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NAS assists families with Thanksgiving Dinners

Commissary, CPO's, Chaplain's office team up to assist less fortunate families

Story and photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

The NAS Commissary, Chief Petty Officers Association and Religious Ministries Department recently joined forces to ensure some military families enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. Both entities combined efforts to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket distribution program. The purpose of the program involves distributing food items to designated families who may not otherwise be able to enjoy a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal.

"This project has been going on for about 15 years now," said Religious Ministries Department Division Officer Lt. Robert Christian. "We have several agencies that donate their time and talents, and contribute wholeheartedly to make certain we have enough fixings for Thanksgiving meals to donate to military members and their families who otherwise would not be able to afford it."

The Thanksgiving basket voucher program involves a base-wide process. The NAS Chief Petty Officers Association, made up of members from the different tenant commands, provide names and make referrals of

eligible service members and their families. The names are placed into a pot for collection. Preference is given to families in pay grades E-1 to E-6, especially single-parent families and those with two or more children.

This year's goal is 50 food baskets, but extras will be arranged and set aside for Christmas, or given out as needed in case of an emergency.

Each of the baskets contains a whole turkey with the trimmings, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, applesauce, assorted fruit juices, and various other items for cooking.

"We'll have the same program for the Christmas holidays, too," explained Christian. "The only major differences between the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are that we incorporate gift certificates, and rotate out turkeys with hams."

NAS Commissary Manager Blair Marshburn indicated the joint venture between the Chaplain's office and the commissary extends to earlier projects, including the donation of Back to School supplies and

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NAS Commissary Store Administrator Jean Pirmann inventories the foodstuffs in a Thanksgiving basket. More than 50 military families received food items for the Thanksgiving holiday. The baskets and vouchers were distributed Thurs., Nov. 18.

Navy Exchange Furniture Store expands to Home Center

Enlarged facility offers bigger selection, more retail brands

Story and photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland



NEX Home Center sales associate Terry Meyer, (right) shows off the attributes of a new Whirlpool refrigerator to Susan Garza, wife of Maj. (retired) Jorge Garza of Corpus Christi. Garza was in the market looking at new refrigerators. The NEX Home Center stocks a large variety of appliances and furniture.

Military personnel looking to refurbish their kitchen or entire living quarters don't need to look off base to Lack's Furniture or other outlets to produce their dream home. The Navy Exchange Home Center, located on First St. S.E. at the north end of Building 1218 adjacent to the NAS Serve Mart, recently expanded to offer its customers greater variety and choice of furniture styles, according to Store Supervisor Marilyn Bankhead.

"We've introduced several new furniture lines to the store, so we can better serve our customers," said Bankhead. "We're like one large family here, so we want to convey the same type of environment to our patrons when they shop here."

Located in a converted hangar/warehouse, the furniture store expanded its show room area from 3,500 sq. feet to 5,000 sq. ft. The furniture department moved from the main exchange in April 2003 when it was determined the main store could no longer accommodate the demand. It has been operating at its present location for one-and-

one-half years.

"We just basically outgrew our retail area at the main exchange," explained Bankhead. "We had such a high demand for furniture items, we could not keep up with the sales volume and demand. We would be back ordering different pieces, and not have enough room to adequately store everything."

The store began its major expansion project in September. The dividing and retaining walls separating the warehouse area were moved back and reconfigured. This allowed more space to place a larger variety of furniture pieces on the showroom floor.

"We literally became a full-fledged home center overnight," said Bankhead. "Now we're able to offer potential shoppers items we did not have previously. We can now sell complete furniture sets, in addition to individual pieces."

The Home Center stocks everything from appliances such as washers and dryers to recliners and sofas. Brand names cover a

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From the Skipper

Thank you for your support, sacrifices

By Capt. Paula Hinger



Hinger

Throughout the past year we have truly been through a tremendous evolution. I do not find myself with time to reflect upon, let alone acknowledge, the mountains we have conquered and the eye-watering accomplishments of our team. Even more seldom does it seem like I have had time to wander around the base and just ask "how's it going" or personally recognize those that really keep this installation

running. In this column I would like to take a few minutes to thank those unsung heroes for which I am truly thankful. After all Thanksgiving is all about pausing to do just that.

Sixty-four years ago this month President Roosevelt funded the "University of the Air" which we know as NAS Corpus Christi. If you work in Public Works you are very well aware of that, because although the facilities may not be exactly that old, they certainly have exceeded their expected life span and yet somehow those wonder workers in the shops are able to work miracles and breathe life back into them. Whether it is electrical power or a phone line that was damaged by a squirrel or great heron, I always know that they will arrive at all hours of the day or night and get us started once more. I am thankful to those daring supervisors and PW staffers who know that a call from the

Skipper doesn't mean that we are getting new chillers for the CBQ.

To the quiet but effective overworked and underpaid environmental staff, I am thankful that you are insightful enough to find a successful marriage of mission and environmental conservation. They really are not exclusive and your personal approach and communication of that idea through EMS is paying dividends that will guarantee the future of our children.

