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Kleberg County, Kingsville pay tribute to all veterans on Memorial Day

Story and photos by Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Kleberg County and the city of Kingsville paid tribute to veterans past and present Monday, May 30, during a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Kleberg County War Memorial.

NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin was the keynote speaker for the event, which more than 200 people attended.

The ceremony also included the Civil Air Patrol color guard and the singing of the national anthem by H.M. King high school student Juan Carlos, VFW Post 2375 rifle and honor teams, and remarks by County Judge and Marine Corps veteran Juan Escobar, and Disabled American Veterans Commander Art Hernandez. Kingsville VFW Post 2375 Commander John Moreno served as master of ceremonies.

During his remarks, Capt. McLaughlin talked about the sacrifices American service members have made in the defense of freedom.

"Today we pay tribute to all American service members who have served their country," McLaughlin said, "especially those who paid the ultimate price. We have learned that there is often times a heavy cost to defending freedom; but for more than 200 years, American military personnel have answered the call to defend those freedoms."

McLaughlin also took the time to speak with members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2375, including two of

Kingsville's oldest veterans – Fred Woolsey and Donald Gray – who participated in the ceremonial wreath laying inside the Kleberg County Veterans War Memorial building.

"Today is all about those who have served their country and sacrificed for all of us," McLaughlin said, "especially these brave American soldiers from our greatest generation. I am so honored to be able to be here today and salute these veterans for what they have done for this great country."

Similar Memorial Day ceremonies were held throughout South Texas and thousands of residents turned out to pay their respects to those who have served. Corpus Christi events included a dedication ceremony for a World War II memorial plaque at Sherrill Park. The plaque, which had been displayed outside the old Memorial Coliseum, was moved to the park last month and is anchored on bricks from the former building that was dedicated to local veterans.

In Rockport, a ceremony was held at Veterans Memorial Park to honor those who served their country in support roles and military families, and throughout the week leading up to Memorial Day, local Scouts units posted flags on cemetery grave sites of local veterans.

In addition to Capt. McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville participation at the Kingsville ceremony included Capt. Joe Evans, Deputy Commander, Training Air Wing TWO; Chaplain Mark Haley, ET1(SW) Samuel Sanchez, LS2(SW) Jason Sigler and ET2(SW) Lauren Hosey.



Kingsville VFW Commander John Moreno displays a wreath honoring veterans who lost their lives in support of their country prior to the Memorial Day ceremony at the Kleberg County Veterans War Memorial Building.



Above, NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin talks to Kingsville's oldest living veterans prior to a Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Kleberg County Veterans War Memorial Building Monday, May 30. Right, LS2(SW) Jason Sigler and ET2(SW) Lauren Hosey talk to VFW member Valdemar Sanchez and VFW Commander John Moreno as they prepare for the ceremony.

Commemorate the battle that was a turning point in WWII

To commemorate the Battle of the Midway, Naval Air Station Kingsville will hold a wreath-laying ceremony June 3, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Captain's Club.

The Battle of Midway is considered to be a pivotal moment in the war in the Pacific. The small island of Midway was seen as strategically important by Japanese Combined Fleet Commander Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto. He hoped to draw the U.S. carriers into a trap in order to prevent a repeat of the April 1942 Doolittle Raid during which bombers launched from USS Hornet (CV 12) and bombed Tokyo. The U.S. raid was in retaliation for Japan's attack at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Turn to page 4 for more information.

Prepare for hurricane season

What do you need to do to prepare for hurricane season? Turn to pages 6 and 7, to find out.

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Memorial Day holiday and relax with family and friends.

First and foremost, this weekend marks the 69th anniversary of the Battle of Midway; the pivotal point in the Pacific theater during World War II. Our Navy was formed over 236 years ago and has made history throughout; defending the sea lanes, showing the flag, countless engagements, two world wars and the list goes on and on. Recognized as one of the greatest moments in our Navy's history, the Battle of Midway was the turning point for the United States in the war with Japan.

For Naval Aviation, this year's anniversary coincides with the year-long celebration of 100 years of Naval Aviation. Since Naval Aviation was the major player in the decisive victory for the U.S. Navy at Midway, this anniversary celebration has an extra meaning to those that wear the Wings of Gold.

Please join us for our Battle of Midway Celebration in the Club, Friday, June 3.

