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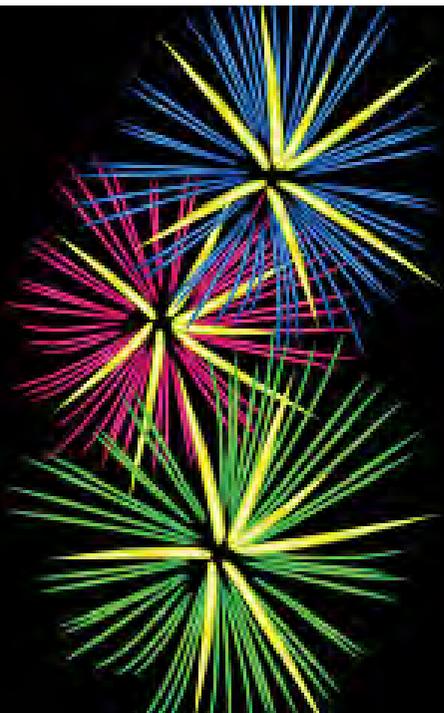
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Celebrate
our nation's birth!
July 3,
beginning at 6 p.m.,
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free food & drinks.

Finally, bring a blanket
to watch fireworks
light up the skies
beginning at 9 p.m.

The celebration ends
at 10 p.m.



Corpsman Olympics -- HM3 (FMF) David Careal helps to egress HN Joseph Miller during Branch Health Clinic Kingsville's annual Corpsman Olympics held on board NAS Kingsville on June 20. Teams competed in a variety of events that tested their physical ability, life-saving skills and medical knowledge. For more photos, turn to page 7. (Photo by FC1(SW) John Sessions, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

Protect your property before a hurricane hits

Typically during August and September, there is peak hurricane activity in South Texas. Residents of coastal areas are most at risk for storm damage, however tropical storm systems can travel hundreds of miles inland, creating the potential for wind damage and flash flooding throughout the region.

Planning ahead can help you protect yourself, your family, and your property during hurricane season.

Review coverage and policy limits. Make certain your property coverage is in force and that it provides adequate coverage to pay the full replacement cost of your property. Make sure you understand what the policy does and does not cover.

If you have questions regarding the terms or coverage provided under the policy, contact your agent. If you've made improvements to your home, consider increasing your policy's limits to cover the enhanced value of the

property. Even without recent improvements, property values increase over time and insurance policies should be adjusted accordingly.

Make sure you have windstorm insurance. If your property is located in one of Texas' 14 coastal counties, or parts of southeastern Harris County, your homeowners policy may not provide windstorm coverage. You may be able to obtain insurance coverage for windstorm or hail damage from a special insurance pool called the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA).

It's important to note that you cannot buy or change TWIA coverage once a hurricane is in or near the Gulf of Mexico. If you currently have TWIA coverage, review your policy carefully and know your policy limits. Compare your TWIA and homeowners policies and make sure you are insured to

an appropriate replacement value. For more information about windstorm coverage, call your insurance agent or TWIA at (512) 899-4900 or visit its website at www.twia.org.

Consider flood insurance. Homeowners and commercial property policies specifically exclude coverage for damage from flooding. To protect yourself from losses caused by rising water, you'll need a separate flood insurance policy from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). NFIP is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Flood insurance policies usually have a 30-day waiting period after the purchase date before coverage takes effect on currently owned property, so don't wait until a flooding threat is imminent. For more information, contact your insurance agent or NFIP at 1-888-FLOOD 29 (356-6329) or visit www.floodsmart.gov.

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From the Bridge



Capt. Chris Misner
Commanding Officer



Team Kingsville,

Next Thursday, July 3, we will celebrate the birthday of the Republic or our Independence Day. We owe so much to our founding fathers who risked their lives, fortunes and their sacred honor to birth a new nation. The men who stood in support of the Lee Resolution on May 15, 1776, were essentially committing treason by standing in defiance of Great Britain and declaring our country's independence. In that Resolution, these men resolved, "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Our documents of freedom -- the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights -- are the guiding

principles upon each of us swore an oath to preserve, protect and defend. We should spend some time this week thinking about exactly what that means and ensure we pass on these values to our children.