Ask a firefighter where he or she works and they will have to say, "What day is it?" What a great group of team players you have been. I am extremely proud of the way that you have merged with the NAS Kingsville crews and helped each other out. I am extremely thankful for Fire Chief Perez, who is shuffling between locations, and the way you have supported him and worked so

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Chaplain's Corner

Emphasize just the positive in your lifestyle

By Chaplain Glenn Heatherly

As I wrote this I was preparing for leave, and my thoughts were trying to focus on everything we were going to need and the correct route we would have to take in order to maximize travel time. But as I thought about this I thought about all the stress involved in taking such a trip, and the past trips that have ended in disaster. One such trip comes to mind.

As vacations would sometimes have it, shortly after we got in the car, I had this moment of irritation. Sitting here writing, I can honestly say that I absolutely cannot remember what caused my aggravation, but it was real and I am sure not worth the worry of worrying about it.

My first response was, "If I told you once I have told you a million times...stop it. I

should keep a list, and show you how many times."

Anyway, I was mad the rest of the day and even into the evening, until my thoughts came to a screeching halt while trying to fall asleep.

"It keeps no record of wrongs."

"Oh, shoot. Why did I have to remember that verse again?"

"Love...keeps no record of wrongs." (1 Corinthians 13:5)

"Arghh. There's goes my list of the guy across the street and all the times he has done me wrong."

I fall asleep after pondering the events and hopefully forget what has happened the day before so I could enjoy the rest of my vacation.

So those of you out there just waiting to drop the long list of wrongs against you, I have a few other suggestions for that list. Do with those things what God does with sins. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us,"

(Psalm 103:12). Forget those offenses. Whatever happened this morning that upset you, whatever occurred on your honeymoon, or whatever did not happen on your birthday. Let it go. Wad that list up and throw it in the garbage. Don't bring up the past, do not brood, do not sulk, and do not remember.

Instead of a list of wrongs, keep a list of rights. Every time your spouse hugs you, write it down. The next time they take out the trash, put that on the list. When someone calls you at lunch, add that too. When someone lends a helping hand, store it. Then you can go to sleep with positive thought and not have to be mad. Spend some time thinking on the good and not the bad. I promise you will sleep better because of it, and your vacation will be so much more pleasant.



Heatherly

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Monday - Friday - 11:40 a.m.

Religious Education: Sunday - 9:45 a.m.

11/25 Thanksgiving Mass - 9:00

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Protestant Worship Service:

Sunday - 10 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.

No Thanksgiving Service Scheduled

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(7341 McArdle Rd.)

Jumah Service - 1:30 p.m.

For other worship service times, call 992-8550.

Station Spotlight



MA2 (AW) Brent Paris
Command Chaplain's Assistant, NAS Religious
Ministries Department

A native of Ferndale, Calif., Paris has been in the Navy for seven years and has worked on board NASCC for the past six years. His prior duty stations include Helicopter Mine Countermeasure Squadron (HM-15) and the NAS Security Department.

"The best part of my occupation is the diversity of responsibilities, in addition to interacting with others and lending a help-

ing hand," explained Paris.

Paris' future goals include earning a Bachelor's Degree, and earn a commission as a naval officer.

In his spare time, Paris enjoys hunting, fishing, bike riding, listening to music, and spending time with his family.

Paris is married to AZ3 Kimber Paris, and they have one son, Colson, 2.



Lito Miranda
Assistant Recreation Specialist, NAS Fitness Center

Born and raised in San Fernando, Pampanga Province, Republic of the Philippines, Miranda has been on board NASCC for 18 years.

"I like meeting with and working for all the nice people here," said Miranda. "The Naval Station is an excellent place to work."

His future goals include retiring from the Civil Service and spending

time with his family.

Miranda's hobbies include running, biking and reading.

Miranda is married with one son Chris, 31.



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hard to become one team united. Very few really understand the number of responses you handle each day. I know.

It has been a banner year for Air Ops, who started last year with 2 SAR helicopters and crews to fly and maintain them and closed the year with only a few tired but dedicated personnel to do the work of the many. Don't think I have forgotten the sailors and personnel in ATC, who endured dodging buckets in the tower to keep the water off the equipment and a huge turnover in personnel, leaving a few experienced and well qualified individuals to keep it safe in the skies. They are always the first to raise their hands for community service and the VMST.

Of course, we all owe the Security personnel a kind word and hearty thanks. This is truly a thankless job. Standing guard for hours greeting a wide variety of personalities, some who support the security posture and some who don't, over which they have no control, has to be one of the most challenging jobs on this base. One minute you are bored with the routine and the next minute you are faced with a speeding vehicle coming through the gate or a DUI that took the wrong turn out of a local bar. I can't prove that their superb attention to detail and dedication has averted a single incident and that is a good thing. Zero incidents does not mean the lack of intent. It is an easy concept

for a Navy sailor, as we have always held deterrance as a result of presence high on our list of tasks. Keep up the good work.

