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## CCAD returns OH-58 Armed Scout Helicopter to the fight

by Ed Mickley, CCAD PAO

Corpus Christi Army Depot sent its first OH-58D Kiowa Warrior back to the fight during a roll-out ceremony held in the depot's Hangar 44 on Oct. 14.

The unprecedented OH-58D crash battle damage repair is the first step to increasing the number of Kiowa Warriors at a time when cost-effective measures are critical to support the war effort.

The repair program began November 2008 when CCAD, together with the Armed Scout Helicopter Program Office, Aviation and Missile Command, Aviation and Missile Research Development & Engineering Center and Bell Helicopter, inducted a crash damaged OH-58D aircraft to be repaired.

"When it comes to a soldier on the ground looking to someone in the sky, they can count on the KW," said Col Christopher Carlile, CCAD Commander.

"Recently, a KW spent seven hours in close combat support of an engineer unit hit with a complex IED ambush. It covered continually, even to the point of having to use an M-4 Carbine after running out of rockets and other ammunition."

The Kiowa Warrior is a single-engine, two-seat reconnaissance and direct-fire support aircraft that has logged more than 600,000 combat hours between Iraq and

Afghanistan, where it battles sand, snow and high altitudes.

"That type of support is what Army aviation is about," Carlile added.

"That's the dedication our branch has to our ground soldiers and the joint fight."

Used extensively in Afghanistan, the OH-58 Kiowa Warriors are in short supply due to their previously anticipated phase-out and replacement by the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter – a program that has since been shut down.

The Army, with 330 of 368 helicopters on-hand and losing approximately five per year since 2001, wants Kiowa Warriors as an integral piece of the Combat Aviation Brigade for several more years.

To achieve that, it instituted a Sustainment Maintenance Program as part of the Army's effort to reduce platform sustainment costs and contain the expense of replacing aging helicopters.

"This aircraft that the CCAD team put together is a testament to this workforce's dedication and patriotism, how they support the Warfighter," Carlile said. "This team knows our contribution to the fight is not based on our proximity to the battlefield."

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**Before and after: (above, Army photo) A battle-damaged OH-58D Kiowa Warrior in theater before being sent to Corpus Christi Army Depot. The repaired OH-58D was rolled-out Oct. 14 and returned to the fight (below).**

Photo by Ervey Martinez



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## Navy Ball 2010

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi held its annual Navy Ball on Oct. 23, celebrating 235 years of Navy history.

(left) NASCC Command Master Chief Ken McGlothlin shares a laugh with Joe Galloway, the guest speaker at the Ball. Galloway is the author of 'We Were Soldiers Once... and Young,' the story of a major battle in the Vietnam War, and a sequel, 'We Are Soldiers Still.'

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Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

# Skipper's Column Improving all the time

by Capt. Randy Pierson



**Pierson**

I hope all have had an opportunity to see some of the great projects going on within the NASCC fence line.

Within days, we will see the Ocean Drive Road Rebuild Project kick-off. The temporary inconvenience will result in an improved road surface and improved underground infrastructure.

In addition, we are in our final phases of completion of our new Motorcycle Safety Course, which will allow us to host all levels of motorcycle safety training.

Within the next four months, you will be witnessing five simultaneous Landplane Hangar improvement projects – commencing with the repair/return to service of Hangar 58.

In a time of dwindling resources and increasing competition for those resources, I am very pleased to have the resources and support that we do.

I can assure you the NASCC improvements you are seeing represent a high success for NASCC – but it must be mentioned that the support of the Tenant Commands and their higher Echelon Commands is critical as well.

Just as recent as last week, Commander Naval Air Forces sent out their Tiger Team for their second annual visit to inspect facility improvements from last year and to establish a baseline for the existing Outlying Fields.

Within the last two months, CCAD was visited by the Commanding General of

Army Materiel Command for similar efforts reviewing CCAD's mission, current capacity, and growth potential.

US Coast Guard, Sector Corpus Christi, is also working diligently with their Regional Commander ensuring their mission is unhampered by the size and capacity of their facilities, to include the possibility of some consolidation of Coast Guard billets in town relocating to NASCC.

Finally, BUMED is concluding more than \$11 million in upgrades to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi over the last 12 months.

All said and done, it has been a great year for NASCC and the Tenant Commands.

I trust you are seeing, and better, experiencing some of the benefit of the attention and funding the installation as a whole has been receiving.

I will keep you informed.

## Chaplain's Message Traditions

by Lt. Rob Fasnacht, Chaplain

I would like to thank all the folks who assisted in making the NASCC Navy Ball a wild success.

The atmosphere was outstanding, the Bay Club looked great, and the camaraderie was sincere.

I find it humbling to realize that I am a part of an organization with such a rich history as the United States Navy.

