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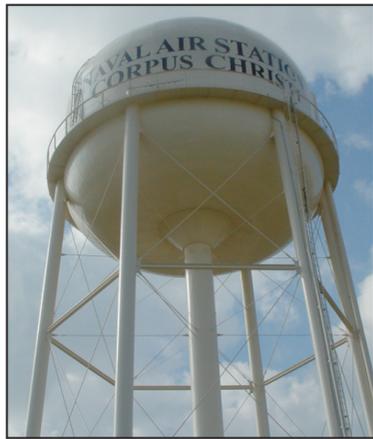
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New Naval Air Station water tower completed Facility begins providing water storage to base personnel

Story and photos by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



The new water tower, with its Naval Air Station logo, shimmers in the bright morning sunlight. (Above) The old NAS water tower (front) dwarfs the new tower (background) at the intersection of Lexington Blvd. and D St.

Construction of a new \$1.3 million water tower to meet the needs for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has finally been completed. The facility, located on D Street adjacent to the MWR Information, Tickets and Tours Office, has the capability to store 500,000 gallons of water, according to Lt. Cmdr. Keith Westmoreland, Regional Officer in

Charge of Construction (ROICC) for Navy Region South.

"We definitely needed a new water storage facility," explained Westmoreland. "This new tower has the same storage capability as the old one down the street. The old tower is difficult to maintain, because years of heavy rains and salty air have caused substantial

corrosion, damaging the exterior of the tank to the point where it wasn't feasible to keep repairing the cracks that kept developing in it. The last major repair we initiated to it was about a year ago."

The new tower, constructed of solid steel, stands 138 ft. tall with a tank diameter of 50 ft. and a tank height of 43 ft. The old facility, **Water tower continued on page 5**

District Attorney highlights Hispanic Heritage Celebration luncheon

Story and photos by Bob Torres, NAS Public Affairs Office

It was almost like a "hometown-boy-does-good-story," when Manny Garcia, Jr., introduced Carlos Valdez as the Keynote Speaker, during the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Luncheon, Oct. 7, at the Bay Club.

The gathering, sponsored by the Corpus Christi Army Depot Hispanic Employment Program Committee, drew more than 200 guests on a typical workday.

"When my father married my stepmother, there were six in our family and one in hers," informed Valdez, the Tri-County District Attorney. "Then we had - seven more. Some of us slept in the living room, some in the bedroom. If you didn't get to bed early, you slept on the floor."

Valdez told stories and quipped about growing up in what was considered the "West Side" of town formerly known as "La Molina." He told how it was a daily struggle to go to school, and that the food staple for the family was beans and potatoes. On special occasions, that would change

to - potatoes and beans. Valdez kept his audience entertained and applauding as he made things look funny, in ways that local Hispanics would understand.

"When people ask my Mom how I did it to go to school, she would tell them, 'I don't know,'" said Valdez. "When I went off to school, she gave me a gift I'll never forget - a prayer - that I would do good."

This year's Hispanic theme, "Making a Difference" in our country and community, was attended by a large CCAD assembly, with Navy and other service personnel and civilians sprinkled in for good measure. The Commanding Officer for CCAD, Colonel Timothy Sassenrath, even authorized a "few extra minutes" for his employees to the luncheon who didn't strictly meet the 30-minute lunch allotment.

Although Hispanic names, easily recognizable, were mentioned, it was the man himself, "the voice of South Texas," Manny Garcia, that was honoring others around him. Go to an Aviator game, go to the



An attentive audience listens as Tri-County District Attorney Carlos Valdez relates his family history during the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Oct. 6 at the Corpus Christi Bay Club. More than 200 people attended the event, sponsored by the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

coliseum, or just about anywhere in South Texas that is being broadcast, and chances are good that the voice you hear, is Manny Garcia.

As part of this year's package, and not to be forgotten, was musical entertainment by CCAD's own, "Pueblo Band." Tejano



Don't forget to fall back!

It's that time of year again! Remember to switch your

clocks and watches back one hour from Central Daylight Time to Central Standard Time before you go to bed on Sat., Oct. 30. The change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard time takes place beginning on Halloween at 2 a.m. Eastern Time (1 a.m. Central Time) Sunday, Oct 31.

Remember to



"rock the vote"



November 2!

From the Skipper

Make your voice heard on Election Day-Vote!

By Capt. Paula Hinger



Hinger

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2, voters will elect a President, 34 United States Senators (15 Republican seats and 19 Democratic seats) and all 435 U.S. Representatives. State and local officials will also be elected at this time. The outcome of this election will determine the course of America for the next several years. The next President and Congress will pursue policy and legislation of tremendous and lasting consequence for our nation. From

defense and security to the economy and education, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry present contrasting ideologies and policies and offer distinctly different positions and competing visions for the future.

Voting is your right as a United States citizen, and it helps determine the future of our country and our way of life. As members of our Armed Forces, the outcome of these elections also affects us more directly than the typical American citizen. These elections determine the direction that our military will go in the future, both in the short and long-term. The officials that we elect determine our paychecks and the strength of our military. They decide at what point we go



to war, if necessary, and how many people to send. They determine base closures and budgets. This in turn affects you, as well as your family.