To my administrative staff, which includes all of the Building 2 residents throughout the year, and the supporting staffs of the Fleet and Family Service Center, Safety, MWR, Navy College, Chapel and Housing, you have truly risen to every challenge amidst tremendous change and shuffling of desks. To keep the rudder steady amidst the storm is a reflection of the strength of your character and commitment. You have forged new ground, while providing the necessary stability to continue the mission. All the while you have taken to heart my ongoing mantra of *Safety* as my first priority. And amidst the whirlwind of my comings and goings, my right hand woman, Ms. Iturre, has managed to keep me on schedule (most of the time) even though it was changing on the fly.

To each of you I extend my sincere thanks! As I settle in on Thanksgiving to reflect with Eric and Megan, who keep my feet on the ground, I will think of you and hope that you enjoy this holiday, and realize the heights to which you have reached and that you come back home safe. Have a wonderful turkey day!!!

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the Snack Pack program that provides lunch and snack items to underprivileged children in the Flour Bluff School District.

"We realized there was a substantial need very early on," explained Marshburn. "We learned of the needs of the Flour Bluff students, so we provided them with school supplies and canned goods and non-perishable food items. We adopted a similar caveat when we did this year's Thanksgiving baskets. The only difference is that we are servicing the military community, whereas we worked more closely with the civilian community on the previous two projects.

"My vendors from San Antonio and the surrounding area provide and donate the majority of items-green beans, Hershey candy bars, the turkeys and so forth. The Chief Petty Officer's Mess has provided the vouchers for each of the families, too, so they can shop for the items."

As each family collects their vouchers and

baskets, the voucher items are rung up at a specially designated register.

Both organizations feel it is a worthwhile cause for the military community and the base as a whole.

"We really welcome the opportunity to participate," said DCC (SW) Patrick Buckley, NAS Safety Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. "It's really good to give ourselves back to the community in some way. It is a very humbling experience."

Marshburn echoed a similar sentiment. "It's a highlight for the base," he added. "We're able to give back to those people who need a helping hand occasionally. It sure gives the base personnel great visibility, too!"

Christian had a more philosophical approach. "We're helping out our fellow man," Christian said. "God calls us to share what we have.

When we give of ourselves, we minister to each other."

November designated Native American Indian Heritage Month

The month of November is officially designated Native American Indian Heritage month. This is a time to share in the rich cultural heritage, traditions and accomplishments of the first people who called this country home.

In his presidential proclamation, George W. Bush stated, "I encourage all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities and to learn more about the rich heritage of American Indians

and Alaskan natives."

NAS will celebrate the contributions of all cultures and nationalities during the Heritage Festival in May 2005.

For more information on Native American Indian Heritage month events, contact the Corpus Christi Chamber of commerce at 881-1800, the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department at 880-3461, or the Corpus Christi Visitor Information Center at 561-2000.

New laws tighten "check floating" practice Military members no longer have security blanket

The practice of writing checks and having them held until payday has now become a thing of the past. New federal legislation known as the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, also known as Check 21, went into effect November 1.

The procedure of "check floating" happens when individuals write one or more checks several days before payday, thinking when their checks are received by the bank, there will be sufficient funds in their accounts to cover them. With the passage of the Check 21 law, money will be withdrawn automatically from an individual's account every time a check is written and posted.

The new federal law is arranged so banks can process more checks electronically. Debits to an individual's checking account will occur in minutes, instead of several days.

Paper checks used as record-keeping devices will become a thing of the past. Banks have begun replacing cancelled checks with substitute checks, which are paper copies of electronic images of an individual's original check. Consumers now must possess a substitute check to exercise their privileges under the Check 21 program for the re-evaluation of their accounts in the case of transactional errors.

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shopping. We have found nothing cheaper out in town. If a retailer out in town has a cheaper special, we price match it."

Newly married sales associate Suzy Garza-Banda loves her occupation.

"I love meeting people," said Garza-Banda. "Taking care of their needs is our biggest priority."

Hours for the NEX Home Center are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information contact the Home Center at 961-4435.

"It accommodates our military people," said Bankhead. "We service NAS Kingsville and Naval Station Ingleside, in addition to NAS Corpus Christi. Military personnel here pay no sales tax, and we have one-stop

The random effect of this new law is that unsuspecting customers will be more prone to bouncing checks due to the enhanced speed and efficiency of check processing procedures.

Individuals will not be able to access check funds from their accounts any sooner. This new law does not shorten check hold times for banks. People may not be able to withdraw money from their accounts even when deposits are made the same day.

Here are some helpful suggestions for people to adjust banking practices with the new Check 21 Law:

- Check account balances. Be certain sufficient funds are in the checking account to cover purchases made by check.
- Request substitute checks. Banks are not required by law to issue them, but be persistent in asking for substitute checks to accompany bank statements.
- Ask for re-evaluations and re-credits in writing. If money loss is relative to a substitute check received, notify the bank in writing within 40 days of bank statement receipt and ask for a re-credit to the account. Be certain to include the substitute check with the request.

On board NAS, military members caught intentionally bouncing checks can face a variety of punitive actions, from loss of security clearances to financial reparations to non-judicial punishment. For more information, contact the NAS Legal Office at 961-3568.

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Advocates can provide support, information and resource referral, crisis intervention, and act as a liaison between various military/civilian POCs and the victim. They will respond in the most competent, compassionate, and understanding manner possible.

