15 other Sailors for the title of Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Sailor of the Year. This will be the

third year I've attended the competition in Jacksonville and I can tell you that the quality of the Sailors competing is remarkable.

Many Sailors have asked me over the years what they should do to make themselves competitive for Sailor of the Year. For the article about the 2011 NAS Kingsville Sailor, junior Sailor, and Blue Jacket of the Year, found in this edition of the *Flying K*, I provided some of the traits that are graded in the competition. However, the bottom line is that Sailors must demonstrate technical expertise in their ratings. They must have obtained all required qualifications, and obtaining requirements above and beyond the basics is an added plus. Then Sailors must demonstrate exceptional leadership in their divisions, departments, commands and community. They must be willing to take on tough jobs that nobody else really wants to tackle. And of course they must succeed in all of their endeavors.

We have some great Sailors here at NAS Kingsville. Sailors who are competitive for Sailor of the Year and Sailors who will also be competitive for advancement to Chief Petty Officer when the time comes. I congratulate each and every Sailor who is working hard to become a recognized technical expert in his or her rating. And I also congratulate those who are demonstrating leadership in their divisions, their departments, their commands and their community. Well done shipmates- keep chargin'!

V/R  
CMC

see *Pass & ID* on page 9

## Pass & ID staff changes require modification in service hours

By David M. Taylor  
Security Director

This may not directly affect you, but if you or your command/activity have vendors, contractors, suppliers or service providers who routinely access NAS Kingsville, please pass on this information.

Due to the reduction of Pass and ID manpower, and in order to be in compliance with HQ policy (CNIC 5530.1), the following changes regarding Pass and ID services went into effect Nov. 7.

New Pass & ID service hours will be

from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Pass & ID office will no longer issue the NAS Kingsville 30 Day RapidGate (Pending) temporary ID cards to vendors, contractors, suppliers and service providers who have enrolled in the EID/RapidGATE (NCAC) program, awaiting credential arrival. Instead, we will issue a temporary pass (paper) validated for 28 days or until the applicant's RapidGate account is approved.

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This paper is published for people like AC1(AW/SW) Christopher Johnson, a native of Cedar Park, Texas. Johnson has 15 years U.S. Navy service. He reported to NAS Kingsville in March and is an air traffic controller at Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) in Orange Grove.



**Visiting General --** Brig. Gen. Peter Quinn, commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve 11th Theater Aviation Command, made a site visit recently and toured the spaces of F Company, 7-158th Aviation, the medivac unit on board NAS Kingsville. Above, Maj. Joshua Germann, company commander of the unit, discusses areas of current and future training operations for the medivac unit in South Texas with Quinn (center) and Chief Warrant Officer Ron Shipley (left). Quinn visited to see how things were going as the unit was standing up. He said that he was very pleased with the progress made. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

## Give generously this ‘season of giving’

This time of year marks the beginning of the holiday season. As such, our thoughts turn to sharing, giving, and spending time with loved ones.

It’s a time of reflection, too, about all the wealth that we have.

Wealth, in terms of health, family, friends, and jobs that we have; and what those less fortunate do not have.

We have the opportunity to help others who do not have all that we do. On base, the Chaplain’s Office is managing Operation Shipmate.

The chapel staff is collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations so that our junior Sailors can enjoy a full traditional Thanksgiving meal with their families. Collection boxes have placed throughout the station for traditional holiday food items, such as cans of vegetables, pie filling, cranberry sauce and more. The NAS Kingsville Chiefs’ Mess is providing turkeys for the food baskets being prepared.

“I encourage everyone to donate nonperishable food items,” said Lt. Mark Haley, command chaplain, “so our shipmates who can’t afford to, will have a traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings for their families.”

In addition to Operation Shipmate, locally, there is a Toys for Tots program that ensures children have toys to open Christmas morning.

The local Toys for Tots campaign began earlier this month and runs through mid-December, collecting new unwrapped toys, eager to deliver toys and messages of hope during the holiday season for all children in the community. The campaign, which serves Kleberg and Kenedy Counties, distributed five toys to each needy child last year.

Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, Training Squadron 22 executive officer, is a local Marine representing the program, which is nationally sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

“Marines live by our motto of ‘Semper Fidelis’ -- Always Faithful,” Schoeman said. “Toys for Tots is one of our opportunities to keep the faith with young Americans in need each holiday season.

“Please join us in this tradition! Drop off a new toy in one of the Toys for Tots boxes around town and make a difference in our children’s lives right here in South Texas. Semper Fi!”

As we think about family, friends and holiday plans, let us also think about the joy we can bring to others by sharing food and gifts for those less fortunate.

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## In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

Happy 236th birthday to the United States Marine Corps. The Marine birthday was celebrated on Nov. 10, with this year's ball being held last Saturday at the Corpus Christi Omni hotel. It was a gala event for all filled with polished military pomp that would have made Gen. Lejeune, the 13th Commandant and the celebration's originator, proud. Well done!

We also celebrated Veterans Day last week. The day is a time for all to reflect and celebrate all those who have served their country in the armed forces. Every veteran, despite race, creed or political leaning, has one thing in common: we all swore an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to bear true faith and allegiance to the same." For me, the significance of that oath grows more meaningful with each passing year.

Two weeks ago, we suffered the loss of an aircraft shortly after takeoff. Fortunately, the aircrew successfully ejected from the jet and escaped without serious bodily harm. On behalf of the aircrew, wing and myself I wish to thank the first responders as well

## Flight Plans

### Bravo Zulu

Congratulations to the following Naval Facilities Southeast public works employees:

**Russell Messer** was selected as Supervisor of the Third Quarter. **Jack Kopatz** was recognized as Employee of the Third Quarter.

Cmdr. Troy Hamilton, public works officer, thanked his employees for the great job they did during fiscal year 2011. "We had a very successful year safety completing a large volume of work," he said. "Congratulations and a job well done!"

Also recognized as Great Place to Work Awardees were **Danny Bazan, Greg Carrillo, Jesse Garcia, Warren Kress, Henry Reed and Jared Teat**.

Naval Air Station Kingsville personnel were recognized at the end of last month for their efforts.

**Epifano Sanchez**, of the Combined Bachelors Quarters, received a retirement certificate.

**Arnold Carranco**, of the Fire Department, received a certificate for 20 years of federal service.

**Kevin Aguilar-Ferrari**, installation business manager, and **Diana Gonzales**, safety specialist, received certificates for 25 years of service.

**Armando Caceres Jr.**, of the Fire De-

partment, received a certificate for 30 years of federal service.

as all those who were party to the expeditious and professional recovery and cleanup of the site -- thank you!

Looking forward this week, both the Wing and the base will be slowing down the hectic pace just a bit this Friday with an all-hands sports day to build camaraderie and just simply to have fun. The Wing will start off the morning with the Navy's semi-annual Physical Readiness Test, and then we will roll right into the festivities and games the highlight of which will be a paint ball playoff.

I for one can't wait for the annual King Ranch Breakfast, which follows on the heels of the NASK/Wing sports day. Local volunteers, many of which will be from our command, will be serving up heaping plates of eggs, refried beans, biscuits 'n gravy, sausage, tortillas, coffee and juice. There will be plenty of Western style activities and fun to be had for all ages. What a great event with which to start the weekend.

As I sign off, congrats Lt. Michael Galdieri from VT-21. He was selected as the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce/Naval League Junior Officer Volunteer of the Year. Besides being a fully qualified instructor pilot and squadron carrier qualification phase head, Galdieri volunteered time with the Pilot For a Day Program, mentors college students, raises money for Wounded Warriors, and has been active with the Boys and Girls Club of Corpus Christi. What an impact he has made on this community! The award couldn't have gone to a finer young officer.

Keep em safe.

Regards,  
Commodore Evans

partment, received a certificate for 30 years of federal service.

**ACAA Samantha Townsend**, of Air Operations, was recognized for Room of the Month at the barracks.

### Hunters, fishermen, listen up!

South Texas offers outstanding outdoor opportunities for those who enjoy hunting and fishing. Hunting opportunities exist right here on board the air station and at NAS Kingsville's Escondido Ranch.

