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Training Air Wing's helm changes

Command of Training Air Wing TWO will change hands today, July 15, at 10 a.m., when Capt. D. Mark Brooks will turn over the helm to Capt. Joseph H. Evans, during a traditional change of command ceremony at the Naval Air Station Kingsville Captain's Club.

Rear Adm. William Sizemore, Chief of Naval Air Training, is the presiding official.

Evans reports to Kingsville from Washington, D.C., where he recently graduated from the National War College with a master of science degree in national security strategies.

Evans, a native of Montana, earned a bachelor of science degree from Montana State University in 1987, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1989 at NAS Meridian, Miss.

Following flight school, he reported to VA-42 at NAS Oceana, Va., where he qualified in the A-6E Intruder. Upon completion of the Fleet Readiness Squadron, he was assigned to the VA-34 "Blue Blasters" and made one deployment to the Persian Gulf embarked aboard USS Eisenhower (CVN 69). In 1994, Evans was transferred to the VFA-106 "Gladiators" for FA-18 Hornet transition training. He subsequently stayed on with the Gladiators as a flight instructor until 1997.

From April to December of 1997, Evans served as the aide-de-camp to Commander, Carrier Group TWO, aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), making one deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and to the Persian Gulf.

In 1998, Evans reported to the "Golden



Brooks



Evans

Warriors" of VFA-87 for his department head tour. He served as the operations officer while embarked aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) for the 1999 deployment in support of Operation Allied Force and Operation Southern Watch. His subsequent shore tour assignment was to the staff of the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, where he served as assistant air wing training and readiness officer. Following that tour, he attended the United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

In 2004, Evans reported to the VFA-83 "Rampagers" as the executive officer and assumed command in 2005. Evans completed one deployment to the Persian Gulf on board USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His squadron received the Chief of Naval Operations 2005 Safety "S" Award and the 2005 CNO Fleet Retention Award.

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Freedom ride -- Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas kicked off Naval Air Station Kingsville's 4th of July celebration with a group ride. The ride, from Robstown to the Naval Air Station included a trip around the base. More than 20 motorcycles and people participated, including several people from the air station. For more photos and information about NAS Kingsville's 4th of July celebration, turn to page 7.



Brooks makes final flight at NAS Kingsville

Capt. D. Mark Brooks made his final flight July 7, on the eve of his change of command and subsequent retirement from the U.S. Navy.

He flew a T-45 Goshawk -- "retro-painted" in celebration of 100 years of Naval Aviation.

The flight that marked the end of more than 25 years of U.S. Naval service and a two-year tour as Commander, Training Air Wing TWO.

Brooks was initially trained to fly the training in

the F/A-18 Hornet. Over his career, he has accumulated over 3,900 flight hours, including 3,200 in the F/A-18A/B/C/D, with over 766 carrier landings on 14 different fleet aircraft carriers.

Brooks will turn over the helm of Training Air Wing TWO to Capt. Joseph Evans on July 15.

Brooks will retire from the U.S. Navy on July 19.

For more photos of Brooks' final flight, turn to page 6.

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

Let me begin by offering a congratulations and welcome aboard to Capt. Joe "Joe Bags" Evans. Capt. Evans assumes command of Training Air Wing TWO July 15, relieving Capt. Mark "Fingers" Brooks. To Mark and Melissa, NAS Kingsville wishes you fair winds and following seas as you head off to retirement in Alabama.

Now a complete change of topic: traffic violations on board NAS Kingsville. If I were to ask you what you think are the three most common traffic violations issued on the air station each month, do you think you would know the answer? Of the tickets issued by our Security Officers, the majority (98 percent) fall equally in three different categories: cell phone usage, failure to stop and illegal parking. As a matter of fact, we didn't have one speeding ticket on the base last month -- thank you very much and please keep this trend going.

So let's talk about the big three and why they are important. First is cell phone usage. Even in this technological age we live in, cell phone usage on the base is prohibited while operating a moving vehicle. The reason for this is due to the fact that cell phone usage has proven to be a distracter to operating a vehicle and on board the air station. We have plenty of distractions all around us. From pedestrians, to small electric slow moving vehicles, construction, mowers and the like, there is too much activity going on within the relatively confined operational area of NAS Kingsville to risk driving with a cell phone to your ear. Even though cell phone usage is allowed off-base while operating a vehicle that privilege does not apply once on the air station, so hang up your phones while on the base.