The second item I'd like to discuss is the 100 days of summer and getting through it safely. Now that the kids are out of school, vacations are upon us and outdoor and recreational activities increase, it is time to apply a little risk management to ensure your summer activities are conducted safely.

The biggest area of concern I have for base personnel is driving.

Obviously, drinking and driving is not only against the law, it is not the conduct we in the Navy tolerate.

Additionally, driving on those long vacations sometimes adds the pressure of getting somewhere and risking safety to do it. You have heard me say this before, but I'll say it again; drive within your means, plan your travel, let someone know where you are going and the route you take, avoid driving after dark to reduce your exposure to the drunk drivers and nocturnal animals, and most importantly obey speed limits and wear your seatbelts.

Remember, the mission of our base requires your skill sets, so plan accordingly and don't forget your risk management.

Until next time~Skipper Mac

NASK Legal Office to draft wills

The Naval Air Station Kingsville Navy Legal Service Office will offer appointments to draft wills on June 8. Please call 361-516-6426 or email christie.mills@navy.mil, to schedule your appointment.



Advancements -- Bravo zulu to the Naval Air Station Kingsville Sailors who were frocked May 26 to their current rank. From left are AC3 Lattie Honeycutt II, AC2 Israel Cansino, AC3 Christopher Almeida, NC1 Monica Crumpvenn, ET1(SW) John Fuller IV, AC1(AW) Philip Ford, AC2 James Kemmerer, AC2(AW/SW) Brian Collins II, ET2(SW) Cobey Coles, AC2 Wesley Mooney, ABH2(AW) James Lenord, and AC3 Thomas Debeneditis. Not pictured are DC2(SW) Mara Martinez, AC2 Megan McCall and AC3 David Case II. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

Deckplate Leadership



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



Team Kingsville,

Congratulations again to our Sailors who were frocked last Thursday! Sailors frocked to first class petty officer were: NC1 Monica Crump-Venn; AC1 Philip Ford; and ET1 John Fuller. Those frocked to second class petty officer were: AC2 Israel Cansino; ET2 Cobey Coles; AC2 Brian Collins; AC2 James Kemmerer; ABH2 James Lenord; AC2 Megan McCall; and AC2 Wesley Mooney. Those frocked to third class petty officer were: AC3 Christopher Almeida; AC3 Thomas Debeneditis; and AC3 Lattie Honeycutt. DC2(Sel) Mara Martinez and AC3(Sel) David Case were also on the selection list but were on leave last week. They will attend the required leadership course and be frocked upon their return. Great job shipmates!

While these 15 Sailors were selected for advancement, many others tested and weren't selected. There is no doubt that it is a challenge to make rate in today's Navy. In fact, it has always been challenging to make rate. However, as our Navy continues to right size and the end strength continues to drop, advancement is even more difficult. Unfortunately, in my opinion, many Sailors view the advancement challenge from the wrong perspective. They think that since advancement percentages are low, there is little chance for advancement so they don't prepare like they would if the percentages were greater.

I would encourage Sailors to see the

glass half full instead of half empty. Sure, advancement percentages are down, but we are still advancing Sailors in every rate. Prepare yourself for the next advancement examination so you are one of those selected. Now is the time to develop a good plan of action to prepare for the September examination. First, go to NKO and get the bibliography for your rate. The bibliography lists every resource that was used to develop rating specific and professional military knowledge test questions. Print that bibliography and get your hands on every document listed in it.

Next, find a Sailor or two in the pay grade you are hoping to advance to and seek their advice. How do you determine which Sailors you should approach for advice? That's easy; seek out good leaders that Sailors look up to. Then ask those Sailors what they did to successfully advance. Find out what material they studied and what their study habits were. Then talk with your LPO and LCPO and get their advice on advancement strategies. Remember, every one of these people have successfully advanced to the pay grade you are hoping to advance to.

Now that you have now determined what to study and you have received advice from senior mentors on how to prepare for the examination, all that's left is to develop a plan of action and prepare yourself for the September advancement examination. Commit yourself to that plan and study hard to prepare. And if you are wondering when you should start preparing, that is an easy question to answer -- start today. The more material you study and the longer period of time you spend covering that material, the higher your test score will be. Best of luck on the September advancement exam shipmates!

