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From the Skipper

Happy 229th birthday to the U.S. Navy

By Capt. Paula Hinger



Hinger

On Friday, October 13, 1775, meeting in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress voted to fit out two sailing vessels, armed with ten carriage guns, as well as swivel guns, and manned by crews of eighty, and send them on a cruise of three months to intercept transports carrying munitions and stores to

the British army in America. This was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew and as such constitutes the birth certificate of the U.S. Navy.

Americans first took up arms in the spring of 1775 not to sever their relationship with the king, but to defend their rights within the British Empire. By the autumn of 1775, the British North American colonies from Maine to Georgia were in open rebellion. Royal governments had been thrust out of many colonial capitals and revolutionary governments put in their places. The Continental Congress had assumed some of the responsibilities of a central government for the colonies, created a Continental Army, issued paper money for the support of the troops,

and formed a committee to negotiate with foreign countries. Continental forces captured Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain, and launched an invasion of Canada.

In October 1775 the British held superiority at sea, from which they threatened to stop up the colonies' trade and to wreak destruction on seaside settlements. In response, a few of the states had commissioned small fleets of their own for defense of local waters. Congress had not yet authorized private vessels. Some in Congress worried about pushing the armed struggle too far, hoping that reconciliation with the mother country was still possible.

Then, on October 3, Rhode Island's del-

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In Remembrance of 9/11



Photo by Richard Stewart

Lt. Col. Mark "Sparks" Allcott, USAF, VT-35 Squadron Commander offers moving remarks during a 9/11 memorial service held on NASCC on Friday, September 10. Sgt. Wiley, USMC, plays taps as ACAN Latoya Clark and ACAN Marshall Randall commit memorial wreaths to the sea in honor of the victims of September 11, 2001.

Over 3,000 people lost their lives when two hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. A third slammed into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed into a vacant field near Shanksville, Penn.



NASCC Welcomes new Chief Petty Officers

Fourteen new Chiefs assume varied roles, responsibilities

Story and photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

NAS welcomed 14 new Chief Petty Officers (CPOs) into its ranks during a traditional induction and pinning ceremony held Sep. 16 at the Wings Auditorium Theatre. A host of family, friends and colleagues were on hand to witness and participate in the festivities.

The newly pinned Chief Petty Officers are MAC (SW) Laurie Arden, AZC (SW/AW) Chris Brown, ADC (AW/NAC) Robert Cebulla, ATC (AW/SW) Anthony Cobb, ACC (AW/SW) Christopher Cordova, SKC (SW) Jerry Eads, ADC (AW/NAC) Paul Hercl, HMC (SW) Michael Hunter, PCC (SW) Cruz Lopez, ADC (AW/NAC) Paul Morreira, ATC (AW) Robert Ried, HMC (SW/AW) Charles Skinner, HMC (FMF) Kelly White, and DTC (SW/AW) Mike Zazzara.

Each of the then CPO selected candidates underwent a grueling six-week indoctrination and initiation process once they learned they had been chosen. This period is designed to test the mettle of the selectees, and prepare them to accept the rigors and challenges associated with being a naval Chief Petty Officer.

Master of Ceremonies CMDCM (AW/SW) Miguel Cisneros introduced each CPO Selectee candidate during the ceremony. The selectees were escorted by their sponsoring Chief Petty Officer mentors and their families to center stage. Each Selectee then received his CPO "anchor" pins from family members, and each accepted his CPO combination cover from his CPO sponsor. After saluting their sponsors, the new CPOs walked across the stage and down the steps to be "piped aboard" by Boatswain's Mate LNC (SW/AW) Robert Howeth.



The new NAS Chief Petty Officers proudly stand at attention to cheers and applause during the pinning ceremony in the Wings Auditorium. The CPO pinning ceremony is steeped in naval history and tradition.

The new Chief Petty Officers are ecstatic about their advancements, and look forward to tackling greater responsibilities.

"I enjoy the new aspects and challenges of CPO Leadership," said Chief Petty Officer Christopher Brown. "The CPO rank exemplifies leadership and charisma. The CPO's most important job is being a role model for junior Sailors of today, and a technical expert for the senior leadership."

The rank of Chief Petty Officer was established on April 1, 1893. Since that time, two new CPO ranks were established, and several ratings have been consolidated and merged within the CPO community.

U.S. Senator visits Corpus Christi Army Depot

Story and Photo by Lois Contreras, CCAD PAO

Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) was at Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) on Sat., September 18 for a whirlwind two-hour visit that included briefings and a tour of selected production areas. Cornyn, who has visited all active duty installations in Texas, serves within the Armed Services Committee on the Readiness and Management Support, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Personnel and the Strategic Subcommittees.

Cornyn and spouse Sandy were accompanied on the visit by two members of his staff, Daniel Mezza, San Antonio regional office director and Romanita Matta, Texas media director. The visit was part of the senator's ongoing efforts to emphasize the importance of military installations in South Texas.

"I'm very thrilled with the work that is done here at the depot," Cornyn told media representatives from KIII-TV, KRIS TV, and KZTV, along with a group of CCAD employees on duty in Hangar 46, which houses the CCAD directorate of quality assurance flight test operations.

"I am extremely impressed with the dedication of the depot workers to maintaining the aircraft that support our war fighters," said Cornyn. "I feel it's my obligation to support not only the installations, but also the men and women who work at these installations. I am also impressed to learn about some of the vocational opportunities for college and high school students," he added, referring to CCAD's student career enhancement program.

Cornyn was also pleased with the support that CCAD receives from the community and the fact that 60 percent of the depot workforce are veterans and therefore are aware of how much the Army Soldier depends on their work.

