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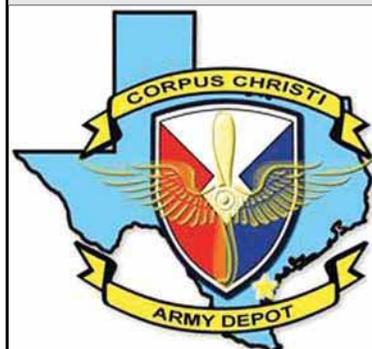
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Shields RV Park expansion opens for Memorial Day

Story and photos by Rod Hafemeister

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi formally opened its expanded recreational vehicle campgrounds May 22, just in time to receive the extra campers coming for the Memorial Day weekend.

“We were full-up for the weekend,” said Chief Zoilo Lamtecson, outdoor recreation director for NASCC Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity.

The expansion actually involved two separate projects. In the first, MWR spent \$1.2 million to add 20 full-service RV sites and the recreation/community center to the existing Shields RV Park.

The center has cooking facilities and big screen HD television, among other amenities.

The second project was “self-help,” involving no outside funds. NASCC, the Seabees and MWR came up with about \$35,000 to convert an unused section near the Marina into Paradise Cove, adding another 28 RV pads and bringing the total capacity to 115.

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NASCC CO Capt. Randy Pierson (r.) and Command Master Chief Pat Flavin cut the ribbon on the new Community Center at Shields RV Park on May 22. The Center is part of a \$1.2 million upgrade that also added 20 more RV pads to the park. A related project added 28 more pads.

Hurricane Season is here — are you prepared?

by Rod Hafemeister

June 1 marks the official start of hurricane season – but Mother Nature decided to jump the gun.

On May 28, the National Weather Service announced the first tropical depression of the season had formed in the Atlantic Ocean and was expected to become a tropical storm within days, although it was not expected to threaten land.

Forecasters predicted it would rapidly lose strength again as it moved into the colder waters of the north Atlantic.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs through November and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted a “near-normal” season, with four to seven hurricanes.

But for residents of the Coastal Bend, the question isn’t “How many?” – it’s “Where?”

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Hurricane Dolly in 2008 hit far South Texas and only touched NASCC with outer rain bands - but that still caused flooding and some wind damage.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Randy Pierson



Pierson

As we move step into Hurricane Season, I wanted to personally assure you that the Naval Air Station is fully prepared to address each and every storm that may enter the Gulf of Mexico.

Our emergency management and other applicable staff members have

received extensive training that will serve each and every one of us very well.

My primary take-aways from last season

were the need for the installation to better communicate the current conditions of readiness (COR) and what they mean and also to offer a one-stop-shop location for all of the associated emergency preparedness information and plan of action.

In response, we have redesigned our website, www.cnic.navy.mil/CorpusChristi, to offer useful information on the storm, its general location and, more specifically, the installation's COR level and whether or not any level of evacuation is planned or authorized – from aircraft only to a full-base evacuation.

As we work through the upcoming storms and challenges, I ask you to keep in mind that I take both my responsibility for the safety of each and every one of you and my obligation to the mission of NASCC very seriously.

Hurricane Evacuation of NASCC – a critical move

When a storm is named in the Gulf of Mexico, my team and I will meet several times a day, regardless of time of day, weekend or holiday.

I will coordinate closely with the Tenant Commanders on the Base, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Mayor of Corpus Christi to assess the threat level and determine appropriate actions.

Additionally, our evacuation site is Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and, well before any evacuation, I will send an advance detachment of personnel to establish our receiving party.

Rest assured, I value your safety and will ensure all measures are taken to bring us another successful completion of the Hurricane Season for 2009.

Chaplain's Message

by Fr. John Mc Kenzie, Chaplain

Some years ago while visiting an old farmer, we saw a bunch of chickens pecking at a bleeding chicken.

As I helped the farmer drive away the pecking chickens, he told me that chickens will peck a bleeding chicken to death.

He also said that people are not much different.

There was much truth to the farmer's words – look how people will join someone in picking on another person. This can be ridicule, mindless pranks, bullying, or just trying to ruin the person's day.

It might seem funny to those who are picking on the person but it is certainly not funny to the person being picked on.

People have skipped school or work because others were picking on them. That is wrong.

A teacher might ask why students were picking on a student only to hear them use the excuse "others were doing it."

Consider the words from *Ex 23:2* "Neither shall you allege the example of the many as an excuse for doing wrong."

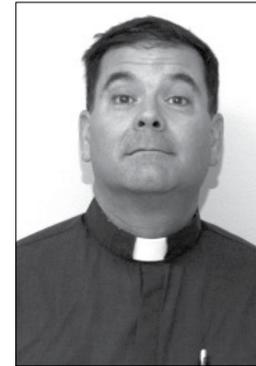
Consider too the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." *Matt 7:12*.