This Presidential election is estimated to draw record numbers of Americans to the polls. Our country is deeply divided regarding issues ongoing in the world today. It is important to make as educated a decision as possible before casting your ballot. Make sure you know where candidates stand on issues that are important to you and your loved ones.

Each one of us is a key component in our military. We all are representatives of our country to other nations. We defend the rights of all Americans, and what better way to exercise those rights than to vote. Make certain your voice is heard for the freedom that you have worked so hard to defend!

Chaplain's Corner

Respect and love make all the difference in the world

By Chaplain Alan Snyder

I leave the cabinet doors open in the kitchen. I will simply say that this has a negative effect on my relationship with my wife. I do not understand why I leave the kitchen cabinets open, as I know how to close them and my wife reminds me that I should.

Relationships can be the most wonderful, peaceful gift that God has given us. The problem arises when we don't seek to meet the needs of the other person in the relationship. We sometimes find ourselves in a "selfish relationship." This is one where I seek to meet my needs and you should seek

to meet my needs also.

This "selfish relationship" can develop in any relationship. Work, friendship, school, spousal, or parent-child relationships can all fall prey to this type of corruption. We can arrive at a point where the relationship has two people expecting the other to look out for them when in reality they are only looking out for themselves.

This is the cause of much strife in human relationships. Strife is stressful. Strife is harmful. Strife causes hurt feelings. Hurt feelings can cause bitterness. This can lead us away from the things that we all seek in our relationships with each other.

We wish to be respected; yet we do not respect each other. We want to be loved; yet we do not love. We desire to have peace, but we do not offer it to others. The only way to hold a good relationship together and make it last is to respect each other, be calm with

each other, and do these things with a spirit of love.

I do not get mad when my wife asks me why I cannot close the cabinets nor do I have a real answer to her question. I can say that I am making an effort. I respect her wishes. She does have needs and wants that I try to fulfill. I have things that she does for me also. Respect can move a relationship forward. It can give you a safe place to air your gripes. It can be the best thing that you inject into any relationship.

It is my firm belief that love starts a marriage but that respect lets that love grow.



Snyder

Healthwatch

Put the fire out and extend your life

By Lt. Nate Ruttig

What is the single most important and preventable cause of death? Smoking. One in five deaths in the United States can be attributed to smoking. Over 23 percent of the adult population smokes. More astoundingly, 20 percent of those in middle school smoke. Emphysema, lung cancer,



Ruttig

asthma, dementia, heart disease, stroke, and even impotence are just a few of the con-

ditions that can be caused by smoking. On average, 15 to 25 years is lost in life expectancy for those who regularly smoke. Why do people smoke?

Cigarettes contain over 4,000 chemicals, some of which are known to cause cancer. The most important chemical is nicotine, a highly addictive substance. Nicotine is so addictive that only a small percentage of people who truly desire to quit smoking ever do - even in the face of serious medical conditions. Even after many years of not smoking, some ex-smokers still have cravings for nicotine. Quitting smoking is hard. For those that smoke regularly, it may be the hardest thing that they ever do. Coming up with a good plan of action is crucial.

The first step in quitting smoking is getting ready. Write down your personal reasons for quitting and keep them with you.

Plan a stop date and get rid of all the cigarettes, lighters, ashtrays, etc. just before this date.

Get encouragement from your family, friends, or support groups. Over-the-counter nicotine patches and gum are available to prevent urges to smoke and your healthcare provider may have medications that can help as well. The Naval Hospital Corpus Christi offers an excellent tobacco cessation class. Whatever method(s) you choose to help you quit smoking, keep in mind that quitting smoking may not be easy, but it is not impossible. In fact, it may be the most worthwhile thing you do.



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Station Spotlight



**ACAA Jojel Camacho
NAS Headquarters, Quarterdeck**

A native of Point, Texas, near Greenville in the state's northeastern corridor, Camacho has been in the Navy for one year and four months. He has been stationed on board NASCC for nine months. He attended Air Traffic Control "A" School at the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola, Fla.
"My job is really different for me," explained Camacho. "I probably would never consider doing this as a civilian.

Hopefully, in the future, I can gain more experience controlling aircraft, and maybe learn to fly, too."
Camacho's future plans are to advance to the next pay grade, and earn a college degree, although he is not certain in what he wants to major.
Camacho's hobbies include going fishing and playing basketball.
Camacho is single.

South Texas Navy Corpsman recognized nationally

By Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (FMF) Carlos Cordova prepares to remove a patient's ingrown toenail. U.S. Navy photograph (RELEASED).

Most people consider him a hero for his role in combat, but to Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Carlos Cordova the Purple Heart he received for wounds in Iraq last year is no big deal. Despite his modesty he solely represented the United States Navy Saturday night in Nashville, Tenn. at the Salute to Heroes Dinner sponsored by the Military Officers' Association of America. He and a representative from each of the other services publicly accepted honors for serving their country with remarkable personal distinction.

Cordova, 26, from Sugarland, Texas, and a five-year Navy veteran, is assigned to the Naval Hospital Corpus Christi's Branch Medical Clinic Ingleside. His Senior Enlisted Leader, Hospital Corpsman Senior Chief Emiliano Torres recommend him after the

U.S. Navy Office of Information (CHINFO) solicited nominations for a deserving Sailor who received the Silver Star or higher or who participated in an incident that received national news media attention.