When asked about the upcoming Base Re-alignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 process and CCAD's chances, Cornyn replied, "One of the things that the BRAC committee is looking at is joint service operations. As I stand here, I see USAF and Navy aircraft as well as Army aircraft in the hangar."

That is definitely a plus for CCAD.



Larry Jobe, CCAD chief of staff (seen at podium) introduces Sen. John Cornyn to the news media and a group of CCAD employees on duty in Hangar 46 on Sat., September 18. Seen in photo with Jobe are (l-r): Al Gonzales, director of production management, Sen. Cornyn, Jobe, and SGM Larry Lovell, depot sergeant major. The senator, who is a member of the Armed Services Committee, visited CCAD as part of his efforts to emphasize the importance of military installations in South Texas.

Chaplain's Corner

Everyday life and the absence of smiles

By Chaplain Jaime Moreno

Flipping the pages of a big concordance book, I found the entries I needed. Smile, smilers. This couldn't be right. I was looking for the word "smile." It should have been right there, sandwiched between smiling and smite. I double-checked again. No mistake! The word "smile" is not in the Bible.

This discovery gouged a hole in my plan. I wanted to find something about the value of a smile, and believing quite naturally that everything of true value should be measured by what the Bible says. I had planned to investigate a little more about it. The more I thought about it, the more this word's absence from the Bible confused me. Are we supposed to smile?

Don't get me wrong. I smile, but, come to think of it, I've seen some people who must have made the same missing-word discovery and decided never to smile again.

Does a smile have any value? Does it make a difference if I smile? Smile is a motto you see in plans, offices and on executive's desks: "That which cost nothing is priceless."

"No man is rich who cannot smile; and no man is poor who can bestow it."

A Texas Mental Health Association newsletter stated:

- Laughter exercises the lungs, stimulates the circulatory system and exercises breathing muscles.
- Laughter increases oxygen in the blood, benefiting the entire cardiovascular system.
- During laughter, the chest, abdomen, and face receive a vigorous workout. During hearty laughter, even the legs and arms get a workout.
- When laughter subsides, the pulse rate drops below normal and the skeletal muscles become deeply relaxed.
- Laughter helps to control pain. It distracts attention, reduce tension, and changes expectation. Laughter increases production of endorphins--the body's natural painkillers.

One day after a group meeting I was asked, "Chaplain, how do you do that? You always smile no matter what happens!"

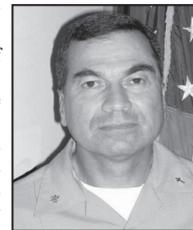
Then I remembered that a smile makes a difference. Perhaps the physical part--the contraction of muscles--is not that valuable, but a real smile--the kind that starts in my heart

and moves to my face--is valuable. It's a reflection of the joy, happiness, peace and the love of God in me. This inner smile is a light in my soul's eye, which spreads throughout my being and spills over onto my face.

Whether I want to admit it or not, my actions reflect what is in my heart. It is only when God's principles are working in me that my attitude reflects the presence of God.

The word "smiles" may not be in the Bible, but the principles and characteristics that make a smile valuable, even priceless, certainly are. The Bible has volumes to say on the principles of love, joy, happiness and peace. A smile is a reminder of the source of this inner joy and peace.

Proverbs 15:13,15 says, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." Also: "The life of the poor is a constant struggle, but happy people always enjoy life."



Moreno

Healthwatch

Check your neck for swelling; may be overactive thyroid gland

By Lt. Nate Ruttig



Ruttig

Though relatively small, your thyroid gland is full of power. It is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the front of the neck and controls many vital processes throughout the entire body. About 15 million Americans have undiagnosed thyroid disease--most of them women over age 34. When your thyroid gland is not functioning properly there are several, very important consequences.

Growth, the use of energy and oxygen, heat production, fertility, the use of vitamins, fats, carbohydrates, electrolytes, and the immune system are all, at least in part, regulated by the thyroid gland. The thyroid gland produces a few, very similar hormones that all contain iodine in varying amounts. When the does not produce adequate amounts of these hormones the clinical term "hypothyroidism" is used. Hypothyroidism is a point at which the body has "slowed down". Even though hypothyroidism is usually a progressive and irreversible process, it nearly always can be treated successfully.

There are many non-specific symptoms that may indicate a problem with the thyroid gland. Usually a person with hypothyroidism will exhibit several of the following symptoms: feeling chronically tired, being overly sensitive to cold environments,

mild headaches that affect both sides of the head, weight gain even though appetite has diminished, constipation, dry skin, muscle and joint aches, and hair/nail changes.

The diagnosis of thyroid disease is usually made by physical exam and simple laboratory tests. Hypothyroidism is treated using hormone replacement pills. There are fatalities associated with untreated thyroid disease. To perform your own thyroid neck check hold a mirror in front of the thyroid. This area is just below the Adam's apple and right above the collarbone. (Note: The Adam's apple is not the thyroid location).

Tip the head back, drink water and swallow while watching the neck for any bulges or protrusions. If you think you, or someone you know, may have a problem with thyroid disease, see your healthcare professional.

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Daily Mass:
Monday - Friday - 11:40 a.m.
Religious Education: Sunday - 10 a.m.

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Sunday - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.