Second of the big three is failure to stop at stop signs. I'm not budging on this one either and request that you please make full and complete stops at the posted intersections. The reasons are the same as with cell phone usage, and the numbers of close calls we have witnessed by vehicles rolling through stop signs into the path of other vehicles, including small electric vehicles or motorcycles, is alarming. This base isn't more than a mile from one end of the developed complex to the other, so the need to hurry through an intersection isn't worth the risk to others using the roads as well.

Last of the big three is parking. There is enough dedicated parking throughout this base that it still boggles my mind as to why there are those that can't seem to find a way to locate one and avoid a parking ticket. There are areas throughout the base where it seems logical that one could park on a spot; however, we have our reasons why you can't. These are related to the safety of the installation due to underground utilities, fire and emergency services access, motor vehicle operator visibility, etc. So I ask all, please park in designated parking spaces only.

The safety of all on Naval Air Station Kingsville is and will be one of my highest priorities. To ensure this safety, my Security Officers will be watching for cell phone usage, failure to stop and illegal parking. Likewise, wear those seat belts as that ticket comes with a pretty hefty fine.

Until Next Time ~Skipper Mac



ABH2(AW) Edward Valenzuela was frocked recently to his current rank by Capt. Mark McLaughlin, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville. Valenzuela, a native of Riverside, Calif., reported to NAS Kingsville's Field Support last month. He has six years of Naval service. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

Deckplate Leadership

Team Kingsville,

I attended Chief Myers' reenlistment ceremony July 12 at Bachelor Housing (BH). Following the ceremony, I toured the complex doing random inspections of some of the rooms. I want all of you who live in BH to know that by-and-large, I was very impressed with the cleanliness of the individual rooms. It is nice so nice that our single Sailors have the opportunity to live in individual rooms complete with new furniture.

When I reported to NAS Kingsville for the first time back in 1983, I lived in one of the BH units on base for my first year and a half here. I was in a room very similar to the rooms in the current BH unit. The only difference was there were three Sailors in each room. I am so glad the Navy has progressed to the point where we now allow Sailors to have individual rooms that afford them some privacy.

Not only are the rooms nice now, but the amenities are much nicer also. Cable TV in the lounge areas, a pool table room, an exercise room, and kitchen areas make BH a very comfortable place to live. I might also mention, I am very pleased to see that our residents are taking good care of all of the common areas.

Unfortunately, two of the rooms I



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Charlie Ratliff
Command Master Chief



inspected today were not up to standards. In fact, they were a mess. What I'm about to say doesn't apply to 99 percent of our BH residents, but to the one percent who aren't keeping their rooms clean: Shipmates, I don't expect your BH rooms to be inspection-ready every day. But I do expect them to be clean. I expect dirty laundry to be put in a hamper, not strewn around your room. I expect trash to be in a trash can and if the can is full I expect it to be taken out. I expect you to dispose of old food items so they don't spoil and create an unpleasant smell in the BH.

Again, I don't expect to walk into a room and be able to eat lunch off the floor or bounce a quarter two feet off a perfectly-made bed. I simply want you to keep your rooms at the level of cleanliness I would expect from professional Sailors.

V/R,
CMC

TAMUK to offer MBA through College of Business Administration

A Global MBA Program will be offered at Texas A&M University-Kingsville next year through the school's College of Business Administration. Classes start in the spring

of 2012, and will be available exclusively online.

For more information, visit the college Web Site at www.tamuk.edu/cba/mba or call 361-593-3937.

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Community Plans and Liaison Officers safeguard mission, community

By Suzanne Speight
NRSE Public Affairs

As residential and commercial developments expand around what were once rural areas, a military installation's mission and existence, as well as the economic well-being of the surrounding communities can be at risk.

While no "one-size-fits-all" approach can prevent or stop growth altogether, Navy Region Southeast Community Plans and Liaison Officers (CPLOs) are proving that with the proper planning, adjacent lands can be utilized in ways that are both compatible with the military mission and enhance the value of the neighboring community.

"All military installations attract development," said Navy Region Southeast regional mission sustainment officer Dave Dahl. "A military installation is inherently a major economic driver that attracts employees and businesses, which in turn spawns area development."