Although he did not realize it then, his command came under the spotlight during a firefight near An Nasiriyah, Iraq Mar. 24, 2003. As part of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in support of the global war on terrorism they were trying to secure a supply route to Baghdad when suddenly attacked. During the melee shrapnel damaged Cordova's right forearm bone, tendons and muscle but he continued to perform his duties alongside his platoon members until he was ordered to evacuate with the other Marines.

October/November Calendar of Events

- The NAS Safety Committee will be holding a meeting today at 1 p.m. at the NAS Headquarters Building Two conference room.
- The month of October has been designated "Czech Heritage Month" by the 76th Texas Legislature. Several festivals celebrating and recognizing the important contributions of Czech culture to Texas are being celebrated throughout the Corpus Christi and Gulf Coastal Bend area.
- For more information on upcoming events celebrating Czech heritage, contact Jerry Elzner at (361)-991-1746, or the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center at (361)-561-2000.
- 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.
- 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.
- The next motorcycle classes are scheduled for Nov. 22-23 on board NAS Corpus Christi. The course is mandatory in order to acquire a permanent DOD decal for motorcycles. Seating is limited. For enrollment contact Petty Officer Robert Ramirez at the NAS Safety Office, 961-3673/2498 or e-mail at Robert.ramirez1@navy.mil.
- Prevention and Relationship Enhancement program (PREP) is being offered through the Chaplain's Office on Nov. 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is an educational program designed for engaged and married couples. Any couple desiring to be married in the NAS Chapels must complete PREP in addition to other pre-marital counseling requirements. Active duty personnel must have no cost TAD orders from their command to attend on these days. For more information, contact the NAS Religious ministries Department at 961-3751.
- The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center, NAS Corpus Christi, has begun a series of ten workshops rotating every ten weeks, beginning at the NAS Family Housing Office from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The workshops are designed to ease the stressors and difficulties affecting military family lifestyles. All military members and families are encouraged to attend. For more information and registration, call Cristoval Perales at 961-2372.

Free DON/DOD Courses Offered at NS Ingleside Mine Warfare Training Center

By Donald Larson, Naval Station Ingleside

The following free classes are being offered at the Mine Warfare Training Center's Video Tele-Trainer. These Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) (formerly CNET) courses are open to all applicable Active Duty personnel, DOD civilians and contractors (on a case-by-case basis). Contact your command's training officer for scheduling quotas. For more information and additional course offerings, contact Don Larson at 776-4709 or don.larson@navy.mil or ET2 George Buckner at george.buckner@navy.mil.

Additionally, arrangements can be made with other VTT/VTC sites for conferences, seminars, cross training, gatherings, re-enlistments, award ceremonies, etc. Save time, travel and money, and hold a video tele-conference, as it is a great way to enhance your command's quality of life! The following courses are available:

- Safety Programs Afloat, Oct 25-29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Border Customs Clearance Agent, Oct 28-29, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Senior Store Keeper Seminar, Nov. 3-4, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Forces Afloat HAZMAT Coordinator, Nov. 8-9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Urinalysis Program Coordinator, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Honoring war dead, remembering the past



Photos by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

Members, friends and family of the United States Army's 32nd Infantry Division listen attentively to a memorial service honoring fallen comrades who served in the Division during World War II and the Korean War. The service was held at the NAS Protestant Chapel Fri., Oct. 8. NAS Religious Ministries Department Chaplain (Lt.) Robert Christian addresses the crowd before a remembrance display saluting fallen soldiers.



Fleet Response Plan vital to successful Navy missions

By JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

What is FRP? The Fleet Response Plan (FRP), is a new deployment concept that allows our forces to be more ready, more flexible, and provide more options for the nation to deal with the threats of today and tomorrow. It combines training and maintenance schedules, manning requirements, equipment and funding to make six carrier strike groups available to our national leadership within 30 days with two more available within 90 days in times of war or significant crises.

But what does it mean to Sailors and their families? Quite frankly, it means a little less predictability and in war or crisis, it means deployments will be made to meet the mission. Being ready to answer the call and remaining on station for as long as needed are options the Navy has always provided to its national leaders due to the unpredictability of wartime and contingency operations. It also means that during other times, deployments might be less than six months long like the recent USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group deployment that only needed to be five months long to meet the mission. Or it could mean a deployment will be cancelled, as in the case of the USS Saipan (LHA 2)

Expeditionary Strike Group deployment that was scheduled for August 17th of this year, but was cancelled because it was not needed at the moment.

This may take some predictability out of our life on the waterfront, but that is what the nation requires in these uncertain times. The risks to America are real and the needs to defend our nation and our way of life are also very real.

As the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said recently, "The net result of the FRP is a Fleet that is more ready, with more combat power—more quickly—than was possible in the past."

While FRP is necessary to meet the needs of an uncertain new world, it will not meet those needs on the backs of the Sailors. They will respond when needed, but not deploy for the sake of a cruise. FRP will require them to be more ready and more flexible yet, they will ensure the quality of life and service is maintained for Sailors and their families.

For more information, please address comments to webmaster@chnfo.navy.mil or e-mail to: webmaster@chnfo@navy.mil.

