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Otis Terrell: Fire Inspector, Chaplain, Leader

Story & photo by Fire Chief John Morris, NASCC F&ES

As the Fire Chief I feel privileged and extremely fortunate to serve as the leader of an outstanding and diverse group of personnel that are the heart and soul of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire and Emergency Services – a group that includes both civilian and military members serving side by side.

Always evident is a sense of duty and commitment to the community that they serve, which comes without any expectation of public recognition or reward.

Part of my job is to get them recognition anyway, when they deserve it.

One such is Otis Terrell, one of the longest serving members of our department.

Following an eight-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Second Class Gunners Mate with sea tours on both the West and East Coast, Otis joined the Fire Department in 1991 as a firefighter.

He transferred to the Fire Prevention Division in 1997, where he has continued to serve with distinction.

Unlike our operational personnel, who are most often seen by the general public operating at an emergency scene or in the “big red truck” with lights and sirens clearing the way, Otis’ role as a Fire Inspector has him focused, with little fanfare, on the prevention of those “bad days.”

In 2012, Otis conducted fire prevention inspections on more than 1.6 million square feet of facilities valued at more than \$575 million. The inspections ensured the safety of employees and visitors of the NASCC and every tenant command.

Otis also provided fire safety training to commands throughout the installation and off-base outreach that combined to reach more than 4,000 community members.

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Otis Terrell(right), NASCC F&ES Fire Inspector and Fire Department Chaplain, offers a prayer at a recent retirement ceremony for Captain Arturo Dominguez. Also in photo is the Master of Ceremonies, Battalion Chief Andreas Simmons.

Cleaning up for a good cause: Navy-Marine Corps Relief



ETCS Jeremy Harris uses a power washer on a truck during the Car Wash in Support of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society on March 15. The car wash is part of the month-long Active Duty Fund Raiser, the annual event to give back to NMCRS. Another car will be held March 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the parking lot on Lexington Blvd. between the NEX gas station and the Fouled Anchor.

For more information on NMCRS, see Skipper's Column, page 2.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

Active duty Sailors and Marines this month are conducting the annual fund drive for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

I encourage everyone to consider helping out.

For more than 100 years, NMCRS has helped Sailors and Marines and their families deal with crises, prepare for the future, solve problems, and find peace of mind through financial assistance and education.

NMCRS also provides assistance to retired Sailors and Marines as well as the widows and children of Sailors and Marines who have died.

One of their most important activities is providing interest-free loans to Sailors and Marines in need, helping them avoid the ridiculously high interest rates charged by payday lenders. In some cases, the financial

aid comes in the form of a grant.

Financial counseling may come with the money to help people get out of a jam and stay out.

Nationally, the Society provides almost \$50 million annually in financial assistance and countless hours of volunteer service.

Locally, the Corpus Christi NMCRS Office provided more than \$150,000 in interest free loans and/or grants during 2012.

I can recall numerous instances when I had a Sailor in need either financially or in need of funds to fly home on emergency leave, and in every instance we sent them to NMCRS where they got the help they needed.

NMCRS loans and grants can be used for basic living expenses, emergency transportation, personal expenses when military pay is delayed, essential vehicle repairs, family funeral expenses, and medical/dental expenses such as co-pays.

All assistance is confidential. No one outside of the NMCRS staff member you work with will know about your issue unless you tell them.

That's just a start.

The NMCRS Corpus Christi Office also operates a Thrift Shop, offering gently used household items, clothing, and military

NMCRS Needs You

uniforms on E Street just past the Auto Hobby Shop.

Volunteers operate it Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The NMCRS Visiting Nurse Program is a free program designed to improve the quality of life of Navy and Marine Corps families.

Visits are available to the home, hospital or in office for the purpose of providing health education and resource information in areas such as postpartum or newborn care, post surgical follow up care, ongoing conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, respiratory conditions, etc.

No referral is needed to utilize this service.

They also conduct the Baby Boot Camp for expectant parents in conjunction with the Fleet & Family Support Center.

NMCRS is a nonprofit charitable organization funded primarily through charitable donations.

Contributions to the NMCRS are tax-deductible.

NMCRS is NOT funded by the US government or the US military.

This fund drive is an opportunity to help make sure NMCRS will always be there to help a Sailor or Marine in need.

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Chaplain's Message

by Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

Where did the Easter bunny come from?

As to the origin of that infamous bunny – I don't know and frankly couldn't care less, but every year about this time people celebrate the holiday commonly referred to as Easter.

Although Easter has developed into something much more than a religious celebration, with bunnies, eggs, overtly large hats and baskets, at its core is a pivotal event that literally shaped the history of mankind.

It should be to no one's surprise that I, a Christian Chaplain, hold this holiday in high regard.