Picking on someone is not limited to children on the playground. It can happen in the home among siblings. It can happen at school at any grade. It can happen in the work place. It is still wrong. Parents need to be proactive in stopping it among their children and they also have an obligation to correct their children if they are bullying anyone whether at school, in the neighborhood, or anywhere.

Secure People Do Not Pick On Others

So many people whom I have known who were notorious for bullying or picking on someone were very insecure themselves. They had issues so they hid their issues by picking on others.

If you are a secure person, you do not need to pick on someone. Instead, you can help make your workplace an ideal workplace.



Mc Kenzie

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Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

I could have been killed attending the Safety Stand-Down.

Twice, in a matter of minutes.

Actually, it wasn't the safety briefings – Wings Auditorium seems perfectly safe.

The nearby parking lot is

another matter entirely.

Like everyone else assigned or working for NASCC, I was "invited" to attend the Safety Stand-Down, held the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend.

It was an invitation we couldn't refuse.

That was fine with me – over the years, I've attended literally dozens of holiday safety briefings and even given a few myself. I didn't honestly expect to learn much I didn't already know, but I appreciate the principle behind the periodic briefings.

Since there were two time slots, Bob Torres took the first and I took the second, leaving one of us in the office at any time.

Everything went according to plan, and I even got a couple quotes from the Emergency Management Specialist that found their way into the hurricane preparedness story out front.

I left the briefing in fine spirits and headed for my car in the parking lot adjacent to Avenue E.

If you've ever looked at that parking lot, it's obvious how traffic is supposed to flow: the angled parking implies traveling north in the lane closest to Lexington and

south in the far lane. My car was parked in a southbound slot.

Maybe I wasn't as hyper-alert as I could have been, but my situational awareness was at a realistic level: I checked before crossing the street and paid attention to parked vehicles, watching for someone backing out without looking.

I have a lot of mile on motorcycles, cars and trucks – I tend to expect drivers to do dumb things.

What I didn't expect was "the freight train coming out of the refrigerator" – the threat that comes from such a totally unexpected direction that you find it hard to react.

In this case, the freight train was a driver sufficiently impatient to not care about traffic flow.

I'd noticed a line of vehicles on Avenue E waiting to turn onto Lexington, but I was

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Springer leaves VT-35, Blagg takes over as Commanding Officer

by Rod Hafemeister

The Stingrays of VT-35 said "Farewell" to their Skipper, Cmdr. Mark F. Springer, on May 15 and "Congratulations" to their Executive Officer, Air Force Lt. Col. Robert K. Blagg, who assumed command of the squadron.

Training Air Wing 4 Commodore Capt. Dave Price presided over the change of command.

VT-35 has a heavy emphasis on joint service training, providing advanced multi-engine pilot training to Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps students who will fly the C-130 Hercules, the C-12 Huron, the P-3 Orion and the MV-22 Osprey.

Because of that joint mission, the Stingrays typically rotate the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer positions between the Navy and the Air Force, with each XO moving up when a CO leaves.

Following that pattern, Navy Cmdr. Kevin McGee is assuming duties as the squadron's new Executive Officer as Blagg assumes command.

Springer departs after more than two years with VT-35, having reported as Executive Officer in November 2006.

A native of Hillsboro, Ore., he is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a P-3 Instructor Pilot.

His deployments have included supporting Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit awards.

His next assignment is to the Joint Office Information Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Blagg grew up in Watauga, Texas and was commissioned as an Air Force Second Lieutenant in 1990 as a distinguished graduate of the AFROTC program at North Texas State University.

He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base and began flying the C-130 with the 61st Airlift Squadron at Little Rock, Ark. He is a Command Pilot in the C-130E/H with 3,300 flight hours.

He has flown missions supporting Operations Provide Promise, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device, and numerous other service and unit decorations.



Departing VT-35 CO Cmdr. Mark Springer looks on as Capt. Dave Price, Training Air Wing 4 Commodore (r.) congratulates Lt. Col. Robert Blagg upon Blagg assuming command of the squadron May 15.

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Former VT-28 Commanding Officer returns from Iraq deployment

by Rod Hafemeister

Cmdr. Michael "Loopy" Leupold said he jumped at the chance to deploy to Iraq when it was available last year.

Depending on where his career goes, the deployment also may have been a "bookend" to his first combat deployment – to Iraq in 1991.

"I was a helicopter pilot, based out of Guam with HC-5. My first deployment was Desert Storm/Desert Shield," he said.

"That's part of the reason I volunteered for this tour. A, I wanted to do it. But B, I didn't want to retire and not have participated in this endeavor.

"And you've got to do what your country needs you to do."

Leupold volunteered for the Iraq deployment upon completing his tour as Commanding Officer of VT-28, a position he held from June 2007 to July 2008.