I believe the history is rich because of the lessons that have been learned, the paths that have been blazed, and the innovations that have been made.

I believe that I am a better person because of the lessons that I have learned as a Navy Sailor.

We may change our slogans, currently using, *Global Force for Good*, but we don't change our values: *Honor, Courage, and Commitment*.

I didn't need to be a Sailor to understand the importance of these three character traits;

however, it has helped.

For me, I apply these three values in this way: I want to be the type of man that has the Courage to Honor my Commitments.

If I can do the above, the Navy tradition will live on in me.

Though we celebrated 235 years, we also looked forward to the next 235 years.

Our Navy may transform from sea to space, but being a man who has the courage to honor his commitment never changes.

I find a sense of security in the traditions of the Navy.

Some may disagree, but once we lose our traditions we begin to lose our identities.

When we know our history, we know our roles. This knowledge leads to the ability for me to do my job better by learning from past mistakes and not reinventing the wheel.

Don't forget, "Knowing is half the battle."

Families typically thrive in tradition.

My wife and I yearn to develop our own Christmas traditions as we honor the traditions of our extended families.

This blending of traditions helps us to know who we are now and remember where we have come from.

So again, thank you Navy for the lessons I have personally learned.

Thank you Navy Ball Committee for a wonderful evening.

Thank you, retirees and prior-service men and women, who have paved the way for me to be free and to be a part of this great organization.



**Fasnacht**

## Editor's Corner Veterans helping vets...

by Rod Hafemeister



**Hafemeister**

As Veterans' Day approaches, a touching story of veterans helping a veteran that dropped into my email - with a little prodding after it was told to me.

The teller is Tambi Parker, head honcho of the area Navy-Marine Corps

Relief Society. Tambi usually hides a big heart under a somewhat gruff exterior – she regularly deals with people with financial problems that prompt a "What were you

thinking?!?" response.

When she walked in with moist eyes saying she had a good story, I had to listen.

Here it is, as she later wrote it:

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is best known for providing financial education, interest free loans and/or grants in times of emergency, Budget for Baby, Visiting Nurse Program and the Thrift Shop.

On Monday, Oct. 25 we received a rather unusual request: Could we help the son of a World War II Marine Corps veteran fulfill his father's wish?

Dad was turning 90 this week, his health was failing and his one regret was never having owned or worn a set of Marine Corps Dress Blues.

With some quick action from our local office, we pulled together what we could. A

call to the New Orleans NMCRS Thrift Shop netted the jacket and cover.

A Master Sergeant at MATSG-22, responded immediately to our request for a 'uniform inspection.'

He made phone calls to other Marines, rounding up the proper belt, buckle and collar closure. Additionally, he was on hand when the son picked up the uniform.

This allowed him to review the Marine's service record and make the appropriate recommendations as to how to get the ribbons and Purple Heart this veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima earned.

We would like to thank MATSG 22 for helping us; we could not have achieved this Marine's dream without your help.

More importantly, thank you to all of our veterans for your commitment and courage.

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## TW-4's New FITU: Jedi Academy

Story and photo by Lt. Sheila Baber, TW-4 PAO

Training Air Wing Four has made a major step forward in the way it trains the instructors who themselves train student pilots with the establishment of a consolidated Flight Instructor Training Unit (FITU).

Previously, new instructor pilots coming to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi would be trained by FITU instructors within their respective squadron.

Now, four accomplished and respected instructor pilots from each of the Wing's four squadrons are identified and work both with their squadron and with the FITU.

"The primary goal of this FITU is to increase the level of professionalism of the instructor corps," said Air Force Lt. Col. Bob Blagg, the Officer in Charge of the new FITU and former Commanding Officer of VT-35.

"And we are able to accomplish this because the squadrons are giving us their best and brightest. We have been able to use this fantastic group to raise the bar in training new instructors."

The new organization is housed in the newest building on NASCC, Building 83, which contains state-of-the-art facilities designed to house visual simulators for both the T-6 and the T-44.

While waiting for the simulators to arrive in 2012, the FITU is taking advantage of the modern offices and infrastructure in order to best utilize available space and assets assigned to the Wing.

The FITU was started in May and has

already produced tangible results, bringing a 30 percent reduction in the time-to-train new instructors. What used to take six to eight months to qualify a new instructor pilot has been reduced to around 14 1/2 weeks.

This has been accomplished in large part thanks to the efforts of the FITU's Assistant OIC, Marine Maj. Chadd Bloomstine, and the primary and multi-engine Operations Officers, Capt. James Prazak and Lt. Brian Pennell, respectively.

The FITU has also standardized training between the squadrons since FITU instructors train Instructors under Training (IUT) from both primary flight training squadrons, VT-27 and VT-28.

