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Numerous Veterans Day events were held Monday, Nov. 12, honoring who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. Pictured here, local veterans give a 21-gun salute in honor of those who gave their lives for their country. For the story and more photos, turn to page 9.

Focus on Water Conservation ...

September Total Water Used by Base---7,522.7 KGAL; \$58,301
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Rank	Facility	FY12	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	
		KGAL	KGAL	KGAL	
1	3755 NGIS	1236.1	\$9,580	1433.6	\$11,110
2	3740 BEQ	603.7	\$4,679	700.1	\$5,426
3	2741 TW-2	319.9	\$2,479	371	\$2,875
4	2740 Command Hq.	319.9	\$2,479	371	\$2,875
5	3728 Fire Station	280.5	\$2,174	325.3	\$2,521
6	4706 CDC	145.1	\$1,125	168.3	\$1,304
7	4793 Air Operations	125.0	\$969	144.9	\$1,123
8	2767 Training/Classrooms	85.7	\$664	85.4	\$662
9	4766 Corrosion Control	81.4	\$631	81.2	\$629
10	5705 Fire Station Annex	75.4	\$584	75.2	\$583

Sizemore turns over helm of Naval Air Training Command

By Rod Hafemeister
NAS Corpus Christi Public Affairs



Sizemore

Rear Adm. William G. Sizemore II turned over command of Chief of Naval Air Training on Nov. 15, and retired, ending more than 32 years of active duty in the Navy.

"I didn't realize that coming here (to Naval Air Training) was going to be my last tour of duty, but that's just the way things worked out," he said.

"But, if I could have picked a place for my last tour, it would have been here. Training Command is where I started; it's where all Naval Aviators start – and it's just been wonderful."

Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt relieved Sizemore as the Chief of Naval Air Training at a ceremony aboard USS Lexington Museum.

Most recently, Leavitt served as commander, Naval Air Forces Reserve and deputy commander, Naval Air Forces.

CNATRA has the mission of training all Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviators, as well as some from allied foreign services.

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From the Bridge



Capt. Mark McLaughlin
Commanding Officer



Greetings Team Kingsville,

It has been a busy two weeks with obviously the biggest news being the election. I hope everyone exercised their right to vote. We would like to hear back from you about

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In addition to Training Air Wing Four aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, CNATRA oversees four other Training Air Wings, a total of 16 training squadrons, in Texas, Mississippi and Florida, and the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron.

"We've accomplished our mission during my watch," Sizemore said. "We have specific production requirements we're supposed to meet every year and every month, all based on the fleet demand, and we've done that – we've done that all three years I've been here.

"It wasn't me; it's been a total team effort by everybody in this command – the staff here, each of the five Training Air Wings and each of the squadrons under those Training Air Wings and ultimately down to the instructor pilots, instructor NFOs, the student aviators and the student Naval Flight Officers – they've all gotten it done.

"I'm very proud of our record of accomplishment, but again it's been a total team effort on everybody's part. It always is, in the Navy."

Looking back on three years, Sizemore says he feels he's leaving CNATRA in good shape.

"I thought CNATRA was in good shape when I arrived and it's in equally good shape when I leave."

Overall, CNATRA elements fly about 1,000 hours every day. The command is making a number of improvements in training, including transition to the T-6B, the T-45C and the T-44C, giving students the kinds of digital cockpits they will see in the fleet.

While fleet squadrons can stand down and transition as new aircraft come into the system, CNATRA units have to keep the training pipeline going.

"Here in the Training Command, we don't have the luxury to stand down," Sizemore said. "We'll transition these new airplanes while we're still flying the old ones, and we still have all our production requirements.

"So the transitions are extremely challenging. And we've done them well, we've done them safely and again it's been a total team effort – and I'm very proud of that."

Looking at the big picture, Sizemore

our voting office and the support we provided. If you have any feedback, please address it to our FFSC Director Frank Firmatura, so we can improve for the 2014 election cycle.

Thank you to our MWR staff for the Halloween carnival held Oct. 27, in our Club. It was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

As we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to remind everyone to take a few moments to prepare your vehicle for winter driving and extended travel. Now is the time to plan your

routes and avoid nighttime driving if at all possible due to the increased animal activity after dark. Department of Public Safety statistics show that there is a three-fold increase in drunk drivers on the highways after dark as well. Be safe and stay alert.