He was assigned as the Air Operations Officer at Al Asad Air Base, a huge base west and north of Baghdad with two 13,100-foot runways

"I basically ran the biggest air base in Iraq," he said. "There was an O-6 who commanded the Base Command Group, but I essentially worked for the General in charge of the Marine Air Group."

Besides the 12 squadrons of Marine aircraft, Al Asad also is heavily used by Air Force cargo aircraft and government contract aircraft.

"We had about 30 cargo and passenger flights a day," he said.

There also were Army helicopters and one Navy flying squadron using the base.

A Joint Air Cargo Operations Terminal was staffed by Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine personnel.

"I learned a lot. You get outside your Navy lane of expertise," Leupold said. "It was cool being the air boss, because you got to deal with all the squadrons.

"I only 'owned' about 18 people – but I oversaw about 800."

Fighters were on 30-minute alert and the Army had an air Ambulance helicopter on call, 24/7, to assist any forces in trouble.

Although Al Asad showed evidence of prior conflicts – especially former Iraqi fighters struck by Allied forces in both 1991 and 2003 – the base was actually relatively safe and secure, Leupold said.

"It hadn't had an attack in about two-and-a-half years," he said. "It's in flat desert – there is no place for al Qaeda or anyone else to hide."

As part of being "air boss," Leupold oversaw about \$110 million in contracts for upgrading and commercializing the airfield.

The expectations are that Al Asad will become the major commercial airport for Iraq in a few years, he said.

Leupold returned to Corpus Christi on May 9, greeted by his family, some fellow



Cmdr. Mike Leupold (fifth from left) poses with fellow servicemembers and Iraqis in front of destroyed fighters from the former Iraqi Air Force had been based at Al Asad Air Base. Leupold was deployed as air boss' of the base from November through April.

Photo courtesy Cmdr. Leupold

VT-28 Rangers, Training Air Wing 4 Commodore Capt. Dave Price and the Patriot Guard Riders.

The welcome reminded him of the sendoff he and fellow Sailors got in South Carolina, after finishing Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training at Camp McCready.

"We left on Thanksgiving Day, and the Sunday before that they had 250 deployers and 100, 150 volunteers and the put on a huge meal for us at the National Guard armory," he said. "And then they came out at midnight, on Thanksgiving night, to see us off."

"I think the country has learned its lesson. Civilians back here, even if they disagree with the war, they don't do what they did during Vietnam and hold it against military members. Don't mistreat the soldier because politicians are making decisions you don't agree with."

Unlike Individual Augmentee tours, where the Sailor returns to the unit he left, Leupold was on a GSA – Global War on Terror Support Assignment – tour, from which he reports to a new duty station upon returning from the deployment.

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Go Live! CCAD Fires Up Logistics Modernization Program

Story and photo by Daphne Martin, LMP Communications

The Corpus Christi Army Depot jumped more than three decades forward May 14 when, at 5 a.m., they pushed the button to “Go Live” with the Logistics Modernization Program.

LMP is an innovative enterprise resource planning package specifically designed for the Army.

In partnership with Computer Science Corporation, CCAD replaced their 35-year-old logistics Standard Depot System used to manage operations.

This was the largest SAP deployment worldwide to date, which added 5,000 users. It's the second implementation by Army Materiel Command – CCAD's major command.

“This has truly been a team effort, and we are all a part of a historical, momentous event,” said Melody DeMaris, CCAD LMP Division Chief. “It's because of this team that we made such great progress.”

CSC joined with AMC to pursue modernization objectives in logistics chain operations and increase operational efficiencies and decrease overall costs.

They provide consulting and solution delivery services to facilitate optimal performance.

“This is my biggest implementation and is among the smoothest transitions out of the 15 [implementations] I've been a part of,” said John Blakowski, CSC Site Lead and Industry

Expert. “I credit the success so far to great planning and execution to that plan.”

LMP enables vertical and horizontal integration at all levels of logistics across the Army enabling better planning, forecasting, and faster order fulfillment. It's designed to process an inventory of up to 6 million items or \$40 billion in goods and services annually when fully deployed.

“As we're pulsing through our LMP business processes, we're putting more and more data into the system and moving further into production,” said Al Gonzales, CCAD LMP Site Lead.

“As expected, we're seeing some issues, but we're working through them with no interruption to production.”

Since 2007, CCAD has been preparing for LMP Go-Live with a team of more than 170 CCAD employees, partners and CSC representatives to ensure a well-planned, prepared implementation with minimal impact.

The team participated in in-depth education and training regimens, data accuracy efforts, along with intense examinations of system functionality, changes to processes, procedures, policies, roles and responsibilities, organizational structures, measurements, reporting and end user training.

Training nearly 2,000 end users was the most challenging pre-Go-Live effort for the Depot team.



The LMP team joins Col. Joe Dunaway, Commander Corpus Christi Army Depot, in celebrating the very moment LMP is fired up replacing their 35-year-old logistics Standard Depot System used to manage operations.