Dahl said the CPLO's main mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the public, while supporting the operational mission of the base.

Reporting directly to the commanding officer, CPLOs play a critical role in communicating, managing and taking action regarding compatible land use issues that impact the installation's mission.

CPLOs are responsible for quickly iden-

tifying possible mission impacts stemming from land use development, and taking steps to find a balanced solution that benefits the Navy and the local community. Although CPLOs in various forms have been around since the late 1980s, the role has increased in prominence over the last 10 years, the result of hard-fought lessons learned in places like Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., where homes and businesses sit directly in the path of low-level jet training.

NAS Kingsville's CPLO, Glenn Jones, is a retired Navy air traffic controller. He brings a vast knowledge and insight of encroachment issues to the table, and works hand-in-hand with local officials on a number of programs specifically designed to coordinate community growth without affecting military mission accomplishment.

"The support NAS Kingsville receives from the city of Kingsville and Kleberg County is unparalleled," Jones said. "The base is not just another economic driver for the community; it is part of the very fabric that is Kingsville."

"The city and county leaders know that sustaining the Navy's current mission while leaving room for that mission to expand is good for the community. Equally, the base knows that growth and prosperity within the city and county benefits the base. The cooperation NAS Kingsville receives from the community is a large part of what makes Kingsville a great place to train Naval Avia-

tors – and a great place to live."

CPLOs start with an Encroachment Action Plan (EAP), which identifies and prioritizes potential compatible land use issues. The EAP gives the CPLO a road map to identify stakeholders, reach out to community businesses and city planners, and build partnerships that allow development while protecting the mission of the base and the economic benefits it brings to the community.

In Navy Region Southeast, no two bases are exactly alike, and each of the region's 15 installations has unique mission sustainment challenges. From Georgia to Texas to the Florida Keys, every CPLO has to become an expert in the operational needs of the base and the threats to that mission in the local community.

"Two-way communication between the military and our communities is essential to successful and compatible land use and ensuring the long-term health of our military installations," Dahl said. "However, we have a lot of tools to help our CPLOs educate the public and work with planners."

Among those tools are Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) studies, which help to demonstrate noise contours and accident potential zones around an in-



Glenn Jones, NAS Kingsville's Community Plans and Liaison Officer, is responsible for quickly identifying possible mission impacts stemming from land use development. (File photo)

stallation airfield, and Range AICUZ, which does the same thing for ranges. These studies help zoning officials protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Another valuable tool is the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), which is run by the city or county and funded by the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment. The Navy actively participates in these studies, and helps cities and municipalities determine a way ahead for development that will benefit the community without impacting the mission of the installation.

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Navigating Solo

What happens on the World Wide Web, lasts forever

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By Fifi Kieschnick
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

Once upon a time, in the U.S. Navy, there lived a squared-away Sailor who worked hard, obeyed his chain of command, and made a difference in his command and local community.

This Sailor loved to make people laugh, knowing that happy people work better together and that laughter is considered the best medicine. So, when he saw his shipmates doing something "funny," he tried to capture it on his cell phone and then share it with others. He'd usually post the photos on his Facebook™ page and videos on YouTube™.

This squared-away Sailor knew that Navy regs state that Navy personnel are encouraged to responsibly engage in unofficial internet posting about the Navy and Navy-related topics.

He thought his postings were "responsible" – he wasn't sharing work products or anything classified.

But, is this the best thing to do?

Is it right to put a photo on the World Wide Web that shows your shipmate doing

something in an unsafe manner or making an inappropriate gesture? Is it right to "tag" the photo with your shipmate's name?

Key word here is "responsible."

Navy personnel who posts content on social networking sites, blogs or other internet-based capabilities should ensure that the content is accurate, appropriate and does not compromise mission security or success. The regs also recommend that Navy personnel be mindful about the non-department related content they post since the lines between personal and professional lives often "blur" in the online space.

You know, once you place something online, you lose control of it – there's no taking it back. And, the entire world will have access to it.

Would you like your image – that makes you look goofy – posted for the world to see? Would you like your image "tagged?"

Probably not.

Military personnel should be aware that the internet is often used to gain information for criminal activities such as identity theft. Unsavory people can use different sites and piece together information to impersonate others. Besides stealing someone's identity, they can steal someone's passwords and compromise Navy networks.