In closing, I would like to extend a happy Thanksgiving to all of you and ask that you remember our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines deployed worldwide defending our freedoms who won't be able to share their Thanksgiving with family this year.

Until Next Time~Skipper Mac



Rear Adm. William Sizemore congratulates an Indian student aviator as he earns his Wings of Gold during a winging ceremony held aboard NAS Kingsville last year. (File photo)

sees Naval Aviation continuing to be a major force for the Navy and the United States as the country transitions from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"When the wars are over, we kind of do what we always do: the military comes back and resets," he said.

"But the Navy is always forward deployed, the Navy is a rotational forward deployed force. So we'll continue to do what we've always done, which is go on deployments and engage with our partners and coalitions.

"In a lot of ways, I think it's going to be business as usual for the Navy."

And much of that business will be in the hands of the young officers who have gone through Naval Air Training.

"I think they're awesome," Sizemore said. "They're like my generation and probably like the generations before mine. They're patriots, they're professional, they're motivated as 'all get out;' they're brave, courageous, they work hard.

"I have the privilege of being close to these young folks, I get to see them all the

time – and I'm incredibly impressed.

"And I'll tell you, the Navy and the country are in very good hands, very capable hands. It's going to be nice to sit back and watch them accomplish the things they are going to accomplish and lead our Navy to even greater things in the future."

Sizemore assumed duties as Chief of Naval Air Training in September 2009. It was his first assignment to Corpus Christi, although when he was a boy, his father was an instructor at NAS Kingsville in the early 1960s.

"We've really enjoyed living here; it's a great Navy community, military community. The people are very supportive of the military here, very patriotic.

"Folks are just real friendly in South Texas – my family and I have really enjoyed living here, and we thought very hard about possibly just staying here after I retired."

Ultimately, the Sizemores will return to Annapolis, Md., where they have family and where Sizemore attended the Naval Academy.

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This paper is published for people like MA2 Omar Gonzalez, U.S. Navy Reservist, who is currently performing his two-weeks active-duty service aboard NAS Kingsville. When he's not serving his country as a Reservist, the Laredo, Texas, native is serving with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol along the border with Mexico in Laredo.

President proclaims November as Military Family Month, honoring their contributions

"In our military families, we see the best our country has to offer. They demonstrate the virtues that have made America great for more than two centuries and the values that will preserve our greatness for centuries to come," President Barack Obama said in his proclamation issued today declaring the month of November as Military Family Month.

The proclamation reads:

"Since our Nation's earliest days, courageous men and women of all backgrounds and beliefs have banded together to fight for the freedoms we cherish. Behind each of them stands a parent, a sibling, a child, a spouse -- proud family members who share the weight of deployment and make profound sacrifices on behalf of our country. During Military Family Month, we honor our military families and recommit to

showing them the fullest care and respect of a grateful Nation.

"In our military families, we see the best our country has to offer. They demonstrate the virtues that have made America great for more than two centuries and the values that will preserve our greatness for centuries to come. With loved ones serving far from home, military spouses take on the work of two. Their children show courage and resilience as they move from base to base, school to school, home to home. And even through the strain of deployment, military families strengthen the fabric of each community they touch and enrich our national life as shining examples of patriotism.

"We each have a solemn duty to serve our Armed Forces and their families as well as they serve us. Through First Lady Michelle Obama's and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative, we have worked to fulfill this obligation by mobilizing all Americans to give service members and their families the opportunities and support they have earned. Last year, we challenged American businesses to hire or train 100,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2013. To date, they have already exceeded that challenge, hiring over 125,000 veterans and military spouses. From helping military children succeed in the classroom to increasing support for those who care for

our wounded warriors, Joining Forces will keep fighting to ensure the well-being of our troops and their families.