The CCAD team reviewed and developed training material, attended CSC instructor-lead end-user courses addressing CCAD-specific concerns and provided CCAD specific expertise for future end users.

The team conducted Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) Drills to prepare for implementation. The drills rehearsed activities required to conduct business and perform transactions immediately after Go-Live.

Using scripts and scenarios, participants practiced functions, then, as issues arose they would call CCAD's Call Center for guidance

and solutions.

“The preplanning has definitely paid off,” added Gonzales.

LMP was first deployed in July 2003 to end users at the Army's Communications-Electronics Command, Life Cycle Management Command, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Tobyhanna Army Depot and other Army Locations.

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Uniform Changes Announced

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The chief of naval personnel released NAVADMIN 149-09 May 20 to announce the latest changes to Navy uniform policies including maternity uniforms, physical fitness uniforms, the Air Force Space Badge and changes to uniform board membership.

"Uniform policy changes are a direct result of fleet feedback to the uniform board," said Rob Carroll, from the Navy's Uniform Matters Office.

"The input Sailors provide is critical to providing professional high quality uniforms."

In answer to that fleet feedback, the Navy is developing a new element to the physical fitness uniform (PTU) to replace or augment current Navy sweat pants and shirts.

This fall, a competitive wear-test of two Navy designed PTU fitness suits will determine their suitability as mandatory uniform components. Fleet introduction is expected during fiscal year 2011.

Additionally, a new high performance version of the physical training uniform will be made available this winter.

The optional PTU shirt and short will be manufactured from a "name brand" company and will follow the existing manner and occasion for wear as the standard fitness gear.

Another major component of the NAVADMIN addresses changes to the maternity uniform policy.

Sailors E-1 to E6 who are pregnant, are temporarily authorized to wear the service khaki maternity blouse currently worn by chiefs and officers with the winter blue maternity slacks or skirt.

This is an interim authorization until the improved single design maternity blouse for all ranks is introduced to the fleet in fiscal year 2010.

The NAVADMIN also includes new rules for uniform board membership to enhance fleet representation and publicize the fact that Sailors can no longer wear the Air Force Space badge due to its reclassification as an Air Force qualification.

To read the complete NAVADMIN, visit www.npc.navy.mil/NR/ronlyres/77705FB5-FB09-4B7A-94E8-826B195E332F/0/NAV09149.txt.

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Mabus sworn in as Navy Secretary

Former governor of Mississippi and ambassador to Saudi Arabia becomes 75th Secretary of the Navy one day after Senate confirmation



(above) The Honorable Ray Mabus is sworn in as the 75th Secretary of the Navy by Jeh Johnson, General Counsel for the Department of Defense. Holding the Bible for Mabus is Yeoman 1st Class Timothy James, of the Secretary of the Navy staff.
photos by MC2 Kevin S. O'Brien

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Ray Mabus, former Mississippi governor and U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, was sworn in May 19 as the 75th secretary of the Navy.

Leading the Navy and Marine Corps, Mabus will be responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people.

The Secretary of the Navy is responsible for conducting all the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing.

Additionally, he oversees the construction, outfitting and repair of naval ships, equipment and facilities and is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and programs that are consistent with the national security policies and objectives

established by the president and the secretary of defense.

Prior to joining the Obama administration, Mabus served in a variety of top posts in government and the private sector. In 1988, Mabus was elected governor of Mississippi where he stressed education and job creation. In 1994, he was appointed ambassador to Saudi Arabia, where during his tenure, the Kingdom officially abandoned the boycott of U.S. businesses that traded with Israel. Mabus also was chairman and chief executive officer of Foamex, a large manufacturing company, and also served as a Navy Surface Warfare Officer aboard the cruiser *USS Little Rock*.

Mabus is a native of Ackerman, Miss., and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead congratulates Mabus.



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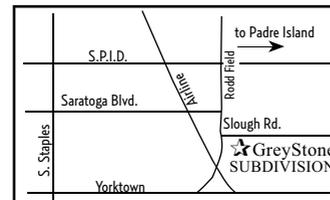
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Use your head — don't lose it — when riding a motorcycle

Lack of a proper helmet almost doubles the risk of a fatal injury; alcohol & bikes are lethal mix

by Dan Miller, NASCC Traffic/Motorcycle Safety Instructor

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes.

An un-helmeted motorcyclist is 40 percent more likely to suffer a fatal head injury and 15 percent more likely to suffer a non-fatal head injury than a helmeted motorcyclist.

Each year, several thousand people die and as many as 50,000 people are injured in motorcycle collisions in the United States.

The annual NHTSA traffic survey found that more than 5,150 people died in motorcycle-related accidents in 2007.

About 45 percent of fatal motorcycle crashes are solo vehicle crashes — in other words, motorcyclist only.

The deadliest injuries are head and chest injuries.

Injury severity and likelihood of a fatality increases with speed, alcohol involvement and motorcycle size.

