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Celebrate National Night Out
Oct. 25
starting at 4:45 p.m.

The event kicks off with a parade through base housing.

Then head over to the seawall by Sunfish Beach for the evening.

Opening remarks at 5 p.m. followed by
U.S. Coast Guard helo and SAR demonstrations
NASCC K-9 demonstration
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NASCC, NASK celebrate Navy birthday aboard historic Lady Lex

by Jason Kucera
NASCC Public Affairs

On the evening of Oct. 15, more than 500 guests attended the 2016 South Texas Navy Ball aboard USS Lexington (CV 16).

This was the first time that NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville jointly held the ball aboard the WWII Essex-class museum that is situated at the mouth of the Port of Corpus Christi.

Several months of planning by the Navy Ball Committee, comprised of members from both South Texas naval air stations, would pay off during this unusually warm fall night.

As the master-of-ceremonies for the night, Tomas Garcia, command master chief, NAS Kingsville, stated, "These Sailors worked hard for months, late into the night and into the early hours of this morning to ensure this Navy Ball would be a true success."

A warm round of applause followed and thus, the evening ceremonies were underway.

Between one hundred or so tables were scattered throughout the massive hangar bay along with a dance floor, stage, dinner buffet and a couple of large birthday cakes, you could hardly recognize the ball took place inside a nearly 80 year old naval aircraft carrier that had seen more battle than dances.

Petty Officer 1st Class Jasmin Shackelford, Navy



Retired Capt. Bob Hartzell, oldest Sailor, and Seaman Kayla Smith, youngest Sailor, make the first cut on the Navy Birthday Cake at the South Texas Navy Ball Oct. 15. This was the first joint Navy Ball by NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville held on board USS Lexington Museum on the Bay. (Photo by Rod Hafemeister, NASK Public Affairs Office)



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, NASCC, and Capt. Erik Spitzer, commanding officer, NASK, speak to guests in attendance at the 2016 Navy Ball, celebrating the 241st Navy Birthday aboard the USS Lexington (CV 16), Oct. 15. There were approximately 500 people in attendance representing each branch of the Armed Forces stationed in South Texas along with local leaders from both communities. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)

Ball Committee Chair, said she was just happy to see everyone enjoying themselves.

"Seeing everyone eat, laugh and smile, everything happening without any problem, that is what it's all about for me," Shackelford said.

The commanding officers from both NAS Corpus Christi and Kingsville gave remarks shortly after the ball began, taking the stage together.

Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, NASCC alluded to all of the great history that the walls of the vessel had seen. While Capt. Erik Spitzer, commanding officer, NASK, talked about the Navy's current birthday message of "Ready, Bold, and Tough."

With a few video tributes to Navy Power, Navy Aviation and Navy History, the audience stayed entertained throughout the evening.

Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Otwell gave a speech concerning the history both naval air stations share along with a slide show of historical pictures referencing those early years of South Texas Navy Aviation.

By the end of the night, guests were on the dance floor sans jackets and high heels.

The Navy Ball Committee did a great job of ensuring this event would also be marked as an historic occasion for NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Kingsville and the Blue Ghost herself.

For more photos from the 2016 South Texas Navy Ball, head to page 8 in this edition of the Wingspan.

Executive Officer's Column



Cmdr. David Cisneros
Executive Officer



Greetings to the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi community and South Texas! I am Cmdr. David Cisneros, the new executive officer here at NAS Corpus Christi. It is my great pleasure to join the NASCC team.

I have spent the last four years with U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida, and Afghanistan; and it is an honor to again be part of a command focused on supporting our Sailors and families here at home and in support of training the best aviators in the world. I have spent my career with several helicopter squadrons, ships and joint commands; each with their own unique set of challenges but, this is my first opportunity to serve as part of an installation leadership team.

I attended the Navy Ball on board USS Lexington Museum on the Bay this past weekend and it was a fantastic opportunity to meet many of you, enjoy an evening celebrating the Navy and honor our long-standing traditions. Those traditions trace our naval heritage back to the Revolutionary War, Oct. 13, 1775, when the Continental Congress established an official naval force.

From our humble beginnings, America's Navy has grown and evolved to match the quickly changing and complex threats of the 21st century and protect America the world over. The Navy Ball Committee did an outstanding job planning and running an event that was attended by over 520 people from NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Kingsville and the local community; thank you all for a memorable evening.