Although I have an appreciation for holidays from other faith traditions and fully support anyone wishing to celebrate their

beliefs, I personally chose to make Easter about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Don't worry if you are reading this article and think that I am about to launch into a theological discourse. I will save that for my Easter Sunday sermon.

These days, it seems as though contemporary culture is "preaching a message" of being true to yourself, as long as faith is left out of the equation.

I say, "Be true to who you are, especially when your faith is involved."

Never sacrifice personal conviction for someone else's convenience. This would be the antithesis of integrity.

And in my opinion, the world has suffered

Of Bunnies and Faith

dearly from a lack of integrity and moral fiber.

In an attempt to not offend others, many Christians refrain from speaking about their faith and practice, and yet it is the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ that distinguishes Christianity from other faiths.

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Warne

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

I take pride in being an "ink-stained wretch" from the Paleolithic era of journalism.

When I began a second career, there were no PCs, no desktop publishing programs – and no digital cameras or Photoshop.

Freelancing for magazines, I quickly figured out that key to making a sale was

having good photos to go with the story – so I learned to take them

Editors wanted color slides; you either got the shot right or it was no sale. You shot a lot of film, regardless of cost, and only sent the best images.

Fast forward three decades; I use computers and programs that are vastly superior to what NASA used to put men on the Moon.

And everyone has a digital camera; from high-end ones to those in tablets and phones.

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Lately, I've had to reject some photo submissions as just not good enough to print on newsprint.

Here's some tips:

Shoot at the highest resolution/largest image size your camera can do. In almost every case, phones and tablets won't be good enough. But small point & shoot digital cameras can work, if set correctly.

If you have doubts, come see us and we'll help you with your camera.

Or call us – and if we can, we'll come shoot your event.

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Honoring Women's History Month



In recognition that March is Women's History Month, the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee has set up a display of significant events and women in history in the entrance lobby of the

Commissary. Pictured, from left, Commissary Director Ervin White, BM2 Mike Pickle and CS2 Pierre Bowden.

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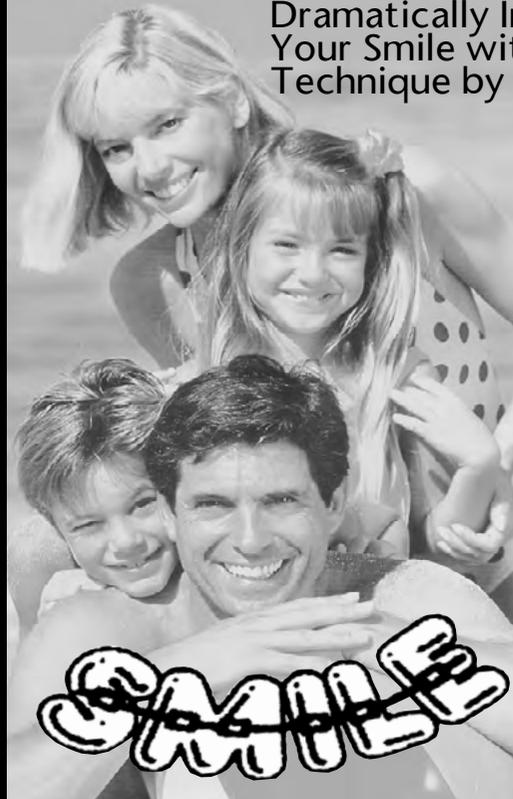
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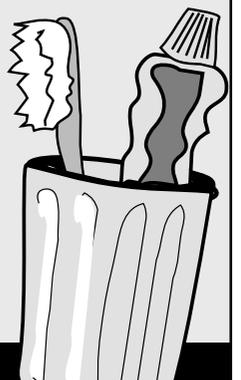
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Home Cooking Fire Safety

by NASCC Fire Inspector Maurice Phillips

Cooking can be an enjoyable time when friends and family are together.

But did you know that cooking fires are the Number One cause of home fires and injuries?

Most cooking fires in the home occur on the stovetop – and the leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

The following safety precautions can help prevent these emergencies from happening and can create a safe environment in the home:

- Do not leave food unattended while you are cooking. If you have to leave the kitchen for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, etc. away from the stove top.

If you are in a situation where you have a fire in the kitchen:

- If the fire has spread beyond the point it has started, do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Fires that start in the kitchen can spread very quickly.
- Get out and call the emergency number 911 (on or off base) or on base use 961-3333. Close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- If you try to extinguish the fire make sure that others are getting out of the house and you have a clear way to an exit also.
- An effective way to put out a grease fire is to keep a lid nearby to put out the fire. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any further questions about Cooking Safety or fire safety in general drop us email at:

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Don't let a home-cooked meal turn into a disaster like this. Cooking fires are the Number One cause of home fires and injuries.

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And he reviewed numerous complex design submittals for new and renovation construction projects that in 2012 were valued at more than \$25 million.