"When a young woman signs up to defend our Nation, her parents are enlisted as well. When a father deploys to a combat zone, his children are called to serve on the home front. And when the men and women of our military serve far from home, their families feel the strain of their absence. In that absence, let us stand together as one American family. Let us honor the brave patriots who keep our country safe, and let us forever hold close the memories of those who have perished in the line of duty. This month, we reaffirm that we will always lift up our military families -- not just when their loved ones are away, but also long after the welcome home ceremonies are over.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as Military Family Month. I call on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our Nation." (From American Forces Press Service)

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, left, President Barack Obama and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, render honors during the playing of the National Anthem during a ceremony commemorating the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon. (Photo by MC1 Chad J. McNeeley)



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In the Break



Capt. Joe Evans
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO

Greetings Training Air Wing TWO and NAS Kingsville,

We just celebrated Veterans Day. It truly is a celebration of freedom, honor, courage, commitment, duty and sacrifice. All of us, even us active-duty veterans, are forever indebted to those who have gone before us.

Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military -- in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served -- not only those who died -- have sacrificed and done their duty.

Let me tell you a bit about the history of Veterans Day. This year, like so many other Federal holidays, Veterans Day happened to fall on a Sunday and was observed on Monday. It is not the day of the week, but rather the day of the month that determines the

holiday. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect ending World War I. On Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory." Following World War II, Armistice Day evolved into Veterans Day.

I think that there are two important parts to Veterans Day. The first is that we should honor all those that have served their country in the Armed Forces. The second is that we should reflect upon why their service is important. Why did they fight and what did they fight for?

They fought so you could live your lives, being able to say what you wanted about the government, or practice the religion of your choice, or tell everybody around you what you think on any subject. They fought so you would never see the military marching in the streets, except in a parade, or be afraid of a policeman standing on the street corner. And they fought so that you would have the opportunity to choose your government through your vote.

As a veteran and a student of history, I recognize the danger to our nation if our

military is not prepared to go to war and to fight to win! To be prepared to win in war, we need not only a strong military, but even more importantly a strong economy, a balanced federal budget, an educated population, communities that work together, and people who volunteer to help their neighbors. We can prepare for war by simply being responsible citizens while carrying what President Roosevelt called a "big stick."

The burden of that "big stick" has been largely shouldered by our veterans.

So for all of us, let me say thank you to the veterans, and thank you to the families who have provided support during the good times as well as the bad. They too have served their country.

Very Respectfully,
Joe Evans



Capt. Joe Evans, commander, Training Air Wing TWO, addresses the students of Ricardo Elementary School on Monday, Nov. 12, during a Veterans Day ceremony.



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Bill Boswell & Jacob Buckalew

Bill Boswell and Jacob Buckalew work at the Auto Skills Center, which is tucked away next to the Santiago Fitness Center in front of the RV Park.

The Center is a jewel in the rough, managed by Boswell.

Boswell has been at the Auto Skills Center for 19 years saying that besides enjoying the work he finds it rewarding to teach people how to become self-sufficient working on their vehicles.

"We teach you how to do it," he says about vehicle repair. "We have all the tools you need for any job. All it costs you is \$4 an hour plus parts. Besides learning how to maintain your vehicle, you can save money. Doing a brake job here will save you about \$200."

Before managing the Skills Center, Boswell owned his own auto repair shop in Bishop, and says that when he's not "working on cars for the heck of it for friends," he enjoys hunting and fishing. He has also learned to repair computers.

The easy-going Bishop-native says he dislikes pushy people and if there was one thing you should know about him it's that you can trust him.

"If I tell you something, it is going to be the truth," he said. "It may get me into trouble, but it will be the truth."

Buckalew, who has been working at the

Center since June, encourages customers to come by on Saturdays, when "business" is slow. "We can help you and teach you vehicle maintenance," he said.

The Kingsville native says that he has grown up around engines and loves working with them. He loves modifying engines and vehicle interiors making them more personal.

Buckalew says his favorite part of his job is teaching people and saving them money. "I love looking the problem over and breaking it down mentally," he said. "It's all about the nuts and bolts and how to put them together."

Buckalew's dad Jim is an engine mechanic at Rolls Royce and works on car engines in his spare time too. His mother Kathy works at Morale, Welfare and Reaction. He says, "My goal is to one day own my own performance automotive shop."

He adds that if there is one thing you should know about him it would be that he believes that everyone deserves to see beauty in their lives. "I can help give them that and give them a good day."

Besides teaching customers how to repair their vehicles, the two mechanics also perform state vehicle inspections.