October is also Energy Action Month which was established to stress the importance of energy for our nation's economic vitality today and for a sustainable future. The Department of Navy's Energy Action Month theme for 2016 is "Power. Presence." This theme illustrates the strong connection

between the Navy and Marine Corps' wise use of energy and our ability to be when and where we are needed for national security and humanitarian assistance missions worldwide. We can each do our part in reducing our daily energy consumption.

There are several simple steps we can take to develop energy efficient behaviors that will continue throughout the year. Action such as turning off your computer monitor at the end of the day and keeping air vents accessible for increased airflow go a long way in reducing energy waste. Too much lighting can cause glare, eyestrain, headaches, and is another source of wasted energy. Use fans instead of air conditioning to maintain a comfortable temperature when a room is in use. During warm months, run the air conditioner at 78°F instead of 72°F and open blinds to let in natural sunlight and warm your home or office a few degrees when it's cold. Thank you all for your efforts to support the Navy's energy reduction goals.

Again, I look forward to meeting and working with all of you throughout this historic naval air station.

Chaplain's Message



What does it
matter anyway?

Father John Vidal

As I go about my business working with people from all walks of life, I find people who are upbeat and working hard at their jobs and sometimes I find people who seem bored and disinterested. It's interesting to note that those who are upbeat and working hard, while they may be tired, they don't seem to be aware that they are. If they are tired, it's a happy kind of tired.

However, those who are bored or disinterested in their jobs often find themselves in an unhappy kind of tired, one that's hard to get away from. I think this is a self-feeding situation that can lead to a miserable life where one is just going day to day through motions.

When we look for the significance of our work, where it helps others, recognizing the purpose and impact of our jobs, then our entire attitude can change for the better and we are likely satisfied and delighted. That's when we become upbeat and hardworking, and have that happy kind of tired feeling.

For me difficult days dealing with someone who is hurting or struggling can bring me a joy derived from the knowledge that I've helped enrich people's spiritual life, helped them take another step through their struggle and helped them understand the great gift we have received in the knowledge and certainty of God's love for each one of us.

Over time, while I don't always see the results of my work, I have developed a real sense that I make a difference. For some, however, perhaps someone working on some bureaucratic or routine job, it might be more difficult to identify the difference we make. But every job has an impact on somebody's life and we can help make it a positive or a negative.

As an example, this week as I began my fourth year working here at NASCC I had to go through the annual routine of updating my CAC card. For reasons beyond the control of the people responsible for that task here in Corpus Christi, this process was going to be delayed for several days or even weeks. However, Petty Officer 1st Class Bridget Dehoyos took the time to get me in contact with someone in Kingsville who agreed to try and help. When I got there I found people who were willing to go out of their way to help me. After several attempts and reaching out for help to Jacksonville, they were able to take the necessary actions to resolve the situation.

Dehoyos could have just said she was unable to help and that I would have to wait until the situation was resolved. The

people in Kingsville could have said it was not their responsibility and that I would have to wait. But instead they took the initiative and together they found a way to get me back up and running. I wonder if they realize the positive impact they had not only on me but also on those people I served this last week; I was able to access my files on a flight student who is preparing for marriage and continue preparing him and his fiancé for that important phase of their life; I was able to sit with a sailor who was having a difficult moral dilemma; I was able to minister to those people coming to daily mass.

All this, and more, because people worked as a team and took the time to care enough to go out of their way to resolve my problem; and the great thing about it? Each and every one of them was positive and happy to help.

When you put down this week's *Wingspan* I invite you to take a moment and consider your job. Do you know whose life you are impacting? Is it a positive effect? I promise you, that when you're satisfied you've made the best positive contribution you could have, then you will be happy to finish the day tired.

After all, "this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

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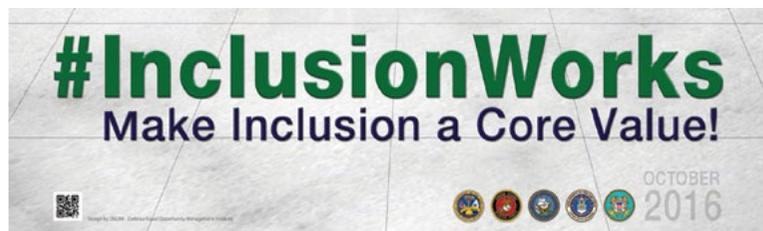
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This paper is published for people like Joe Ybarra, from Alice, Texas, who has been serving service members and their families for AAFES and the NEX since 1991.