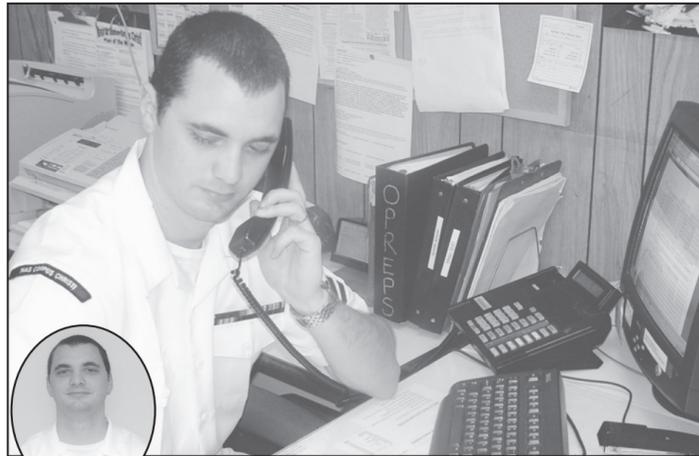
JEWISH WORSHIP SERVICE

*Temple Beth El (4402 Saratoga Blvd.)
Friday at 7:30 p.m.
(with dinner to follow)
For further information call
Temple Beth El at 857-8181.

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Islamic Society of South Texas
(7341 McArdle Rd.)
Jumah Service - 1:30 p.m.
For other worship service times,
call 992-8550.

Station Spotlight



AC2 Travis O' Connor
Officer of the Day, NAS Quarterdeck

A native of Everett, Wash., O'Connor has been in the Navy for eight years and has been on board NASCC for three years. He also has two years prior service in the Army. O'Connor's previous duty stations include USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.

While on board NAS, O'Connor worked at the Truxax Field Air Control Tower, and at the NAS Security Dept. with the Auxiliary Security Force.

"My job is never the same thing twice," said O'Connor. "It's always some new and exciting every day."

O'Connor's future goals are to become dual warfare qualified at his next duty station, the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). He also hopes to finish his college degree and apply for the Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer programs.

O'Connor's hobbies include motorcycles, computers, and designing tattoos. O'Connor is married with two children, Aspen 5, and Logan, 2.



Richard Stewart
Navy Region South Photographer, NAS Photo Studio/Lab

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa., Stewart has been employed on NASCC for four months. Stewart has nine years prior military service as both an active duty Army enlisted soldier and as a commissioned officer in the Army Reserves.

Stewart currently works for Probado Technologies, and has 24 years of professional photography experience. He spent 15 years working with Gold's Photography prior to arriving on board NAS.

"I'm very thankful for my job," said Stewart.

Stewart provides several different photographic services, including official military and civilian portraits, winging pictures, passports, service record photos, public relations pictures, retirement ceremony photos, command and squadron photos.

Stewart's hobbies include music, and he plays the drums and bass guitar.

Stewart is married with 11 children.

certifying your signature so all dates should be the same. The DMDC clerk at the Personnel Support Detachment (building 1730) will then make the change and file the form in your service record. I would recommend maintaining a copy for your personal records.

Since its inception in November 2001, 209 spouse and 374 children claims have been paid. Please discuss your protection requirements with your family and make the best decision.

The Family SGLI Procedures Guide is located at web site: www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/default.htm.

NAVADMIN 281/01 and NAVADMIN 317/02 are the driving instructions to this program. They may be obtained from BUPERS web site under messages. This will affect your paycheck if you fail to complete the proper paperwork.

MILPERSMAN Article 1770-250 addresses what to do in case of a death of Naval Dependent. If you are unsure if you are enrolled in this program PSD can give you that information or you can check your LES. If you have additional questions contact your Command Career Counselor or PSD for assistance.

Snack Pack, Pop Top Programs to fight hunger

By JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



In partnership with the Flour Bluff School District, NAS will begin providing meals for underprivileged children on the weekends. The schools are able to provide breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, but the weekends leave many children hungry.

NAS will provide between 10 and 20 small bags of food to be picked up by the children each Friday from their school counselor's office. In the plastic sacks are snack items that are easy to open, non-perishable and nutritious. In addition, items with pull top lids, including fruit containers, cheeses snacks, and Starkist products will be incorporated in order to promote better nutrition.

Food items can be identified and purchased at the NAS commissary, and then placed in a specially designated shopping cart there. Other recommended food items include Quaker Granola Bars and Breakfast Squares, animal and peanut butter crackers, and Dinty Moore Beef Stew.

For more information, contact Chaplain Robert Christian at the NAS Religious Ministries Department at 961-5012. Thank you for assisting with this need.

Task Force Uniform announces changes in uniform regulations

Courtesy U.S. Navy Task Force Uniform Public Affairs



Task Force Uniform (TFU) has announced that female Sailors may now wear civilian handbags while in uniform, but must meet specific criteria's and be worn in the manner prescribed in NAVADMIN 209/04. Women's uniform handbags are now an optional uniform item, and will no longer be a prescribed seabag item or issued at recruit training as of Oct. 1, 2004. Other approved changes include women's skirts, identification badges, civilian bags, communication devices and breast insignia. (U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 2nd Class Brandon Schulze.)

ger be a prescribed sea bag item or issued at recruit training as of Oct. 1, 2004. In addition to the handbag, women's skirts will also be an optional uniform component as of Oct. 1, 2004. This applies to both service and dress uniforms, and may no longer be prescribed. Female Sailors who desire to wear a skirt will still be able to purchase them through the Navy Uniform shop.

There is also new guidance regarding silver breast insignia and identification badges. Specifications are outlined in the NAVADMIN. "In the fleetwide survey, we asked a lot of detailed questions and received some very detailed responses in return," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott, who oversaw the massive effort. "We were very pleased with the level of participation in the survey and the focus groups."

