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National Weather Service: NAS Kingsville is 'StormReady'

The National Weather Office announced the designation of Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville, Texas, as a 'StormReady Community' Sept. 26.

NAS Kingsville joins 128 other Texas communities currently designated, and becomes the first military installation in South Texas to achieve 'StormReady' status.

John Metz, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Corpus Christi, presented a ceremonial 'StormReady' sign to NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin and NAS Kingsville Emergency manager Monette Walker to mark the accomplishment.

"Obtaining 'StormReady' status for the command is something we have been working toward for some time now," said Walker. "This recognition is certainly a team award because reaching this goal took the combined efforts of all NAS Kingsville departments and tenant activities. Gaining 'StormReady' status shows that all NAS Kingsville activities know what is required to react and respond to weather contingencies in an effective and coordinated manner."

Walker added that gaining 'StormReady' status compliments active duty personnel and their dependents, and civilian employees and contract personnel as well. Without a total team effort, Walker stated, the command would not be able to provide a cohesive response to weather emergencies. Team work, she adds, is what's required to respond



NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin, far left, is joined by John Metz, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Corpus Christi, and Monette Walker, NAS Kingsville emergency manager, in announcing the command's recent designation as a 'StormReady Community' by the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Photo by Jon Gagné)

efficiently and effectively.

'StormReady' is a nationwide community preparedness program that uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather – from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a new,

proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

To become 'StormReady,' a community must:

- *Establish a 24-hour warning point and Emergency Operations Center.

- *Have multiple ways to receive notification and alert the public of severe weather warnings and forecasts.

- *Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally.

- *Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.

- *Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

- *Pass a site-visit conducted by the National Weather Service & State Emergency Manager.

"NAS Kingsville has exceeded all the requirements for StormReady status," said Metz, who works closely with military, communities and businesses throughout the year to promote situational readiness.

"During the site inspection, the Command's Emergency Manager and her team demonstrated the command's ability to continuously monitor for hazardous weather, their unique system for base notifications, and audible siren system," Metz said. "It's this type of advanced planning that saves lives when hazardous weather moves through. That's what the StormReady program is all about."

For information on the 'StormReady' program, visit <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/>.

NAS KINGSVILLE ENERGY CONSERVATION TOP 10

For the Month of AUGUST 2012

ENERGY	MW HOURS	WATER	KGALS
1. Simulator Bldg	368.8	1. Gateway Inns	1433.6
2. Maint Hangar 3757	355.7	2. Barrcks 3740	700.1
3. Maint Hangar 3741	188.8	3. Maint Hangar 3757	359.1
4. Corrosion Control	168.1	4. Fire Station	279.7
5. Bldg 2767 GT	126.9	5. Child Dev. Center	144.7
6. NASK HQ	97.0	6. Air Ops Annex 4793	124.6
7. Barracks 3740	75.9	7. Corrosion Control	81.2
8. Gateway Inns	45.6	8. Maint Hangar 3741	72.4
9. Youth Center	43.3	9. Bldg 3743	60.1
10. Hangar 760	37.8	10. Maint Hangar 2713	60.0

Statistics Courtesy of Public Works / NAVFAC Southeast

Assistant Secretary of the Navy guest speaker at Navy Ball

The Honorable Juan M. Garcia III will be the featured speaker at NAS Kingsville's Navy Birthday Ball, Oct. 13, at the Captain's Club. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin made the announcement during an all hands quarters and awards ceremony recently.

"I'm very excited that Secretary Garcia will be joining us as guest speaker for our Navy Ball this year," McLaughlin said. "He's a native of South Texas, and a Naval Aviator who earned his wings at NAS Corpus Christi. He's one of our own, and we are very fortunate that he will be joining us this year to celebrate the Navy Birthday and the anniversary of NAS Kingsville's commissioning."



Garcia

This year's Navy Ball at NAS Kingsville celebrates the 237th birthday of the Navy and the 70th anniversary of the air station's commissioning on July 4, 1942. More than 300

see Garcia on page 9

From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville.

One of the biggest news stories we have this week is the approaching Navy Ball. On Oct. 13, NAS Kingsville will be hosting the Navy Ball once again; this year, celebrating the Navy's 237th birthday.

Attending and offering the keynote address will be the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Honorable Juan Garcia. On behalf of Capt. Evans and myself, we hope you can join us for a memorable evening honoring our Navy.