V/R,
CMC

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This paper is published for people like Dawson Weaver, 9, son of YN2 Brandon Weaver, of the NAS Kingsville Admin Department. Dawson, a 3rd grade student at Harrel Elementary School recently received his TAKS test results, which showed that he placed in the top 1 percent of all Texas 3rd grade students.

NAS Kingsville personnel get wealth of information during annual Health and Safety Fair

"It's important to determine if you are in a storm surge zone," said John Metz, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service. "And, head out of town when an evacuation order is given."

Metz added that this is the first life-saving measure he recommends to people as they prepare for hurricane season because, historically, 9 out of 10 people die from the surges that occur. It's also important to prepare your home for the storm by boarding up windows and bracing garage doors.

"The object is to keep the driving wind and rain out of your house, because once an opening is created, the roof can be uplifted and you can suffer a total loss of your contents," he said.

When evacuating, consider taking alternate routes out of town.

"We are fortunate on the mid-coast to have multiple roadways to escape when a hurricane threatens," Metz said. "Although most evacuees take I-37 northward toward San Antonio, motorists should also consider Highway 281 through Alice, or 181 through Beeville."

The National Weather Service was one of the more than two dozen organizations represented at the Health and Safety Fair held Friday, May 27, prior to the start of the Memorial Day weekend. Participation included command and tenant activities from NAS Kingsville and the surrounding communities.



Rick Durham signs an attendance sheet during the annual Health and Safety Fair held May 27. Durham is health, safety and environmental manager for Rolls-Royce.

Hundreds of people attended the fourth annual fair that provided health and safety information ranging from dental care and early childhood intervention to fire prevention and driving safely.

"Personnel were able to get a wealth of information as they went booth to booth," said Diana Gonzalez of the NAS Kingsville safety office.

"It's a fun way to get the information," said AC1 Praise Sii of Air Operations, "and a good way to start off the holiday weekend."



Yvonne Serna, with Driscoll Children's Hospital, talks to NCC(AW/SW) Minerva Verley (right) and AC2 Megan McCall about the services the hospital offers during the fourth annual Health and Safety Fair held Friday, May 27, at the Captain's Club. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)



Scout's honor -- 1st Lt. Jeff Akins, VT-21 student aviator, closes the flight simulator cockpit as a Scout from Boy Scout Troop 145 takes the controls. Troop 145 visited Naval Air Station Kingsville's Ground Training Department May 18. The group was sponsored by 1st Lt. Akins, VT-21 student aviator. (Photo by: IC1 (SW/AW) Jesse Booth, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs).



Kemmerer



Crumpvonn



Clow

NASK Sailors of the Quarter recognized

NAS Kingsville's top Sailors of the Quarter were recognized recently by the Kingsville Council of the U.S. Navy League. The Sailors were recognized for superior performance, leadership, community involvement and professionalism.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter is CS1 Holly Clow, assistant leading petty officer for the Bachelor Housing Department and Navy Gateway Inns & Suites. A culinary specialist and native of West, Texas. Clow is a veteran of 17 years, and has been on board NAS Kingsville since November, 2007.

"CS1 Clow was nominated for Sailor of the Quarter for her professional leadership, among other qualities," said Bachelor Housing Office Leading Chief CSC(AW/SW)

Pearline Myers.

The Junior Sailor of the Quarter is NC2 Monica Crumpvonn. She is one of the Command's career counselors. Crumpvonn is a native of Lincoln City, Ore., and reported to NAS Kingsville in April 2007.

"Petty Officer Crumpvonn was nominated because of her dedication and professionalism with every task she is assigned," said Command Navy Career Counselor Chief (AW/SW) Minerva Verley.

The Bluejacket of the Quarter is AC3 James Kemmerer of the Air Operations Department. A native of Oviedo, Fla., Kemmerer reported to NAS Kingsville in December 2008, and is an Air Traffic Controller.

My Side



Jon Gagné
NASK Public Affairs

Remembering Midway

As this week's edition of the *Flying K* hits the newsstands, the air station and local Kingsville veterans groups, have joined together to mark a historic period of Naval Aviation history – the Battle of Midway, which took place in the Pacific, June 2-4, 1942.