According to nationwide accident statistics, more than 16,000 people died in the U.S. in 2007 in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes — an average of one person every 39 minutes.

Twenty-seven percent of those alcohol-related fatalities were motorcycle operators

with a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher — with more than half having a BAC of .15 or greater.

Another 7 percent of motorcycle fatalities involved riders who had a BAC of less than .08.

Yet motorcycles make up only about 3 percent of all registered vehicles.

Nighttime increases the dangers: If you ride or drive after dark, your chance of being involved in an alcohol-related crash is four times greater than during daylight hours.

If that's not enough to get your attention, how about the 1,794 children 14 years of age and younger who have been killed in crashes — of which 306 (17 percent) were killed due to alcohol-impaired driving crashes, with 152 of those children killed by drivers who had a BAC of .08 or higher.

Statistics make two things clear: First, if you are going to ride, have all your Personal Protective Equipment and wear it — especially a high-quality helmet.

Second, if you are going to drink.... **DON'T RIDE OR DRIVE!**

And **DON'T RIDE OR DRIVE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DRINKING.**

Stay alert, stay sober and stay safe.
Remember ... arrive alive!



Proper equipment, proper training and a proper mindset are keys to safe motorcycle riding. Military motorcyclists are required to take periodic training and everyone must have safety training to ride on base. Active duty, reserve and retired military members and DoD civilian employees can sign up for training at <http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com/>

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Both projects were completed in about eight months, in time for the summer season.

Lamtecson said they'll really come in handy when the "Winter Texans" come down. In the past, the demand has exceeded the supply.

"They used to have to turn down 10 to 15 customers a day because they couldn't accommodate them," he said. "That's when we're actually the fullest - in the winter."

The park remains competitive with the civilian RV campgrounds, charging \$15 a day for full hook-up and \$11 for just water and electric.

Capt. Randy Pierson, NASCC Commanding Officer, cut the ribbon on the new Community Center, opening it for a free burgers-and-hot dogs lunch grilled by MWR personnel.

The upgrades made it "a first-class RV park," he said.

"This RV facility is an amazing testament to when our bosses say they support Sailor programs and they support welfare and recreation," Pierson said. "This is when they actually put their money where their mouth



is - \$1.2 million is what our bosses allocated for us way down in Corpus Christi."

Capt. Randy Pierson played host to RV campers after the opening of the new Shields Park Community Center, both cutting and then serving cake.

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Corpus Christi future leaders gain Redstone experience

Leadership program deployed at depots

Story and photo from Army Aviation and Missile Command

The Aviation and Missile Command is taking steps to ensure it has the bench strength to fill its civilian leader positions in the future, not only at Redstone Arsenal but also at its depots.

Beginning in fiscal 2008, the AMCOM G-1 began deploying a customized version of Leader Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT) to the depots.

Key to participant success is developing leadership skills and competencies that can be applied in the workplace.

The program focuses on such leadership competencies as Army values, leading change, emotional intelligence, leading across the generations, decision making, goal setting, stakeholder management, time management, communications, briefings and ethics.

Learning occurs through a mix of learning methods to include assessments, mini-lessons

with group interaction, assessments, guest speakers, application with a depot-specific class project and a staff ride.

As a part of depot LIFT, Corpus Christi Army Depot program participants attended a three-day staff ride to Redstone Arsenal.

The staff ride purpose was to familiarize the program participants with AMCOM headquarters and Redstone Arsenal, as well as spotlight the leaders from AMCOM and CCAD.

Program participants had the opportunity to network with counterparts, tour featured areas within the Arsenal, and participate in a leadership panel comprised of AMCOM and depot leaders.

Participants gained leadership insight in understanding that integration of people, technologies and facilities are all part of understanding the larger picture.

(below) The group of Corpus Christi Army Depot workers who recently participated in a three-day staff ride to Redstone Arsenal



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In 2008, two hurricanes threatened Corpus Christi and surrounding areas. In July, Hurricane Dolly hit extreme South Texas, making landfall at South Padre Island and became the most destructive hurricane to hit the Rio Grande Valley in more than four decades.

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi suffered a day of heavy rains and localized flooding, but was relatively unscathed.

In September, Hurricane Ike threatened enough that some area civilian governments began evacuations. But predictions that it would turn north came true and although the Corpus Christi area escaped, Ike devastated Galveston Island and areas around Houston.

Ike is considered the most destructive hurricane to ever hit Texas and one of the deadliest. Ike caused at least \$30 billion dollars of damage, and, in the United States alone, killed 112 people, with another 34 listed as missing.

Fred Thomas, the NASCC Emergency Management Specialist, said that although Ike was "only" a Category II storm when it made landfall, conditions combined to give it a Category IV tidal surge.

"Mother Nature doesn't care about lists, doesn't go by categories," he said. "All these storms are dangerous."