So, when you use social media, be mind-

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NAS Kingsville's occupational health nurse certified

Janemarie Schoonover, occupational health nurse at Branch Health Clinic Kingsville, recently met all requirements for board certification as a Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist and is entitled to use the credential, COHN-S.

"Certification is a voluntary mechanism for validating a professional's knowledge and expertise in a specialty area," stated Ann Lachat, chief executive officer of the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc., in a letter to Schoonover. "The credential, COHN-S, is associated with a level of practice that meets high standards, is proactive and contributes effectively to both management and workers; goals for a safe and healthy workplace."

Schoonover retired from the U.S. Air Force as a nurse and has been one for more than 30 years. She is the occupational health nurse at the Naval Air Station Kingsville clinic since September 2007. The New Jersey native said it took her three years to achieve certification, which includes working in the field for two years and passing exams.

As an occupational health nurse, Schoonover helps keep NAS Kingsville workers' safe and healthy. "I focus on workers' health, ensuring they are physically able to perform their jobs. And, for those in hazardous jobs, I make sure they get the proper PPE (personal protective equipment) or appropriate regulatory changes," Schoonover said.

About 65 percent of occupational health nurses are board certified, according to Lachat.



Schoonover

Feds Feed Families

Food drive goal: 50 pounds a box per month

Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville is participating in the Feds Feed Families food drive.

The NAS Kingsville Religious Ministries team has placed donation boxes throughout the air station – NAS Kingsville headquarters, Training Air Wing TWO headquarters, Commissary, Navy Exchange, Captain's Club, chapel, fitness center, air operations, VT-21 ready room and VT-22 ready room. Each box placed around the air station started out with one pound of food.

NAS Kingsville's overall goal is to collect at least 50 pounds in each box each month through the end of August, before the final collection on Aug. 31.

This food drive is for all Federal employees and families. It is in direct response to the "United We Serve Act" signed by Presi-



dent Barack Obama in April 2009. The focus is to help meet growing needs resulting from the economic downturn, and expand the impact on existing organizations.

During summer months, school nutrition programs are not available to serve children meals. And, recent donations to nationwide food banks have declined, though demand has increased. The Feds Feed Families food drive addresses this year's need for replenishment during the summer months.

The Department of Defense set a goal to accumulate 733,800 pounds of non-perishable food items to distribute throughout food banks on a local level, nationwide.

Suggested donations include canned goods, multigrain cereals, juices, condiments, snack foods, hygiene items, paper products and household items.

"We have a great opportunity to help give back to our community and to all the communities nationwide," said Lt. Mark Haley, NAS Kingsville Chaplain. "There are several support programs throughout the year, and the one point to remember about this one is that it is directed at the communities, to fill food shortages around the United States."

All items collected aboard the air station will be donated to local food banks in Kingsville, Corpus Christi, Alice, and throughout Kenedy County.

For more information, contact Chaplain Haley at mark.l.haley@navy.mil or (361) 516-6618 or visit the website: http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2011/0611_fedsfeedfamilies/, <http://www.serve.gov/>.

NASK school supplies drive runs through July

NAS Kingsville will be collecting school supplies during Operation School Supply which runs through July 29.

Jeanie Alexander, NAS Kingsville's school liaison officer, is spearheading the operation to collect donated items for the upcoming school year. Drop-off boxes have been placed throughout NAS Kingsville, as well as will be collected at the front gate on July 26, 27 and 28.

Items needed include crayons, pocket

folders, construction paper, back packs, glue, blunt scissors, #2 pencils, wide-rule spiral notebooks, glue sticks, rulers, highlighters and more.

"This drive is all about the kids, making sure they have what they need to ensure a successful school year," said Alexander.

Military and DoD families are eligible to receive supplies collected during the drive. For more information, call Alexander at 516-4366.

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"NAS Kingsville enjoys a strong relationship with the city and the county that is very unique to most areas," Jones added. "We are a large part of this community and that brings with it certain responsibilities."

Because of that commitment, it's important for CPOs to get out into the community, meet with community leaders, and share information. They play an active and participatory role in city planning meetings and conferences. They meet stakeholders and in-

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ful of releasing personal information that could be used against you or your shipmate. Personal information that you should think twice or three times about releasing online include your address, birthday, birth place, driver's license number and, of course, Social Security number.