Of the four instructors from each squadron hallmarked to work at the FITU, one is additionally designated as a program manager.

It is his or her job to ensure the new IUTs receive exactly what they need in terms of training requirements and assign mentors to the new instructors.

The current program managers are Lt. Dan Polesi, VT-27; Lt. Derek McHaney, VT-28; Lt. Jeff Gardner, VT-31; and Lt. Megan Donnelly, VT-35.

The Commodore of Training Air Wing Four, Capt. Scott Cooledge, has affectionately dubbed these FITU instructors his "Jedi Knights."

"I have never met a military pilot who didn't want to be better," said Cooledge. "These superb pros in the FITU are gonna



**Lt. Col. Bob Blagg (l.) and Maj. Chadd Bloomstine.**

make us all better and safer at what we do."

The most important element is to ensure the squadrons get highly trained professional instructors to accomplish their mission, Blagg said.

"Secondly, to reduce the time-to-train, and ensure continuity in training to give the Skippers what they need," he said.

"When it comes to producing Flight Instructors, 'Quality is job one' – and the fact that we have been able to do it in a more efficient manner is a testament to the quality of the people that the squadrons are giving us."

Civilian staff members also are a vital part of the FITU's backbone, as they provide the important continuity in mission execution.

Cynthia McElroy, the FITU scheduler, has combined all the IUT flights onto one schedule and is ensuring all members are current and qualified to execute their

mission.

Mandy Perez in Training juggles aviation training jackets (ATJ's), ensures syllabus progression / completion and continues to push for continuity in training, reducing time-to-train.

And Eliza Pena in Admin ensures a smooth routing flow of checkride documentation and designation letters and takes care of in- and out-processing of IUTs.

Overall, in the short time it's been in effect, the FITU has been able to put a significant dent in the total time and cost to train IP's.

They have also squarely taken on the task of raising the level of professionalism of the instructor corps.

With the FITU online, Training Air Wing Four continues to carry out its mission of "training the best" even more effectively and efficiently.

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# SPOOKTOBER - October 30



NASCC MWR hosted their Annual Spooktober festival on Oct. 30, a free Halloween festival for kids and parents. What else is there to say? Here are some of the photos - enjoy. Photos by Julie Moeller

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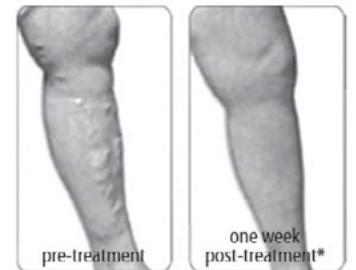
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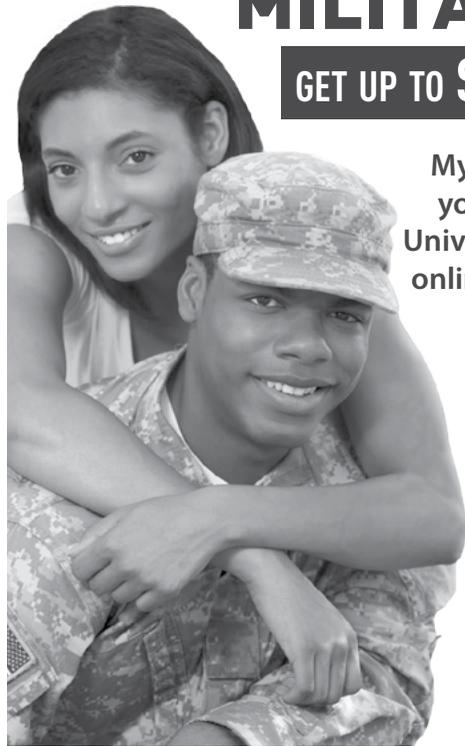
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## Fire prevention saves lives, wins awards



NASCC Fire Dept.'s "Big Luis" in a fire prevention visit at Texas A&M-CC.

by Julie Moeller

Photo courtesy NASCC Fire Dept.

Once again, NASCC fire prevention efforts have helped the base get through a year without a single loss of life through fire.

That accomplishment was recently recognized by the Residential Fire Safety Institute, which issued the NASCC Fire Department a "Life Safety Achievement Award."

It's not the first time they've won one – in fact, since Fire Chief John Morris started submitting an award package for the prestigious fire safety award in 2006, the fire department has won one every single year.

"Only in 2008 they didn't get it – but the award was not given at all that year," Morris said.

In a three-year trend period, the number of incidences of fire is 5.28 per 1,000 population on a national average.

During the same time period, NASCC experienced 1.67 incidences of fire per 1,000 population.

And also the loss per fire is remarkably less: compared to a total loss of \$9,086 per fire nationwide, the NASCC loss per fire is only \$3,154.