Basic Engineering Course online at CNE Learning Site Great Lakes

By Eva Kowalski, Training Support Center Great Lakes Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. - Engineering "A" schools are now a part of history. Since August 16, all new engineering students now report to the Basic Engineering Core Course (BECC), held at Training Support Center Great Lakes, Ill.

The shift is the result of three years of research and testing initiated by the Revolution in Navy Training program, in an effort to streamline the training process and better prepare Sailors to report to the Fleet. The course constitutes the integration of eight engineering "A" schools, and consists of three weeks of Damage Control Training and five-and-a-half weeks of Common Engineering Fundamentals and Systems Training.

The curriculum covers the basics in engineering including the engineering organization, Planned Maintenance System, Navy Occupational Safety and Health standards, propulsion and auxiliary systems, pumps, valves, strainers, fuel and lube oil systems.

BECC Training Officer GSCS (SW) Troy Anderson noted the major difference between BECC and the individual rating A schools was the scope of the curriculum.

"The A schools were focused more on the technical aspects of a specific rating, but BECC focuses on preparing an apprentice engineer for the environment they'll be working in. This provides a much broader base of engineering knowledge that results in a better prepared Sailor reporting on board for

the first time."

The implementation of the BECC curriculum means that all engineers, regardless of rating, will receive the same type of engineering overview at an apprenticeship level. However, some ratings will receive supplemental training after completion of BECC.

"The goal is to take some of the load off ships crew by reducing their time to train a new Sailor," said BECC Director and Student Support Officer CWO2 Scott Johnson. "We are speeding up the process by which a newly reported apprentice engineer becomes a viable member of an engineering watch team by enabling them to move more quickly into standing Sounding and Security and Cold Iron Watches."

The BECC program is based on Personal Qualification Standards (PQS), which consist of three categories, fundamentals, systems, and watches. Each Sailor must demonstrate the required knowledge in each of the categories to become qualified for a watch station.

The BECC School will see an average of four classes starting per week, with 25 students per class. A portion of the curriculum is expected to become Computer Based and Self Paced in April 2005.

For more information on BECC, log on to Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil and visit the Center for Naval Engineering page.

Snack Packs' keeps children from going hungry

Story and photos by Bob Torres

The student came in on Monday morning and couldn't wait until lunchtime. He was hungry. He hadn't eaten since Friday. By the time the lunch bell rang, he rushed to be at the head of the line. When food came, he ate it ravenously.

This isn't an isolated case, and it's not in a country far away. It's a situation that was observed at Flour Bluff Schools, and because of it, there's something being done.

"We found out that some of our students weren't getting enough to eat on weekends," said Primary School Counselor, Toby Thomas.

For whatever reason, a job layoff, being a single parent and simply not being able to make ends meet, or simply too many mouths to try to feed on too little money, children are going hungry.

Lieutenant Robert Christian, with the Chaplain's Corps here, found out about the situation in conversations with the counselors and through the Communities in Schools Program, helped initiate a "Snack Pack Program" to help feed these youngsters.

"I couldn't believe this could be happening," informed Christian. "So I went to a youngsters home and saw how they were living in literally a 400-square-foot building. It couldn't really be called a home. There was 'stuff' everywhere but no place really for the children to sleep. Someone I know wanted to give away a bed, so he and I went to the home, literally moved things aside, and replaced the bed. And on Friday's



Items such as Quaker Granola Bars, Quaker Breakfast Squares, Kraft Handi Pudding Snacks, Del Monte Mixed Fruit, Musselman's applesauce, Sunmaid Raisins, Peanut Butter Crackers, Peanut Butter and Jelly snack packs and other nutritious items are needed for Snack Pack giveaways for needy students.

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located at the intersection of D and Lexington Sts. adjacent to the NAS Police Station and Library, was constructed in 1940. It stands 115 ft. tall, 60 ft. across and the tank height is 35 ft.

Westmoreland added the old tank is to be cut up and broken apart in 20 ft. sections over the next two weeks and removed piece by piece.

"Traffic will have to be re-routed to other sections of the base at the intersection of D and Lexington Sts. while the Public Works Dept. and semi-flatbed trucks haul the sections of the old water tower away," Westmoreland said. "We will have that particular intersection barricaded off. It's too



Melissa Tallent, a Flour Bluff School District Primary Counselor, puts a Snack Pack into a student's back pack for the weekend.

we ensure that the children – get a 'Snack Pack'."

To date there are from 10 to 20 Snack Packs being provided on Fridays for children to take home for the weekend. The school provides breakfast and lunch during the week for underprivileged children, but it's during the weekend that this program kicks in from the school counselor's office. A plastic throw away bag with snack items is sent home with the needy children.

Anyone can help! What are being sought are foods that are non-perishable and nutritious.

"There is a location at the NAS Commissary for food items that people might want to donate," said Christian. "Food items like Quaker Granola Bars, Del Monte Mixed Fruit, Musselman's applesauce, Sunmaid Raisins, are all good and what we'd like to put in bags. The only thing that we ask people is that on some of the items, like the mixed fruit, that people look out for aluminum or tin covers. Children have a tendency of grabbing them and putting them in the microwave, and well – you can't put metal into microwaves."