Around the Fleet

One Navy Team documents released

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations released The Navy Civilian Workforce Framework and One Navy Team Guidance on October 14.

Both initiatives were recently discussed by Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven S. Giordano, during a Gold Line of Effort all hands call in Norfolk.

In the Navy's "A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority," there are four specific lines of effort; Gold is "Strengthen our Navy Team for the Future."

"To remain competitive amidst change, we will need a highly capable Navy Team," said CNO. "The Navy Team is defined in the Design as 'a diverse mix of active duty and reserve Sailors, Navy civilians, and our families.' Our Team is our competitive advantage and is the key to our success."

The civilian framework is the first step toward identifying what Navy can do to strengthen the civilian workforce, and by extension the Navy Team as a whole.

Navy civilians offer unique technical expertise, continuity of knowledge and experience, and diversity of thought and perspective.

The plan to strengthen Navy's civilian

workforce is outlined in the framework, and will be further developed by more specific guidance that will specify actions each command will take to meet the objectives outlined in the document.

"This Framework lays out our institutional obligations to the civilians who chose to join our Team, and the expectations we have in return," said Richardson. "The aim is that the Framework further strengthens the bonds within our Team, setting the conditions for maintaining maritime superiority."

In the One Navy Team document, CNO goes beyond traditional diversity and inclusion guidance and gets at action.

CNO writes, "Generating success as a team means going beyond merely understanding the unique perspectives of different people and cultures - understanding is too passive. Achieving top performance is enhanced when leaders tap into the energy and capability of an actively inclusive team."

Both documents can be found at www.navy.mil/cnorichardson.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.



Navy Birthday On the occasion of the U.S. Navy's 241st Birthday, Cmdr. John T. Taylor and Seaman Minhphong Ta, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi's oldest and youngest Sailors, celebrate the Navy's rich heritage, honoring all Sailors, both past and present, for raising their right hand and taking an oath to defend our great nation. (Photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC Public Affairs)

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This year's campaign, "Don't Wait-Check the Date!" reminds consumers and families to replace their smoke detectors every 10 years.

To find out if your smoke alarm has expired or its expiration date, look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked.

One of the most common reasons people die in home fires is due to dead batteries or malfunctioning smoke alarms.

Another concern are children sleeping through active smoke alarms.

For more information concerning Fire Prevention Week and fire safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at <http://www.nfpa.org>.



Right: A fireman from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire and Emergency Services demonstrates his equipment to students at St. Patrick Elementary in Corpus Christi.

Left: Children attending Flour Bluff Elementary School crawl properly towards safety from a smoke-filled room. The room is part of the NAS Corpus Christi F & EMS simulation trailer that helps them teach children as well as adults about fire safety. (Photos courtesy NASCC F & EMS)



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Baconfest! You read that right, there is a Bacon Festival in Aransas Pass Oct. 22-23 at Redfish Bay Boathouse. Admission is free. To get more information and find out how much bacon you can eat over a weekend, call 758-9000.

This weekend at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown the Balloona Palooza takes off. The festival hours are 4 p.m. until complete each evening featuring food, arts and crafts, inflatables, ascension balloon rides and an exhilarating balloon glow show. Ticket information is available at balloona-paloozatour.com/robstown-texas/.

Join various businesses and vendors at Heritage Park, Oct. 31, for their annual Scaritage Park festivity. This is Halloween in a safe environment free from road traffic. The hours of trick-or-treating for your little ones are from 5 to 8 p.m.

Pumpkin Patch! Asbury United Methodist Church, 7501 S. Staples St., will host its annual pumpkin patch from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and then 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays until Oct. 31. Pumpkin prices vary on size.

The Rockin' K Corn Maze is now open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The maze is at FM666 and CR52 in Robstown. Costs are 10 dollars ages 3 and up. Seniors and military are free.

The Catalina Club aboard NASCC is hosting NFL gameday action every Sunday throughout the season. They open their doors at 11 a.m. till 7 p.m.