Volunteer advocates and Command Points of Contact attend a three-day introduction class and are then required to attend at least one refresher class each year.

The next Advocate and POC Refresher course is Mon., December 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. An introduction class will be held in January. For more information or assistance, contact Lisa Scheerer, SAVI Coordinator, at 961-2372 or visit her at the Fleet and Family Support Center located on the fourth deck of the Naval Hospital Corpus Christi.

Stray animals on board NAS can be confiscated Pets can become city property

By Sgt. Brian Hoefling

Stray/nuisance animals loose aboard NAS Corpus Christi should be reported to the Security Office at 961-2480. Security will contact Public Works, who bears responsibility for capturing these animals. Dogs and cats not wearing a current rabies tag will be relinquished to the City of Corpus Christi, Animal Control Section. Their address and phone number are as follows: 1111 Navigation Blvd., in Corpus Christi, 78407, phone (361) 882-6082.

Once taken to Animal Control, owners have three working days to claim their animal before it becomes property of the City. To claim an animal, owners must provide proof of current vaccinations. If a cat or dog remains unclaimed after three working days, Animal Control has the authority to place the animal for adoption or destroy it.

Animals with a current rabies tag found roaming aboard NAS Corpus Christi will be captured, and the City will contact the owner. First time offenders will receive a Pet Regulation Violation Notice from NAS Security as a courtesy. On the second offense, the pet owner will report to Building 198 to receive a Pet Regulation Violation Notice and a counseling statement on the proper control of pets. Further violations will result in a Letter of Removal from the base Executive Officer, and the pet will be surrendered to Animal Control.

SAVI Classes offered in December, January

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (S.A.V.I.) Program has trained volunteer advocates to help victims and their family and friends deal with the aftermath of a sexual assault. A Command, friend, or co-worker can provide a victim with an invaluable resource by recommending he/she talk to a SAVI advocate.

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December to be cooler with morning fog, drizzle

By AG3 Gabriela Plotnicka,



Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Command

Happy Holidays! December brings in milder temperatures with an average maximum of 67 degrees Fahrenheit and an average minimum of 53 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cold fronts, followed by gusty northerly winds, move through South Texas about once every six days. These fronts often stall south of the area causing cloudy skies, fog, and drizzle. The predominate wind direction will be northerly with an average speed of 11 knots. Early morning fog occurs 14 days out of the month with mean relative humidity ranging from 65 to 81 percent.

Drizzle replaces rain as the most common type of precipitation during December, occurring on an average of seven days this month. Rain and rain showers still occur, however, convective activity that produce thunderstorms is rare. Rainfall amounts continue to decrease this month, with a mean total of 1.5 inches.

The Tropical hurricane season will end November 30. Development in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean is rare. Point your browsers to <https://web.nlmof.navy.mil/cc> for the latest weather updates as well as plenty of other useful weather information. For current weather conditions that are updated hourly, please call 961-4500.

Think safety this holiday!

Happy Thanksgiving from the Wingspan and NAS Public Affairs Office



Marine Corps Reserve sponsoring Toys for Tots campaign again this year

By Sgt. James Wylie, 1/23 Charlie Co., 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Kevin Walkins (left) and LCpl. Cesar Bugarin, stand before two full boxes of toys donated to support the Toys for Tots program at the NAS Armed Forces Reserve Center. Watkins enjoys participation in the toy drive as a way to give back to the less fortunate kids in the community. Bugarin enjoys the community outreach generated by the program. The popular annual toy drive runs from now until Dec. 23.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, United States Marine Corps Reserve and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles, California collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. Diane hand crafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization in Los Angeles that would give it to a needy child at Christmas 1947. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Reserve unit was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial goal that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children."

From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. The goal is to deliver a message

of hope that will build self-esteem and in turn motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In 2002, Corpus Christi was selected as Reserve Unit of the Year and the Coordinator of the Year came from Corpus Christi as well. In 2003 Corpus Christi finished in the top 5 campaigns nationwide. In the 56 years that Toys for Tots has been around, 2003 was the most successful year to date, in which toys were provided to some 6.5 million children nationwide. In 2003 our local campaign collected 75,626 toys that were distributed to 37,813 children in our area of responsibility, while collecting \$42,512.00 in monetary donations. Our goal is to exceed those amounts in 2004.

The main drop off collection point is at Padre Staples Mall adjacent to the food court. Donors may also drop off toys at local fire stations and various locales in Corpus Christi. If you are interested in becoming a collection site, hosting luncheons and/or dinner parties for Toys for Tots, or would like more information, please contact the Marine Corps Reserve Center at 961-3235.

NAS Fleet and Family Support Center welcomes new personnel; offers support services

By Cristoval Perales, Fleet and Family Support Center

Welcome to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi! The NAS Corpus Christi Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We can be reached at 961-2372/3722, or you can email us at cristoval.perales@navy.mil. You can also stop by our office at Naval Hospital Corpus Christi on the fourth deck, from 7:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Fleet and Family Support Center exists for one purpose: to provide you and your family the best, most courteous and most professional assistance possible.