"One of the reasons is the work that's being done every year during fire prevention week to increase knowledge and awareness so that people reduce their individual risk of experiencing a fire," Morris said.

"The entire organization here at NASCC works together and by combining the efforts of fire-prevention, public safety education, training and all-hazards emergency response that is the ultimately stronger due to the well-integrated and coordinated approach

to ensuring that the community is safe from multitude hazards.

"The responders to emergencies you see are versed in all facets as emergency response ad they respond to fires, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies air craft emergencies and pretty much anything else that the 'costumer' deems to be an emergency."

Even though the number of fires is so few, the department stays prepared and ready for when the emergency call happens:

"We do numerous 'live fire trainings' in our fire training center, as well as twelve off-base fires each year that we respond to via our automatic aid agreement with the City of Corpus Christi," Morris said.

"Other specialized training is received at other locations to include advanced leadership and incident command training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland."

Although residential fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths. The Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI) is committed to reducing that number.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires", the Residential Fire Safety Institute said. Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts."

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## Fire Prevention Week activities

by NASCC Fire Chief John Morris

During Fire Prevention Week, NASCC Firefighters and Fire Prevention staff volunteered to take the message to a number of off-base educational venues, exhibiting unwavering pride and professionalism as the face of NAS Corpus Christi in the promotion of Fire Safety.

Their positive efforts reached 300 children at Flour Bluff Elementary School, 150 children at Dawson Elementary, 250 children at the Sea Shore Learning Center on the Island and 149 children at the Early Childhood Development Center at Texas A&M – Corpus Christi.

These children represent a high-risk group if not afforded this educational opportunity, so these visits were potentially lifesaving.

And many of these children are in some way affiliated with someone who works onboard NAS Corpus Christi.

So again, members of the NASCC Fire and Emergency Services truly supported the Fleet, Fighter and Family and as always represent the Navy Fire Service's creed of "Protecting Those Who Defend America".

On base events included Home Safety Surveys, fire station tours, and other public education outreach efforts.

Department personnel conducted neighborhood tours, stopping at each housing unit throughout the base and offered a home fire safety survey that resulted in 236 homes receiving this valuable service.

Where no one was found at home, personnel left a complimentary "Fire Safety" handout package for the resident.

Other educational opportunities included a visit by children from MWR's Child Development Center to the Fire Station, where an age appropriate fire safety message was conveyed.

At the NEX, numerous patrons perused available fire safety materials at a booth inside the store, where a fire prevention professional was also available to answer questions and concerns.

The success of Fire Prevention Week is but one element of a diversified strategy to ensure a fire-safe community.

The NAS Corpus Christi Fire Prevention Division, headed by Assistant Chief Mark Weil, ensures an optimized safety culture through fire prevention inspections that ensure code compliance through aggressive identification and follow-up on deficiencies; issuance of nearly 1,000 hot works permits each year; plans review of all construction projects; near daily interaction with personnel from our local Public Works, as well as NAVFAC SE Fire Protection Engineers; training of "Fire Wardens;" and other public education outreach efforts.

Mark is well known in the Navy Fire Prevention world, as he also serves as the chairman of the CNIC Fire Prevention Working Group, and is often sought out by his peers within the DoD Fire Prevention community.

The entire Fire Department is proud that NASCC has again completed another year with a loss of life from fire.



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## Making SGLI work: Protecting a valuable asset through estate planning

by Lt. Andrew Clayton, JAGC

Service member Chris Sullivan\* died in November 1996, leaving his entire SGLI policy to his wife Linda.

Chris's ex-wife Cindy, along with Chris and Cindy's daughter, sued Linda for a portion of the insurance. After a long legal battle, a court ruled in March 2000 that Linda was the sole beneficiary.

The emotional damage caused by this conflict must have been devastating.

Furthermore, the legal dispute lessened the financial benefit Chris's family was supposed to receive: legal costs were substantial for both sides, and Chris's wife, Linda, did not receive the disputed amount until the legal process was finalized.

This tragic situation illustrates many of the difficult issues that service members in blended families face when determining how to distribute their SGLI benefits.

Too often, service members do not put enough thought into naming beneficiaries of their SGLI.

The sad result is, after a service member's death, loved ones often fight over money or are left without adequate financial resources.

A well-drafted testamentary trust, along with a comprehensive estate plan, can save time, money, and emotional stress.

A testamentary trust is a legal entity in which you designate one person, such as a parent or a current spouse, to hold and spend money on behalf of another person, such as a child or grandchild.

Often, a testamentary trust is the best way to provide for your children in the event of your death.

Service members often think that they can do the same thing by just leaving the money directly to one person, with an informal understanding of how the money will be spent.

I've had many clients initially tell me, "Just leave it to my mom, she'll take care of it."