These changes to the Uniform Regulations are just the first in a number of initiatives being produced by TFU. In addition to streamlining and simplifying the Uniform Regulations, TFU is developing concept uniforms for a working uniform for E-1 through O-10, as well as a year-round service uniform for E-6 and below. TFU plans to announce the uniform concepts in the coming weeks, and an announcement about specifics of the wear testing dates and areas to follow.

Hispanic Heritage Month in full swing

By JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

For over 30 years, the United States has annually celebrated the rich history and traditions of our nation's Hispanic Americans. National Hispanic Heritage Month provides a unique opportunity to express deep appreciation to Hispanic Americans for their countless contributions and to pay tribute to America's distinctive diversity.

"This month, we celebrate the talents and culture of Hispanic Americans, which deeply enrich our country and bless our people," said President Bush in a recent proclamation.

Several different festivals and programs highlighting Hispanic culture are being held throughout Corpus Christi. The third annual Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 10 from noon to 7 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Multicultural Center, 1581 N. Chaparral St. in Heritage Park. Admission is free, and open to the public. Concessions will be available. Featured performers include Michael Salgado, Albert Zamora, and many more.

No special events are planned on board NAS. All nationalities are celebrated during the Heritage Festival held annually in April.

For more information on Hispanic Heritage month events, contact the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce at 881-1800, the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 887-7408, or the City Parks and Recreation Department at 880-3461.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15.

NAS promotes drug-free workplace program

By Elva Hernandez

The Department of the Navy promotes a zero tolerance of illegal drug usage and is committed to having a drug-free workplace because not only does it increase a safe working environment but also improves productivity, and most important, keeps valuable employees.

Drug testing is not something that the Department of the Navy, your Commanding Officer, specimen collectors, or lab technicians dreamed up. It was mandated by Executive Order 12564 that was signed by the late President Ronald Reagan on September 15, 1986 which states in part, "The Federal Government, as an employer is concerned for the well-being of its employees, the successful accomplishment of agency missions, and the need to maintain employee productively."

This statement could not be truer in today's time of world turmoil. All of us must be alert, ready, and able to accomplish our mission, whatever it may be.

As the Drug Program Coordinator (DPC) for South Texas, I enter the names of these employees into a computer and pool them together by Command. When it is time for testing, the computer randomly selects names to be tested. I then notify the supervisors, who in turn inform their employees of the time and place for specimen collection.

The next question is, "What are you looking for?" The drug-testing program is designed to specifically look for illegal drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, amphetamines, opiates, and PCP. These drugs can deter good judgment by creating highs and lows, hallucinations, and in some cases cause death.

Any employee who tests positive for illegal drugs will be immediately removed from their TDP either through re-assignment or detail, referred to the Civilian Employee Assistance Program (CEAP), and subjected to disciplinary action. Removal from Federal service is appropriate if the employee refuses rehabilitation through the CEAP. Removal from Federal service is mandatory for the second offense.

The Drug-Free Workplace Program includes a provision for "Safe Harbor" which means any employee who voluntarily identifies him/herself by other means and before being officially informed of an impending drug test has immunity from disciplinary action. The employee must obtain counseling and rehabilitation through CEAP. This same employee must also agree to be periodically tested as required by the Command or a rehabilitation agency during counseling and rehabilitation and during the post-treatment and evaluation phase. In addition the employee must consent, in writing, to the release of his/her records related to drug counseling and rehabilitation, including urinalysis test results, to appropriate management and CEAP officials, and thereafter refrain from using illegal drugs.

Please contact me for additional information regarding the Drug-Free Workforce Program or Safe Harbor. I can be reached at extension (361) 516-6101, DSN 876-6101, or via e-mail at Elva.Hernandez@navy.mil.

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A PLUS PREPARATION COURSE

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1700 - 2200
(10 weeks)

CET 100 -A+ Preparation Course. 80 clock hours. Class dates: **October 19-December 23**. The course provides in-depth understanding of the operation and basic maintenance of personal computers and operating systems. The course prepares students for the compTIA A+ Certification Exam.

CCNA CERTIFICATION TRAINING COURSES (FOUR MODULES) Lab Period TBD

Oct 2004-May 2005. The CCNA program teaches the skills needed to design, build and maintain small to medium-sized networks. This blended in-lab/on-line curricula will prepare student for the Cisco Systems Networking Associate certification exam.

FIBER OPTICS INSTALLER COURSE BY ETA

Fridays, 1700-2200 (5 weeks)

CET 105 - Fiber Optics Installer. 24 clock hours. Class dates: **07 Jan-04 Feb 2005**. This course provides an in-depth study of the topics and skills required for ETA Fiber Optics Installer Certification.

NETWORK PLUS PREPARATION COURSE

Wednesdays 1700 - 2200 (11 weeks)

NET 156 - Network Plus Preparation course. 52 clock hours. Class dates: **13 Oct-22 Dec**. The course provides students with a fundamental understanding of computer networks. Students learn the vendor-independent networking skills and concepts that affect all aspects of networking. The course prepares students for the compTIA Net + Certification Exam.

Contact: **Tim Erickson**
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terickson@ecpi.edu

MWR News and Events

Aquatics

The Oasis Pool is open for lap swim until November 1, weather permitting. The hours of operation are as follows:

Tuesday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

For more information, please contact Earl Olsen at the Oasis Pool, 961-4257.

E-Street Gym

Unit Sports Day: Sports day will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 14 and all day Friday, Oct. 15 to avoid the summer heat. For additional information, please contact Mike McClure at 961-2401, or e-mail him at mike.b.mcclure@navy.mil.