There's a saying, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

fluent community members, and provide an understanding of the installation mission through base visits and presentations.

"We can never take for granted that everyone understands the value of this base, not just in terms of jobs and economic impact, but what this base means to the Navy and to our nation's defense," Jones added. "The opportunity to talk to the community about what we do and how we do it only makes our relationship stronger."

Let's also say, "What happens in the workplace, stays in the workplace."

Because, there's also another saying, "What happens on the World Wide Web, lasts forever."

(Note: this is the second in an occasional series of commentaries about social media.)

In the Break



Capt. Mark Brooks
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings,

Well, it's hard to believe this is the last opportunity I will have to make a contribution to the Flying K. As this edition hits the street, I will be turning over command of Training Air Wing TWO to CAPT Joe "Joe Bags" Evans. I won't steal his thunder; but, he is an accomplished officer and Naval Aviator, his lovely wife Stephanie comes from a Naval Aviation family, and together I know they will serve well at the helm of TW2.

On behalf of Melissa, we would like to thank all of you that serve here and will continue to do so long after we have gone. As I just told the TW2 staff at my last weekly

meeting with them, we do important work here for the Navy/Marine Corps and the nation. You should feel justifiably proud of that effort. Keep up the good work!

It has been a tumultuous two years for everyone from the most senior leadership of the country, right on down to us at little ol' NASK/TW2. I am proud of how everyone on the NASK/TW2 team handles each challenge. You do so while continuing to do the demanding work of teaching the newest generation of Naval Aviators and all the supporting functions that make it possible. BZ to all!

I was fortunate to fly my last flight as a Naval Aviator last week on the 30th anniversary of my swearing-in at the U. S. Naval Academy on July 7, 1981. After this week's change of command, I will depart on leave prior to retirement from more than 26 years in the Navy (for those doing the math, the 4 years at USNA don't count...). It has been a great ride with the finest people on the planet. Fly Navy!!

Farewell, Fingers

Naval Supply Systems Command echelon III, IV names change

Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), is instituting an initiative to provide customers and stakeholders a clearer understanding of the capabilities of all NAVSUP organizations. The names of some of the levels of the organization are changing.

"One NAVSUP, One Enterprise' connects our Global Logistics Support Network construct where each activity executes its mission as a node of the network, vice an individual entity," said Rear Adm. Mike Lyden, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command.

The new names became effective July 1. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville detachment, located at Naval Air Station Kingsville, is now called NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville detachment.

"Our name changed but our mission remains the same, to deliver combat capability through logistics. We continue to provide

the same quality services and support to our customers," said Lt. Cmdr. Samuel Betancourt, site director of NAS Kingsville's Fleet Logistics Center detachment. "The name change better reflects our capabilities and the full range of services we provide to our customers."

The other Echelon IV activities are also being called "NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Centers."

The new names for the NAVSUP Echelon III activities are: NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (formerly Naval Inventory Control Point – NAVICP); NAVSUP Business Systems Center (formerly Navy Supply Information Systems Activity – NAVSISA); NAVSUP Logistics Operations Center (formerly Naval Operational Logistics Support Center – NOLSC); and NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (Formerly Commander, Fleet & Industrial Supply Centers – COMFISCS). (Naval Supply Systems Command)

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Evans' next tour was split between the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He specifically served as the principle Deputy to the chairman's legislative assistant and subsequently as the director of Senate affairs for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

Evans has more than 3,000 flight hours and 550 arrested carrier landings. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal with Combat "V" (one individual, three Strike/Flight), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals as well as various unit, service and campaign awards.

Brooks reported to Training Air Wing TWO in January 2009 as deputy commander and assumed command on July 2, 2009. Since he has been at the helm, the Wing flew 70,500 hours completing more than 59,900 sorties while designating 268 aviators. Brooks rebalanced student time-to-train and entitlement time, saving the Navy more than \$20 million. He also initiated contract modifications resulting in improved aircraft availability, saving the Navy more than \$2 million annually.

Brooks' awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal (two strike flight awards), Joint Commendation Medal, and several personal, unit and campaign awards.

Capt. Brooks is retiring to Pell City, Ala.

Have you met? ...



... Sheri Fox

Sheri Fox is NAS Kingsville's new Environmental Director at Public Works.