Stop by the Auto Skills Center anytime Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Jacob Buckalew, left, and Bill Boswell put back together the brake of an MWR electric cart they are working on at the Auto Skills Center. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

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Literature Alive! -- Friday, Nov. 2, at Kleberg Elementary, volunteers from both the Army Reserve and U.S. Navy read short books to groups of children from pre-kindergarten through fourth grades as part of "Literature Alive." Teacher Andrea Troup's program "Literature Alive" was established to show the students that reading can be fun. Pictured above, ACAN Jerald Collier, of Air Operations, reads a Clifford book to youngsters. Left, CW2



Shaun Tindall, of F Company 7-158, aboard NAS Kingsville, reads a Dr. Zeus book to students. Pictured below, volunteers Nov. 2, from left are: (front row) PFC Thomas Ramos; WO1 Benjamin Falk; Sgt. Daniel Farris; and CW2 Shaun Tindall; (middle row) Andrea Troup; Jeanie Alexander, NAS Kingsville school liaison officer; AC2(AW/SW) Jaime Jones; AC2(AW/SW) Joshua Hight; AC2 Shauna Johnson; ET3 Jessica Korenek; EN3(SW) Cristina Rivera; ET3 Derek Hicken; ET1(SW) Lauren Hosen; (back row) Sam Mendez, a junior at Texas A&M Kingsville; ACAN Jerald Collier; AC3 Thomas Debenedictis; EN2(SW) Keshunn White; QM1(SW) Bryan Hastings; and EN2(SW) David Johnson. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



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“We’ve been living south of I-10 the last four and a half years, so we really haven’t experienced any winters,” he said, “so we’ll see how that goes.”

“But we’re excited to open a new chapter in our lives and move on.”

A third generation Navy officer, Sizemore admits it will be a change not to get up and put on a uniform in the morning.

“I know it’s going to be really strange,” he said. “I’ve been trying to anticipate what it’s going to be like – I just know I’m going to miss the Navy.”

“But I’m also excited about the future. I’ve always been an optimist.”

As for what to do next, he said he intends to keep working.

“I think initially I’ll do something in the non-profit sector, something public service, and see how we like it” he said. “I want to continue to serve.”

“And I would like to say is what a great source of inspiration and support my wife has been throughout my career.

“She’s been with me since flight school. I wouldn’t be where I am today without her support. She completely supported me throughout my Navy career. She’s also supported all the spouse organizations that she’s been a part of wherever we’ve been.”

“She raised our children, who are all successful and intelligent and doing quite well in life. You know, I was away a whole lot of the time and she raised them and did a wonderful job.

“I’ve really gotten to live my dream. And the reason I’ve gotten to live my dream is because I had the very good fortune of meeting and marrying the great wife and Navy spouse that I have.”

If he could, Sizemore said he would love to slow down time – it seems to go by too fast.

But retirement comes to all, eventually. And now it’s his time.

“It’s been an honor and a privilege to serve in the United States Navy and I’m going to miss it terribly,” he said.

“But you know you can’t stay in the Navy forever – my Dad always told me that; he was in the Navy for 38 years.”

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On any given day the Navy is deployed in every region of the world, carrying out a wide variety of operations, from conducting humanitarian assistance or training to deterring aggressors.

The Navy has more than 321,000 active duty personnel on the rolls today and nearly 109,000 ready Reservists, 4,500 of which are currently mobilized. In its inventory, the Navy has more than 3,700 operational aircraft and 287 deployable battle force ships, 40 percent of which are underway.

People without an affiliation with the Navy often don't know what Sailors do day in, day out, making it difficult to understand the Navy's unique role in the "big picture" of the United States' national security.

Often, people can only guess from what they see on television, read in the paper, or hear from friends talking about their sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, husbands or wives.

"The Navy today is engaged around the globe, supporting the nation's interest whenever and wherever needed," said Vice Adm. David Buss, commander, Naval Air Forces.

Some can see Navy operations first-hand through the Distinguished Visitor (DV) Embark Program.

The DV Embark Program places leaders from all "slices" of society – corporate, civic, government, education and non-profit – aboard an aircraft carrier operating at sea.

The DV Embark Program is designed to increase the public's understanding and appreciation for the Navy by providing a rare opportunity to see Sailors in action. The visitors are flown to the ship via Carrier On-board Delivery (COD) aircraft. They spend a day or two meeting with the ship's leaders, interacting with the crew, touring the ship and observing a full spectrum of operations, from fleet aircraft conducting day-to-day flight missions, to Navy and Marine Corps training aircraft conducting carrier qualification training.