Sports at a Glance: The Captain's Cup Tennis Doubles and Bowling League will run from September through October. Holiday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Columbus Day Oct. 11. *For more information, call the E-Street Gym at 961-2401.*

Fitness Express

Cardiovascular Machines: Treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, stair climbers, rowing machines, and elliptical orbiters are available to increase your physical fitness. We even have an upper body machine on which you can maintain and strengthen your endurance if you sustained a leg injury.

Other Fees: Monthly membership fees include unlimited group exercise. The fees are \$15 for DoD/NAF employees working on base, \$25 for other government employees and Navy League members, \$5 unlimited group exercise for retired military and all dependants, a \$3 guest fee per day charge, and locker fees from \$3 for women to \$5 for men per month. There is no fitness center fee charge for active military, retired or reserve military members and dependants. Daily lockers are available free of charge. Bring a lock to secure your locker.

Personal training: Our certified fitness trainers give you a workout to get you started on a weightlifting program, refresh an existing training program or supercharge the intensity of the old program. The sessions are free of charge, and fitness assessments are also free.

Taekwondo Classes: These are available for children ages three to 16 on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. The cost for these classes is \$35 per month.

Towel Coins: You may purchase a towel coin for one dollar. This coin may be traded for a towel when you arrive. When you bring the towel back to the front counter, your coin will be returned.

Weight Training Equipment: The Fitness Center has variable weight and plate loaded equipment in addition to dumbbells and barbells. We have personal trainers and recreation specialists to guide you in accomplishing your fitness goals. *For more information, please call the Fitness Express at 961-3164.*

Gonzalez Liberty Center

The Gonzalez Liberty Center is here to meet your recreation needs. There are many fun activities planned for the upcoming months, along with ongoing activities at the GLC to fill your month with non-stop excitement. *For more information, contact the Gonzalez Liberty Center at 961-6405.*

Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT)

Stop by ITT today to get your tickets to the best summertime fun around. There is something for everyone, including food, music, sports, and a whole lot more. The “**Blues on the Bay**” concert tickets are also available. Do not miss an opportunity to see the legendary BB King, Chris Duarte and other performing artists.

ITT also has tickets to the following Dallas Cowboys' games:

Oct. 10: Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants

Nov. 25: Dallas Cowboys vs. Chicago Bears

Dec. 26: Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Redskins

ITT has available tickets for San Antonio Spurs home games.

December 3: San Antonio Spurs vs. Detroit

January 14, 2005: San Antonio Spurs vs. Dallas

February 26: San Antonio Spurs vs. Memphis

March 27: San Antonio Spurs vs. Houston

Tickets are \$40 per person for each of the games.

ITT also has tickets available for the following concert at the Concrete Street Amphitheater. October 19: Alter Bridge- \$23.50 General Admission with no reserve seating, and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The new 2005 Entertainment books are in and can be purchased for \$20 per book. They contain a variety of entertainment and restaurant options in Corpus Christi for you and your family to enjoy. *For more information on schedules, ticket prices and other services available, please call ITT at 961-3961 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.*

Outdoor Recreation Center (ORAC)

ORAC is ready for fall and wants to get you ready too! Take advantage of all the classes that ORAC is offering. Some of the classes offered at the ORAC Marina include:

Sailing and Motor Boat Classes

Scuba Classes

Windsurfing Classes

Also Available: ORAC not only offers classes but meets all your fishing, camping and fun time needs. You can stop in and get all the gear you need for fishing, camping and kayaking excursions.

The hours of operation for the Outdoor Adventure Recreation Center are as follows:

Thursday to Monday:

Tuesday and Wednesday:

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact the ORAC staff at 961-1293.

Pizza Sub Pub

The Pizza Sub Pub is offering these specials:

Lunch delivery is available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a \$10 minimum purchase. Lunch cards are also available. Have it stamped every time you purchase a lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (must be \$3.95 minimum or more). After purchasing seven lunches, your eighth one is free. The Pizza Sub Pub menu includes pasta dishes, salads, sub sandwiches, pizza, and beverages. To call in your order, please dial 961-2249.

Navy College Center Notes

College offering new computer technology courses

By Ellen Murphy, Navy College Center

ECPI College of Technology is offering a new “blended” Cisco Certified Networking Associate curriculum. These courses, developed by Cisco Corporation and offered through the Cisco Networking Academy, combine on-line instruction with hands on laboratory experience. The result is greater scheduling flexibility and a course better suited to the needs of active duty military. Recently, the ECPI facility at NAS Oceania was able to adapt to the changing work schedules of three sailors who would have, otherwise, had to drop the classes.

The CCNA curriculum is made up of four six-week courses starting Sep 29 and ending 18 May 2005. The CCNA program is designed to teach students the skills needed to design, build, and maintain small to medium sized networks. This provides them with the opportunity to enter the workforce and/or further their education and training in the computer-networking field.

ECPI is also starting a Fiber Optics Installer course that began September 10, and will continue throughout the year. This five-week course will lead to an ETA (Electronics Technician Association) Fiber Optics Installer Certification.

Contact Tim Erickson at 937-6382 for more information and to enroll in these courses.

Use it or lose it: either way, it's your money

By Ellen Murphy, Navy College Center

Have you ever given your \$20 change back to the cashier at your local grocer? Not many people would. Then why would you give \$3000 back to the Navy every year? That is exactly what you are doing every October if you are not going to school.