Her job is to ensure good stewardship of the environment and natural resources aboard the air station, while enabling NAS Kingsville to perform its mission. She ensures that stewardship is in compliance with Navy regulations and from such organizations as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWL), Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to name a few.

Fox has a real passion for adventure and "will try anything once." She really enjoys riding sport bikes, skydiving, doing anything on the water, and participating in other thrill-seeking activities. She says that there's nothing she doesn't like because she says there is always a time and a place for everything.

Fox, originally from Newtown, N.D., recently transferred here from NAS Joint Reserve Base New Orleans because she wanted "a change in scenery." She prefers South Texas landscape over the swamp life of Louisiana.

When asked about her goals as environmental director, Fox said, "I don't have to aim for any particular 'green zone,' I'd like to just maintain the good working stewardship that is already in existence here.

"I really admire and respect the commanding officer and leadership around the base, because everyone here is so involved in nature activities. The base as a whole is very nature-conscience on a personal level not just a professional level."

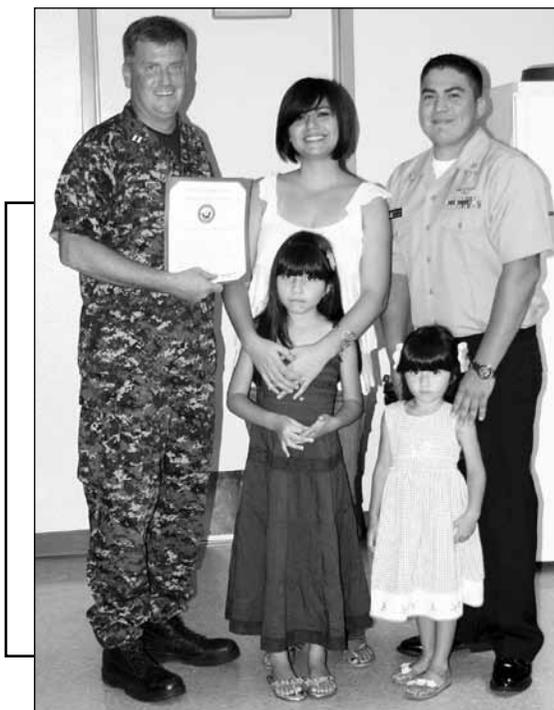
If you only knew one thing about Fox, it is that she wants folks here to know that she loves the military and has great respect for those who serve.

Fox currently resides in the Corpus Christi area with her son, 16, the youngest of three. He is a sophomore in high school and is "big into" football and basketball. Fox' middle son is studying aeronautic engineering at University of Texas in Austin, and her oldest is a civil engineer.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Splashing good time -- Morale, Welfare and Recreation held their annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at the NAS Kingsville pool the end of June. Pictured above, participants race across the pool. Above left, Charlie and Angel of Team Charlie's Angels won Fastest Boat. Below left, Sally Ratliff, Leah Harris and Brandon Verley, won most creative with their boat, USS Hippo. Below right, William and Daniel Houf survived the longest winning the "Titanic Round." Congratulations to all participants. (Courtesy photos)



Staying Navy -- Lt. Jody Kite, of Air Operations, presents certificates of appreciation to the family of ABH2(AW) Jesus Martinez -- Jasmine, his wife of eight years, and daughters Mischa and Madison -- for support of Martinez' service. Martinez is a native of Los Fresnos, Texas, and reenlisted for four years of Naval service. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

MWR Event Calendar

Bowling Center

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

Mondays

12 noon – Lunchtime volleyball
12 noon – Yoga at the Fitness Center
5:45 p.m. - Zumba Fitness at the Fitness Center.
Call 516-4386, for more info.

Tuesdays

6 p.m. – Water aerobics

Wednesdays

12 noon – Lunchtime volleyball
12 noon – Yoga at the Fitness Center
5:45 p.m. - Zumba Fitness at the Fitness Center.
Call 516-4386, for more info.
7 p.m. – Free movies at the ITT Liberty Lounge

Thursdays

6 p.m. – Water aerobics
7 p.m. – Trivia Night at the K-Bar. Teams of four compete by answering trivia questions. Great K-Bar prizes. Call 516-6371, for more information.

Fridays

12 noon – Yoga at the Fitness Center

Saturdays

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!!