Last issue and this, we've included some essential information you should know to prepare for a possible hurricane, take the necessary actions to protect yourself and your family and, in a worst case, be ready to conduct recovery operations after a hurricane goes through.

We're also going to be making more extensive use of the NASCC website, at www.cnic.navy.mil/CorpusChristi.

If you haven't heard, that's a new web address - bookmark it!

One of the improvements is that we can now post information in near real-time. We're going to have a notice on the Homepage of the current Condition of Readiness (COR) that is linked to a more complete explanation of what each COR means and what you should be doing - and we'll update whenever conditions warrant.

We also will have links to more information, including recommended evacuation routes.

And if an evacuation is ordered, the website will be one of the primary sources of information on who should return when.

The website is available from any computer connected to the Internet — you don't need a CAC card or password. And it is hosted far away from Corpus Christi, so it should be up online even if power is out here.

Contact numbers for Lackland Air Force Base, our designated evacuation site, are on the facing page. It would be a good idea to put copies in your evacuation kit.

The last devastating hurricane to hit Corpus Christi was Celia, in 1970. Depending on your view of the odds, that either means we aren't likely to get hit this year — or we are seriously overdue for a Big One.

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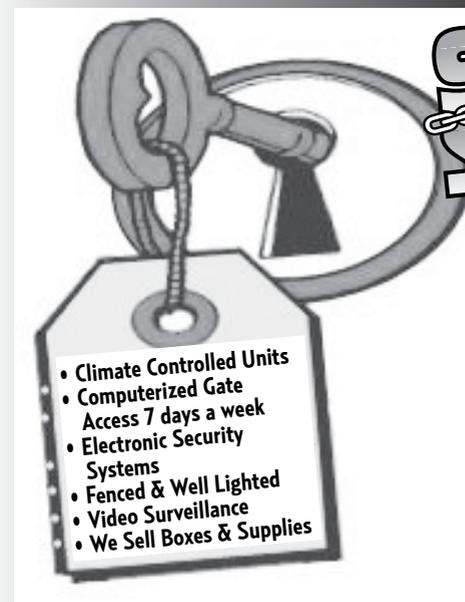
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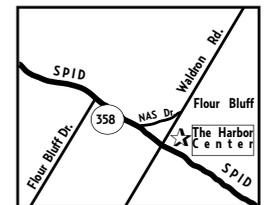
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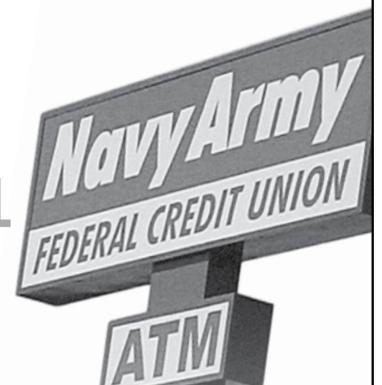
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2008-09 Captain's Cup Softball League Champs

2008-09 Captain's Cup Soccer League Champs



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(top right)
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(bottom left)
CCAD Mayhem —
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(bottom right)
Hospital A Team —
2nd place Captain's
Cup Soccer Team

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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Winging — May 22



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Official party, from left: Lt. Col. Robert K. Blagg, USAF, CO VT-35; Lt. j.g. Robert Fasnacht, Chaplain; Cmdr. Kevin Nash, USCG, XO Sector Corpus Christi Coast Guard; Foster Edwards, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Col. Thomas S. Clark III, USMC, CO MATSG-22; Capt. David R. Price, Commodore TW-4; Cmdr. Dennis R. Crews, CO VT-31.

Wingees in alphabetical order: Lt. j.g. Paul Eduardo Arredondo, USCG (not pictured); Lt. j.g. Joseph Anthony Breeden; Lt. j.g. Grant David Brusky; Lt. j.g. Robert Joseph Castor Jr.; 2nd Lt. Nathaniel Russell Clegg, USAF; 1st Lt. Mitchell Hayden Coffey Jr., USMC; Lt. j.g. Alessandro Dell'Isola, Italian Navy; 2nd Lt. Brian Patrick Devine, USAF; 2nd Lt. Mark Christopher Domogala, USAF; Lt. j.g. Bryce Galen Ettestad, USCG; 1st Lt. James Richard Fowler Jr., USMC; 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Louis Furnary, USAF; Ensign Slavomira Adriana Haywas; 2nd Lt. Shawn Daniel Hooton, USAF; 2nd Lt. Joshua Paul Huberty, USAF; 2nd Lt. Seth Jamell Lake, USAF; Ensign Maximilian Wolfgang Mayer; 2nd Lt. James Raymond Morris, USAF; 2nd Lt. Dominic James Nocera, USAF; Lt. j.g. Matthew Joseph Orner; Ensign Nathan Michael Penka; Lt. j.g. Simone Pitto, Italian Navy; 2nd Lt. Brian Edward Robichaux, USAF; 2nd Lt. Gary Walter Sain, USAF; Ensign Zachary Daniel Sutton; Ensign Darin Michael Wilcken.