The area abounds in festivals and community activities of interest to all. There are many that are free to the public, such as the summer concerts in the park and many exhibitions. You may check with the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce at (361) 881-1800 (www.corpuschristichamber.org), the Corpus Christi Area Convention and Tourist Bureau at (361) 881-1888 (www.corpuschristicvb.com), or the Economic Development Corporation at 882-7448 (www.ceredc.com) for additional information.

Corpus Christi enjoys the influence of a large number of cultures and ethnic backgrounds, including Spanish, Irish, Black and Czech. This is most evident in the architecture and entertainment.

The Corpus Christi Independent School District is the largest of five school districts within the city limits of Corpus Christi. The District has 63 campuses which serve approximately 42,200 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

There are 5 high schools, 11 middle schools, 39 elementary schools and 8 special campuses.

Combined Bachelor's Quarters

POC - Reservation Clerk

Location Bldg 1281

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- (361) 961-2383 (night)

MEDICAL - (361) 961-3735/3829

SECURITY - (361) 961-2480

The NAS Navy Housing Welcome Center staff welcomes you to NAS Corpus Christi. Your orders state you are to check in with the Navy Housing Welcome Center before you commit to rentals in the community. Failure to do so could render you ineligible for BAQ. Our on-base housing waiting list is posted in Building 3600 for your information if you are applying or have applied for on-base housing. To submit your completed housing application you will need a copy of your orders, and a copy of your NAVPERS 1070/602 (Page 2). Your present duty station housing office can verify and forward or FAX the application package to your new duty station. You will be notified by the Navy Housing Welcome Center when your government quarters are available.

The Navy Housing Welcome Center Referral Department can assist you with any information you may need about community

housing availability or rental management points of contact. The Navy Housing Welcome Center maintains a list of available rental apartments, condos, townhouses and single-family homes. A list of property for sale by private owners and Realtors is also available for your information. Their phone number is (361) 961-3336 or DSN 861-3336.

NAS Corpus Christi has a Child Development Center that provides care to children from 6 weeks to school age. The center offers instructional classes and educational activities geared to toddler development, motor skills development and hand and eye coordination. They can be contacted by calling (361) 961-1166 or DSN 861-1166 for enrollment application forms, other services and programs, and for other information.

To expedite time on the waiting list you may obtain a copy of the application form at your nearest CDC and FAX it to COMM: (361) 961-2648 or DSN 861-2648.

If you need to borrow household items prior to the arrival of your household goods, be sure to make a trip to the NAS Fleet and Family Support Center, located at Naval Hospital Corpus Christi on the 4th deck, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday or call (361) 961-2372/3722.

Before you move pets be sure they have all required vaccinations. Be very careful during the warmer months, as temperatures exceed 100 degrees and animals left in enclosed areas or without adequate shade and water are at risk. During summer, the interior of a car can reach 140 degrees within 30 minutes, which is life-threatening to animals.

Personnel owning dogs who reside on the station must keep their pets on a leash unless away from the housing area. Owners must present and must have complete control of their pet. Animals must be licensed, tagged and registered with the Security Department at the Animal Control Office. Untagged or unlicensed animals will be picked up and turned over to the Corpus Christi Animal Control Office. Tags are issued only after animals have been immunized against rabies. Semi-domesticated or wild animals (such as wolf hybrids, ferrets, etc.) are not allowed on base.

For questions regarding the status of pets, Veterinarian Services should be contacted at (361) 961-3952. A veterinarian's receipt is necessary for proof of immunization.

A great deal of information is available at the FSC for family members, including spouse employment, activities in the community and on base, school information, volunteer opportunities, information about recreation, and a myriad of other services. Our Spouse Employment Assistance Program staff will be happy to assist you in identifying employment goals and obtaining job leads. They can be reached at (361) 961-2372 or DSN: 861-2372.

We look forward to meeting you, so please be sure to come by our office at Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, located on the fourth deck, after you arrive. We will be expecting you, and again, welcome to NAS Corpus Christi!

Internet coupons stretch customer savings, offer more purchasing power

By Bonnie Powell, Defense Commissary Agency



Commissary shoppers are among the top coupon clippers in the world, but the "clipping" part may someday be history. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is helping customers increase their savings by making Internet coupons available under a new section on the links page at www.commissaries.com.

"Although we sell groceries at cost, we always seeking new resources to help our customers increase their savings," explained Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer for DeCA. "As the trend toward the Internet coupons grows, this section of our Web site will continue to grow as well."

Along with top Web sites for military grocery coupons, the section has a site that offers a choice of English or Spanish, and for customers who prefer more traditional coupons, another link offers commissary shoppers the opportunity to sign up for coupons by mail.

According to a 2003 report by NCH Mar-

keting Services, which specializes in coupon processing and promotion information management, military commissaries are among the top five retailers redeeming grocery coupons. The most common coupons offered are free-standing inserts, or FSIs, typically found inserted in newspapers or made available at the commissary. The use of the Internet coupons has grown substantially, with redemption rates rivaling FSIs.

Commissaries, as well as other grocery retailers, had stopped accepting home-printed coupons in September 2003 due to instances of fraud, but despite the industry ban consumer use of Internet coupons flourished in general. Forrester Research, an independent technology research company, has found that 38 percent of U.S. households have printed at least one Internet coupon, according to Melissa Lederer, vice president of marketing and communications for CoolSavings, Inc., one of the leading Internet coupon Web sites.