For information on hunting opportunities, stop by our MWR ITT Office. Remember, the ITT Office has relocated to the building that houses Outdoor Recreation and the Auto Skills Shop. Delia, or one of her ITT staff members, can provide you with governing NASK instructions and all the information you will need regarding hunting policies at both locations.

Due to the recent relocation of ITT, their phone still isn't operational but you can contact Delia on her MWR cell phone at (361) 675-0122. For information specific to hunting policies at Escondido Ranch, contact Chief Smith at (870) 476-1290.

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**Routine Monitoring Violation  
Total Coliform Rule**

NAS Kingsville received two violation notices from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the August-September time frame. According to Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Southeast-Detachment NAS Kingsville environmental protection specialist Roberto Castellano, the violation was a result of an administrative error in the paperwork submitted to TCEQ. Castellano stated that proper bacteriological testing was performed during August and September, and the results were within TCEQ standards. The following notices are required by TCEQ to inform you of these violations.

**Public Notice:**

NAS Kingsville/PWS 1370003 failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during August and September 2011. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. NAS Kingsville's water system is required to submit two bacteriological samples each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the Texas state monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

In addition, Orange Grove Navy Auxiliary Landing Field /PWS 1250029 was cited for failing to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during August and September 2011. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

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As mentioned above, Castellano stated the violation was a result of an administrative error in the paperwork submitted to TCEQ. Castellano added that proper bacteriological testing was performed during August and September and the results were within TCEQ standards.

Should you have any questions regarding this violation, contact Castellano at 361-516-6270.

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## Volunteer from page 1

those who much is given, much is expected.

"Thank you," he added. "It (receiving the award) is a real honor."

Martinez received the award for his enthusiastic commitment to promoting positive community relations, as well as his leadership role aboard the air station.

"Petty Officer Martinez is an exceptional Sailor who sets the standard for command and community support," said Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer of NAS Kingsville. "He has made a tremendously positive impact on the air station and the City of Kingsville. He is truly deserving of being recognized as the 2011 Kingsville Enlisted Volunteer of the Year."

Since arriving on board NAS Kingsville in early 2010, Martinez has displayed an enthusiastic commitment to promoting positive community relations between the air station and the local community. He has spent more than 280 hours participating in volunteer efforts in local events and special projects including: working at the distribution center for the 2010 Toys for Tots campaign; serving breakfast at the King Ranch's Ranch Hand Breakfast; judging elementary school science fairs; participating in "Keep Kingsville Beautiful," supporting a recent Wounded Warrior parade; and hosting 35 Boy Scouts for a two-day camping trip, which included helping the Scouts to earn various merit badges.

"I really enjoy volunteering in the community," Martinez said. "And, I truly appreciate how the local community embraces the Navy."

Besides supervising eight Sailors as the assistant leading petty officer of NAS Kingsville's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department, the Fort Worth, Texas, native, is very involved in several leadership roles and collateral duties at the air station. Martinez is a departmental career counselor, a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Team member, president of the Diversity Committee; treasurer of the First



Community service awardees pose with community, state, and air station leaders following the Combined Services Luncheon held Nov. 10. From left are: Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate; Joy Alonzo, Military Spouse of the Year; Lt. Michael Galdieri, Officer Volunteer of the Year; Susan Combs, Texas comptroller of public accounts;

IC1(SW) Bernardino Martinez, Enlisted Volunteer of the Year; Cmdr. Scott, Wilmot, NAS Kingsville executive officer; and Dick Messbarger, Kingsville economic development director. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth.)

Class Petty Officer Association, assistant command fitness leader, and vice president of the Navy Ball Committee.

Joy Alonzo was recognized as Military Spouse of the Year, for donating her time and talent to many community events while at the same time managing her own career as an associate professor for Texas A&M Kingsville's School of Pharmacy.

Alonzo volunteers at several NAS Kingsville's holiday functions as a face painter. She coordinated VT-21's partici-

pation in improving the Cliff Maus low income housing project in Corpus Christi, repairing, cleaning and painting three apartments. She also supports the local Toys for Tots drive and Operation Shipmate. Finally, she coordinated and decorated VT-21's float for the 2010 La Posada Parade, which won "most patriotic."