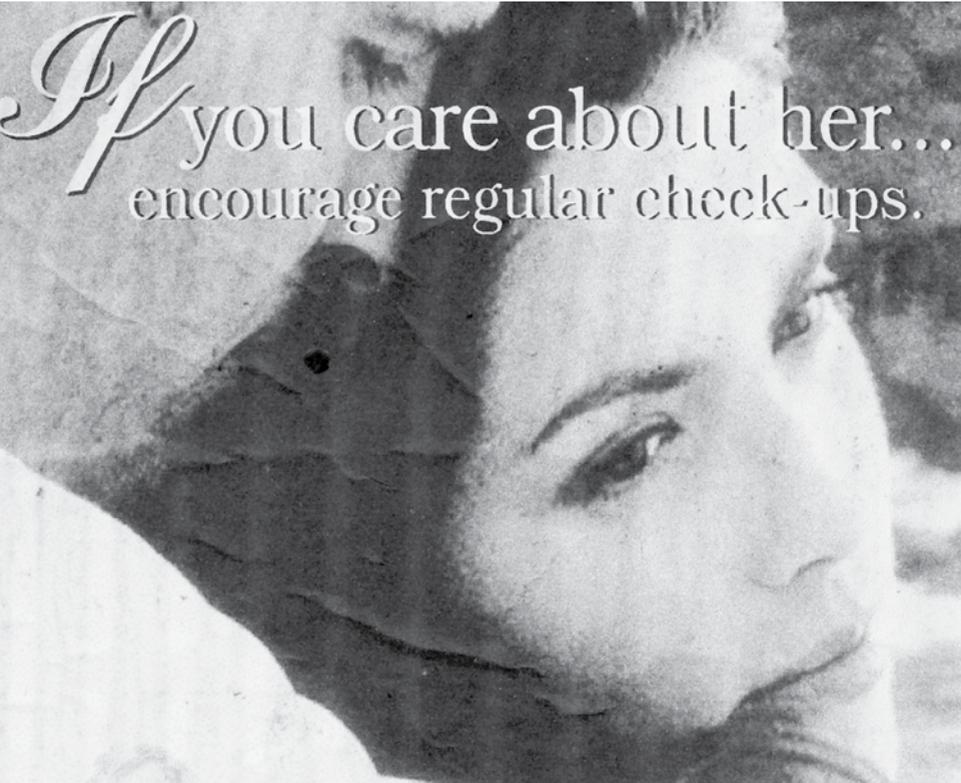
Petty Officers Advanced — May 22



Nine NASCC Petty Officers were "frocked" May 22 after the latest advancement list came out. Front row, from left: IT1 Nicholas Eddy, AC1 Sean Russell, ET1 Steven Short, CS2 Christopher Ballentine, MN2 Dana Baynard. Back row, from left: IC2 Michael Carr, AM2 Katrishia Eagle, AC2 Serina Gehrke, MA2 Andrew Smith.

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CAR

Keep emergency supplies in your car, including food, water, first aid supplies.

First Aid

Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

- Prescription medication
- Bandages, gauze, tape
- Moistened towelettes
- Cotton balls, cotton swabs
- Alcohol, hydrogen peroxide
- Scissors, safety pins, tweezers
- Antiseptic ointment
- Eye wash / drops
- Aspirin / Tylenol, antacids, Ipecac
- Thermometer
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- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen (spf 45)
- Cold pack
- First aid manual

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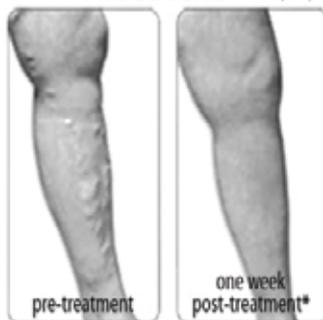
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- Cereal
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- Peanut butter / jelly
- Canned fruits / vegetables
- Juices
- Sugar, salt, pepper
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Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh.

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- Water jugs – non-breakable
- Plastic garbage can, clean
- Water buckets, clean
- Bathtub, clean