"In addition, CoolSavings has found that redemptions for the company's Internet coupons tend to be five to 10 percent higher than traditional offline coupons," said Lederer.

All 273 commissaries worldwide now accept computer-generated Internet coupons as long as they have a bar code for scanning purposes, and the coupons do not offer free products.

NAS Observes Veteran's Day, remembers fallen comrades



NASCC celebrated Veteran's Day Nov. 11 with a ceremony at the POW-MIA Park at the corner of D and Lexington Blvd. The guest speaker, Col. Greg Maisel (retired) (left) reiterated the theme that the sacrifices of veterans, living and dead, would never be forgotten, and would always be remembered and cherished. Master of Ceremonies ETC (SW/AW) Clint Riggins (right) listens attentively. More than 30 people attended the ceremony. (Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland)

Career Counselor's Corner Navy E-Learning consolidates with Navy Knowledge Online Sailors have better options for career progression, enhancement

By NCC (SW) Terri Green



E-Learning, the Navy's single official distance learning system, has migrated to the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) Web site, www.nko.navy.mil. Making Navy E-Learning available on NKO makes it easier for

Sailors to manage their careers, providing them access to professional and personal education opportunities, as well as military information and models to pattern their career all under one Web site. Navy E-Learning launches, tracks, and manages more than 3,966 E-Learning courses, at no cost to the user, for approximately 1.2 million active-duty Sailors, Marines, Department of the Navy civilians, Reservists, retirees and family members enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Since its debut in May 2001, more than 450,000 registered users have signed on to the site. On Navy E-Learning, students may search education, training and professional development references and links. Users can search the Navy E-Learning catalog by identifying skills or occupations of interest. They can identify personal skills they want to improve, assess their level of proficiency, track improvements and identify courses

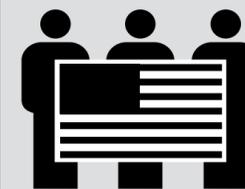
aimed at developing their selected skills. Navy E-Learning also records course usage and completions, and logs this information into a Sailor's electronic training jacket. Navy E-Learning also serves as a conduit for easy access to other resources, such as the Navy College Program (NCP), which streamlines and enhances a Sailor's opportunity to earn a college degree. The NCP and the Navy Advancement Center can be directly accessed through Navy E-Learning. Navy E-Learning is also a helpful tool for Navy personnel managers and career counselors.

Through E-Learning and learning management technology, Navy managers have instant access to information regarding who has taken what training and when, helping them to analyze individual and service-wide readiness. Navy E-Learning will continue to grow rapidly to include 'A' and 'C' school curriculum along with training requirements from multiple organizations outside the NETC claimancy to include Northern Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity, National Security Personnel System, Naval Personnel Command, Naval Surface Weapons Center, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and many others.

Navy E-Learning will continue to maximize learning opportunities for active-duty Sailors, Marines, Department of the Navy civilians, Reservists, retirees and family members. NETC and Navy E-Learning will continue to meet the steep challenges of providing training throughout the 21st century. To access the NKO Web site and Navy E-Learning, log on to www.nko.navy.mil. For more information on Naval education and training, visit the NETC Web site at www.netc.navy.mil. For more information, contact the NAS Career Counselor's Office at 961-3612.

NASCC Commands searching for Multicultural Heritage Day volunteers

By AT2 David Waller



NASCC is sponsoring the second annual Multicultural Heritage Day in May 2005.

We are looking for any volunteers to help organize this much-anticipated event. We currently have many different cultural committees, and are looking for any other individuals willing to participate. Our current committees are as follows:

1. **Black History Committee: Chair – Cynthia Holmes (CCAD)**
2. **Women's History Committee: Chair – AZ1 Jean Peters (NASCC)**
3. **Hispanic Heritage Committee: Chair – Diana Zavala (NRS)**
4. **Asian Pacific Committee: Chair – QM2 Carolina Castanon**

We are encouraging all members of NASCC and the Tenant Commands to participate in this exciting event. If you would like to be a part of a committee or create a new committee, please contact NCC (SW) Terri Green at 961-3612, or AT2 Waller at 961-3722.

MWR News and Events

By Mel Erebia, NAS MWR Office

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. 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. 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 mince meat 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 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.

Seventh Annual Basketball Shoot Out:

Are you ready to participate in some exciting B-ball? It is time to start gearing up for the upcoming basketball shootout! This exciting event will take place on Saturday, December 11. Registration deadline is December 6. Practice those shots and we will see you at the NAS Shoot Out!

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.

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.

New Track: Come out and enjoy our newly resurfaced track. The track was completed in October, and first used for the NAS unit Sports Day events.

Holiday Hours: The gym will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

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: 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 - 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. 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).

Thanksgiving Dinner: The Liberty Program/GLC will be providing a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for all active duty personnel on November 25 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Attention Commands: If you have active duty personnel standing watch on Thanksgiving Day, please send a list to the to the GLC and we will send a plate out to their work space.