Alonzo thanked everyone present for the award and for their support of Naval students' spouses. She added, "Quino (her husband) and I have a motto that we try to

leave a community a little better by having been there. Kingsville is a wonderful community."

Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, was the guest speaker for the event, who talked, among other things, about how the state of Texas values their veterans and their military. "The stories of their (the awardees) service and everyone here has increased value to us, and I ask you all to give a round of applause to all our military personnel."

## Crash from page 1

cue and Security personnel responded to the crash site within minutes Nov. 2. The firefighters located the aircraft and extinguished the fire while Security personnel secured the crash site.

An Aircraft Mishap Board (AMB) from Training Air Wing TWO began an investigation into the cause of the crash almost immediately. The AMB completed their investigation of the crash site Nov. 6 and the wreckage was removed from the site and taken to a secure location for further evaluation as the investigation into the cause of the crash continues. The crash site was turned over to the NAS Kingsville environmental services team Nov. 7.

"The crash site was turned over to our environmental team a few days after the crash so we could do our job of assessing the site for environmental contamination," said Sheri Fox, supervisory environmental



Naval Air Station Kingsville security personnel responded to the crash site with minutes Nov. 2, and cordoned off the area surround-

ing the site to ensure personnel safety and scene integrity. (Photos by Jon Gagné)

engineer and environmental services officer for the NAS Kingsville public works department.

"Once we finish assessing the site, we will contract with an outside agency to come

in and do the work that is required by State of Texas to clean-up and restore the site to pre-crash conditions. So we'll have to do some sampling and soil removal dependent upon how much contamination we find."

Fox added that the on-site clean-up could take several weeks, followed by back-filling the land and restoring the site. The site is then inspected to ensure the clean-up is in line with state requirements.



### Playground opening

Capt. Mark McLaughlin joined children and members of the Child Development Center staff for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground area Nov. 2. The CNIC-funded project took about 90 days to complete from start to finish. According to MWR director David Haigh, the project contained a couple of major goals for the CDC. "First we had to replace and move existing playground equipment to provide a more efficient operational layout," Haigh stated. "Then, we were able to start work on the new layout." Haigh added the toddler outdoor activity area was subdivided into nine activity zones, including: (1) loose parts/push-pull; (2) sensory; (3) water play; (4) sand play; (5) equipment climbing; (6) drama; (7) art; (8) music; and (9) garden/nature areas. (Photos by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

## Sailors of the Year recognized for leadership, service, knowledge

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

Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville's 2011 Sailors of the Year have once again proven themselves to be exceptional Sailors who stand out above their peers.

Not only did they perform above what was expected, according to their nominations, they also contributed to the success of their division, department and command.

The criteria used to separate these Sailors is the depth of their responsibilities, extra assignments undertaken, demonstration of rating and professional military knowledge, and how they have helped to fulfill the mission of NAS Kingsville.

Each Sailor is expected to take on leadership roles, build team camaraderie and be proficient in rating knowledge. It is how well each Sailor can sustain exceptional performance while in these roles, that sets them apart.

All three 2011 Sailors of the Year work at the Air Operations Department.

"Among the many fantastic successes (air operations) has enjoyed this year is the fact that two of the finest air traffic controllers in the Navy were selected to represent (NAS Kingsville) as the Senior Sailor of the Year and Blue Jacket of the Year," said Lt. Jody Kite, air traffic control facilities officer. "In my 23 years of ATC experience, I have had the pleasure of working with some of the finest people our nation has to offer and these individuals represent that legacy and the future of our Naval service."

AC1(AW/SW) Michael Tredway, a veteran of 11 years and native of Conneaut, Ohio, is the Senior Sailor of the Year and will represent NAS Kingsville at Jacksonville, Fla., during the regional selection process for Sailor of the Year.

Tredway is a team player. "I am extremely proud of being selected as Sailor of the Year" see *SOYS on page 8*



Sailors of the Year were recently recognized at an all-hands call. From left are AC1(AW/SW) Michael Tredway, ET2(SW/AW) Matthew Watson, and AC3 Shauna Johnson. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth.)