"The Distinguished Visitor Embark Program is an extremely important program for the Navy," said Rear Adm. William Sizemore, chief of Naval Air Training. "It gives our distinguished visitors the opportunity to observe first-hand what it takes to operate an aircraft carrier at sea.

"Words and pictures cannot sufficiently capture the professionalism, dedication, hard work and teamwork of everyone involved – from the Sailors who operate and maintain the ship to the air crew and aviation maintenance specialists who operate and maintain the aircraft," Sizemore added. "It is an astoundingly complex and exhausting effort that requires a total team effort.

"After our distinguished visitors see and experience a carrier at sea, they will tell their



Pictured left, aircraft handling officer Lt. Cmdr. Tommy Edgeworth discusses flight deck operations with distinguished visitors from Australia in flight deck control aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). (Photo by MC2 Benjamin Stevens) Below, a group of distinguished visitors observe an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32 land on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) during flight operations. (Photo by MCSN Lorenzo J. Burluson)



friends, families, colleagues and communities about the professionalism and dedication of the Sailors who serve in their Navy, as well as what their Navy is doing every day for freedom and prosperity at home and around the world."

Sizemore added that the Navy benefits from the DV embark program in several ways.

"First, the visitors have the opportunity to observe the amazing performance, dedication and responsibility of their nation's Sailors first-hand in one of the most demanding and unforgiving environments,

while operating one of the world's most complex and effective weapons systems," he said.

Additionally, the visitors have the opportunity to interact and provide morale-boosting feedback to our Sailors at sea. And, the visitors have insights to tell their communities about what they experienced and learned aboard an aircraft carrier at sea and what the Navy can provide in the way of exciting and rewarding career opportunities.

"A billion-dollar warship, with all its advanced technology and hardware, is nothing

without a dedicated, talented and diverse crew to operate it. While aboard, our DVs meet the best young men and women America has to offer," said Buss.

Editor's Note:

In part two of this series on the DV Embark program in our next issue, we'll show how distinguished visitors from throughout South Texas have gained a new appreciation for the flight training program at NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO by participating in the DV Embark Program.



Above, the Ricardo Elementary School choir performs during their Veterans Day program held Nov. 12. Below, members of the Junior Enlisted Association wave to the crowds during the Veterans Day parade. From left are ACAN William Wilder, CS2(SW) Michael White, AC2(AW/SW) Joshua Hight and LS2 Scotty Holbrook. (Photos by Jon Gagne)



Area salutes veterans on Veterans Day

More than 600 people turned out for the annual Bishop Elementary School "Salute to Veterans" on Monday, Nov. 12 at the Joe Trevino Jr. Theater next to the school. The 90-minute event included musical tributes to each branch of the armed forces, dance routines, moving video tributes, and a roll call of military veterans in attendance. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin was the guest speaker for the event. During his remarks, McLaughlin praised the service and sacrifices of veterans past and present, and offered children some sound advice.

"If you want to know how you can best say thank you to a veteran," McLaughlin said, "stay in school and earn your diploma. You can be whatever you want to be in this country – thanks to those who have served their country."

The NAS Kingsville Color Guard also performed in the ceremony. Representing the air station were AC2 Thomas Debeneditis, ACAN Daniel Wright, ACAN Meghan Thrasher and ACAN Ryan Moore of the Air Operations Department's Air Traffic Control Division.

Monday afternoon, the Ricardo Elementary and Middle School hosted its annual salute. More than 500 people attended the event, held in the school gymnasium. The event included musical performances by the school band, spirited vocal performances by the school choir, and a 21-gun

salute by members of the Kingsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2375. Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Joe Evans was the guest speaker for the event. Evans focused his remarks about the role veterans have played through all wars – from their actions in combat defending American freedoms, to their personal sacrifices on the battlefield. Evans also reminded the children in attendance that they must always strive to be the best that they can be, and to place a high value on completing their education.

Following his remarks, Evans turned to the veterans sitting to his left and rendered a sharp salute.