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to help with the Thanksgiving feast and delivery of meals, call 961-6405.

Lunch Time Sumo Wrestling: Come and enjoy the fun Monday through Friday during the month of November. The suits are available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Interested in Paintball? - The Gonzalez Liberty Center has paintball equipment available for rent. Commands are welcome to utilize the field and the equipment. Contact the GLC for more information.

Where do you want to go?-The GLC would like to hear your suggestions as far as trips, events or activities that you would like to see take place. Stop by the GLC and put your request in the suggestion box, and if your trip or event is selected, you attend for free (one per trip).

Holiday Hours: The Liberty Center will be open from Noon until 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Upcoming Event: The Gonzalez Liberty Center is planning a day trip to Progreso, Mexico on December 11. Call the Liberty Center for more information concerning price and travel arrangements. **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 fun around. There is something for everyone, including food, music, sports, and a whole lot more.

Rayz Games: ITT will be carrying discounted tickets this year to the Rayz hockey games. Tickets are \$10 if purchased at the ITT office. The WWE has agreed to take \$5 off the \$18 and \$25 seats for military personnel showing their ID cards. This discount is available only at the American Bank Center box office.

Corpus Christi Live: ITT will be carrying tickets for the Corpus Christi Live. This awesome group has five musicals scheduled for this year. The tickets are \$40, and can be purchased through the ITT office.

ITT also has tickets to the following Dallas Cowboys' games:
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. The ITT office is located on the west side of Building 39.

Lighthouse Lanes Bowling Center

The Lighthouse Lanes Bowling center had held their ribbon cutting ceremony of the NEW enlisted club on September 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. **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.

November/December Calendar of Events

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.

The NAS Navy College Center, Park University, University of Phoenix, ECPI School of Technology and Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University will be closed on the following days: Nov. 25-26, and Dec. 23, 24 and 31. For more information call the Navy College Center at 961-3236.

The next NAS Safety Committee Meeting will be held December 8 at the NAS Headquarters Building 2 in the Conference Room at 1 p.m. For more information contact the NAS Safety Office at 961-3673.

The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center, NAS Corpus Christi, has begun a series of 10 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.

It's Poinsettia Time Again! Each year the Island Foundation beautifies Padre Island and the Corpus Christi Area by offering gorgeous direct-from-the-grower poinsettias plants in a variety of colors & styles. These plants are of the highest quality and guaranteed to bring Holiday Cheer. Starting at just \$10, they're a perfect, high-quality gift idea. Best of all - we offer free local delivery on December 1 & 2. See full-color photos of all our selections on our website: www.islandfoundation.com Ordering is easy - call our office at 361-949-0076.

The NAS Navy Exchange is extending its hours for the Christmas holiday season. Beginning Nov. 26, the store will open for its "Early Bird" specials sale at 6 a.m. Specials will run hourly, with the store closing at 8 p.m. From Nov. 26 to Dec. 23. **The main store will be open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Christmas Eve hours (Dec. 24) will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store will be closed Christmas Day. Regular hours resume Dec. 26.**

Strutting his stuff in San Antonio



Twenty NAS Sailors and civilians rocked and swayed to the melodies of country music entertainer Clint Black during his Veteran's Day concert at the Lackland Air Force Base Amphitheater in San Antonio. A native of Houston, Black (above) performs his classic hit, *Killin' Time*. An appreciative crowd listened in wondrous rapture. The two-hour concert drew more than 5,000 military personnel and their families. (Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland)

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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

CNATRA praises outstanding performers



Commander, Navy Region South and Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Adm. George Mayer (left) presents the Navy Commendation Medal to Lt. Cmdr. Josh English (right) for duties as Task Group Liaison Officer from September 2002 to October 2004. Six Sailors and civilian employees received awards and certificates. (Photo by Lt. Robert Lyons, CNATRA Public Affairs).



Mr. Arturo Mendenz (right) receives a Length of Service pin from Adm. Mayer honoring his 30 years of dedicated service while working in the civil service component on board NASCC. (Photo by Lt. Robert Lyons, CNATRA Public Affairs).

Executive Department honors hard chargers



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

QM1 (SW) Paul Bowling (right), NAS Detention Facility, is congratulated by NAS Staff Judge Advocate Officer and Executive Division Department Head Lt. Cmdr. Ralph Bowers (left) after receiving a Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding service as the Urinalysis Program Coordinator, during an awards ceremony held Oct. 29.



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

AT2 (NAC) Todd Teasdale (right), NAS Weapons Department receives a certificate of achievement from Lt. Cmdr. Bowers for obtaining the overall high Physical Fitness Assessment Score during the Navy Fall Physical Readiness Test Cycle 2004.

NAS boasts multiple reenlistments



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

BU1 (SW) Cullen Wilson (right) NAS Safety Department, receives his certificate of reenlistment and congratulations from NAS Staff Judge Advocate and Executive Division Department Head Lt. Cmdr. Ralph Bowers (left) during a ceremony held at the NAS Detention Facility. Wilson reenlisted for three more years. He is transferring to Naval Air Station Gulfport, Miss.



Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Fretland

CS2(SW) Charles Mack (right) NAS Quality of Life Department, takes his oath of reenlistment from NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Paula Hinger (left) during a ceremony held in the conference room, Bachelor Officer's Quarters, Building 1281 Fri., Nov. 10. Mack reenlisted for two more years.



Photo by Robert D. Torres

AE2 (NAC) Robert Berthiaume (right) is presented a certificate of reenlistment from Air Operations Department Officer Lt. Cmdr. Joe Harmon during a ceremony held Nov. 9 in the conference room at Hangar 58 on board NAS. Berthiaume reenlisted for four more years.

Student aviators earn pilot wings



Photo by Ensign David Van Kampen

The following individuals received their "wings" designating them as aviators, during a ceremony held Nov. 5 at the Corpus Christi Bay Club. In alphabetical order: 2nd Lt. William Adams, USAF; Ensign Ethan Bitter, USN; Ensign Rodney Erler, USN; 2nd Lt. David Flinton, USAF; Ensign Normer Gatchalian, USN; Ensign Todd Graham, USN; Capt. Brent Harms, USAF; Ensign Brandon Horne, USN; Capt. John Klapp, USAF; 2nd Lt. Derek McCafferty, USAF; 1st Lt. Thomas Myers, USMC; 2nd Lt. Scott Nelson, USAF; 2nd Lt. Christopher Rothe, USAF; Ensign Ronald Rumpf, USN; Capt. Ryan Schenk, USAF; Lt. j.g. Leigh Shannon, USN; Lt. j.g. Erin Sherrill, USN; 2nd Lt. Jason Simien, USMC; 2nd Lt. Mark Smith, USMC; Ensign Chad Tyler, USN; 2nd Lt. Todd Walker, USAF; Lt. j.g. David Weinman, USN, and 2nd Lt. Eric Zellner, USAF.

Military Member of the Quarter luncheon



Photo by Richard Stewart

Twenty-six NAS Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Marines were recognized for their outstanding leadership, service, character and potential during the third quarter Military Member of the Quarter luncheon at the Corpus Christi Bay Club. The awardees in alphabetical order are AM1 (AW/NAC) Christopher Appling, AD2 (SW/NAC) Christopher Averill, STG1 (AW) Robert Behen, AT2 John Brady, ACAN Latoya Clark, DC2 (SW) Roy Garcia, AM1 Christopher Hatcher, DK2 Jessica Kasperek, GM1 (SW) Robert Knerr, DK3 Cynthia Kunz, BM1 Dempsey Logue, SKSN Salazar Longoria, HM1 (SW/FM) Cesar Martinez, HM2 (FMF) Brandon Pearson, HM2 Lorena Peaslee, AZ1 (AW) Jeanne Peters, CS2 (SW/AW) Cyndi Rotondi, YN1 Chris Sandoval, SK1 William Samuels, Sgt. Thomas Trevino, Jr., AG1 (SW/AW) Gary Thies, AE3 Julie Vegavelez, AMAN Daniel Wakefield, AMT 3 Joshua Wigley, MA2 (SW) Marcus Williams, and LCpl. Nathan Wright.

NAS bids Fair Winds and Following Seas



Lt. Cmdr. Larry Proctor, AIMD Department Head, (left) congratulates his replacement, Lt. Robert Beaton, (right) during a Change of Charge and retirement ceremony aboard the USS Lexington (CV 16). Proctor retired from the Navy after 26 years of service.



Photo by Richard Stewart



Capt. Barbara A. Roberts, Nurse Corps, U.S. Navy of Tigerton, Wis. received the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award) from Naval Hospital Corpus Christi Commanding Officer Capt. Alton Stocks during her retirement ceremony at the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach in Corpus Christi. Roberts ended 30 years active service and was cited for outstanding meritorious achievement as Director of Medical Services and Senior Nurse Executive of NHCC, from Dec. 2000 through Oct. 2004.

Photo by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs



Naval Hospital Corpus Christi recognizes outstanding Sailors, civilian



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (NAC) Brad S. Tiefel was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for heroic action during Operation Iraqi Freedom, in a ceremony Oct. 21 at Naval Hospital Corpus Christi (NHCC). The Combat "V" device denotes those individuals who were awarded a decoration as a result of direct combat with an enemy force. It may also signify accomplishment of a heroic nature or valorous acts in direct support of operations against an enemy force. NHCC commanding officer Captain Alton Stocks presented the medal. (Photo by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs)



Two NHCC pharmacists won top Navy honors at the Lamar Smith Pharmacy Symposium Dinner in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27. Lt. Joseph B. Lawrence, the pharmacy department head, took the Navy Junior Pharmacist of the Year award, and Ms. Edna Everett, the outpatient pharmacy supervisor, received the Navy Civilian Pharmacist of the Year award. The Navy's Pharmacy Consultant to the Surgeon General and the Specialty Leader for Navy Pharmacy, Capt. Elizabeth Nolan, presented the awards. The Awards Dinner is held annually in honor of the late Capt. Lamar Smith, a former Navy Pharmacy Specialty Leader who is credited with devising the Navy's first formulary, a list of pharmaceutical products to be stocked by Navy pharmacies. (Photo by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs)