Another big news story that will be well publicized is the upcoming 2012 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

The NAS Kingsville CFC volunteer staff will begin distributing the pledge forms over the next few weeks and as always, I am asking for your generosity in giving to this year's cause.

It seems to me every year the pledge book of organizations requesting CFC donations grows, and these organizations need our support to provide services that every one of us has used in the past, present or will use in the future.

CFC is a voluntary program but again, if you have the means, your contributions are in great demand to continue to fund the multitude of non-profit and charitable organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign.

In closing, our first hunt period for the Escondido Ranch whitetail deer season will begin on Nov. 3. If you are interested in drawing for a hunt, please see Denise Tien-da at our ITT office, she has all the details.

Until next time. ~ Skipper Mac

Deckplate Leadership



CMDCM(EXW/SW)
Randy Foust
Command Master Chief



Team Kingsville,

Here it is the first week of fiscal year 2013, the first week of October, and all things are changing.

The temperatures are dropping -- even though last week we still had a heat index of 101 degrees. But that is just standard issue



Staying Navy -- Cmdr. Scott Gunderson, air operations officer, presents AMC(AW) Stanley Pendergrass with a Certificate of Reenlistment after reenlisting for six more years of U.S. Navy service on Sept. 28. Pendergrass is a native of Gautier, Miss., and has 16 years service. He has orders to Bahrain departing in January. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

Buy tickets now for Navy Birthday Ball Oct. 13

Naval Air Station Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO will celebrate the Navy's 237th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Captain's Club.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails then dinner and ceremony at 7 p.m., and followed by dancing until 12 midnight. Tickets are free for E-4 and below and a guest. Ticket prices are: \$15 for E-5, E-6, O-1, O-2, GS 1-5, WG 1-11 and NF 2; \$20 for E-7-9, O-3, O-4, GS 6-11, WG 12-15, NF 3, WL 1-14, WS 1-11; \$25 for O-5 and up, NF 4 and up, and GS 12 and up; \$30 for non-affiliated civilian guests.

for South Texas, so enjoy the cooler temperatures while you can.

Congratulations to our Sailors of the Quarter for the Fourth Quarter -- MA1(AW) John Eaton Jr., AC2(AW/SW) Joshua Hight and AC3 Colton Cronquist! Good luck as the Blue Jacket of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year and Sailor of the Year boards convene.

For all of our future Chief Petty Officers (FCPO), NAVADMIN 294/12 has been released. READ IT! This is the NAVADMIN that lays out the timeline to include test date, package deadline date and board convening date. If you have any questions, "Ask your chief."

Dinner menu is a sea, land, air trio of roast beef, roasted chicken breast and mesquite shrimp skewer, served with twice-baked mashed potatoes, fresh string beans, baby green salad and homemade rolls.

Civilian attire is formal. Service dress whites for O-1-3, chief petty officers, E-6 and below, with medals option for E-6 and below. Dinner dress whites for O-4 and above.

For tickets, contact AC1 Patrick Harrison at 516-6707, ET3 Jessica Korenek at 516-6482, Janie Ramos at 516-6462, or Meg Cross at 516-6421.

A lot of things are coming soon for you, about you, and by you. October is a busy month including Sailors of the Year being selected and E-6 evaluation process in full swing. We also have Columbus Day, USS Cole Memorial, and Navy Birthday Ball.

We still have a few more Javelina home games to enjoy. Remember, prior to the game there is free food and drinks at the tailgate hosted by the Navy League, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and NAS Kingsville groups. Also, Toys for Tots campaign will kick off this month.

Keep cool, stay safe and have fun!

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This paper is published for people like AC1(AW) Roberto Hernandez, who works in the Security Department's Pass & Tag Office. The Brighton, Mass., native has 18 years of service and has been stationed at NAS Kingsville for more than 2 years.

Commissary rewards card now available at NAS Kingsville commissary

The Commissary Rewards Card is now available at the NAS Kingsville Commissary.

The card allows customers to access digital coupons online and redeem them in any commissary by scanning the card at checkout. The NAS Kingsville Commissary has banners and hanging disc signs announcing the rewards card, and an information poster for customers. The card can be requested during check-out at the register.

"We're very excited about this new initiative," said Store Manager Miguel Guevara, Miguel. "These cards allow our customers to reduce the number of paper coupons they have to clip and carry. That saves them time, effort and money."