There are sites throughout the area where donations can be left to help with the Snack Pack kits. Or, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 961-5012.

dangerous to have moving traffic while huge sections of the tower are being removed and transported."

The new tower sports the logo "Naval Air Station Corpus Christi" in gold lettering on its north face. The south side has a pair of aviator's wings, symbolizing the thousands of pilots who have trained at NAS since the base first opened in 1941.

The contract to build the new replacement water tower was approved in September 2002. Afco Technologies, Inc. of San Antonio erected and installed the new water tower facility.

The new facility began operations Oct. 23.



November to provide cooler weather, relief from humidity

By AG3 Gabriela Plotnicka
Naval Atlantic Meteorologic and Oceanography Command

During the month of November the transition from summer to winter continues as the Arctic Polar Front moves well into Texas. Daytime temperatures are mild and nights are cool. With the increasing frequency of passing cold fronts (about once a week), the average temperature drops sharply to a mean high of 74° Fahrenheit (F) and a mean low of 60° F. November's cooler temperatures should finally provide a welcome relief from the heat and high humidity of the South Texas summer. Fog and low clouds increase during the month and become a factor for aircraft operation. Winds are South-Southeasterly, averaging 11 knots until passing fronts cause the wind to shift to a Northerly flow.

Rainfall amounts continue to decrease, with precipitation occurring about six times a month producing a mean total of 1.9 inches. It is interesting to note that with over 22.40 inches of precipitation recorded at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi through September, we are still under our yearly average of 30.3 inches of rainfall.

November is the last month of the tropical cyclone season however, development in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico still exists but to a lesser extent than during October. Point your browsers to <https://web.nlmof.navy.mil/cc/> for the latest tropical updates as well as plenty of other useful weather information. For current weather conditions that are updated hourly, please call 961-4500.

Road reconstruction to cause minor delays



Road repairs have begun on the inspection lane (J Street) just off Lexington Blvd. adjacent to the NAS South Gate. Until the project is completed, traffic is being redirected to a side utility road located east of the J Street inspection station. Vehicles are being detoured past the NAS Pass and Decal Office.

The project is slated for completion by Nov. 11. For more information, please contact the NAS Security Detachment at 961-2375.

What's of value in today's Navy?

By FLTCM (AW/SW) Jonathan Thompson



Hero. Webster's Dictionary defines the word as "a person of courage and accomplishment."

I believe that definition aptly describes my predecessor, Master Chief "Buck" Heffernan, who

transitioned from the Fleet Master Chief position on September 24. In my book, anyone who devotes 32 years to faithful military service is a hero. His many years of naval service are admirable, and even more commendable are his accomplishments.

During the past three years since Heffernan became the Fleet Master Chief, he has been a strong, faithful advocate for Sailors and their families. In a season of immense change, he passionately shared his knowledge, wisdom, and insight to Navy leaders. He diligently "passed the word" back to the Sailors though a weekly newsletter column addressing naval standards, and new policies and programs. He is a true communicator and a proven leader. I'm honored to have had the opportunity to work with him and proud to call him a shipmate.

As Fleet Master Chief, I'm committed to serving the interests of our Sailors, our families and our Navy.

There have been many changes in our sea service since I joined the Navy in 1976. Over the years, I've spent a majority of my career

on the East Coast in many professional and leadership positions. Having most recently served as Force Master Chief at Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, I've had numerous talks with Sailors about their concerns.

In our ever-changing Navy, we need to ask what are the important issues? What do we value as a service and as a person wearing a uniform?

Here is what I believe we should be addressing:

- Personal Behavior - acting responsibly both on and off duty.
- Leadership Responsibilities – maintaining standards and taking care of our people.
- Ethical Behavior - doing the right thing at the right time for the right reason.
- Education and Physical Fitness - strengthening our mind and body for today's tasks and the challenges ahead.
- Core Competencies - using the skills necessary for good stewardship and leadership.
- Training - having the know-how and resources to succeed in our job, our career, and our mission.
- Teamwork - working together to achieve goals.
- Lastly, but most importantly, strong communication.

That's why I've told you what I value and consider important. This is the main list of topics you will see in future articles.

NAS Health fair to be held Nov. 5

Physical, spiritual well being to be highlighted

By JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



The Fitness Express will be hosting a health and wellness fair on Friday, Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Various health professionals will be participating in the fair. Information will be distributed concerning the latest health topics and concerns.

Health care tests and screenings will be conducted, and health care sample products will be available.

Some of the contributors participating in this upcoming fair include Naval Hospital Corpus Christi Wellness Center, the Coastal Bend Blood Donor's Center, the American Diabetes Association, Advocare, American Cancer Society, and Fleet Feet.

For more information on the health fair, contact the Fitness Center at 961-3164.

Navy Medicine will protect service members, patients despite flu vaccine shortages

NHCC has no flu vaccines at present, expects new shipments soon

By Ellen Maurer, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs

Navy health care providers began administering flu vaccinations this week, focusing supplies on deploying Sailors and Marines, as well as patients who are at highest risk for getting sick this season.

This marks an on-time start to the Navy's annual immunization season, which has been affected but not halted by worldwide shortages of the flu vaccine.

Department of Defense officials said their supplies for all the services are less than expected – about 1.5 million fewer doses than projected. However, those who most need the vaccine will get it, according to Capt. Edward M. Kilbane, an infectious disease expert at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC.