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- Clothing / raingear
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- Extra set of keys
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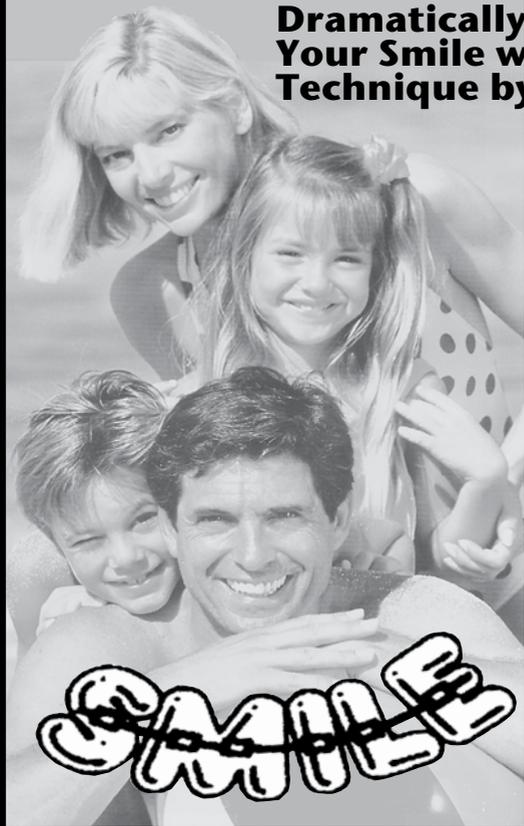
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Q: My boyfriend is pressuring for us to get married. I'm not sure if we're ready yet. Is there a secret to knowing when someone is ready to get married?

A: People get married for lots of reasons, some good, others not so good.

Research has discovered that one of the reasons many marriages fail is because the couple does not understand either the purpose or the principles of successful marriage. They lack *knowledge*.

Modern society's confusion about marriage results in many couples' marrying for the wrong reasons—reasons that are insufficient for sustaining a healthy, lifelong relationship.

To answer your question, I'm not sure if there is any secret way of knowing when is the right time to get married.

I do know, however, that no one should get married without first carefully and clearly answering the question, "Why?"

Deliberate and thoughtful consideration in advance will prevent a lot of problems, heartache, and regret later on. Knowing why you want to marry can confirm you in a good decision and help you avoid making a bad decision.

Because knowledge is critical to success, it is important to recognize some of the most common *unhealthy* reasons people use in choosing to get married.

Over the years, these are some of the unhealthy reasons I have heard couples say why they got married: to spite parents, to escape an unhappy

home, marrying on the rebound, fear of not being married by a certain age, fear of being alone, fear of saying "no" to the other person, so that we could have sex, or because of pregnancy.

Q: Do contract marriages help couples feel more secure in their relationship?

A: America is a contract-oriented society. We like contracts because they allow us to bail out of a business deal or a relationship if things turn sour.

A successful marriage is a marriage that centers on a love by covenant (agreement) - not a "paper" agreement, but a "covenant agreement."

Based on an oath spoken between two parties, covenant is a blood bond for life. It says that no matter what happens, for better or for worse, nobody leaves the relationship.

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Couples who are in a covenant marriage say things like, "I promise that I will always love you," "I promise that I am forever committed to this relationship and will always work on this marriage," "I promise that I will always forgive you and work through our conflicts," "I promise that I will always be faithful to you," "I promise that I will always be truthful with you," and "I promise that I will always be there for you."

A covenant marriage is a very self-committed and decisive attitude that each person brings into the marriage.

Ruben G. Garcia, Ph.D., LMFT is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and co-founder of The Healing Institute. Submit your questions to Dr. Garcia via email at troubadour55@hotmail.com. You can also contact Dr. Garcia at (361) 814-4556.

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First, you can resolve not to pick on someone because you know that you are secure in your own life.

Second, let any friend or co-worker know that their picking on someone is wrong.

Third, have nothing to do with those who pick on someone. Let them know that you will not keep company with them if they continue to do so. It often happens that keeping company with a bully or troublemaker only gives tacit approval to their wrong doing.

If you are not yet a secure person, you can become one.

Remember though, picking on someone will not make you secure. It will only show your own insecurity.

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walking in the part of the lot heading toward them.

A squeal of tires indicated otherwise, as a vehicle tore into the parking lot – the wrong way.

For just a split second, I had the “this can’t be happening” moment.

Obviously, I got out of the way. I’m just not sure how. Apparently oblivious, the driver continued on his way.

I got in my car, sat there a moment or two, and got ready to leave.

I had just started to back out when I thought to look in the direction a car should not have been coming – and stopped in time to avoid being hit by the second bozo coming down the wrong way.

I don’t know if either of them had just come out of the same safety briefing; I certainly hope not.

But I hope they read this and remember the poor ol’ coot with the gray hair and beard – and the terrified look on his face.

And maybe drive just a little more carefully in the future.

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His new job is at U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, where he will be a maritime Interagency Operations Officer.

Until then, he’s enjoying his post-deployment leave and packing up the family – wife Kristin, daughter Claire, 5, and sons Peter, 4, Mark 2, and John, 4 months – for the move to Colorado.

“The only thing I wished I could have done was, I wished I could have been out and about with the locals more,” he said. “My job left me on the base most of the time.”

Those working more closely with the Iraqis said it was a valuable experience, he said.

“We tend to look at other people and think they are going to think like we do,” he said. “There are big cultural differences that we need to understand.”

Leupold in pre-deployment combat training in Sout Carolina



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