The cards, available only from a commissary, are easy to use. As an introductory offer, customers who pick up their card by Oct. 24 receive preloaded digital coupons that can be used immediately in the commissary, even before the card is registered. To register their card and add more digital coupons, customers visit the commissary website at <http://www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm>.

Once a card is registered, customers can print a list of their digital coupons to carry with them to the commissary and help keep track of their savings. New digital coupon offers are typically posted online every two to three weeks.

Customers who register their card by Oct.

24 can enter the 2012 Commissary Rewards Card "Home for the Holidays Sweepstakes" sponsored by Dr Pepper-Snapple for a chance to win round-trip airline tickets for four to anywhere in the states, hotel stay for six days and five nights, and \$1,000 spending money. The sweepstakes entry form appears at the end of the registration process online.

Just like their paper counterparts, digital coupons have expiration dates and other terms and conditions that must be followed for redemption. Once a coupon expires, it will disappear from the customer's account.

DeCA's coupon policy limits coupons to

one per purchase, so these digital coupons cannot be combined with manufacturer coupons, including paper coupons and military or commissary coupons.

Future enhancements to the card are expected to enable DeCA's industry partners to target savings based on the customer's specific usage, alert patrons to available sales promotions at their local stores and reward consistent shoppers with specific incentives.

"Digital couponing is the first of many innovative programs that are part of our Commissary 2020 vision to deliver a 21st century benefit," Jeu said. "We are always

working with our industry partners to negotiate the lowest possible prices and identify new ways for our customers to save even more."

For more information visit www.commissaries.com/faq and click "Commissary Rewards Card." Help is also available through the customer service hotline at 855-829-6219 or through e-mail at commissarysupport@inmar.com. To access a video related to the Commissary Rewards Card, go to

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/commissary/sets/72157631527535790/>.

Combined Federal Campaign fund drive goal is 100 percent contact

The Combined Federal Campaign fund drive begins today and runs through Nov. 16.

CFC is a once-a-year fund-raising campaign for all federal employees that includes all federal installations within a 12 county area of South Texas. It is the most inclusive workplace giving campaign in the world with about 20,000 nonprofit charitable organizations worldwide. Charities supported through CFC range from small community groups to large, well-known charities.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

Since its inception in 1961, the CFC has raised more than \$6 billion in charitable contributions. Employees choosing to participate in the program ensure the program's continuing legacy.

"This year's goal is to raise \$1 million in the South Texas area and contact 100 percent of personnel," said CS1(SW) Eric Mireles, NAS Kingsville CFC assistant coordinator, "which is the same goal

as 2011."

Just a small weekly donation makes a difference. For example, a dollar a week provides diabetes risk screening tests for 500 people. Five dollars a week provides 12 school children with a warm coat.

"Payroll deduction makes it convenient for you to give by letting you spread your contribution across the entire year," Mireles added. "There's no simpler way for you to make good things happen for so many people than to contribute using payroll deduction."

For more information about CFC, contact one of the following people: Air Ops-AC1 Patrick Harrison at 516-6108; FISC-ABF3 James Symon at 516-6269; Ground Electronics-ET3 Cobey Coles at 516-6622; Field Support-ABE1 Lucimer Dos Santos at 516-63-49; Public Works-EN1 David Boyer at 516-6057; Weapons-AOC Michael Kistler; Medical- HM2 Megan Jones; NALF-ABH1 Edwin Castro at 516-6140; MWR-EN2 David Johnson at 516-6348; Security-MA1 John Eaton at 516-6200; CBH-CS2 James Merritt at 516-6635; or FFSC-Lucy Clarkson at 516-6333.

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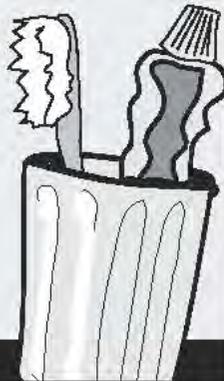
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In the Break



**Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO**



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

It's a new fiscal year; there is a Presidential election next month; Congress hasn't passed a budget; and it is still hot in Texas (just not as hot as it has been).

So far, though, none of the above has stopped us from executing our mission. We winged 10 Naval Aviators last week, and we just sent over 30 students and 18 jets to El Centro for a Weapons Detachment.

The Navy's birthday and the celebratory Navy Ball are upon us. If you haven't purchased your tickets, there is still time to do so.