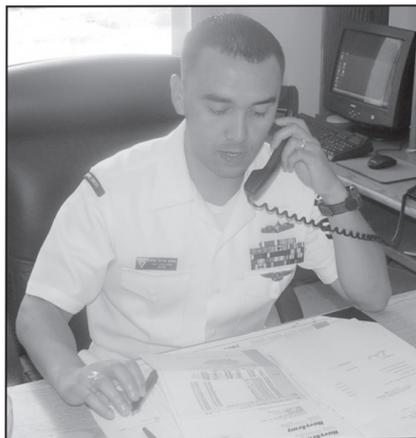
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NAS Sailor departing for Iraq

Story and photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



RP1(FMF/SW/AW) Rudy Bernal, NAS Religious Ministries Department, sorts through correspondence as he attends to a parishioner's request. Bernal is leaving for Iraq to fulfill duty obligations in support of troops stationed there.

in addition to initiating a good turnover with Petty Officer Douglas (AD2 (AW/NAC) Stuart Douglas). Petty Officer (MA2 (AW)) Brent Paris came on board recently to help us out, too.”

Bernal is the Leading Petty Officer of the NAS Religious Ministries Department, located on the fourth floor of Naval Hospital Corpus Christi. He works very closely with the three staff chaplains, coordinating everything from printing worship bulletins to setting up for worship services, to scheduling the chapel for special events.

Bernal will be stationed in Baghdad, although he is not certain to what unit he will be assigned. He hopes for a Marine or Navy staff unit. Responsibilities in the field environment are much different than those on a ship or shore duty station.

“I am basically the chaplain’s main bodyguard,” said Bernal. “That is first and foremost my most important priority, to protect and keep the chaplain safe from harm. I’ll also be supporting the troops of course, both administratively and by setting up for worship services.”

Bernal’s departure will definitely be felt, according to Religious Ministries Department Division Officer Chaplain (Lt.) Robert Christian.

“He is an outstanding Sailor,” said Christian. “Petty Officer Bernal is a critical asset to our department, as he is presently the only RP we have on staff. The base commanding officer, executive officer and command master chief have been very supportive providing extra personnel support to alleviate the shortage and lessen the impact.”

This is Bernal’s fourth overseas deployment, and his first to Iraq. A native of Mathis, Texas, Bernal, 31, is married with two children.

From the Skipper continued from page 2

Then, on October 3, Rhode Island’s delegates laid before Congress a bold resolution for the building and equipping of an American fleet, as soon as possible. When the motion came to the floor for debate, Samuel Chase, of Maryland, attacked it, saying it was “the maddest Idea in the World to think of building an American Fleet.” Even pro-navy members found the proposal too vague. It lacked specifics and no one could tell how much it would cost.

Over the course of the War of Independence, the Continental Navy sent to sea more than fifty armed vessels of various types. The Navy’s squadrons and cruisers seized enemy supplies and carried correspondence and diplomats to Europe, returning with needed munitions. They took nearly 200 British vessels as prizes, some off the British Isles themselves, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes. In addition, the Navy provoked diplomatic crises that helped bring France into the war against Great Britain. The Continental Navy began the proud tradition carried on today by our United States Navy, and whose birthday we celebrate each year in October.

Our history centers around the realization that we must be able to sail unencumbered on the ocean to protect our national interests. Today much of our trade is dependent on the sea lines of communication and a large number of the populace live along the coast. Today our mission from the sea endures and the Navy continues to sail into the annals of history. We are changing with our nation’s needs and will continue to support and defend from the sea. Happy Birthday U.S. Navy!!!

Volunteering - it just feels good!

By FLTCM(SW/AW) “Buck” Heffernan



I’d guess that almost all of us have been asked to volunteer, in one form or another.

In most commands, our chaplains manage aggressive programs to provide assistance in our communities. I know for a fact they often publish Plan of the Day (POD) notes asking Sailors to give some time for various causes. The nice thing about this is they do most of the work for you. All you have to do is sign up and show up.

So what kinds of things do Sailors volunteer for? The list is endless, but some of the most common things are coaching, refereeing, tutoring, teaching, ushering, providing time to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy’s Club, etc. In the end, I don’t think it is as important what we volunteer for as it is that we just volunteer. Each of us has unique talents and when we share them we make our neighborhoods and communities better.

I am sure you have heard leaders talk to you about giving something back to the communities we live in. Most of us in the Navy are somewhat transient, meaning we live in a city for a period of years and then move on. While that is true, I truly believe we have an obligation to give something back to the communities we live in. I am a firm believer that we in the Navy serve twice, once to our country and once to our community. Considering how easy it is to contribute, there aren’t many excuses we can come up with that hold water.

According to the Department of Labor, the main reasons people do not volunteer are, lack of time, lack of health, and family responsibilities. I can appreciate all of these, but the Navy offers almost every person some unique ways to volunteer that will have little to no impact on your personal life. Consider the adopt-a-school program. Most commands that participate in this program allow Sailors to volunteer during the workday. There are many more examples of this, but my point is simple. If you really want to volunteer, there are many ways for you to do it that fit in with your lifestyle. The challenge is for you to just decide to give some of your time and talent to others.

For those of you who volunteer on a regular basis and provide consistent support to organizations and your communities, I’d like to talk a minute about the Navy’s formal recognition program for volunteers. Just more than a decade ago the military introduced the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM). The medal was designed to recognize those who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained direct and consequential nature.

To qualify for the MOVSM, Sailors’ volunteer service must meet the following criteria:

- Be to the civilian community, to include the military family community.
- Be significant in nature and produce tangible results.
- Reflect favorably on the Military Service and the Department of Defense.
- Be of sustained and direct nature.

The thing to keep in mind is the MOVSM is not intended to recognize a single act of achievement. It takes sustained service to be eligible.

I offer this to you because I sometimes hear of Sailors who have been volunteering for years, but didn’t know the Navy had a formal recognition program. If you think you qualify, talk to your chain of command. They have the instruction and understand how to do the application.