At the time of this historic battle in the Pacific, the Navy was aggressively moving forward with its construction of an aviation training facility in South Texas, on land formerly known as the Wild Horse Desert. Within a month, the gates to Naval Air Auxiliary Air Station Kingsville would be opened, and the air station that we call home today, would be commissioned.

The decision to construct an airfield in Kingsville was a result of Japan's aggressive pursuit of air supremacy in the Pacific, and the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Within a six month period following the attack on Naval forces in Hawaii, the Japanese empire extended some 6,400 miles from east to west, and 5,300 miles north to south, more than nine times the size of the United States. In a sense, they owned the Pacific.

Kingsville officials must have had a crystal ball. Nearly a year earlier, six months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the city approached the Army in San Antonio – and then the Navy in Corpus Christi – and tried to convince them that Kingsville was the perfect site for an aviation training base. The Army declined, and the Navy listened. A month after the Pearl Harbor attack, in January 1942, the Navy accepted.

Construction on the airfield began almost immediately. The thrust of energy put into the construction of the airfield in Kingsville was a major evolution for the U.S. war effort. While there was airfield construction underway at other locations throughout the U.S. to build up for the war, Kingsville's airfield would take on several roles. While training fighter pilots was at the top of the list, gunnery aircrew training was also conducted. And, for a time, the air station was used as a recruit training facility due to the overflow of recruits at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill. This small, remote airfield in the Wild Horse Desert, was playing a major role in the war effort.

The thousands of student pilots who would report to Kingsville over the coming months would learn of the importance of the historic Battle of Midway in the Pacific. They left here motivated to join the fight, and they would know that their role in the

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MWR announces summer concert series

By Kiana Kahlbaum
MWR Marketing Assistant

You asked, and we listened.

This summer MWR is proud to present the "Summer Concert Series" -- three live shows featuring three different bands -- beginning in June and ending in August. All of the shows will be free for authorized NAS Kingsville personnel.

"The genesis of this concept was from customer responses in past Quality of Life surveys where they expressed an interest in trying to get/have live entertainment here at NAS Kingsville," said MWR Director David Haigh. "We are trying to create a series that appeals to as many as possible within our allocated budget."

The Summer Concert Series began with a show at the Captain's Club by Missouri-based Decadent Nation on Thursday, June 2. According to their website, www.decadentnation.com, the band's sound is influenced by a combination of metal, reggae, and folk. Decadent Nation formed in 2004 and has released several E.P.'s as well as a full-length album, "So There Will Be No Doubt," in 2010. They have shared the stage with several well known groups, including Puddle of Mudd, Three Days Grace, and Saving Abel.

The second band participating in the Concert Series is Metal Shop, a hard rock and 80's glam metal cover band out of Dallas. According to the band's management website, perfectworldentertainment.com, the group is an "outrageously funny spoof of 1980s heavy metal." The band will be performing at NASK's Independence Day Celebration at the Captain's Club on Monday, July 4.

The details for the final show in August are almost completed, and will feature a country band.

"The support of this music series will provide opportunities for bigger and better acts in the future," Haigh said. "So come out and enjoy the show!"

SRB adjustments made

A second adjustment to the fiscal year 2011 Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) Program was announced in NAVADMIN 166/11 released May 18.

SRB is designed to retain Sailors in the Navy's most critical ratings and enlisted classifications. The NAVADMIN adjusts the 124 skill/zone combinations that were updated in February, reducing 46 skills and eliminating 34. It also outlines a policy change for the SRB program. Reenlistment requests for SRB awards will be approved based on quota availability. Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their chain of command as early as possible within their reenlistment window to maximize potential for SRB.

PERS-811 will post and update a list of SRB eligible ratings/skills based on available quotas at, <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlistedcareeradmin/Pages/SRB.aspx>. (CNP Public Affairs)

In the Break



Capt. Mark Brooks
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings and Happy Memorial Day!

A short "In the Break" column this week to wish you a Happy Memorial Day. This day set aside to honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation is also the traditional start to summer. It has been both for me and Melissa. I hope it has been the same for you and yours. It has been a safe and productive start to 2011, may the summer and the rest of the year remain that way for all of us.

Regards, Fingers

Navy Reserve Training Squadron 22 helm change



Lt. Col. Barry Dowell is piped aboard during the Naval Reserve Training Squadron 22 change of command ceremony held May 20, on board Naval Air Station Kingsville. Lt. Col. Dowell relieved Cmdr. Daryl Foster in the ceremony.