Monday night, several hundred people turned out to watch the annual Veterans Day parade through downtown Kingsville. Participation in this event included school bands, Veterans Day floats, military marching units, decorated vehicles and patriotic tributes to Veterans of all services. Four members of the NAS Kingsville Junior Enlisted Association marched in the parade, while the NAS Kingsville Fire & Emergency Services Department showcased its newest fire truck, and the NAS Kingsville Security Department provided portable lighting for the event.

This was the first time in a number of years that the annual salute to veterans was held during evening hours.



Top photo, veterans from all services were guests of honor at both elementary schools during their Veterans Day programs. Middle photo above, the NAS Kingsville color guard prepares to retire the colors during a Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 12. Left, Capt. Mark McLaughlin, NAS Kingsville commanding officer, talks to students about the raising of the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima and the event's ties to South Texas.

Operation Shipmate benefits junior Sailors

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

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

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

For more information about the program, contact the Chaplain's office at 516-6194.

NAS Kingsville names civilian employees of the quarter

By Jon Gagne
NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

NAS Kingsville recently announced their selections for civilian employees of the fourth quarter, fiscal year (FY) 2012 for professional performance. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Mark McLaughlin announced the selections during an all hands call and awards ceremony at the Captain's Club Oct. 25. Each individual brings a different skill set to the NAS Kingsville team that is vital to command mission accomplishment.

The Jr. Civilian of the Quarter is Joe Richardson, who works at the NAS Kingsville Security Department. Richardson is a retired Marine Corps gunnery sergeant, who previously worked for the Department of the Navy as a regional training officer for the Chief of Naval Air Training command (CNATRA) and NAS Corpus Christi. He began his civilian career at NAS Kingsville through a contract position with Secu-

riguard, Inc., as the training officer for guard personnel, a position he held until 2008.

"After I left Securiguard I took a job as a private military contractor in Iraq and Afghanistan," Richardson said. When he returned to Kingsville in 2010 he was hired as a civilian employee.

Richardson is responsible for all training aspects that active duty and Department of the Navy security personnel at NAS Kingsville receive, a position that Richardson has excelled at according to NAS Kingsville Security Officer David Taylor.



Richardson

Taylor pointed to a recent NRSE Team Assist Visit that acknowledged Richardson's efforts, stating NAS Kingsville Security's training program was "the best they'd ever seen," a comment Taylor says is a direct result of Richardson's program management and his personal commitment to his peers.

"What I like best about my job," Richardson stated, "is the satisfaction of being able to interact with [military and civilian] personnel face-to-face and teaching them, for the most part, a tangible skill and, on occasion, help them learn something new or perhaps a better method for an old skill."

The Sr. Civilian of the Quarter for the fourth quarter is Thomas Francisco, an electronics technician for the Air Operations Department's Ground Electronics Division.

Francisco retired from the U.S. Army in 1998, after spending 22 years as a "Green Beret" with Army's 5th Special Forces group and a communications-electronics maintenance chief for the NATO Allied

Forces Southern Europe.

Following his retirement he moved to Corpus Christi where he served as the store/business manager of Altex Computers and Electronics until late 2004. In May 2005, he accepted a DoD civilian position with the NAS Kingsville Air Operations Department.

"I enjoy working and teaching young Sailors and petty officers - they are our future," Francisco said recently. "I also enjoy the camaraderie even - though I am 'an



Francisco

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Retirement ceremony marks close of 20-year career for Navy yeoman

YN1 (SW/AW) Louise Maher closed out her 20-year active-duty career with an official retirement ceremony held at the Training Air Wing TWO Reserve Component building Oct. 31.

Maher's first command was with Patrol Air Wing Four, homported at Moffitt Field, San Francisco, Calif. From there, she became part of the first cadre of women to be accepted for the "Women At Sea Program," accepting orders to USS Inchon (LPH 12). After a highly successful tour at sea Maher reported to the staff of U.S. Central Command, and four years later, to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212 based at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2005, Maher reported to Commander, Amphibious Group Three for a two year tour of duty as assistant operational support officer. In 2007, she transferred to Navy Operational Support Center Orlando, Fla., as the administrative department leading petty officer.

In 2009, Maher transferred to Navy Recruiting District Southeast, and in 2010 she came to NAS Kingsville to work with the Training Air Wing TWO Reserve Component.

Maher grew up as a Navy dependent traveling all over the USA, but she calls New Orleans her home town.