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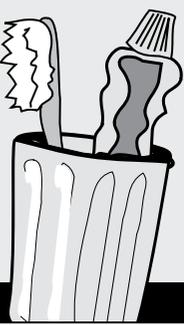



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#### FFSC offers classes

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Fleet and Family Support Center will offer the following classes during 2012 on the dates listed.

Transition Assistance Program (TAP): Jan. 9-13, March 12-16, May 14-18, July 9-13, Sept. 10-14, and Dec. 10-14.

Executive Transition Assistance Program (ETAP): April 16-20 and Oct. 15-19.

Command Financial Specialist (CFS): Feb. 6-10 and Aug. 6-10.

First Term CONSEP: Jan. 23-27 and June 4-8.

Mid Term CONSEP: March 12-23

Base Indoctrination: Jan. 5, Jan. 19, and Feb. 2.

For more information, call Ramon Panganiban at 516-6333.

#### Holiday worship schedule

Naval Air Station Kingsville's Chaplain has announced a worship schedule for the holiday season. It includes:

Family Bible Service on Sundays beginning at 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass on Sundays beginning at 12:30 p.m. Candlelight Service on Dec. 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Chapel on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Family Bible Service at 10:30 a.m. and Catholic Mass at 12:30 p.m.

The Chaplain's Office is also sponsoring Operation Shipmate through Nov. 23. Non perishable food items will be collected to provide holiday food baskets to needy Sail-

ors and their families.

For more information, call the Chaplain's Office at 516-6331.

#### 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.

#### CO's Suggestion Box

Have an idea that can make Naval Air Station Kingsville a better place to work? Don't know how to get that idea to the right person?

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#### 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.

### SoYs from page 7

of the Year. It is an absolute honor. I am overwhelmed with pride. My Sailors work hard every day, and my selection is a direct reflection of what they do and the hard work they put in," Tredway said.

Tredway reported to NAS Kingsville in July 2009 and has demonstrated motivation that has catapulted him into a leader providing the command a service normally reserved for a chief petty officer, as the radar branch chief, according to Kite.

"His stellar leadership capabilities and genuine concern for his Sailors' well-being has set a standard that others should emulate," Kite added.

ET2(SW/AW) Matthew Watson, an electronics technician for the precision approach radar and a native of Byers, Texas, was selected as the Junior Sailor of the Year. According to his supervisor, ET1(SW) Michael Wolfe, Watson was nominated for his vast electronics knowledge expertise that has made him an invaluable member of the team and is dedicated to not only his shipmates, but also to the command's mission.

Watson set himself head and shoulders above his peers through his proven technical expertise, professionalism, command duties and many hours of volunteer involvement in the Corpus Christi Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

"He is the epitome of honor, courage, and commitment, as a proactive profession-

al that does the difficult tasks assigned and seeks out discrepancies and corrects them," said ETCS(SW/AW/EXW) Kirk Hurst, ground electronics maintenance officer.

Blue Jacket of the Year, AC3 Shauna Johnson, a native of Orlando, Fla., reported to NAS Kingsville in 2009, with focus and drive. She has taken on her qualifications and excelled. She is a member of the NASK Honor Guard, and involved in numerous diversity and holiday activities.

"Johnson has set herself apart from her peers with a team spirit approach to her duties and a hardworking presence," Kite said.

"These Sailors contributed to the success of their work centers, the command, and local communities as well as the success of their fellow Sailors," Command Master Chief (SW/AW/FMF) Charlie Ratliff said.

"These individuals worked hard this year to make things better and they were successful in doing just that. I am proud of them and I sincerely appreciate everything they've done.