"The health and well-being of our Navy and Marine Corps family is our highest priority," said Kilbane. "We anticipate that all of our high-risk beneficiaries and all of our operationally employed service members will be vaccinated on time this flu season. This includes individuals in critical operational duty positions here in the U.S. The DoD's priority groups for this year's flu vaccine include operational military personnel, recruit/trainee populations and their instructors, beneficiaries with high-risk medical conditions and health care workers with direct patient contact."

"Vaccines for Naval Hospital Corpus Christi (NHCC) will be shipped just as soon as they become available," said Hospital Corpsman Chief (FMF) Mindy Scruggs, Naval Medical Logistics Command. The NHCC Public Affairs office will notify the media when the shipment arrives in order to announce the schedule.

In previous years, the flu vaccine has been mandatory for all active-duty and Reserve service members, as well as some government civilians working in medical treatment facilities. Due to this year's shortened supply, some service members will be deferred from getting the vaccine. Those who are deferred from taking the vaccine this year, however, will still be considered medically fit for full duty.

MWR News and Events

By Mel Erebia, NAS MWR Office

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, 961-4357.

Corpus Christi Bay Club

The Corpus Christi Bay Club has a month full of delicious special just for you. Stop by and enjoy some tasty dishes and good company at the Bay Club.

Specials for November:

Nov. 5: Shrimp-A-Peel \$15.95

Nov. 6: Medallions of Beef Bernaise \$14.95

Nov. 13: Surf and Turf \$14.95

Nov. 20: Chateaubriand Flambe for Two \$29.95

Nov. 27: Seafood Platter \$13.95

All the above specials are served along with the A La Carte from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Prices are for club members. An additional \$1 per person is added for non-members. Salad, ice tea or coffee is included with all the meals. Reservations are required for the specials in order to serve you better.

Special Events for November:

Nov. 5 and 19: Winging Designation Ceremony will be held in the main ballroom at 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 19: Mongolian BBQ

Nov. 25: Our traditional Thanksgiving Day buffet is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a huge menu including corn chowder and French onion soups, roast turkey with giblet dressing and gravy, pecan and mincemeat pies, and coffee or tea. The price for members is \$14.95 and for non-members \$15.95, \$6 for children ages three to 10, and free for children under three years of age. Reservations are required in order to serve you promptly.

Holiday Parties: The holidays are right around the corner. Start planning your party, but let the Corpus Christi Bay Club take care of your catering needs. Deliveries for home and office on base and full catering at The Bay Club and The Recreation Center are available. For more information call The Bay Club today.

Reminders: The Corpus Christi Bay Club will be closed will be closed on Nov. 11 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday, and on Nov. 26.



For more information, please call the Corpus Christi Bay Club at 961-2541.

E-Street Gym

The E-Street Gym has some great leagues gearing up. Take a look at what is coming up this month and mark your calendars for the following events.

Captain's Cup Basketball League:

Register at the E-Street Gym before October 29, 2004. A mandatory coach's meeting will be held at the gym on November 3, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Over 35 Basketball League: Register at the E-Street Gym before October 29, 2004. A mandatory coach's meeting will be held at the E-Street Gym on November 3, 2004 at 1700. Players must be 35 years of age or older before December 31, 2004.

Rules for Both Basketball Leagues: Both leagues are unit competition. Teams must be comprised of players from the same unit. Players from other units placed on your team roster will not be considered. Players from units that do not have a team in the league MUST sign up on the player pool list. The athletic director will place players from the list on teams that need players to complete the team. Captain's Cup League games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Over 35 league games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Autumn 5K Run: The race will be held on Saturday, October 30th at 7:30 a.m. Check in time is 7 a.m. For additional information call the Fitness Express Center at 961-3164.

League Fees: DoD Civilian and Contractors will pay an entry fee. DoD Civilian employees are eligible for sponsorship through CMWRA (when funds are available). For more information, call 961-3476.

Captain's Cup Sports Program: All Captain's Cup sports are unit competition. Participants must compete with their unit. Military, military dependents 18 years of age and older, DoD/NAF employees and full time NASCC contractors are eligible to participate in the sports program. DoD/NAF civilian employees and full time NASCC contractors will be assessed a league fee. Women are encouraged to participate in all sports. Please register on time. Registration packages are available at the E-Street Gym on month before the registration deadline. Coaches meetings are **mandatory**. Awards are given to first and second place winners in each sport. Sports are played Monday to Thursday evenings.

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: Beginning Nov. 1, monthly membership fees increase and include unlimited group exercise. The fees are \$20 for DoD/NAF employees working on base, \$30 for other government employees and Navy League members, \$10 unlimited group exercise for retired military and all dependants, a \$6 guest fee per day charge, and locker fees from \$3 for women to \$5 for men per month. In addition, Navy League and other government employee family memberships are \$45. 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.