Navy Reserve Training Squadron 22 held a change of command May 20, with Lt. Col. Barry Dowell relieving Cmdr. Daryl Foster. Pictured from left are Capt. Mark Brooke, Commodore, Training Air Wing Two; Dowell; Foster; and Cmdr. Neyland Springer, Navy Reserve component commander. (U.S. Navy Photos by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

Alice youth Pilot for a Day on May 19

NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO hosted 8-year old Lucas Grossman as Pilot for a Day on May 19. Below are some snapshots of his day. Top left: L-3's Molly Cowger and Lt. Cmdr Jeff "Bert" Callaway assist the pilot for a day into his flight gear. Right: MAC(SW) Ron Murchison takes Lucas' fingerprints as if her were applying for a clearance. Bottom photo, Firefighter Anthony Clark helps Lucas and his sister

Micayla "man" the fire hose. Their parents Mark and Sheila Grossman look on. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)



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war effort had been forever changed by the historic actions delivered by Army, Navy and Marine Corps aviators in the Pacific.

During WWII, Navy and Marine pilots destroyed over 15,000 enemy aircraft in the air and on the ground, sank 174 Japanese warships - including 13 submarines - totaling 746,000 tons, sank 447 Japanese merchant ships totaling 1,600,000 tons, and, in

the Atlantic, destroyed 63 German U-boats. In combination with other agents, Navy and Marine air forces helped sink another 157,000 tons of warships and 200,000 tons of merchant ships, and another six Japanese and 20 German submarines.

Naval Aviation as the world knew it back in 1942, would never be the same.

That's how we roll.

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

Navy Region Southeast welcomes new enlisted leader

By MCC Monica R. Nelson
Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Navy Region Southeast (NRSE) recently welcomed aboard the newest member of the Region leadership team, Master Chief Herbert Mack Ellis. Ellis assumed the role as Command Master Chief for the Region, taking the helm from Command Master Chief Joseph Curtin May 9. Ellis previously served as command master chief for the Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific in Hawaii.

Ellis' plan for how he will lead the military staff at NRSE centers on Navy policy.

"For those of us at CNRSE, it is a must that we lead by example," Ellis said. "From our most junior Sailor to our most senior Sailor, we must be on the same page, as we teach the Navy's policies. I believe if we follow the basic guidelines of educating ourselves and leading by example, we will do well."

Ellis' leadership at the installations command also includes frequent air travel to work with many of his team members at their respective commands throughout the Region.

"I will be their leader and their mentor," Ellis said of the installation command master chiefs throughout the Southeast Region. "At the same time, I expect to learn as much from them as they can expect to learn from me. We will communicate. I will be communicating Navy policy and any other information [that] our Sailors need to our installations' CMCs and they will pass that information down to the lowest level."

A Senior Chief Radioman prior to 2001, Ellis was made staff command senior chief of Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet that year by now-Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West. The appointment opened Ellis' eyes.

"I was totally unaware of what was going on in the submarine force before that," Ellis said. "I never could have imagined the amount of energy and education that I would receive from the chiefs of the boats



Ellis

and other command master chiefs."

It was a tour that led Ellis in a new direction.

"At one point, I thought I wanted to retire. I've always worked hard, but I didn't make plans to become a command master chief," he said.

"It's everyone's dream to be a Navy Chief, and that had been mine, too. Still, I wanted to make a difference, and to make a difference, you have to keep climbing and convince others to do the same."

According to Ellis, he has found positive guidance from multiple individuals throughout his career.

"I feed off people and believe in influence going both ways, in leading by example. I value effort and integrity, and I value motivation in every Sailor. No one is perfect, [but] everyone should do their best, and we should be able to accept that," Ellis said. "All of that has led me into the position I'm in today."

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

MWR Event Calendar

Tuesdays

Ultimate Frisbee Under the Lights
Tuesdays, at 7 p.m., on the football field.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays, at 7 p.m., movies are shown free of charge at the ITT Liberty Lounge.

Saturdays

Saturdays, at 2 p.m., children's movies are shown free of charge at the ITT Liberty Lounge.

K-Rock Coffee Shop

Buy 10 Cups get one free!!