John Adams' famous letter of July 3, 1776, written to his wife Abigail are his thoughts about that day and what it would mean to future generations: it is profound and prophetic. He wrote, "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means."

This mid-summer break is a wonderful time to enjoy some time-off with family and friends. But please also take the time to think about the sacrifices millions of Americans have made, from Bunker Hill to Basra, in defense of a nation they love.

Please have a safe 4th. Make good choices and make it back to work Monday safely. Please pay special attention to the "Drum Beats" section of the *Flying K*. There are some short items you need to read that can provide you some good information that may keep you out of trouble.

I am extremely proud to be the Commander of this air station and in proud of what each of you bring to the fight each and every day! I also want to thank everyone who took a role in the funeral of Airmen Lee a few weeks ago. I received a nice note from the family -- here is a portion: "On behalf of my family, I wish to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for the work, care and dedication your men have shown for us during this time of hardship in our lives as well."

Again, please have a great weekend, remember why we celebrate and be safe!

One Team, One Fight, One Focus!
Skipper

Sailor's cautionary tale about coping with hardships through alcohol use

The Keep What You've Earned campaign has released another testimonial video as part of a series featuring Sailors' personal stories about how alcohol incidents impacted their careers, and the importance of drinking responsibly.

The latest video features PN2 Kathryn Cummings from Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Norfolk. She shares how a personal hardship led to destructive drinking habits and excessive alcohol use.

Struggling with personal issues, Cummings thought that a night of heavy drinking would be just what she needed, but a night of binge drinking led to even more trouble -- this time with her career.

In the video, Cummings says she thought she did everything right. She called a taxi and got home safe. However, her decision to binge drink still affected her career when she was late to work and received a "fit for duty" screening.

After failing her screening, Cummings was referred to her command Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) and got the help she needed. She now has regular meetings with her command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), PNC Howard Dickerson, who said that Cummings is a "stellar Sailor" who strives to be an

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Ice Cream Social — NAS Kingsville First Class Petty Officer's Association hosted an "Ice Cream Social" for all E-5 and junior personnel onboard the installation recently at the Ground Electronics garage. Seen here, HM1 (SW) Robert Tilmon serves AC3 Austin Graves a cool treat to take break from the South Texas heat.

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This paper is published for people like HA John Castillo, who has been working in patient care at Health Clinic Kingsville since arriving to South Texas in March. Castillo is a native of Temple, Texas, and has 1.5 years service.



Pilot For A Day -- NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO had the opportunity to host Gabriel Gonzalez as Pilot-for-a-day recently aboard the installation, accompanied by his mother, Yvonne. Gabriel, the 5 year-old San Diego, Texas native is a patient at Driscoll Childrens Hospital. (Photo by FC1 (SW) John Sessions, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

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In the Break



Capt. Donald Nisbett Jr.
Commander
Training Air Wing TWO



Greetings NAS Kingsville and Training Air Wing TWO,

This past week TW2 said farewell to Cmdr. Brad "HRF" Davidson during his retirement ceremony on June 20, after 21 years of Naval service. His dedication to this nation and devotion to duty will surely be missed. I would like to personally wish Cmdr. Davidson, his wife Alyce and their family fair winds and following seas as he relinquishes the watch and transitions to civilian life.

Earlier that day, Col. John "Bull" Rahe relieved Col. David "Maynard" Krebs as the commanding officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 (MATSG-22) aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Special thanks to Col. Krebs and his wife Kim who have devoted countless hours and have done a thankless job taking care of all of our Marines "down here" in South Texas. Congratulations to Col. Rahe and his wife

Jennifer on their assumption of command. Welcome aboard!

Finally, congratulations are in order for our newest Naval Aviators. At 4:30 p.m. today, at the Army Reserve Center aboard NAS Kingsville, we will conduct a Winging ceremony for 14 of our finest here at TW2:

VT-21: Lt.j.g. Kyle J. Crowder; Ensign David M. Hinkle; Lt.j.g. Jonathan D. McClellan; Lt.j.g. Dylan P. Nelson; Lt.j.g. Rajiv H. Stone; Lt.j.g. Alexander S. Wordsworth; and Lt.j.g. Joshua D. Young.