After explaining the benefits of a trust, however, most clients come to understand why just leaving the money to one individual for the benefit of others is not always a good idea.

Here are the top four reasons why service members with blended families should consider a testamentary trust for their SGLI.

### 1. \$400,000 is a lot of money.

It's enough to send several kids to college. It's enough to buy a nice house.

It's enough to pay an average Chief or Gunny's basic pay for about ten years.

But most importantly, \$400,000 is

enough to fight over.

### 2. Children cannot receive money directly from the insurer.

If anyone under 18 is the beneficiary of an SGLI policy, the insurer will not release the money except to the child's legal guardian.

In some cases, this can mean that an ex-spouse will receive money you did not want him or her to have.

In other cases, it could mean a long, ugly battle where two relatives fight over who gets to control the money.

### 3. A trust protects the money from your trustee's creditors and pesky relatives.

An informal, my-mom-will-take-care-of-everything "trust," does not provide any safeguards for your child's money, or your mom (or whoever else you may want to take care of the money for your child).

First, anyone that your mom owes money to can go after money that you intended to benefit the child.

So, for example, if your mom accidentally rear-ends someone in a car accident, she can be sued and be forced to use your SGLI money to pay the judgment.

Second, anyone, including your no-good brother-in-law or good-for-nothing cousin, can ask your mom for a little help, "just this once."

A testamentary trust creates a legal obligation for your trustee to spend the money only for your children and makes it much easier for your mom to turn away people asking for money.

### 4. Your death will be a difficult and emotional situation for everyone.

Emotions can cause people to act irrationally, irresponsible, or in other ways that cannot be anticipated.

Having a trust to protect your SGLI will provide structure and guidance in a difficult time and ensure that there is no question about how you would want the money spent.

Estate planning for blended families presents several complex issues: providing financial support for children in multiple families, arranging guardianship, and complying with divorce court orders.

A full estate plan, created with the assistance of your local legal assistance attorney, can make sure that your loved ones are taken care of in a difficult situation.

Get help from your NAS Corpus Christi legal assistance office at (361) 961-3765.

*This article is not intended to substitute for the personal advice of a licensed attorney.*

*\*All names have been changed to protect privacy.*

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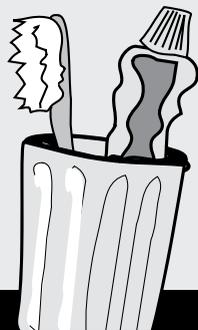
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## Protect your ID, protect your cash

by Ken Thorne, F&FSC Work and Family Life Specialist

We've just been made aware of a new twist in the identity theft business.

A military credit union member tried to log in from his home computer.

A pop-up required identifying information before he could continue.

The pop-up had the credit union's logo and looked completely legitimate.

It required his Social Security number, credit card number, PIN, expiration date and CVC code.

Once he provided all the information it let him proceed.

Belatedly smelling a rat he called the credit union.

He was told that this information is NOT requested by them EVER and his account had been compromised.

However, they were apparently aware of the problem because he was told that they were working to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Little consolation for our service member.

This is something of a first.

For some time now, ID thieves have been creating look-alike sites in which the URL address was just a little off from the real one, but everything else on the site looked legit.

Search engines would pick out the bad ones right along with the good ones, and occasionally folks would hit the wrong site.

In this case however, they apparently hacked the legitimate website and established a redirect to their own and then back again.

How it got by the credit union's IT people in the first place is a bit of a mystery.

Any organization that does large scale business on the web employs anti-hackers that continually monitor their systems for just such a thing.

So all I can conclude is this is a very sophisticated piece of work, one we are sure to see again.

How do we defend against this?

Well, it's just like getting bugs in your system.



Almost all virus, worm, trojan, and other malware programs come to us in the form of executable files attached to an email.

To avoid their invading your system you simply don't activate (click on) the attachments.

With this particular type of fraud, just follow this rule: No financial institution operating on the web (and that would be all of them) will EVER ask you to provide any of this information, particularly online.

You gave them your name, address, phone numbers, and SSN when you opened the account.

They already know all the other pertinent information on your account and on the credit card (they issued them) and they don't want to know your PIN.

If you forget it, they will email you a temporary PIN which you must immediately change to one they DON'T know.

It's called a PERSONAL Identification Number for a reason.

It's just that simple.

Just like the con artists and psychics of days gone by (and unfortunately still present), their main source of information about you comes from you.

Just don't provide it.

Be skeptical and cautious.

Use your phone.

No legitimate website is without a "Contact Us" page.

Use it before you throw yourself onto the sacrificial keyboard.

## Celebrate Military Family Month

by Maria Bullock- FFSC Individual Deployment Support Specialist

Once again, November has been designated as National Military Family Month.