It is an important part of our Naval tradition -- to keep the birthday of our service's founding. The Navy will be celebrating its 237th birthday on Oct. 13.

Here at NAS Kingsville, we will celebrate the event with the hosting of a formal ball and this will be one not to be missed. We will have a special guest that evening, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Juan M. Garcia III. He will be the featured speaker. This really is an event not to miss, and important part of what makes our service special. I hope to see you there.

It was on Oct. 13, 1775, that the Continental Congress established the Continental Navy by authorizing the procurement, fitting out, manning and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of muni-

tions ships supplying the British Army in America. The vessels were armed with 10 carriage guns as well as swivel guns and manned by 80 Sailors each.

The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some 50 ships with approximately 20 warships active at its maximum strength.

Since the War for Independence, our Navy has grown to our current modern fleet of 285 battle force ships (52 percent of which are underway including four aircraft carriers and four amphibious assault ships) and some 321,000 active-duty Sailors, 106,000 Reserve Sailors and 204 DoN civilians. We are a professional force second to none: "a global force for good."

Congratulations to the students who received their Wings of Gold on Sept. 28. They are: Lt.j.g. Joseph McAuliffe who selected Super Hornets with VFA-106 at NAS Oceana, Va.; Lt.j.g. Samuel Christen who selected Super Hornets with VFA-106 at NAS Oceana; Lt.j.g. Chris Reilly who selected Super Hornets with VFA-122 at NAS Lemoore, Calif.; Lt.j.g. John Hamilton who selected Growlers with VAQ-122 at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.; Lt.j.g. Jon Hagerman who selected Hornets with VFA-106 at NAS Oceana; Lt.j.g. Michael Bosworth who selected Super Hornets with VFA-106 at NAS Oceana; Capt. Nathan Hayba who selected Prowlers with VAQ-129 at NAS Whidbey Island; 1st Lt. Josh McMinn who selected Harriers at MCAS Yuma, Ariz.; 1st Lt. Chris Collins who selected Hornets at NAS Oceana; and 1st Lt. Nathaniel Swanson who selected Hornets at MCAS Miramar.

Congrats from all of us and Bravo Zulu!

Best to all,
"Joe Bags" Evans

Navy shore installations to realign facilities' services

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) released a message recently outlining possible service level reductions at Navy shore installations worldwide.

Continuing fiscal demands have resulted in FY13 budget reductions across all CNIC programs. As a result, service levels in facility services may need to be reduced to meet revised budget controls.

"Reductions in trash and recycling pick up, landscaping maintenance or restroom cleaning may be a result of these reductions," said CNIC Director, Facilities and Environmental, Capt. J. P. Rios.

Though most facility services are provided by contractors, there is no plan for service responsibilities to transfer to Sailors

or civilian personnel.

Exempt from service reductions are:

* Joint bases/regions subject to DoDI 4001.01B "Installation Support";

* Advanced education review board institutions (U.S. Naval Academy, Naval War College, Naval Postgraduate School);

* Child Development Centers (CDCs).

CNIC continues to evaluate future service standards. Installation commanders shall coordinate with their Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Public Works staffs and affected tenant commands to plan for direct cost-reduction measures.

The reduction of facilities services is anticipated to begin in FY13. (By CNIC Public Affairs)

NAS Kingsville Religious Services Offered

Sunday
at McFall Memorial Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Family Bible Worship
12:30 p.m. - Catholic Mass

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4:30 & 5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice/Music
6 p.m. - Dinner Fellowship

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MWR Calendar of Events

Oct. 6,13, 20, 27

Tailgate Party

5 to 7 p.m.

TAMUK Football Stadium
Free food, drinks, game tickets.

Oct. 12

PRT Birthday Challenge

6 p.m., Fitness Center

Oct. 17

Halloween Costume 3-Pt. Shootout

6 p.m., Fitness Center

Oct. 20

Haunted Softball Tourney

Turn in rosters by Oct. 15
Call 516-6494 for info.

Oct. 22 & 24

3 v 3 Indoor Soccer Tourney

Call 516-6494 for info.

Oct. 29

Spooky Story Time

5 p.m. for 3-7 year-olds
6 p.m. for ages 8 and older
Costumes encouraged!
Call 516-6271 for details.