VT-22: Lt.j.g. Gerald M. Anderson; Lt.j.g. Erin E. Coulter; Lt.j.g. Peter N. Fultz; Lt.j.g. Spencer G. Johnson; 1st Lt. Matthew W. Orman; Lt.j.g. Charity E. Somma; and Lt.j.g. Andrew D. Weatherholt.

For a good part of a year, they have toiled and prevailed through flight training, doing it safely and efficiently, on their way to earning their "Wings of Gold." BZ and well done to all of our newest Wingees. From here they will move closer to the "Tip of the Spear" in preparation to one day answering our nation's call meeting the evolving security threats. I wish them all the best in the future and the fleet.

Happy Independence Day!

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Protect from page 1

Make a Home Inventory. Make an inventory of your possessions. Print it or save it to a disk and keep it somewhere secure. Consider e-mailing it to yourself to ensure you'll have it wherever you are. Also take photos or videotape of each room and the exterior of your home to keep with your inventory.

Auto insurance. State law requires all drivers to maintain liability insurance, which pays for injuries and damages you cause to other people and their cars. Liability coverage does not pay for any type of damage to your own vehicle, however. You will need to purchase additional coverage, known as "comprehensive" or "damage other than collision" coverage to protect your vehicle from damage caused by hail, flood, fire, or theft.

Make a safety plan. If a hurricane threatens your area, you may have to make a decision whether to stay in your home or evacuate. Whenever local authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave. The advice of authorities is based on knowledge of the strength of the storm and its potential for death and destruction.

* Map out safe routes inland or to safer areas. If you live in a low-lying area, know where low-water crossings might make travel to safety more difficult and plan routes that avoid these areas.

* Find out the location of any nearby community shelters in case you must seek immediate shelter.

* If you decide that it's safe for you to stay, understand that you may be without electricity, fresh water, and phone service

for some time and prepare accordingly. Stock up on canned goods and bottled water, check supplies of medicines and first-aid equipment, and check batteries in radios and flashlights.

* Work out a way for family members to communicate in case you must leave your home or if there is a disruption in local phone service. For instance, agree on a friend or relative who lives outside your immediate area who can serve as a point of contact in an emergency.

Protect your property. When a hurricane watch is issued for your area, taking a few measures in advance may help prevent or minimize damage to your home or property.

* Protect windows, sliding glass doors, and skylights with shutters or plywood.

* Put your car in a garage or other shelter. Secure boats and trailers. Secure outdoor furniture and any other loose material outside.

* If possible, trim back any dead wood from trees. This will reduce the amount of wind stress on trees and eliminate potential damage from falling limbs.

* Move valuables away from windows.

* Bring pets indoors or make other arrangements for their safety. If you must seek shelter in a community shelter, understand that you will probably not be able to keep your pets with you.

* If you are leaving your home, lock and secure the premises.

For answers to general insurance questions, call a Texas consumer help line at 1-800-252-3439 or visit the website at www.tdi.texas.gov.

Here to Help You!



HM1 (FMF) Martin Twamampfo

Who are your SAPR Victim Advocates?

HM1 (FMF) Martin Twamampfo is one of more than 10 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates aboard NAS Kingsville. Twamampfo is a leading Corpsman that works at Branch Health Clinic Kingsville. If you are a victim of Sexual Assault, you may contact Twamampfo at (361) 516-6344, or call the NASK SAPR victim advocate help line (361) 533-0454, or the DoD help line (877) 995-5247.

Know your SAPR Victim Advocates!

Coping from page 2 _____ example to others.

“Responsible drinking is so important - especially these days where everyone is competing to stay in (the Navy),” said Cummings.

She now spends her time working out, volunteering and hanging out with more responsible friends.

According to the Center for Disease Control, binge drinking has become so common that more than half of alcohol consumption in the U.S. is in the form of binge drinking.

“We want Sailors to understand that we aren’t trying to stop them from drinking all together, but that if they choose to drink, we want them to do so responsibly,” said Dorice Favorite, director of the Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office. “If a night of drinking affects your ability to show up for work and do your job, that’s when we know there is a problem.”