Operating Hours:

Monday through Friday:

5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Holiday Hours: Operating hours will be from Noon until 6 p.m. Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25. **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. Are you ready for some football? Well, your friends at the Gonzalez Liberty Center are! Come see your favorite team play on the big screens each Monday night and enjoy the games and some FREE popcorn (upon request). The Gonzalez Liberty Center will

also be hosting the following events this month:

Oct 31: All Day Horror Picture Show - The GLC will be open from Noon to 10 p.m. on Halloween Day. Come in and watch all your favorite thrillers. Snacks and drinks will be available all day long and we will have a glow in the dark eight-ball tournament under the black lights. If you have any ideas that you would like us to do for this Halloween night, drop by the GLC and put your suggestions in the suggestion box. **For more information, contact the Gonzalez Liberty Center at 961-6405.**

Gulf Winds Golf Course

November should bring cooler temperatures so come out and enjoy a round of golf with your friends at the Gulf Winds Golf Course. Twilight golf starts at 3 p.m. and you just can't beat the price! For active duty or retired military, the cost is only \$7 and \$8 for DoD Civilians and guests. The "Blitz" plays every Saturday, Sunday and Holidays at 7:30 a.m. and on Fridays at 11 a.m. All you need is an established handicap to play. Bring your own foursome or play as a single, and we'll pair you up. **For tee time reservations or more information, call the Pro-Shop at 961-3250.**

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.

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

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 range from \$22 to \$51 per person for each of the games.

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.



Lighthouse Lanes Bowling Center

The Lighthouse

Lanes Bowling center had held their ribbon cutting ceremony of the NEW enlisted club on Sept. 13, 2004. Come check it out and join your friends for Monday Night Football and FREE PIZZA in the club at 8:00 p.m.

If football is not for you, the Lighthouse Lanes has a special that is "right up your alley".

Rock and Bowl: Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$10 all you can bowl.

Halloween Special: Dress up in a costume on Halloween and bowl for \$1.

For more information, please call 961-3805.

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:

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday:

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. Luch 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.



Career Counselor's Corner

Negotiating for orders requires good planning strategy

By NCC (SW) Terri Green

With the implementation of the Job Advertising and Selection System (JASS), negotiating for orders has become quite user friendly.

The most important thing to remember is TIME!

Your PRD (Projected Rotation Date) is the determining factor for when you will be able to start looking for orders. Yes, the detailer can move you three months early but you cannot start negotiating for orders earlier than nine months prior to your PRD.

Starting twelve months from your PRD, you will need to get with your Career Counselor, to update your Team Detailing Sheet. The team detailing sheet provides updated information to the detailer about special programs or schools that you are interested in, if you are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member (EMF) program, how many dependents you have and most importantly where you would like to go. The detailer can help you understand at 12 months whether your choices are in line with current requirements in your rating. Twelve months is the time to submit for any special programs, GUARD 2K, STAR, SCORE, spouse or sibling co-location or schools as reenlistment incentives, etc.

If you have a family member enrolled in the EFM program, this is the time to ensure that you have updated your EMF status. Once your detailer cuts you orders if you are enrolled in the EMF program your orders are automatically sent to the EFM desk before being released. This could potentially stop or delay your orders.

If you are dual military a 1306/7 must be submitted requesting spouse co-location. Both detailers then have to be contacted to see if two billets can be lined up.

Then nine months from your PRD you will begin requesting orders through the JASS. JASS requisitions come out twice a month, and you are able to view them at <https://jass.navy.mil>. Just applying for a billet does not guarantee that you will be selected for it, as there are a number of factors involved with the selection process, one being qualified applicants. If you are applying for a particular

billet that requires a specific NEC that you do not hold, it may be more cost effective to give that job to someone who holds that NEC, vice sending you to school. Another aspect is pay grade. Applying for a job "one up or one down," is basically a myth. It is not automatic that you will be selected for that billet, the detailer must contact the Enlisted Personnel management Center (EPMAC), and EPMAC must in turn contact the gaining command and request a pay grade substitute. It can be quite time consuming, and as was stated earlier, time is very important!

When applying for billets, make sure that what you are applying for is really what you want. Just because the JASS application form has five choices, you are not required, nor should you fill all of them out unless you really want those orders. The fifth choice could very well be the one that you get!

JASS does not take your ability to communicate with the detailer away. The detailer is still available and willing to talk to you about your options and your career, but cannot give you verbal orders, can not promise you a billet, and can not create a billet in a location you wish to go. Your detailer is one of your rating subject matter experts and will answer questions like "What is a good career move?" or "Can I go overseas with my NEC?" or "What type of ship or squadron should I go to?"

If you reach your six-month window and still have not been selected for orders, your detailer can slam you with orders to their highest priority billet that you are qualified for. Working with your career counselor and keeping your detailer informed of any changes or problems that you are experiencing, will help make your order selection process much smoother. Here are the following schedules for requisition of orders:

Requisitions open 26 Oct 04 / Close 3 Nov 04 0500 with results released 5 Nov 04.
Open 9 Nov 04 / Close 17 Nov 04 0500 with results released 19 Nov 04.
Open 23 Nov 04 / Close 1 Dec 04 0500 with results released 3 Dec 04.
Open 7 Dec 04 / Close 15 Dec 04 0500 with results released 24 Dec 04.

AROUND THE STATION

NAS Sports Day brings out competitive spirit Commands compete for bragging rights, recognition

Story and photos by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



Executive Division team members prepare to return the serve during Friday morning's match with the team from Corpus Christi Army Depot. The Executive Division team finished second overall in the Volleyball Tournament.