Bowling Leagues

**In the Doghouse League
Standings as of Sept. 25**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	DNA	13	7
2	Here 4 Beer	13	7
3	Los Leones	12	8
4	Alley Cats	11	9
5	Spare Tires	9	11
6	3 Minds/Gutter	8	12
7	Three J's	7	13
8	Ghost	0	0

High Score Game-Men: Jerry Brooks, 219; Jerry Brooks, 205.

High Score Series-Men: Jerry Brooks, 580; John Zapalac, 547.

**Wednesday Nite Mixed
Standings as of Sept. 26**

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	9	7
2	Petes Angels	9	7
3	Rattlers	9	7
4	Big K Rollers	8	8
5	Laugh Out Loud	8	8
6	DUH's	7	9
7	I Can't Believe	7	9
8	Slow Moving	4	12

High Score Game-Men: John Zapalac, 245; Michael Shipley, 241; Ralph Duffy, 233.

High Score Series-Men: John Zapalac, 662; Buddy Wilson, 618; Eric Joles, 615.

High Score Game-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 245; Shirlie Duffy, 209; Amelia Goff, 191.

High Score Series-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 563; Delia Monroe, 495; Robin Robertson, 482.

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Bravo Zulu

NAS Kingsville personnel recognized

Bravo zulu to the following NAS Kingsville personnel who were recognized recently.

EN2(SW) Christian Garcia received a Letter of Commendation for his outstanding performance as auxiliaries division assistant leading petty officer aboard USS Kidd (DDG 100) from July 2011 to February 2012. Garcia led two work centers in the implementation of the Tailored Force Revision and achieved a 95 percent accomplishment rate, accounting for more than 2,740 planned maintenance requirements. He also earned qualifications as 3M Divisional Officer Propulsion Control Operator and Engineering Training Team Member. Due to his mentorship, Sailors were able to complete four Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualifications, 10 auxiliary security monitors, five 3M craftsmen and two boat engineer qualifications. Garcia's performance during John C. Stennis Strike Group's 2011 deployment was integral to the successful operations in the Fifth and Seventh Fleet Areas of Responsibility.

AC3 Drew Wittmeyer received his first Good Conduct Award for service completed on Aug. 5.

MA1(AW) John Eaton Jr. received a Letter of Commendation for performance and accomplishments resulting in his selection as Sailor of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012.

Cruz Fuentes Jr., who works at the McMullen Target Site, was recognized for 30 years of government service.



NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents EN2(SW) Christian Garcia with a Letter of Commendation.



Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents MA1(AW) John Eaton Jr. with a plaque in recognition of being selected Senior Sailor of the Quarter.



Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents Cruz Fuentes Jr. with a certificate recognizing his 30 years of government service.



Capt. Mark McLaughlin presents AC3 Drew Wittmeyer with his first Navy Achievement Medal.

Flight Plans

Child care available for Navy Ball

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering free child care, for the Navy Ball, on a first-come first-serve basis. Care is available on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Child Development Center staff will care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The Youth Center staff will care for children ages 6 to 12 years of age.

A late charge of \$1 every minute past 12:30 a.m. will be assessed.

To make reservations for all childcare needs, sponsors must go to the CDC to register. Navy Ball tickets must be presented at that time. Children receiving care at the CDC must have an up-to-date immunization record. Pizza and juice will be served for children present at 6 p.m.

Additionally, canceling is a courtesy that will allow others on the waiting list to receive free child care.

For more information, call 516-6176.

Volunteers needed for breakfast

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual King Ranch "Ranch Hand Breakfast" that will be held Nov. 17. Volunteers will work from 6:15 to 11 a.m. and either serve food, assist with parking or cook breakfast. More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the event, which serves as the largest fundraising event for the annual La Posada de Kingsville Celebration.

To volunteer, contact the Public Affairs Office at 516-6375 or e-mail KNGV-PAO@NAVY.MIL no later than Nov. 9. Volunteer list will be cut off at 50 people.

Clinic offers flu vaccines

The Branch Health Clinic Kingsville has received influenza vaccines. All eligible beneficiaries are welcome to come to the Clinic for either a shot or the mist. No appointment is necessary: walk into the Clinic and "pull a ticket" at the front desk.

For more information, contact the Clinic at 516-6314.

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 the DoD Safe Line at 1-877-995-5247.