Cumming’s testimonial is part of the Keep What You’ve Earned video series. Each testimonial reminds Sailors of the importance of drinking responsibly and keeping what you’ve earned.

You can watch all the Keep What You’ve Earned videos at www.youtube.com/user/NavyNADAP. For more information, and to help promote responsible drinking at your command, visit www.nadap.navy.mil.

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ABCM(AW/SW) William Wallace presents ABE1 Tedario Edmond with a Letter of Appreciation from the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as he retires from the U.S. Navy with 20 years service.



Edmond presents his mother Brenda with the national ensign following a flag ceremony held during Edmond's retirement ceremony.

Edmond retires from U.S. Navy with 20 years faithful service

ABE1(SW/AW) Tedario Edmond retired from the U.S. Navy with 20 years of service during a traditional ceremony held June 12 at the NAS Kingsville Captain's Club. He was surrounded by friends and family including his mother Brenda, sisters Sabrina, Cynthia and Audrea, brother Andre, two brothers-in-law and four nieces.

"Today, stationed on board Naval Air Station Kingsville, ABE1 Tedario Edmond has experienced that which comes to all of us who service on active duty," said ABCM(AW/SW) William Wallace, of Air Operations who was the guest speaker. "He closes one chapter of his life that he has known for 20 years and opens a new one retiring to the Fleet Reserve. Thank you for your service to our country."

Edmond's Navy career began when he enlisted in August 1994, after graduating from Belton High School in Belton, Texas. His duty assignments have taken him from coast to coast. His first assignment was aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), in Norfolk, Va. Other duty stations include: NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.; USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in San Diego, Calif.; USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) in Norfolk, Va.; Lakehurst, N.J., to attend Aviation Boatswain's Mate E "C" School; and NAS Kingsville, Texas, as field support leading petty officer of airfield operations.

Edmond, a native of Belton, Texas, will move to Washington, D.C., to accept a position with the Dept. of Labor.

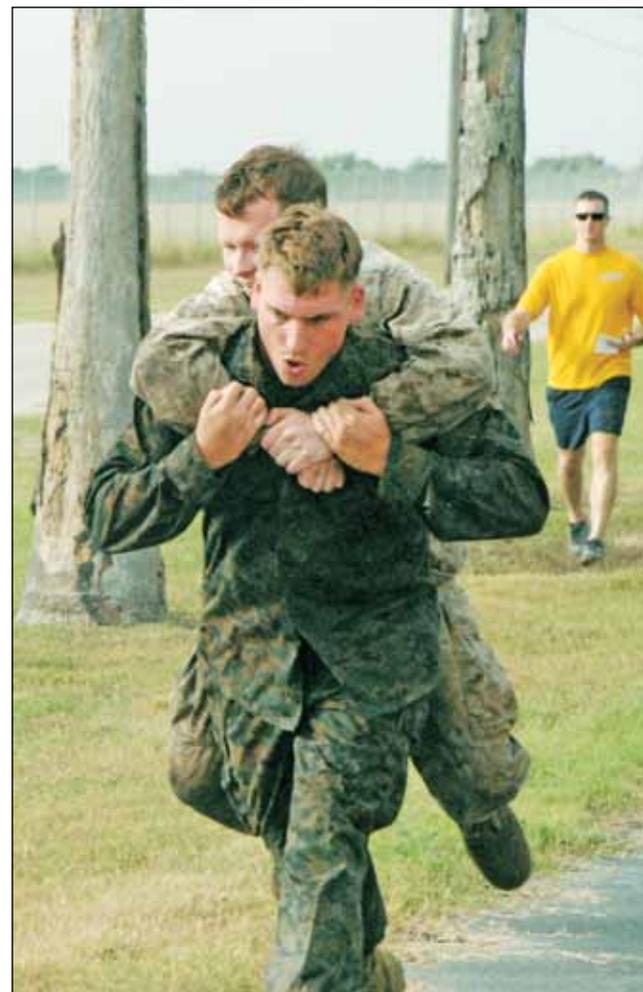
Fair Winds and Following Seas!