Pictured left, YN1 (SW/AW) Louis Maher renders a salute to training Air Wing TWO Reserve Component Command Commander, Capt. Neyland Springer, after being presented a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior service from 2010 to 2012. Above, at the conclusion of the ceremony, YN1 (Ret.) Louis Maher walks through the sideboys of fellow petty officers, going ashore for the final time.

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Sports

Area football teams advance to post season

Texas A&M University-Kingsville wrapped up their 2012 regular season with a 34-13 win at home Nov. 10 over Eastern New Mexico on Veterans Appreciation Night at Javelina Stadium. A crowd of just over 8,000 fans were on hand to watch the Javelina's close out their regular season with a post-season bowl game appearance on the line.

The win sealed the deal for the Hogs, who will travel to Topeka, Kan., to play in the fifth annual Kanza Bowl on Sunday, Nov. 25. The Javelinas will take on Division II rival Emporia State University.

Head coach Bo Atterberry and his squad had high hopes for the 2012 at the start of the season and a big, week-two win over then-9th-ranked Abilene Christian. At 2-0, the Javelina's found themselves in the Division II top 15, but a four-game losing streak quickly brought hopes of a big season to an end. Still, the Javelinas were eventually able to regroup and refocus, winning four of their last five games and finish the season at 6-5.

High School

Kingsville's H.M. King high school also capped off a successful regular season last week with victory. The Brahmas (6-4) picked up a district championship this year and they'll carry that momentum into a first round playoff game in Brownsville this week against Hildago.

Other local teams in the playoffs include unbeaten Flour Bluff (10-0) and Port Lavaca Calhoun (9-0), and once-beaten Orange Grove (9-1). Also getting in the playoffs are Gregory-Portland (8-2), W.B. Ray (7-3), Alice (7-4), Calallen (8-2), Ingleside (7-3), Aransas Pass (7-3), and Odem (6-4).

Navy Basketball

The Naval Academy men's basketball team will be competing in the annual South Padre Island Invitational basketball tournament Nov. 23-24.

There are eight teams in the tournament: Navy, Delaware State, Prairie View A&M, Illinois State, Texas Christian, Northwestern, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham. The Midshipmen will tangle with Prairie View A&M on Nov. 23 in an afternoon game

(3:30 local).

The NAS Kingsville Public Affairs Office has 100 free tickets for the Navy games Nov. 23-24. If you'd like to see the Navy team in action, stop by the Public Affairs Office, located on the second deck of the NAS Kingsville headquarters building prior to Nov. 21.

Bowling Leagues

In the Doghouse League Standings as of Nov. 6

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	Los Leones	32	12
2	DNA	28	16
3	Alley Cats	26	18
4	Here 4 the Beer	25	19
5	3 Minds/Gutter	22	22
6	Spare Tires	19	25
7	Three J's	17	27
8	Ghost	0	0

High Score Game-Men: Roberto Herrera, 224; Rodney Malin, 221.

High Score Series-Men: Michael Shipley, 612; Roberto Herrera, 566.

Wednesday Nite Mixed Standings as of Nov. 7

Place	Team	Won	Lost
1	IBowlers	23	13
2	I Can't Believe	21	15
3	Big K Rollers	19	17
4	Laugh Out Loud	19	17
5	DUH's	17	19
6	Petes Angels	15	21
7	Rattlers	15	21
8	Slow Moving	12	24

High Score Game-Men: Isaac Vidaurri, 256; Buddy Wilson, 246; John Zapalac, 245.

High Score Series-Men: John Zapalac, 662; Rodney Malin, 623; Joey Soliz, 622.

High Score Game-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 245; Shirlie Duffy, 209; Lucy Clarkson, 194.

High Score Series-Women: Carmen Arevalo, 563; Doris Wallis, 518; Delia Monroe, 495.

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Army of one.' I missed that in my civilian job."

Francisco added that he is both surprised and pleased that he was nominated by the Air Operations Department for the civilian of the quarter recognition, and he knows full well that anything that is accomplished is a "team effort."

"I think back to a quote from my Army days," he said, "that goes like this: 'If you fail to honor the people that work and sup-

port you, they will fail to honor you.' I take great pride to work with all the personnel assigned to Air Operations and the Ground Electronics Division. Without their help and support it would be impossible for me to succeed in my job.

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