Golfers tee off at the driving range in preparation for the Golf Scramble Tournament held at the Gulf Winds Golf Course.

New coffee restaurant venue opens at NHCC



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland
(From left) Navy Exchange Operations Manager William Smith, Naval Hospital Corpus Christi Commanding Officer Capt. Alton Stocks, restaurant owner Michael Pogue and NAS Navy Exchange Store Manager Jeff Dougall cut the ribbon officially opening the new M&R Coffee Cafe Sept. 27, as M&R co-owner Ruth Jackson (background) looks on. Located on the first deck of the hospital adjacent to the outpatient care clinics, the new restaurant sells several different varieties of coffees, in addition to pastries, fruit juices and other beverages. Sandwiches will be incorporated in to the menu around Nov. 1.



Camaraderie and good old-fashioned fun pervaded Naval Air Station Thursday evening, Oct. 14 and Fri., Oct. 15 as teams from NASCC, Corpus Christi Army Depot and other tenant commands battled it out to determine who would earn the coveted Captain's Cup trophies. The individual and team events brought out the best in sportsmanship and competition among the participants and fans alike.

Teams participated in swimming, yachting, volleyball, running events, bowling, ping-

pong tournaments and other events. Sports competitions commenced Thursday evening and wrapped up late Friday afternoon with the presentation of the team trophies by MWR Athletic Director Mike McClure.

Overall team winners were the United States Coast Guard Team, Coast Guard Air Station who grabbed first place, The Corpus Christi Army Depot finished in second place, and the Naval Hospital Corpus Christi command team finished a respectable third.



Corpus Christi Army Depot Commanding Officer Col. Timothy Sassenrath (center) and the CCAD team pose with their second place trophy during the awards ceremony Fri., Oct. 16 at the NAS Fitness Center patio.



NEX congratulates jet ski winner



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland
Air Force Reserve Maj. (select) Hector Montez (second from left) receives congratulations from William Collard (far left) of Patriot Marketing, NAS Executive Officer Cmdr. Milton Stubbs (center) and NAS Navy Exchange employees (from the right of Cmdr. Stubbs), Home and Garden Department Supervisor Jose Ybarra, Retail Operating Manager Ron Gulliver and NEX General Store Manager Jeff Dougall. Montez won the jet ski during a drawing at the base exchange, and officially received his prize Sept. 30.

229th NAVY BIRTHDAY BASH

NAS celebrates Navy birthday, remembers past, cherishes future Sailors pay tribute to fellow comrades, heroes

Story and photos by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland
Commanding Officer, Mine Warfare Command, Rear Adm. Michael Nowakowski, presents a moving talk during the Navy Ball.

Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, and even a few Air Force and Coast Guard personnel celebrated naval history and tradition Sat., Oct. 16. The annual Navy Birthday Ball hosted by the Commanding Officer, Naval

Air Station Corpus Christi, held at the American Bank Center in downtown Corpus Christi, drew more than 900 people.

This year's theme was "Honoring our Heroes," a tribute to all Sailors and military



An appreciative audience listens as Adm. Nowakowski extols the virtues of the U.S. Navy.

personnel serving stateside and around the world. Special emphasis was given to those military personnel who had made the ultimate sacrifice in past wars and conflicts, and to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

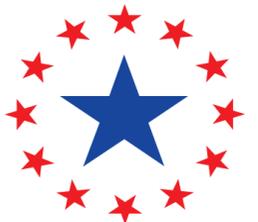
The National Anthem was performed by Chief Petty Officer Jorge Miranda of the United States Coast Guard.

A special portion of the evening's program recognized and honored fallen comrades who would never return.

Master of Ceremonies, NAS Command Master Chief Miguel Cisneros introduced the guest speaker, Mine War Command Commanding Officer Rear Adm. Michael Nowakowski. Nowakowski presented a moving speech concerning the way Navy Sailors have and continue to shape the Navy organization, and the challenges that lie ahead for the Navy in the future.

During the program, the Sailors of the Year and the Navy's newest Chief Petty Officers from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Naval Station Ingleside.

During dinner, a Navy Birthday Ball video produced by John Frisco and Mel Erebia of the MWR Community Support Directorate was shown dealing with the contributions of Navy Region South Sailors and support personnel to the overall missions of the Navy.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Lopez Retirement Ceremony



Photo by Richard Stewart

MNCM (SW/AW) Steve Seals, (left) LNCM Command Master Chief of the USS Scout (MCM) 8, presents a shadow box to LNCM (SW/AW) Jesus "Jesse" Lopez, Jr. of the Naval Legal Service Office Central at Pensacola, Fla., during Lopez's retirement ceremony Oct. 15 at the Gulf Stream Recreation Center. Lopez retired after 26 years of service.

Johnson reenlists for two years



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

QM1 (SW) Kevin Johnson, (right) receives a certificate of reenlistment from NAS Executive Officer Cmdr. Milton Stubbs (left) during a ceremony held at the NAS Quarterdeck Fri., Oct. 8.

Strickland Reenlistment



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

CS1(SW) William Strickland displays his certificate of reenlistment after participating in a ceremony Oct. 18 in the conference room of the Bachelor Officer's Quarters, Building 1281. NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Paula Hinger reenlisted Strickland for two more years.