Trivia on Tap

Trivia Night at the K-Bar is held Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Teams of four compete by answering trivia questions. Great K-Bar prizes available to winners. Call 516-6371, for more information.

Bowling Center

Free bowling weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with purchase of a meal.

Zumba Fitness

Zumba Fitness will be held at the Fitness Center on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. Call 516-4386, for more information.

NOAA hurricane outlook indicates an above-normal Atlantic Season

The Atlantic basin is expected to see an above-normal hurricane season this year, according to the seasonal outlook issued by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service.

Across the entire Atlantic basin for the six-month season, which begins June 1, NOAA is predicting the following ranges this year:

- 12 to 18 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which:
 - 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including:
 - 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher)

Each of these ranges has a 70 percent likelihood, and indicate that activity will exceed the seasonal average of 11 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

"The United States was fortunate last year. Winds steered most of the season's tropical storms and all hurricanes away from our coastlines," said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "However we can't count on luck to get us through this season. We need to be prepared, especially with this above-normal outlook."

Climate factors considered for this outlook are:

- The continuing high activity era. Since 1995, the tropical multi-decadal signal has brought ocean and atmospheric conditions conducive for development in sync, leading to more active Atlantic hurricane seasons.

- Warm Atlantic Ocean water. Sea surface temperatures where storms often develop and move across the Atlantic are up to two degrees Fahrenheit warmer-than-average.

- La Niña, which continues to weaken in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, is expected to dissipate later this month or in June, but its impacts such as reduced wind shear are expected to continue into the hurricane

season.

"In addition to multiple climate factors, seasonal climate models also indicate an above-normal season is likely, and even suggest we could see activity comparable to some of the active seasons since 1995," said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

NOAA's seasonal hurricane outlook does not predict where and when any of these storms may hit. Landfall is dictated by weather patterns in place at the time the storm approaches. For each storm, NOAA's National Hurricane Center forecasts how these weather patterns affect the storm

track, intensity and landfall potential.

"The tornadoes that devastated the South and the large amount of flooding we've seen this spring should serve as a reminder that disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. As we move into this hurricane season it's important to remember that FEMA is just part of an emergency management team that includes the entire federal family, state, local and tribal governments, the private sector and most importantly the public," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

"Now is the time, if you haven't already, to get your plan together for what you and your family would do if disaster strikes. Visit ready.gov to learn more. And if you're a small business owner, visit www.ready.gov/business to ensure that your business is prepared for a disaster," Fugate added.

Hurricane impacts are not limited to the coastline; strong winds and flooding rainfall often pose a threat across inland areas along with the risk for tornadoes.

To help prepare residents of hurricane-prone areas, NOAA is unveiling a new set of video and audio public service announcements featuring NOAA hurricane experts and the FEMA administrator that are available in both English and Spanish. These are available at <http://www.hurricanes.gov/prepare>.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale			
Category	Winds (MPH)	Damage	Storm Surge
1	74 - 95	Minimal: Damage to unanchored mobile homes, vegetation & signs. Coastal road flooding. Some shallow flooding of susceptible homes.	4 - 5 feet
2	96 - 110	Moderate: Significant damage to mobile homes & trees. Significant flooding of roads near the coast & bay.	6 - 8 feet
3	111 - 130	Extensive: Structural damage to small buildings. Large trees down. Mobile homes largely destroyed. Widespread flooding near the coast & bay.	9 - 12 feet
4	131 - 155	Extreme: Most trees blown down. Structural damage to many buildings. Roof failure on small structures. Flooding extends far inland. Major damage to structures near shore.	13 - 18 feet
5	More than 155	Catastrophic: All trees blown down. Some complete building failures. Widespread roof failures. Flood damage to lower floors less than 15 feet above sea level.	Greater than 18 feet



2011 Atlantic Hurricane names --

Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, Whitney

Don't mistake the 'Watch' for the 'Warning'

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

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

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

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

NAS Kingsville Emergency Manager advises ...

According to Monette Walker, NAS Kingsville emergency manager, the most important thing to consider as a Sailor is to prepare your family for a hurricane before one arrives.

Only you know what you and your family will need during an emergency.

Develop and communicate a plan for your family on where to meet, what to bring, and what preparations will be needed upon evacuating an area. Also consider what to do if you are unable to help your family members prepare to evacuate due to unforeseen circumstances.