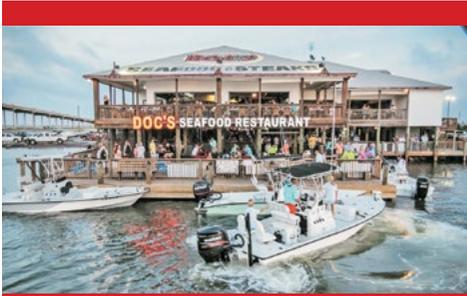
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11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
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Saturdays
Market Days in Downtown Corpus Christi. Celebrate and support local artisans and food vendors at Water St. Village through the holiday season. Repeats each Saturday 9 a.m. till noon.

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Honoring Our Veterans

Editor's Note: This is one part in a series highlighting veterans in our community.

From shore to shore, sea career takes Kasperek from tropics to frozen tundra

by Jason Kucera
NASCC Public Affairs

For many service members, one of the attractions of serving their country is the allure of travelling the world.

For William "Bill" Kasperek, originally from Enid, Oklahoma, this was rather the same. He got an all-around tour of weather extremes while being stationed in various locations to include Puerto Rico and Alaska during his time with the Navy and Coast Guard.

Born in 1942, Kasperek enlisted in the Navy in 1962, completing his initial naval training at San Diego. He followed on to train as an interior communications electrician. Part of this training included nuclear power school in Vallejo, California, which he says was a real challenge.

"The school had two phases, the first was all academic and the second phase was the practical hands-on training," Kasperek said. "You needed a 2.5 grade point average to advance into the second phase and I had a 2.49."

He was then faced with an academic review board asking him difficult questions on nuclear technology and physics. Kasperek says he was lucky to have remembered his name that day and was sent out to the fleet as a fireman.

His first assignment was the USS Sproston (DD 577), a WWII destroyer where he spent 4 1/2 years deploying twice to the Vietnam theater of operations.

He decided to leave the Navy in 1968 and head home to Minnesota where he grew up

after age 11.

"I was there going to college about three years when I started thinking about joining the military again," Kasperek said. "I didn't have much direction, bounced around between schools and remembered how I really enjoyed my time in the Navy."

At the time, the services were not making it easy for him to join back up.

"The Navy would have taken me back but wanted to take me down a rank from a Petty Officer 2nd Class to a 3rd Class. I talked to the Army, they wanted to drop me a rank," he continues, "I even talked to the Air Force who wanted me to start over entirely and go to boot camp, as did the Marines."

As he was about to depart the recruiting station for good, Kasperek saw the Coast Guard office. He says it was just timing as the Coast Guard had an electrician's mate job field that was critical and needed to be filled.

"The recruiter was able to get me back in as a (Petty Officer) 2nd Class electrician's mate and even 60 dollars a month in performance pay," Kasperek said. "At that time, 60 bucks was a good chunk of walking around money."

The next thing he knew after that, he was stationed in New York City, Governor's Island.

Kasperek said, "Instead of shipping me off to a cutter, I was working as a brig runner, picking up prisoners and delivering them to three different naval brigs in the area."

Eventually, he was sent to a ship stationed at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A frequent mission for the Coast Guard is search and rescue. When Kasperek was assigned in Puerto Rico to the USS Sagebrush (WLB 399), a SAR he found himself on was working recovery efforts from a plane crash, the one that took the life of Roberto Clemente, Major League Baseball star, in 1973.

"There were many SARs we went on. We rescued quite a few people and I've always felt good about that," Kasperek said.

"What was interesting about the Clemente crash was all of the other federal entities that got involved on that mission."

The pilot of the aircraft Clemente was on was recovered, but Clemente himself never was found.

Following that assignment on a tropical island, the Coast Guard sent him to an advanced school back in Minnesota for 36 weeks, then on to an assignment on an "ice breaker" ship in Wisconsin for two years.

"It was really interest-

ing," he says. "It could break through ice eight to nine feet thick."

Returning to Governor's Island in New York City, Kasperek did a couple of years as an instructor where he also went on to make Chief Petty Officer.

Kasperek then did a couple of assignments as a chief petty officer on two different ships in the Great Lakes region, saying it was really enjoy-

able but he still wanted a little more out of his career.

He was able to become a chief warrant officer, moving all the way up the Warrant Officer 4, before learning of a program to become a commissioned officer.

"There was a program then where you could go from Warrant Officer 4 straight to a lieutenant," he said. "So I did that and went straight to an O-3."