Shipmates, please consider how you might volunteer to help others. The feeling you get when you do something nice for others is priceless and the more you do it, the better you feel. Thank you to every one of you who give so much to so many!

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October Calendar of Events

- **There is a month left** until the 2004 General Election for the President of the United States, 34 U.S. Senators, and 435 U.S House of Representatives. You and your family members are encouraged to take the time to ensure you are all registered to vote in your state of residence and to request a Federal Absentee Ballot for the general Election if necessary. Every vote counts! There are a number of ways in which to vote. In Texas, if you are registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles you are also registered to vote at the same time. If not, there is a postage-paid Texas voter registration card that can be acquired at the NAS Post Office or through the NASCC Voting Assistance Officer (Lt. Heather Barackman, at 961-4960/4961, or contact her by e-mail at heathercoats@navy.mil.) For Nueces County voter registration, call the voting office at 888-0404. You can also check out the following websites for voter registration: http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/online_fpca.pdf, <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html>, or <http://www.tvap.gov/pups/vag/vagchapter3.html>.
- **Oct. 1 to Dec. 15:** The annual Combined Federal Campaign is now underway. This annual fund raising drive allows nearly four million employees to donate to thousands of local and non-profit organizations. Donors may designate which charities receive their money by filling out pledge cards. Contributions may be made by cash, check or payroll deduction. The CFC Website is at www.opm.gov/cfc.
- **NAS Navy College Center** will be offering Academic Skills Classes (Basic Math and English) starting October 4, 2004. The classes will meet for three weeks from Monday to Friday. Interested students run a request chit, and sign up by noon on Sep. 30. Contact the Navy College Center at 961-3266.
- **St. Patrick Elementary School Annual Halloween Carnival**, 3340 S. Alameda. Friday, October 22nd, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Come and enjoy Spooktacular Family Entertainment.
- **CC Concert Ballet** presents the 5th Annaul Bailando al aire libre/Dancin' in the Park. Cole Park Amphitheater. Friday & Saturday, October 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. FREE!

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AROUND THE STATION

49 years later, and still loving his occupation NEX employee shares history, memories, mirth

Story and photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



NEX employee Mario Rios, 66, reviews his inventory sheets for stocking candy products in the general merchandise section of the NAS Navy Exchange. Affectionately known around the store as the "Candy Man," Rios has been with the Navy Exchange System for close to 50 years.

always appreciated the good hot meals we served to them. We had a terrific chef named Ed Clark, who turned out great food. He worked there for many years, until he retired in the early 1980s."

Rios indicated the naval station has changed greatly over the years.

"So much of the old housing was demolished, especially the Air Force recreational housing," said Rios. "There don't seem to be nearly as many housing units as in the past. In the 1950s and 60s, the base was much stricter, as they had Marine guards at the gates instead of Sailors like they do now. They used to search everyone, civilians included. If you weren't dressed properly, they would take you off the bus or from your car!"

One of the most significant changes to the Naval Air Station has been the opening of the new commissary and the new Navy Exchange. Both retail outlets opened in the mid-1990s.

"The old commissary used to be where the service station is located now, at Dimmit Road and Lexington," said Rios.

The number of people working at the Navy Exchange has increased, from 50 to 60 people starting out in the NEX laundry in 1955 to well over a hundred or more scattered between the main exchange, gas station and the furniture store.

"I've worked all different jobs," said Rios. "Right now I'm the 'candy man'- the candy sales vendor. I really am a jack-of-all-trades. I'll continue to work here until my health deteriorates. One thing I can say for the Navy Exchange system- I always had a job and an opportunity to advance. I have very grateful for that."

Rios's work ethic is not lost on his superiors.

"Mario's an outstanding employee," said NEX Store Divisional Manager Ron Gulliver. "He's always dependable and reliable. Customers always look for him. Everyone seeks out his advice. He was instrumental in the reset and re-arrangement of the store."

Rios will celebrate 50 years as a NEX employee in June 2005.

Mario Rios knows the true value of hard work and diligent dedication. The Corpus Christi resident has been a faithful employee of the NAS Navy Exchange (NEX) for the past 49 years. Rios began working for the Base Exchange at the tender age of 16, back in June 1955.

"When I first started out here, the Navy Exchange was located on Lexington Blvd. across from the post office," said Rios. "There used to be a cafeteria attached to the main store.

I started out managing the snack bar at Hangar 43 where the Corpus Christi Army Depot has their helicopter maintenance facility now. Back in those days we had the old P-3 planes flying in and out of here. Boy, were they loud and noisy!"

One of Rios's favorite memories involved his encounters with Sailors and Marines stationed at NAS over the years.

"I also worked in the Navy Exchange cafeteria for several years," explained Rios. "I was scheduled for the 4 p.m. to midnight shift. The personnel

Navy Ball slated for October 16

By JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



Mark your calendars! Come and join your fellow shipmates and celebrate the United States Navy's 229th birthday. This year's festivities will be held at the American Bank Center Banquet Hall (formerly the Bayfront Convention Center.) Tickets will be on sale until October 8. They may be purchased from ITT Corpus Christi, ITT Ingleside, and the Command Master Chiefs. Ticket prices for the 2004 Navy Ball are as follows: E-1 to E-4 is \$15, E-5 to E-6, GS1 to 5, and NF2 employees \$30, E-7 to O-4, GS 6 to 8 and NF3 employees \$40, and O-5 and above, GS9 and above, and NSF4 and above employees \$50. Civilian guest fees will be \$55.

Attire for the evening consists of the following: Officer, dinner dress white jackets, and for enlisted personnel, service dress whites. Civilians and guests are permitted to wear semi-formal attire.