Local Toys for Tots Campaign kicks off 25th year on Oct. 18

Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, will speak at the local Toys for Tots Campaign kick-off on Oct. 18, at 11 a.m., at the Stop-n-Lube in Kingsville. Other key military personnel from NAS as well as Training Air Wing TWO will be on hand, in addition to community leaders.

The local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign will serve Kleberg and Kenedy Counties, as well as the city of Bishop. Lisa Bockholt, local business owner, will serve again as the local campaign coordinator. This marks Bockholt's 25th consecutive year to chair the effort.

This year's campaign is dedicated to her husband Jerry who passed away in March after a long battle with cancer. The Bockholts are well-known throughout the community for coordinating the annual toy drive.

ET1(SW) Samuel Sanchez will serve as the NAS Kingsville volunteer coordinator. Collection boxes will be placed throughout the air station at key locations. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted through mid-December, then distributed to local families the week before Christmas. For more information, contact Lisa Bockholt at 595-0909.

Pictured here is Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, executive officer of Training Squadron 22 with Lisa Bockholt at last year's kick off ceremony for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. (File photo)



Wings of Gold -- Congratulations to the 10 students who were winged Naval aviators on Sept. 28 at the Captain's Club. Pictured are, from left: (bottom row) Cmdr. Darren Guenther, commanding officer of Training Squadron 22; Capt. Joe Evans, commander of Training Air Wing TWO; Lt.j.g. Jonathan Hagerman; 1st Lt. Joshua McMinn; 1st Lt. Nathaniel Swanson; Lt.j.g. Samuel Christen; Col. David Krebs, commanding

officer of MATSG; Lt. Col. Scott Schoeman, executive officer of VT-22; Cmdr. Quino Alonzo, CO of VT-21; (back row) Capt. Jason Leshikar of VT-21; Maj. Derek Bibby, senior Marine for TW-2; Capt. Nathan Hayba; Lt.j.g. Christopher Reilly; Lt.j.g. Michael Bosworth; Lt.j.g. Joseph McAuliffe; Lt.j.g. John Hamilton; 1st Lt. Christopher Collins; Cmdr. Brian Beck, XO of VT-21; and Capt. Andrew Straessle of VT-22. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)

Navy joins the nation in honoring 2012 Hispanic American Heritage Month

By Ensign Amber Lynn Daniel
Office of Diversity and Inclusion PA

The Navy joined the nation Sept. 15 in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which will be observed through Oct. 15.

With a national theme of "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today," the observance celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

According to 2010 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics comprise 16.3

percent of the total United States population, or 50.5 million people, forming our country's largest racial or ethnic minority. Additionally, it is projected that by 2050, a quarter of the nation's workforce will be Hispanic.

The Navy's workforce reflects this diversity - today, more than 58,000 Hispanic active duty and Reserve Sailors and officers and nearly 15,000 Hispanic civilians serve in the Navy Total Force, including four Hispanic flag officers and 172 Hispanic master chiefs.

In his 2011 National Hispanic Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation, President

Barack Obama noted, "The future of America is inextricably linked to the future of our Hispanic community. Our country thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all our people, and our ability to out innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world will depend greatly on the success of Hispanics."

All commands are encouraged to expand their awareness of Hispanic American Heritage Month through programs, exhibits, publications, and participation in military and community events. Resources for use in planning command heritage events including a video presentation about Hispanic American Heritage Month can be found online at the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion observances web page, <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/SUPPORT/DIVERSITY/Pages/DiversityObservances.aspx>.

Commands are also encouraged to support the sea services affinity group, the Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO). ANSO aims to foster personal growth and professional development through mentorships and networking for officers, enlisted members and civilians. More information on ANSO can be found online at <http://www.ansomil.org/>.

For more information about the history of Hispanics in the Navy, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/special%20highlights/hispanic/hispanic-index.htm>.

For more information and resources on Hispanics in the military and Hispanic American Heritage Month, visit <http://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel - Office of Diversity and Inclusion, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/.

Navy medicine pharmacy automation project to improve patient experience

Navy Medicine headquarters announced a \$49 million pharmacy improvement project Aug. 30 that will improve safety and efficiency of its outpatient prescriptions processes and lead to shorter wait times for patients.

Naval Medical Logistics Command (NMLC) awarded an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract this month to update and expand pharmacy automation.

"There are three distinct advantages to the improvements that are being made," said Capt. Edward Norton, the pharmacy specialty leader for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). "The program is going to improve wait times and pharmacy processes, which is a direct benefit to our patients; it's going to provide a means of standardization across the enterprise; and it is going to replace obsolete equipment."