The Coast Guard then rewarded newly promoted Lt. Kasperek with a trip to live and work in Juneau, Alaska.

To keep track, Kasperek was born into the dry heat of Oklahoma, grew up in the bitter cold of Minnesota, and spent time with the Navy in the great climate of southern and northern California, the tropical weather of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with the Coast Guard, along with the tremendously cold of southern Alaska, Wisconsin and again in Minnesota.

"Something really interesting while I was in Juneau, I got to fly around to a lot of small marinas to inspect them for Coast Guard safety standards," Kasperek said. "Bush pilots flew me around to so many neat locations that weren't accessible by road, only air or water."

Kasperek rounded out his dramatic climate changes to his final posting at NAS Corpus Christi, as a Lieutenant Commander when he retired



William "Bill" Kasperek, now 74, stands before the Fleet Reserve Association memorial wall he helped raise in honor of the members of local branch 94 and fallen comrades, Oct. 14, in Corpus Christi, Texas. The wall was officially dedicated during a ceremony Oct. 15. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)

after 30 years of total service.

He never left Corpus Christi and now serves as the president, Fleet Reserve Association Branch 94, where they operate out of a location on Flour Bluff Drive. Recently, the FRA held a ceremony unveiling their memorial wall built on location by the men and women belonging to the local organization.



A young William Kasperek during Navy boot camp in 1962 in San Diego, California. (Photo courtesy of William Kasperek)



William Kasperek after commissioning to become a Chief Warrant Officer with the Coast Guard in 1979. (Photo courtesy of William Kasperek)

Bravo Zulu



NASCC Patrolman of the Month for August: Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, NASCC, presents Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Mora, with the August Patrolman of the Month award. According to his supervisor, he is an aggressive and highly motivated Sailor performing at the level of a more seasoned patrolman. As the leading patrolman, he has directly supervised 13 personnel in more than 40 calls for service to include DUI, medical emergencies and violations of the UCMJ. Mora has been assigned to NASCC since April 2015. He joined the Navy in Sept. 2012. (Photo courtesy NASCC Security Dept.)



Petty Officer 2nd Class Francesca Gingras, along with her husband Kris Cockrill (left) and Lt. Scott Beck, NASCC Administrative Officer, stand together following Gingras' re-enlistment ceremony Oct. 14. Gingras is a native of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; she is headed to Washington to serve aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs.)



Fair Winds and Following Seas! The NASCC Chaplain Dept. said goodbye to a professional and a friend in Steven Arndt. He was the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation facilitator for the last three years aboard the base. During his tenure, Mr. Arndt has provided training, workshops and retreats that have strengthened the well-being and individual resiliency of our service members, civilians and military families. Steve's efforts have ensured that our service members and civilians remained at the highest levels of mission readiness and spiritual fitness. (Photo courtesy NASCC Chaplain Dept.)



Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Leibowitz, a master-at-arms, re-enlists during a ceremony presided by Lt. Don Copping, NASCC security dept., Oct. 7, at Sunfish Beach aboard the base. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs.)

2016 South Texas Navy Ball



Tomas Garcia, command master chief, NAS Kingsville performed as the master-of-ceremonies during the 2016 South Texas Navy Ball aboard the USS Lexington (CV 16), also known as the Lexington Museum on the Bay. (Photo by Rod Hafemeister, NASK Public Affairs)



The colors are presented to honor the nation during the 2016 South Texas Navy Ball aboard the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi Oct. 15. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)



Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Otwell, NAS Corpus Christi, gives his speech to guests at the South Texas Navy Ball on the historical achievements of both NASCC and NAS Kingsville. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)



The 2016 South Texas Navy Ball changed tempo once the dancing started and the night really began. (Photo by Rod Hafemeister, NASK Public Affairs)

Chap. Kevin Jackson gives the invocation prior to the 2016 South Texas Ball. (Photo by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)



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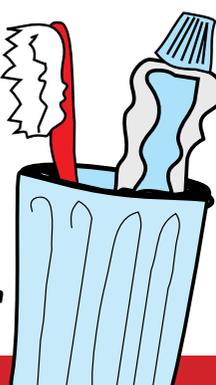
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NJROTC from Nimitz HS get a taste of Navy life aboard NASCC