HM1(SW) Robert Tilmon, left, and ET1(SW/SCW) Dominic Scavo, center, present ABE1(AW/SW) Tedario Edmond with a shadow box, representing his 20-year Navy career, on behalf of the First Class Petty Officers Association. (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)



Edmond requests permission to go ashore for the final time from Capt. Christopher Misner, NAS Kingsville commanding officer. Also pictured (center) is Cmdr. Rey Molina, executive officer.



Corpsman Olympics -- Hospital Corpsmen from Branch Health Clinic Kingsville (BHCK) held the 2014 Corpsman Olympics recently at NAS Kingsville. Teams competed for time during a simulated "combat" casualty evacuation that tested their physical ability, life-saving skills, and medical knowledge over a quarter mile course. The Corpsman Olympics is an annual tradition at BHCK holds in conjunction with the observance of the 116th Hospital Corpsman birthday. (Photos by FC1(SW) John Sessions, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs)

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National Domestic Violence Hotline advocates are available 24/7 at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) in over 170 languages. All calls are confidential and anonymous. <http://www.thehotline.org/help/>

SAPR

DoD Safe Helpline is a ground breaking crisis support service for members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault. The service is confidential, anonymous, secure, and available worldwide, 24/7 by click, call or text — providing victims with the help they need anytime, anywhere.

Telephone Helpline - 877-995-5247- Safe Helpline provides live, confidential help over the phone. The Telephone Helpline staff can even transfer callers to installation/base Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Coordinators, Military OneSource, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and civilian sexual assault service providers.

Online Helpline- Safe Helpline provides live, confidential help through a secure instant-messaging format at www.SafeHelpline.org The website also contains vital information about recovering from and reporting a sexual assault.

Suicide Prevention

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RLSOs offers legal assistance to victims

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Alcohol

How do I approach a friend who has had too much to drink? I mean, I don't want to lose a friend.

The first time is the hardest, but your actions could save your friend's life or that you cannot let them drive home because you care. Offer to let the guest spend the night, call a cab, or ask a sober guest to drive the intoxicated person home.

* Engage him/her in a conversation to slow down the drinking.

* Offer high protein food.

* Offer to make the next drink and use less alcohol.

* Don't be afraid to insist that they sit out the sipping for a while or switch to beverages of the non-alcoholic variety— sparkling cider makes a great substitute for a glass of champagne.

Drug Use

If you find yourself in a situation where you have to make a conscious decision about using drugs remember this last year over 4,500 Sailors found themselves in that same situation and they made the wrong choice. They received Other Than Honorable Discharges and lost all their education benefits. For information on the Navy's drug and alcohol policies and programs, please contact your Command DAPA/ABEC Andre Shelton or ABH1 Edwin Castro.

Energy/Water Conservation

Energy Conservation is unquestionably of great importance to all of us, since we rely on energy for everything we do every single day. Energy supplies are limited and to maintain a good quality of life, we must find ways to use energy wisely. Embrace energy conservation by making small changes that will lead to a significant difference in our overall energy consumption. Your efforts, combined with those of others will benefit your life and the lives of future generations, as well as our environment.

Useful Tip for Conserving Energy

* Make sure you don't leave water running. If you see a dripping faucet, make sure to get it fixed.

****The bottom line shipmates:** In all of the above, YOU are the key to our success in the Navy! Intervene, speak up and look out for one another and all our resources!!!**

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Sports Shorts



Softball champs -- Congratulations to VT-22 Golden Eagles for winning the 2014 Captain's Cup Softball Championship. They remained undefeated in the league by beating VT-21 Redhawks 18-2 on June 18, to take top honors. Pictured above is the winning team. From left are (front row) Charles Schellhorn, Johan Suyderhoud, Nicholas Selk, Matt Suyderhoud, Matthew Orman, (back row) Robert George, Gregory Blok, Andrew Wright, Ryan Coon, Brandon Dorsett, Ronnie Stahl, Alexander Degelder, and Christopher Kapushansky. (Courtesy photo)