This annual observance, endorsed by the President of the United States, provides an opportunity to honor the extraordinary contributions of our nation's military families.

Military Family Month was established in 1993 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since.

Each November, we celebrate Military Family Month to demonstrate the nation's support and commitment to the families of military personnel.

With hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by military families has never been more important.

The role of the family is critical to military success. Military members can stay focused on their mission when they know their families are safe and well. The military also must know that their communities support them in the Global War on Terror.

So, it is with great enthusiasm that we at the NAS Corpus Christi Fleet and Family Support Center recognize and celebrate our military families.

## Baby Boot Camp - Mental push-ups for expecting parents

Story and photo by Julie Moeller

Instead of a romantic baby shower, expectant mothers and their spouses on Oct. 19 got unpolished facts on subjects such as giving birth, breastfeeding and the economics of having and raising a baby

It was the first Baby Boot Camp of what is planned to be a quarterly event.

"Can I wash my baby's clothes with my own?"

"What can I do as a working dad to help my wife out even though I might not be home that much?"

Expectant parents asked those questions and more of the certified consultants from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Fleet and Family Support Center and the Visiting Nurse Program.

"The Baby Boot Camp is an introduction to what we have to offer," said Heather Callaway, from NMCRS, who presented the "Budget for Baby" class.

"It gives the mothers a chance to see what kind of support we can provide to them - both about baby matters, but also of a more personal character."

In between demonstrations using baby dolls, discussion of information brochures and DVDs, the expecting mothers listened carefully.

"Most parents don't open their eyes and think that a baby will make a difference on their budget. They are so wrong and need to open their eyes," Callaway said. "I tell them about new parents' budget basics and give them a lot of advice on how to save money, make a budget and have a responsible economy both before and after the baby is born."

As Callaway speaks, words like "Money wise journal," "Income overlook," "interest rates" and "coupon mom" float from her lips, reminding the parents that having the baby is not always a walk in the park.

"Babies need a lot of stuff. You need to keep your financial picture in tune making sure that you don't spend more money than you need," she said. "The key words are not always to go after what you 'want' but buy what you 'need.'"



An expectant mom in Baby Boot Camp

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# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## Winging — October 15



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Foster Edwards, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Cmdr. Gabriel Mensah, Chaplain; Cmdr. Patrick Foley, USCG, Training Officer, TW-4; Lt. Col. W.J. MacLean, USAF, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Tony Tellado, Executive Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. Kevin McGee, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Col. Marshall Denney III, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Capt. Scott P. Cooledge, Commodore, TW-4; Col. Om Prakash, USAF, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: Capt. Jared Ryan Atkinson, USMC; Lt. j.g. Sarah Ross Chombeau; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradley Paul Field, USAF; Ensign Amy Marie Gignac; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Seith Matthew Johnson, USAF; CW02 Michael John Kumm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joel David Kushner, USAF; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Russell Kenneth Maben, USMC; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dustin Blaine Mann, USMC; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Steven Grant McEwen, USAF; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Timothy Randall Morris, USAF; Lt. j.g. Marco Nardone, Italian Navy; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Leonard Parsons, USAF; Ensign Aaron Lee Pickens; Capt. Andrew Thomas Power, USAF; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James Wesley Reagan, USAF; Ensign Kenneth Steven Snell; Lt. j.g. Jeremy David Strickland, USCG; Lt. j.g. Andrew Robert Tucker; Lt. j.g. Raleigh Cy Worcester; Lt. j.g. Elizabeth Ann Wrona.

## NASCC Fire Department Promotions — October 26

The Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire Department held a promotion ceremony Oct. 26 for four fire fighters. Pictured, from left, are: Fire Chief John Morris; Jason Krause, promoted to Assistant Chief, Operations, A-Shift; Jonathen Relkin, promoted to Engineer, A-Shift; Jeffry Frawley, promoted to Lieutenant, B-Shift; Mark Anderson, promoted to Fire Inspector; and NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson.



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 1/2 cup mandarin oranges

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## What's Happening

by Tina Konwerski

**Saturday, November 6 FOOTBALL**  
The Javelinas will take on Midwestern State in a Lone Star Conference South Division game at 7 p.m. in Javelina Stadium. This is Armed Forces Day. General admission tickets for the west side of the stadium only are \$5, reserved seats in sections A and F are \$10, seats in sections B and E are \$12, seats in sections C and D are \$15 and box seats in section C and D are \$18. Senior citizens tickets for sections A and F are \$7. A&M-Kingsville students are free with a valid identification card. For more information, call 361-593-4030.