In what has become an annual visit, student, parents and instructors with Nimitz High School near Houston, Texas, spent time aboard NASCC Oct. 14. During their visit, they experienced first-hand some of the laborious tasks the NASCC Fire and Emergency Service crews work through on a daily basis. Students got to try on firemen uniforms and equipment, load and unload a simulated injured patient onto an ambulance, work an active fire hose, and received a walk through of all of the equipment a functioning fire truck has on it enabling F & EMS to do their jobs. The cadets were in town to participate in a NJROTC competition at Flour Bluff High School. (Photos by Jason Kucera, NASCC Public Affairs)

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Upcoming Community Events

NAMI Meeting

NAMI Greater Corpus Christi will meet October 20, at 6:30 to 8 PM, at Bayview Behavioral Hospital Gymnasium, Wooldridge Rd., to celebrate the first birthday of the affiliate! Holly Doggett, Executive Director of the Texas National Alliance for Mental Illness will be our special guest. Programs and support groups will be discussed and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Resource booklets, literature, and books will be available. Birthday cake will be enjoyed! Please bring gifts to be given to the homeless. The event is free and open to all.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day 2016

Joint Base San Antonio - Fort San Houston/BAMC will be hosting their annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at BAMC Medical Mall. Services provided include (but are not limited to): Flu Shots and Vaccinations, Pharmacy drug take-back, Tricare information and services, BAMC Retiree Activities Group, Walk-In Mammograms, The Retired Enlisted Association and much more! For more information about this event, please call 210-221-9004

Spookfest 2016

Join St. Theresa Catholic Church as they celebrate SPOOKFEST 2016 "de la Fiesta" family celebration will be held Sun., Oct 30, 2016 from 11 a.m.-5p.m. at 1212 Lantana, CC, TX. Children's Costume and Coloring Contests, Country Store, Live & Silent Auction, Food and Games, Craft Vendors, Brisket & Sausage Plates will be available. For information and other questions contact St. Theresa Church at (361) 289-2759. "You will need a Siesta after our Fiesta!"

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Federal Impact Aid Helps Local Schools

The cost of public education is not inexpensive and is funded largely by local property taxes.

Districts that provide education to children of military and civilian personnel employed at NASCC depend on Federal Impact Aid to offset lost property tax revenue. Each year, the U.S. Department of Education conducts a survey to redistribute Impact Aid funds for students of parents or guardians employed on federal properties including military, civilian, and contractors.

This program secures more than \$200,000 annually for the Flour Bluff ISD and Corpus Christi ISD to directly support a wide variety of school district expenses. Mary Jane Garza, School Liaison Officer, said that NASCC has always been supportive and encourages every parent or guardian to fill out one form per student in their family.

"All of the data asked for on the forms is necessary," Garza said. "The school district will compile and file the Impact Aid request based on the information parents and guardians provide."

Garza also said, "There is a misconception that the funds are some kind of cash cow and that military families bring a huge budget gain to the local schools. The opposite is actually true. The education of military affiliated students is largely subsidized by the local community, even with Impact Aid being provided."

The net funding received in Flour Bluff ISD and Corpus Christi ISD from Impact Aid for military affiliated students was approximately \$1,047 per student.

Garza emphasized the extra federal funds generated from this program benefit all civilian and military students in the district. Flour Bluff ISD and Corpus Christi ISD will be sending the survey during the months of September and October. Parents should watch for the cards and remember that by completing and returning Federal Impact Aid cards to local schools, students continue to enjoy access to quality programs. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Garza, ED.D. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi School Liaison Officer, 361-537-1313.

Around the Fleet

Blue Angels impress at San Francisco



U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, perform an Echelon Parade at Fleet Week San Francisco Air Show. The Blue Angels are scheduled to perform 56 demonstrations at 29 locations across the U.S. in 2016, which is the team's 70th anniversary year. The team will join the lineup for the 2017 Wings Over South Texas Air Show Apr. 1-2 aboard NAS Corpus Christi. (U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Dominick A. Cremeans)



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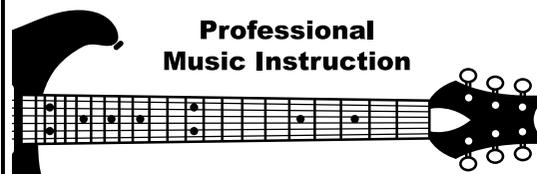


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