Join MWR Text Program to receive notifications of events, and enter to win weekly prizes!
Just Text
"KingMWR" to 30364!

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



Final Flight -- Commander, Training Air Wing TWO, Capt. Mark Brooks, took his final flight July 7 in a T-45 Goshawk. As is tradition, Brooks was "wetted down" when he landed on the tarmac. Pictured above, Lt. Cmdr. Gabe Pincelli (left), TW2 operations officer, and Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Kray, TW2 standardization officer, help wet Brooks down. Above right, CWO3 Chris Chandler (left), maintenance contracts officer, and TW2 Prospective Commander, Capt. Joe Evans, help Brooks release the flotation device around his neck. Pictured right, Brooks is greeted and congratulated by Kray, Pincelli and others following his landing. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)



Maryann Shramko, NAS Kingsville admin officer, makes a defensive play in the outfield. (Photo by Barb Hormann)

City claims win in 4th of July softball challenge

The Kingsville Spurs claimed a 23-17 victory in the 4th of July Weekend softball challenge game against the NAS Kingsville Kings at Dick Kleberg Park. The teams were comprised of base and city leaders for the most part, and the game was scheduled for July 2 as the final event for the city's 4th of July celebration. The final score, however, was closer than the game itself.

Coach Jeanie Alexander's Kings started out strong, taking a 3-2 lead in the second, and a 6-2 lead after three. At the end of the fourth, the Kings had a 9-6 lead. But then – almost suddenly – the wheels fell off the wagon.

Kingsville sent 23 hitters to the plate in the top of the fifth inning and took advantage of 5 Kings' fielding errors to plate 17 runs. The onslaught took the wind from the sails of the air station, but it didn't make the Kings roll over like a dead armadillo.

The Kings scored four runs in the sixth – two coming on a triple by MWR director David Haigh – to close the gap to 23-13, and added another four runs in the bottom of the seventh. But the Kings' rally ended there.

The loss was tough to accept for the Kings and their coach who had worked hard to get her players ready for the game. "I really hoped we'd win," Alexander said after the game. "But that one big inning killed us."

Despite the big inning Alexander stuck to her pre-game plan of playing all 23 players as much as possible, with some players playing more than one position. And there was plenty of offense for the Kings, too. Johnny Tienda had three hits and 4 runs batted in, while Haigh, Dave Anderson and Chris Chandler had two hits each.

According to Alexander, a rematch is already in the works.



Dave Anderson, air operations officer, goes for three. (Photo by Barb Hormann)



Pat Paddock of Air Operations "serves up" a strike during the softball game. (Photo by Carol Garza)



NAS Kingsville "Kings" are looking for a rematch next year against the City "Spurs."



Rich Hormann, of Admin, makes a play at third. (Photo by Carol Garza)



Joy Alonzo "camouflages" this youngster's face during the 4th of July celebration held at the Captain's Club. Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided face painting and a variety of other activities for the entire family during the 4th of July celebration. (Photo by Jon Gagné)



The Independence Day celebration at the Captain's Club featured a concert by 80s cover band Metal Shop.

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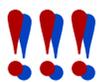
Many tested their strength at the Strongman Hammer game, which was one of a variety of family activities held inside the Captain's Club. (Photo by Jon Gagné)



AC2 Israel Cansino and his family take a break from the activities and enjoy some of the free food provided by MWR during the 4th of July celebration held at the Captain's Club. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)

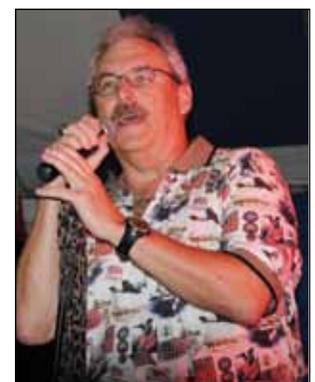


Serenity Arrandondo, daughter of AM1(AW) Stanley Pendergrass, sports a patriotic head-dress she made at the children's arts and crafts corner. (Photo by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)



Rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air ... what Independence Day celebration would be complete without a fireworks display? The Dis-

play was provided by MWR and was able to be seen throughout the local area. (Photos by IC1(SW/AW) Jesse Booth)



David Haigh, Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, counts down to the beginning of the fireworks show presented for Independence Day and the anniversary of the station's "birth." (Photo by Jon Gagné)