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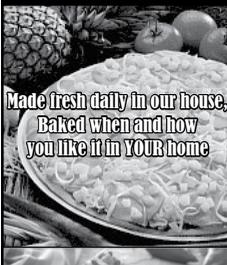
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## DLA, Distribution Corpus Christi works to recognize employees



**Members of the DLA, Distribution Corpus Christi Employee of the Quarter board meet to discuss nominations for both internal recognition and recognition by higher headquarters.**

Photo by David Howard, DLA, Distribution Safety Officer by Lt. Col. Bernard Warrington Jr., Commander, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi

"Feels good to be acknowledged."

That was the comment of Gloria Gonzales, a team member of DLA, DCT Receiving Section after her participation in the organization's Fourth Quarter, Employee of the Quarter Board on September 22.

On Feb. 18, an Employee of the Quarter/Year Award Program Policy was established to prescribe the policies, procedures for the nomination, selection and recognition of the DLA, Distribution Corpus Christi employees.

The distinct objectives were to enhance morale, esprit de corps and professionalism while promoting a wholesome spirit of competitiveness within and amongst the organization.

In addition, those selected would be nominated to DLA, Distribution Headquarters to compete among representatives of all DLA, Distribution organizations.

Each section is responsible for nominating one employee not later than the second Friday of the third month of each quarter.

Letters of recommendation will include the name, rank, Section of assignment, Primary duty position, and a written summary of significant qualitative and quantitative achievements of the nominee during his/her service.

A copy of employee's current qualifications and schools must be attached to the recommendation.

A board consisting of the DDCT Deputy Commander and the Supervisors selects the DDCT Employee of the Quarter during the first month of next quarter of the fiscal year, December, April, July and September, respectively.

The board also selects the DDCT Employee of the Year during the last month

of the fiscal year.

Nominees are evaluated on job performance (Internal/External responsiveness, attitude), safety (CPR/AED certification and accident record), community service, education pursuit, professional development (DDCT Education, LMS, Licensing/Certification, Cross-training), awards and board questions (common skills, general DLA/DLA, Distribution knowledge) as shown on the DDCT Form 1-0-4 (Board worksheet).

The candidate selected as DDCT Employee of the Quarter/Year is awarded an "On-The-Spot Award" at the next All Hands Town Hall.

A key part of the program is the partnership with the local union, which provides additional incentives and recognition to the winners of the local and higher headquarters employee of the quarter boards.

In the first iteration of the board, the nominee, Jim Hedge, was the winner of DLA, Distribution Wage Grade Employee of the Quarter Second Quarter.

During the second iteration, the voting board members revamped the scoring worksheet and questioning.

Acknowledging the competence and professionalism of our employees from a holistic approach inclusive of work, home and community activities is essential in DLA, Distribution Corpus Christi enabling and achieving Defense Logistics Agency Director Vice Adm. Alan Thompson's vision for "Workforce Development."

And yes, Gloria Gonzales, who was selected as the overall winner after scoring a near perfect in all areas will be DLA, Distribution Corpus Christi's nominee to DLA, Distribution Employee of the Quarter, Fourth Quarter.

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The program's resurgence also means that parts are in short supply.

Working with Aircraft Production technicians and engineers, the depot's Local Manufacturing Division ramped up quickly, initially machining two matched cabin roof beams needed to provide structural integrity for the cabin fuselage and transmission.

"CCAD helped us find and fabricate very hard-to-find parts that will actually help out the rest of the fleet," said Lt. Col. Scott Rauer, Kiowa Warrior Program Manager.

Local Manufacturing operates mills, lathes, and Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machines fabricating parts for helicopter programs and now includes the

KW.

The shop recently installed a fluid cell press-a device that can create structural components in minutes rather than hours.

"They can manufacture those hard to find parts here, at the depot, or they can find other people who can do it for us," Rauer said.

CCAD's team of maintenance, repair, and overhaul artisans work in concert to generate an asset for Army Aviation that is equal to or better than a new one.

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Col. Christopher Carlile, Corpus Christi Army Depot Commander, presents a certificate to Capt. Anne McClain, 1/14 Tomahawks; Philip Dana, Dept. of Army Pilot; and Lt. Col. Scott Rauer OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Program Manager, honoring the first Kiowa Warrior sent back to the fight from the CCAD.

Photo by Ervey Martinez, CCAD

## Ocean Drive roadwork to begin this month

by Lt. Cmdr Craig Clutts, Public Works Officer

The Ocean Drive road reconstruction project is coming up fast.

Phases I & II of the project are scheduled to start on Nov. 18 and to be completed by March.

During this time Bay Ltd. will reconstruct Ocean Drive between the North Gate and First Street.

Drivers should be alert for changes in traffic flow.

Traffic will be reduced to two lanes along this section of road and the speed limit will be reduced as per construction warning signs.