Childcare will be available during the event from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Toddlers from six weeks to four years old will be looked after at the NAS Child Care Center. Children ages five to 12 will stay at the NAS Youth Activities Center. Spaces are limited, especially for infants up to 24 months. Reservations may be made from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from now through October 1. A \$5 fee must be paid in advance for each child requiring care. Reservations can be made by contacting 961-1163 for the six week to four year olds, or 961-2333 for kids ages three to twelve.

Shuttle vans will run in 30-minute intervals to accommodate guests traveling to and from the ball. Reservations may be made by contacting 961-2268 before the close of business October 1.

The Omni Bayfront Hotel and the Ramada Inn Bayfront will be offering discount hotel room rates to Navy Ball attendees. The Omni's rates are a double room for \$79, and triple and quad rooms are going for \$99. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel at 887-1600. The Ramada Inn Bayfront's rates are a double or king size bed for \$59. Reservations are being taken through the ITT Office at Naval Station Ingleside by calling 776-5841.

Several years ago the Chief of Naval Operations indicated naval commands should remember naval heritage by commemorating two major events-the Battle of Midway in 1942 during the Second World War, and the Navy Birthday.

Sailors, Marines and other military personnel from NASCC, NASK and Naval Station Ingleside are highly encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Mel Erebia at 961-2268, or your Command Master Chief.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Aviators soar to new heights



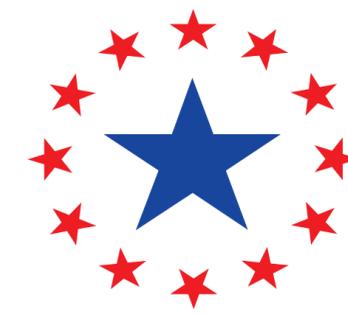
Photo by Ensign David Van Kampen

The following individuals received their "wings" designating them as aviators, during a "winging" ceremony held at the Corpus Christi Bay Club September 17. In alphabetical order: Lt. Edward Ahlstrand, USCG; Ensign Thomas Brayden, USN; 2nd Lt. Jacob Duff, USN; 2nd Lt. Stephen Harding, USMC; 2nd Lt. Michael Hardwick, USAF; Ensign Frederick Heyse, USN; 1st Lt. Damian Holtzclaw, USAF; 1st Lt. David Jones, USAF; Ensign Christopher Manor, USN; 1st Lt. Mark Montgomery, USMC; 2nd Lt. Benjamin Moore, USAF; 1st Lt. Jeffrey Noble, USAF; 2nd Lt. Stephen Pituch, USAF; Ensign Phillip Ritchie, USN; 2nd Lt. Gary Toroni, USAF, and Ensign Kevin Wilson, USN.

Senior officer earns second star



Photo by Lt. Herlinda Rojas



Marsha (center), took part in the ceremony as staff and colleagues looked on and congratulated the Navy's newest Two-Star Admiral.

Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Michael P. Nowakowski, Commander Mine Warfare Command, was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (Upper Half) by Vice Adm. Al Konetzni (Ret.) (left), former deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, on September 13. The ceremony was held in Rear Adm. Nowakowski's office at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. Rear Admiral Nowakowski's wife, Marsha (center), took part in the ceremony as staff and colleagues looked on and congratulated the Navy's newest Two-Star Admiral.

Bravo Zulu for a job well done



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

AMC (AW) Stephen Berris (left) receives an end of tour Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal from NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Paula Hinger during an awards ceremony Monday, Sep. 13 at the NAS Quarterdeck. Berris is transferring to Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine.



Photo by Lt. j.g. Daniel Harmon

NAS employees achieve 75 years combined service

Congratulations to the following Naval Air Station Corpus Christi employees who achieved their respective Length of Service milestones:

30 years

Roel Santos
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20 years

Joe F. Banks, Jr.
Estella F. Jimenez
Diana Rocha

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Larry L. Garza
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Edward A. Herschbach
Gary C. LeFlore
Sharon F. Scott

10 years

David Arzuaga
Loy Clary

Reenlisting—for another tour of duty



CS3 Olademeji Olofuwa (right) receives a certificate of reenlistment from Lt. Craig Bishop, NAS Supply Dept., during his reenlistment ceremony Sep. 10 at the conference room of the Breezeway Inn, building 1281. Olofuwa reenlisted for four more years. He is transferring to VP-45 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Enlightening the mind



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

Loretta Cordes (left) of Victoria, Texas, Crystal (center) and Joyce Irwin (right) of Corpus Christi browse through the book stacks during the Navy Exchange Book Fair held Aug. 9-11 at the NAS base exchange. Distributor John Copeland of Rockport, Texas was on hand with several different types of books, including children's stories and music sets. The books were marked down 30 to 70 percent off the actual retail prices.

Celebrating Women's Equality



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

Lt. Lauren White, hostage negotiator with the Corpus Christi Police Department, explains her key role as one of the few females in law enforcement during the Women's Equality Day luncheon held Aug. 26 at the Corpus Christi Bay Club. White shared several stories and personal reflections relating to her job, on how the CCPD has changed over the years, and how the force is struggling to recruit more women into the ranks. Over 100 people attended the event.

Future NFL Pro Bowl athlete



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

AM2 Joseph Williams (right) from NAS AIMD Department, and president of Williams Entertainment, awards gift coupons to Jacob Robin (center) for finishing in first place in the 8-9 year old division during the NAS Punt, Pass and Kick competition held Saturday, Sep. 11 at Bill Witt Park in Corpus Christi. Cheering on Jacob are his parents, Kim and David Cherry (left).