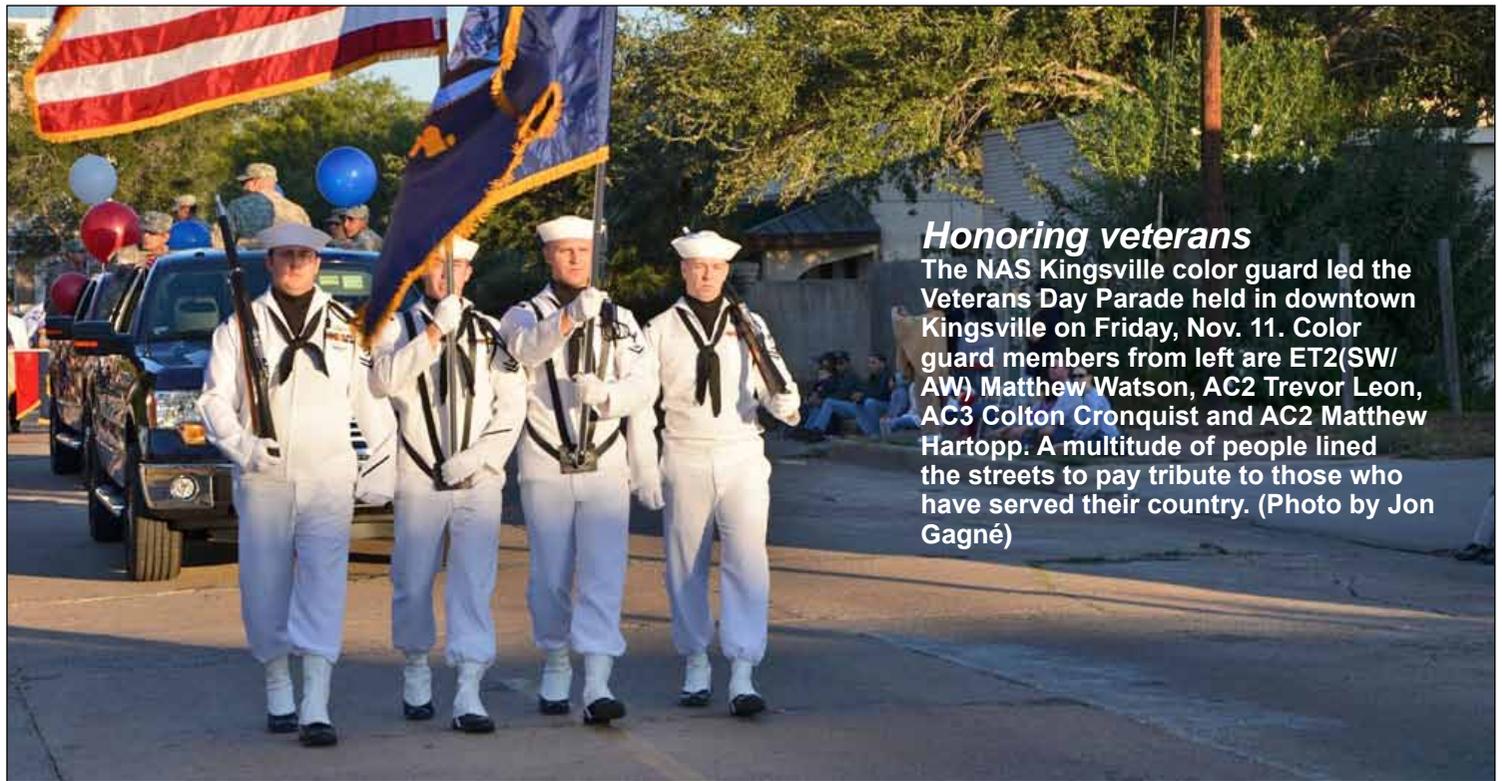
"Advice for any Sailor gearing to be competitive for the Sailor of the Year," says Ratliff, "is to be the best you can be in your work center, know your job and know it well, and more importantly, to do everything within means to make things better, -- for their Sailors, their command, community, and challenging others to succeed."

**Pass & ID from page 2** \_\_

Note: As a reminder, please submit your Applications for Activity Access and Request for Employee Access (CNRSE 5200 Forms 1 and 2) in person at the Pass & ID office from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please be reminded that NAS Kingsville has “zero” control of RapidGate’s application process. From the time of registration, it should take only 15 to 21 days to process an applicant’s account approval, to include the background check. Keep in mind, 15 to 21 days to process is reserved for normal routine applicants. If there is an issue with an applicant’s background, then the process can take longer.

Thank you for understanding that these changes are being made to provide better customer service to you.