Another major objective for the program is to improve the quality of dispensing. Navy Medicine pharmacies currently vary from manual operations directed by "paper" to some limited automation processes.

"This new Navy pharmacy automation system consists of the latest automation technology," said Tim Ward, deputy director of Program Analysis and Evaluation at BUMED. "Forty to 50 percent of patient prescriptions will be filled, labeled, capped and assembled with the relevant patient literature exclusively by the automation. The new highly automated process will be much faster and more accurate than the process it is replacing."

This process also improves the effectiveness and safety of the pharmacy systems.

"It is the goal of this program to improve the overall quality by reducing the opportunities for errors," Norton said. "It has been shown that extremely high levels of quality can be attained by complete automation and system controlled manual dispensing."

The program will also increase the volume capability of the pharmacies within the currently allocated space while reducing the total processing time to less than 30 minutes

for at least 90 percent of the customers during peak hours.

"Since our customers have a choice to wait or to utilize alternative commercial retail pharmacies, reducing their wait times and increasing their satisfaction is our main priority," Norton said.

Other objectives of this program will reduce operating costs related to improved inventory management, efficient staff utilization while maintaining protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and increase security.

Currently many of the outpatient pharmacies also process refills. At some pharmacies, the refills are processed during the normal working day while at others are accomplished off-shift.

"The process flow software of a proposed system shall enable refills to be filled either during the normal working day, with a low priority so as to not impact customer wait time, or to be deferred to off-shift processing," Norton said.

Three sites have been identified as "proof of concept" locations and are expected to be completed by spring 2013. The first sites to receive the new equipment will be Naval Medical Center San Diego, Calif., Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., and Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point, N.C.

Installation of the new equipment at the first three sites starts in February with full operating capability anticipated at all three proof of concept sites by May 2013.

"Navy Medicine is excited about this project and look forward to its full execution," said Norton. "The new automation systems will provide the capacity to meet the changing and expanding needs of our beneficiary population."

Navy Medicine is a global health care network of 63,000 personnel who provide health care support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world. (From BUMED)

Playing ball

Navy falls to 1-3 with loss to San Jose State

The U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen defense held a high-scoring San Jose State Spartans offense to just 12 points Saturday, Sept. 29, but the Midshipmen offense couldn't take advantage, losing 12-0.

The Middies fell to 1-3 on the season - the first time Navy has started the season 1-3 since 2002.

The Spartans got all their points from place-kicker Austin Lopez - and outplayed Navy on both sides of the ball throughout. Spartan quarterback David Fales went 29-34 through the air for 276 yards, and the Spartan's gained 144 yards on the ground. The Spartan defense held Navy's triple option offense to just 194 total yards and earned two takeaways.

While Navy's defense was playing well, the offense struggled.

The Midshipmen had only two drives of 10 plays or more - the only time they got into Spartan territory during the game. The first came on Navy's first possession in the opening quarter as Navy took the opening kickoff and put together a 10-play, 64-yard drive before fumbling the ball away at the San Jose State 9-yard line.

The second 10-play drive came on Navy's final possession in the fourth quarter. Trailing, 12-0 with 7:46 left on the clock, the Midshipmen started their drive at their own

27 - and pushed the ball to the Spartan's 33 before the drive stalled when a fourth-and-seven run by tailback Shawn Lynch was stopped in the backfield for a four-yard loss. San Jose State took the ball over with 2:58 left to play and ran out the clock.

Navy will have its hands full this weekend as they travel to Colorado Springs, Co., to take on Air Force (2-2).

The Falcons, who are coming off a big win over Colorado State (42-21), are averaging over 25 points per game while their defense has allowed 137 points (34 per game average). Navy has scored only 58 points through their first four games and 41 of those came in the Midshipmen's only win of the season Sept. 22, a 41-3 blowout of Virginia Military Institute.

The 2012 Commander-in-Chief's trophy could very well be on the line in this weekend's clash in Colorado Springs. The team that takes home the win will hold the upper hand in the annual competition between the military academies.

Both Navy and Air Force still have a game remaining with Army (0-4), but the team that wins this week certainly has the advantage. Air Force will play at Army on Nov. 3, while the Midshipmen will clash with the Black Knights in the annual Army-Navy classic Dec. 8 in Philadelphia.