Softball Results - Record & Captain's Cup Point Awarded

- 1st - Golden Eagles: 8-0 & 70 points
- 2nd - Redhawks: 6-2 & 60 points
- 3rd - Security Bulldogs: 4-4 & 50 points
- 4th - Air Ops: 4-4 & 35 points
- 5th - Honey Badgers: 3-4 & 30 points
- 6th - Army: 0-7 & 20 points
- 7th - Blue Falcons: 1-5 & 0 points

Captain's Cup - Total Points as of 19 June 2014

1st	VT-22 - 660	6th	Admin - 115
2nd	VT-21 - 617	7th	Border Patrol - 110
3rd	Army - 601	8th	Orange Grove - 100
4th	Air Ops - 550	9th	TW2 - 67
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getting command- or court-ordered support. Identity theft victims can be assisted with fighting off creditors, repairing damaged credit, and preventing future losses.

Additionally, RLSO legal assistance staff offer counseling to ensure victims and witnesses are aware of other rights and services available. Depending on the situation, these rights may include the right to be notified of court proceedings and to be present at most public hearings, the right to expedited transfer, the right to transitional compensation, and most importantly, the right to be treated with dignity and respect. If the assistance a victim

or witness desires is best provided by a different resource, the RLSO will make referrals to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) victim advocate, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agent, Family Advocacy Program advisor, Victim Legal Counsel (VLC), or a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) representative.

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The Kingsville Symphony Orchestra will present a patriotic celebration on July 4, beginning at 3 p.m., in Jones Auditorium at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The event is free for active-duty military, veterans, children ages 12 and under, and TAMUK students.

For ticket prices and more information, call (361) 593-2804.

Food Bank seeks volunteers

The Food Bank in Bishop is looking for a few "able bodied" persons to assist them the second and Thursday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will be unloading cases of canned goods from a truck.

For more information or to volunteer, contact June Coleman at (361) 584-3280.

End of summer 'bash'

St. Paul A.M.E. Church is hosting an end of summer fellowship "bash" with a trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas, in San Antonio, on Aug. 16. The cost is \$60 per person which includes transportation on a 40-passenger bus, admission to the amusement park and water park.

The bus will leave St. Paul A.M.E. at

7:30 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Children in grades eight and below need to have a parent or guardian over the age of 18 in attendance. Children in grades nine to 12 need parental permission slip signed to attend without a parent or guardian.

A non-refundable deposit of \$20 is due by July 9, with final payment by July 27. For more information, contact David Campbell at (361) 720-1824 or outreachfellowshipst-pame@yahoo.com.

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.

CO's Suggestion Box

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

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Reserve affiliation an option to stay Navy

Sailors interested in change, but who want to stay Navy may be interested in the flexibility and continued benefits that come with Reserve affiliation.

The Career Navigator offers a streamlined process for Sailors who are interested in pursuing Reserve Component (RC) opportunities.

"There are a few different reserve opportunities available for Sailors," said Lt. Cmdr. Jenni Reid, Selected Reserve enlisted community manager (ECM).

The Selected Reserve (SELRES) consists of drilling reservists and units. These designated Reservists are available for recall to active duty status and they serve as the Navy's primary source of immediate manpower. SELRES typically fulfill the traditional service commitment of one weekend a month and two weeks a year. These reservists receive many of the same benefits and may perform many of the same duties as their active duty counterparts.

Full-Time Support (FTS) Reservists perform active duty services relating to the training and management of the Navy Reserve program. They may be assigned to shore activities and commands or operational units. FTS personnel receive the same pay, allowances and benefits as active duty members.

Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) offers Sailors some reserve affiliation perks without the SELRES drill requirements. Sailors in the IRR have to maintain mobilization readiness and must keep the Navy informed of any



address changes or conditions that may affect their readiness.

"Your Career Counselor can assist you with an application to transition to the RC via Career Navigator. If you receive a SELRES quota, you must select a drill site from the Career Management System/Interactive Detailing," said Reid. "For Sailors interested in FTS opportunities, contact the active duty ECM responsible for the rating for which you have interest. Active duty ECMs manage both Active Component and the corresponding FTS rate."

For more information, talk to your Command Career Counselor or visit the Selected Reserve Community Page at: www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/enlisted/community/selres/pages/default2.aspx. (From Navy Personnel Command, Public Affairs)

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