**Honoring veterans**

The NAS Kingsville color guard led the Veterans Day Parade held in downtown Kingsville on Friday, Nov. 11. Color guard members from left are ET2(SW/AW) Matthew Watson, AC2 Trevor Leon, AC3 Colton Cronquist and AC2 Matthew Hartopp. A multitude of people lined the streets to pay tribute to those who have served their country. (Photo by Jon Gagné)

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**Science fair --** ET3 Jessica Korenek and HA Anthony Lagpacan introduce themselves to a student prior to the interview portion for the science project. Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville participated in judging the science fair for Jesus R. Perez Elementary School held Nov. 2 and 3. The students are judged on the information, the process of the experiment and how well it was documented, along with the board appearance and interview portion. Those few selected from the school will continue to compete in the district science fair in December. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

## Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### MWR Event Calendar

**Mondays**  
 11:30 a.m. - Cardio Overdrive  
 6 p.m. - Zumba at Fitness Center  
 7:30 p.m. - Monday Night Football & Build your own Nachos at Liberty

**Tuesdays**  
 6 p.m. - Spinning at Fitness Center  
 7 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee pickup game

**Wednesdays**  
 11:30 a.m. - Cardio Overdrive  
 6 p.m. - Zumba at Fitness Center  
 7 p.m. - Free movies at Liberty/Single Sailor Lounge

**Thursdays**  
 5 p.m. - Flag Football League  
 6 p.m. - Spinning at Fitness Center  
 7 p.m. - Trivia-On-Tap at the K-Bar

**Fridays**  
 Fabulous Friday Table Games & Snacks at Liberty, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Sundays**  
 All day football & burgers at Liberty

**Nov. 21**  
**5K Turkey Trot, 5 p.m.**

**Nov. 23**  
**Liberty Movies, 7 p.m.**  
 Rise of the Planet of the Apes

**Nov. 30**  
**Veterinary Clinic, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Dec. 1**  
**Tree Lighting & Candyland Carnival**  
 5:30 at the Captain's Club

**Dec. 10**  
 Army/Navy flag football at 12 p.m., followed by watching Army/Navy game on flat screen at 1:30 p.m.

**Bowling Leagues**  
**In the Doghouse League**  
**Standings as of Nov. 8**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Alley Cats	29	15
2	Lane Breakers	28	16
3	Three J's	25.5	18.5
4	DNA	23	21
5	3 Minds/Gutter	21.5	22.5
6	The Guys	20	24
7	The Dusters	16	28
8	Spare Tires	13	31

**High Score Game-Men:** Lindy Conner, 279; Jerry Brooks, 277; Clinton Howell, 264.

**High Score Series-Men:** Lindy Conner, 730; Jerry Brooks, 673; Bryan Hastings, 671.

**Wednesday Nite Mixed**  
**Standings as of Nov. 9**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	26	14
2	Petes Angels	21	19
3	DUH's	20	20
4	Rat'Lers	20	20
5	I Can't Believe	20	20
6	Bad Azz	19.5	20.5
7	Big K Rollers	18.5	21.5
8	Laugh Out Loud	15	25

**High Score Game-Men:** JD Monroe, 275; John Zapalac, 267; Clinton Howell, 258; Frank Goff, 258.

**High Score Series-Men:** John Zapalac, 724; Clinton Howell, 671; Joey Soliz, 650.

**High Score Game-Women:** Tilde Hyndyman, 201; Mary Gonzales, 201; Lee Peters, 192.

**High Score Series-Women:** Lucy Clarkson, 522; Delia Monroe, 518; Shirlie Duffy, 518.

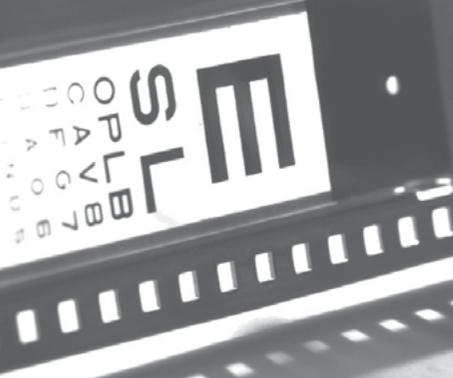


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## MCPON message to Fleet: 'No second chances for drug abuse'

Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West, released the following message on drug abuse, which focuses on "Spice," herbal products and other designer drugs, to the fleet, Feb. 11:

"Shipmates,

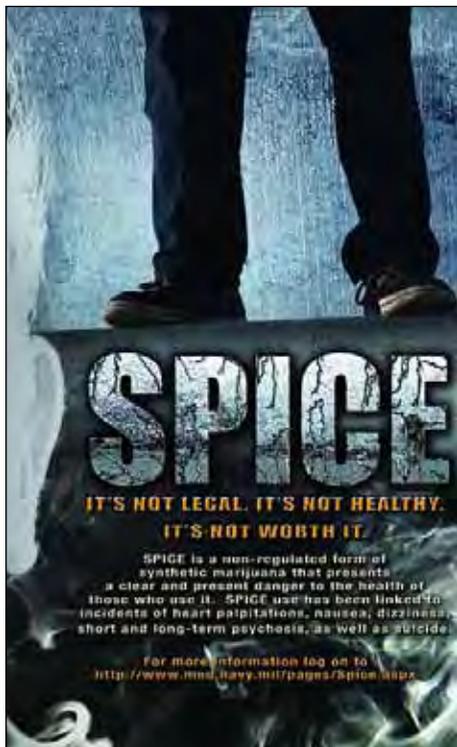
There has been an alarming rise in the number of Sailors who are choosing to use 'Spice,' herbal products and other so-called designer drugs; and this must come to an immediate stop.

More than 150 Sailors are currently being processed for 'Spice' use, possession or distribution, and this is UNSAT.

Overall, the Navy has separated 1,374 Sailors in FY09; 1,308 Sailors in FY10; and 302 Sailors during the first quarter of FY11, for drug abuse. These unexpected losses negatively affect our commands' manning levels, which in turn affects the commands' operational and warfighter readiness. The Navy's policy on drug abuse is simple and clear - zero tolerance, and there are no second chances.

NAVADMIN 108/10 states the following on drug abuse:

'Drug abuse includes the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance. Drug abuse also includes the unlawful use of controlled substance analogues (designer drugs), natural substances (e.g., fungi, excretions), chemicals (e.g., chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants), propellants and/or prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceuti-



cal compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, and will subject the violator to punitive action under the UCMJ and/or adverse administrative action.'

Some examples of substances mentioned above where the wrongful use constitutes drug abuse includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Products that contain synthetic cannabinoid compounds, such as "Spice," genie, blaze, dream, ex-ses, spark, fusion, dark knight, yukatan fire, and K2.

- Natural substances such as salvia divinorum and mushrooms.

- Common items abused by inhaling or huffing, such as Dust Off, glue, paint thinner and gasoline.

- Over-the-counter products such as Robitussin and Coricidin HBP.

- Prescription medications such as Oxycodone, Vicodin, Adderall, and Valium.

If you didn't know, 'Spice' is a mixture of natural herbs and synthetic cannabinoids, that when smoked, produce a marijuana-like 'high' that decreases motor skills, impairs coordination and concentration, and effects short-term memory and senses.

The effects of these substance is unpredictable when combined with alcohol, and since the chemical blends are continuously manipulated and the strength of the synthetic chemical used is unknown, there is no way to know what you are getting in

the drugs nor what the long-term health risks are if used.

Some of the side effects from these drugs included uncontrolled vomiting, excessive sweating, flushed skin, increased heart rate and high blood pressure, and loss of consciousness. If this sounds like a good time to you, then go ahead and hand over your rank and paycheck, and possibly your life.

Bottom line: The use and even just the possession of 'Spice,' herbal products, designer drugs, chemicals used for huffing, salvia divinorum, or products containing synthetic cannabinoid compounds are prohibited.

Leadership, along with Naval Criminal Investigative Service, is aggressively working to catch personnel who are possessing, using, or distributing drugs; and when you get caught, your career will be over.

Drug abuse goes against our Navy's core values and ethos, and it is a threat to lives, unit and mission readiness and morale.

HOOYAH!"

... "It is every Sailor's responsibility to deter drug abuse. If you do the crime, you will do the time. Remember zero tolerance and no second chances."

--- MCPON Rick West

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