Contact your family members outside the affected area early to tell them your plans, because cell phones may go down as the storm approaches and communication may become minimal.

Ensure you have your important documents ready to go as you evacuate. Some of these documents include your insurance paperwork, pet vaccinations, daily medications, emergency kits, an updated listing of local hotels for your location, as well as maps to travel along a safe route.

Communicate and plan with your family

Create a hurricane plan

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for the hurricane. Explain the dangers of fire and severe weather to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.

Discuss the challenges the family may face.

Pick two places to meet: Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire OR outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.

Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

Practice & maintain the plan

Quiz your kids every six months or so. Conduct fire and emergency evacuation. Replace stored water and food every six months. Test and recharge your fire extinguisher/s according to manufacturer's instructions. Test your smoke detectors monthly and charge the batteries at least once a year.

Use a checklist

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc)
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help
- Show each family member how and

when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches

- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage
- Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms
- Conduct a home hazard hunt
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a - Disaster Supplies Kit
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class
- Determine the best escape routes from your home
- Find two ways out of each room
- Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster

Have emergency supplies

It's 2:00 a.m. and a hurricane forces you to evacuate your home, fast. There is no time to gather food from the kitchen, fill bottles with water, grab a first aid kit from the closet and snatch a flashlight and a portable radio from the bedroom. You need to have these items packed and ready in one place before disaster strikes. Pack at least a three-day supply of food and water, and store it in a handy place. Choose foods that are easy to carry, nutritious and ready-to-eat. In addition,



tion, pack these emergency items:

- Medical, hygiene supplies and first aid manual
- Money and matches in a waterproof container
- Portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Blanket and extra clothing
- Shovel and other useful tools
- Infant and small children's needs (if appropriate)
- Household liquid bleach to purify drinking water

- Manual can openers.
- Some other supplies are:**
- Blankets (at least 1 per family member)
 - Signal flare, maps, whistle, flashlight and extra batteries, basic tools and jumper cables for your vehicles.
 - Infant formula, diapers and wipes (for those with babies)
 - Garbage bags
 - Paper towels and toilet paper
 - Non-prescription drugs (pain relievers, antacids, antidiarrheals, etc.)
 - Bleach (16 drops of bleach will disinfect a gallon of water).

Know your evacuation procedures

Although it may seem safe to stay at home and wait out a hurricane, doing so could be very dangerous. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes that could threaten your home. Lightning is equally dangerous. Damage from flying debris could result in injury. Depending on the strength of the hurricane, your community may be directed to evacuate. Installations could be required to evacuate prior to receive an evacuation order from local communities. Stay tuned to your radio and television for important evacuation information. Know the evacuation route you want to take.

According to the NASKINGSINST 3440.E,

In the event of a severe (Category 3, 4, or 5) hurricane, every effort will be made to evacuate personnel; however, the Installation Commanding Officer (ICO) may deem an evacuation necessary with a lower category storm. San Antonio area is the designated evacuation site for all Navy family personnel located in the South Texas region.

Personnel are not required to utilize the San Antonio Evacuation Site. Personnel evacuating to other than San Antonio are required to muster themselves and their dependents in Navy Family Accountability Assessment System (NAFAAS) as soon as possible. Telephonic muster is required if access to websites cannot be achieved.



Evacuate

For pet owners

Pets will not be sheltered in the Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) evacuation barracks. Pets are not allowed in lodging or in any shelter. Please contact local animal shelters or Vet clinics. In San Antonio: Responsible Pet Owners Alliance, 210-822-6763; S.A.F.E.Hotline, 210-207-7233; Aunt Kelly's County Kennels, 830-701-4133; Animal Hospital of San Antonio, 210-344-9741; and Master Kennels, 210-688-3539.

Hotline numbers

NAS Kingsville Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
(Follow your chain of command first)
361-516-4170, 4171, 4172, 4173, 4175
American Red Cross
(San Antonio) 210-224-5151
Animal Defense League
210-655-1481

Hurricane preparedness information gathered from the following sites ...

<https://www.navyfamily.navy.mil>
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/navy.html>
<http://www.noaa.gov/index.html>
www.fema.gov/

<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Kingsville/Programs/TrainingandReadiness/HurricanePreparedness/index.htm>

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