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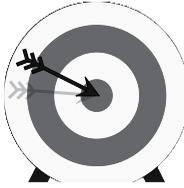
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## HM2 Menchaca awarded



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (Fleet Marine Force) Alfredo Menchaca III, right, received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2nd Award) for professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as hospital corpsman, Alpha Surgical Company, Combat Logistics Regiment-15 (Forward), 1st Marine Logistics Group Forward, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Afghanistan, from October 2009 to May 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Capt. Randy Kelley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi made the presentation.

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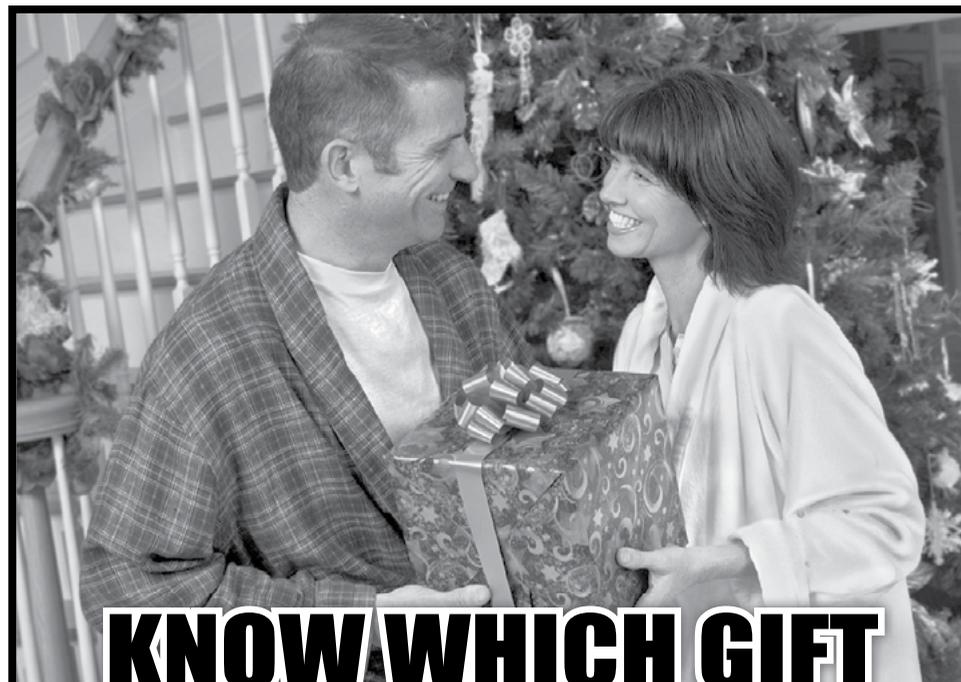
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# Senior Chief Acosta commended



Senior Chief Logistics Specialist (Surface Warfare/Air Warfare) Hector R. Acosta, right, received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award) for meritorious service while serving as leading chief petty officer, Materiel Management Department, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi from October 2007 to October 2010. Capt. Randy Kelley, commanding officer, made the presentation. Acosta was praised for exercising sound leadership and keen managerial abilities by supervising 13 Sailors in four departments while maintaining 100 percent accountability of equipment and consumables maintained at the core facility.

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Marriage is a more difficult transition than most couples anticipate, often because couples expect marriage to be easy and to be similar to what they have experienced with each other previously.

One of the major reasons newlywed couples find the adjustment to marriage so difficult is that they are typically idealistic.

Premarital relationships are often filled with fantasies and myths, especially the notion that the partner will change undesirable traits after the couple is married.

Unfortunately, marriage neither changes people nor makes it easier for others to change them.

In a comprehensive study of newlyweds, researchers surveyed 455 newlyweds and also asked 75 couples who had been married for a few years to look back on their first year of marriage.

The newlywed stage is a difficult transition because the partners must leave their families of origin, give up their independence, and begin to function as a couple.

This study found that about half the couples doubted their

marriage would last and felt they had significant marital problems during their first year. About 40 percent found marriage harder than they had expected and also felt that the partner had become more critical after marriage.

Sixty-three percent had marital problems related to money; 25 percent had sexual problems; and 35 percent said relationships with single friends worsened after marriage.

**Q:** As a result of my divorce, how will an absent father impact my children?

**A:** Marriages are continuing to collapse at a high rate, and a growing number of families are starting out without a father.

One third of births are to single women. Virtually all children born outside of marriage live with their mothers, and in two thirds of these cases, the father never establishes paternity.

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One large national study found that about two thirds of children of divorce had poor relationships with their fathers; among children whose parents were not divorced, less than a third (29 percent) had poor relationships with their fathers.

Conflict between the former spouses also affects the quality of the father-child relationship by creating strains on the child that may offset any advantages of having the father actively involved.

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](mailto:troubadour55@hotmail.com). You can also contact Dr. Garcia at (361) 814-4556.

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