Navy basketball coming to South Texas next month

The Naval Academy's men's basketball team will be coming to South Texas over Thanksgiving Weekend.

The Midshipmen will participate in the annual South Padre Island Invitational, which actually starts Nov. 18 - but runs through Nov. 23.

The Midshipmen will open play on the road against Alabama-Birmingham Nov. 18 and then tangle with Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on Nov. 20.

Following the game against TCU, the "Middies" will travel to South Padre

Island for the second half of the week-long tournament, with games being played at the South Padre Island Convention Center. The Midshipmen will square off with Prairie View A&M on Nov. 23, and the NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office will have a number of free tickets available for this game.

If you'd like to see the Naval Academy basketball team in action - stay tuned for updates on the tournament - and how to get tickets - in the next issue of the *Flying K*.

My Side

My vote counts -- yours does, too

By Jon Gagné
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs



This year, I'll be casting my tenth vote for president of the United States. It's a vote I take seriously, because I know that my vote counts.

I have to admit up front that I haven't voted in every election since I became eligible to vote in 1970, but I've voted in most of the big ones – on both the national and local levels. I see voting as a civic duty, an individual right and a personal empowerment to support the person who I believe is the best candidate – whether it be for president, the senate, district judge, mayor, or local school board.

When I first started voting in 1976, I didn't think my vote carried any weight at all, and to be honest, it probably didn't on the national level. But on a local level in my home state, it was a different story. I remember well that one of the people I voted for in that election was elected sheriff by a margin of just seven votes – one of which was mine. That same scenario came into play again in 2004, when I cast my vote for a candidate who won a seat on the county commission by just five votes. And here's the interesting part about both of those elections – based on my math – in each election my vote was actually worth double.

Garcia from page 1

people are expected to attend the annual gala.

Garcia was confirmed as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) on Sept. 16, 2009. In this capacity, he acts on matters pertaining to manpower and personnel policy within the Department of the Navy including issues affecting active duty and reserve Sailors, Marines, and Department of the Navy civilians.

Garcia is an attorney, a former Texas State Representative, and a second-generation naval aviator. Garcia, whose family hails from South Texas, was born May 27, 1966. He graduated from UCLA in 1988, and gave the student commencement speech. Garcia earned a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School and an Master of Arts graduate degree from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1992. After graduation, Garcia reported to Aviation Officer Candidate School and flight training, earning his "Wings of Gold" at NAS Corpus Christi.

Garcia served in Patrol Squadron 47 out of NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii, and completed deployments to the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific. Garcia also served overseas as

If I had voted for the person who finished runner-up in 1976, that candidate would have lost by just five votes instead of seven. And in 2004, the runner-up would have lost by only three votes had I voted for him instead of my own candidate. So in reality, I was one of two or three that people proved to be the deciding factor in those elections.

In these two scenarios, it's easy to see how a single vote is important. But on a larger scale, like the national election, it may be difficult figuring out just how important your vote really was. You may be able to find a local election result that further defines the power of your vote, but nationally-speaking, it will seem like you are simply one of millions that supported the same candidate. But the fact is your vote actually counts double – one for, and one against.

That's how important your vote is, and why you should exercise your right to cast your ballot on Election Day. Your vote – regardless of who you vote for – is important. And it does make a difference.

If you're away from home and would like to vote, register to receive an absentee ballot. If you're not sure how to go about registering, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov> or the NAS Kingsville command voting office (Fleet and Family Support Center).

flag aide to the deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe in London, England, deploying as part of Operation Allied Force during hostilities in Kosovo. From 1999 to 2000, Garcia was one of 16 Americans selected to serve as a White House Fellow, serving as a special assistant to the Secretary of Education, the Hon. Richard Riley. Garcia then reported for sea duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, serving as the officer of the deck. In 2002, Garcia returned to the air as a flight instructor with Training Squadron 27 at NAS Corpus Christi.

Garcia left active duty in 2004, and transferred to the Navy Reserve. He served as the commanding officer of Reserve Training Squadron 28 at Corpus Christi until becoming Assistant Secretary of the Navy (M&RA) in October 2009.

Garcia joined the Corpus Christi law firm of Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer, and Kern as an associate attorney in 2004. In 2006, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, and represented the 32nd District from 2007-2009. While in the State House, Garcia focused on transparency in government and veterans issues.

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