Asked about his most memorable moment in his career, Otis didn't hesitate.

"When I was officially asked to be the Fire Department Chaplain," he said.

He was designated in writing by the NASCC commanding officer, though as he noted, he had been doing it since "the day I walked in the door."

"Though I love my job as a fire inspector, my passion is helping others through Christ."

He noted that the "two jobs require compassion and thoughtfulness," but tempered those similarities with the fact that outside the Chaplains calling, "he must ensure compliance with the code."

For all of the above and more, Otis was selected as the NASCC Firefighter of the Year for 2012, and as the 2012 Fourth Quarter NASCC Junior Civilian of the Quarter.

We all have people in our lives who have inspired us, motivated us to achieve a goal, or helped us weather a storm in our lives.

Personally, Otis has been one of those people for me, as I can lean on him in his Chaplain's role when the storms are brewing, knowing that he understands our world and its complexities.

Otis said Assistant Chief Mark Weil as one of those people in his life, stating that Mark's leadership and influence has been a key to his personal and professional growth.

"I must never lose sight of the fact that my parents are the primary foundation of this entire story," Otis said.

I am continually amazed and humbled by Otis' sense of community, where the end of the regular work day does not signal an end to the work.

He gave up a weekend to support the Ingleside Bob Richardson Memorial Fire & Safety Expo, an event that commemorates the dedication to the community of Chief

Bob Richardson (ret), who served both Navy F&ES at NAVSTA Ingleside as well as Ingleside VFD; with more than 100 children participating in the NASCC F&ES Fire Safety House demo at that event.

He was there again on a weekend for the first annual 911 Stair Climb, hosted by the Nueces County Fire Chief's Association – this time wearing two hats, one as the Department Chaplain offering the opening prayer for the event and the other that of a dedicated firefighter climbing in the event that took participants on a 110 floor stair climb in memory of the 343 firefighters lost in the WTC attack and collapse on Sept. 11, 2001.

He and I climbed together with a team of other firefighters from throughout the Coastal Bend, and as always he served as a motivator and an inspiration as we made our way to the top.

As the Department Chaplain and as a NASCC Critical Incident Stress Management Team member, he has provided spiritual and emotional solace and a shoulder to lean on to all members of the department as well as others of the community in their time of need or following a crisis.

He was there recently for a badly injured firefighter, his family and his brother firefighters; and was again there for our guys who responded to an off-base fire associated with a murder/suicide on March 7 – and earlier following a workplace fatality on base.

You will find him officiating at weddings, military and civilian promotions and retirements; bedside vigils with families in their time of need; or just being that shoulder someone needs to lean on whenever and wherever the need arises.

In his own words and with his trademark smile, "Boss, it's what we do".

And if that is not enough, Otis is a devoted family man, a minister, and a student, completing seven undergraduate level classes in 2012 and poised for a May 2013 graduation with a 3.33 GPA.

Yup, he's a busy guy!



Otis Terrell, with family, receives his certificate as Civilian of the Quarter from Capt. Dave Edgecomb, NASCC commanding officer. Photo by Rod Hafemeister

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As a Chaplain, I expect Buddhists to talk about Buddha, Muslims to follow the teachings of Muhammad, Jews to follow the teachings of the Torah, and so on.

So why is talking about Jesus (and even the mention of the name) so offensive?

Well, you will have to visit to chapel on Easter Sunday to hear my answer. After all, I did say that I would refrain from theological discourse in this article.

On Easter Sunday morning (March 31), Christians everywhere will reflect upon the events that took place 2,000 years ago.

The Last Supper, Prayer in the Garden, and the Crucifixion, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus are some of the most significant events to occur in Christian faith during this week.

If you profess Christianity then celebrate Easter as the most important event in your faith.

If you do not profess Christianity, then be thankful that we live in a free nation where others can worship as their convictions dictate.

Recently at the Courthouse

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast recently heard the following cases:

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Jacksonville, a Marine Corporal was acquitted of engaging in sexual contact with an incapacitated person and committing indecent conduct.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board Joint Base Charleston, a Lieutenant Junior Grade was found guilty of failing to obey a lawful general order, making a false official statement, and conduct unbecoming of an officer and gentleman and was sentenced to 60 days confinement and dismissal from the naval service.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NS Mayport, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of wrongful sexual contact, indecent exposure, wrongfully requesting to engage in sexual activities, and false official statement and was sentenced to 10 months confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board Joint Base Charleston, a First Class Petty Officer was found guilty of unauthorized absence and sentenced to 60 days confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a General Court-Martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, an Ensign was found guilty of rape and sentenced to four years confinement dismissal from the naval service.

Courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast are tried with few exceptions at NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, and NAS Pensacola; location of where a court-martial described above was convened does not necessarily correlate to the command that convened the court-martial. Adjudged sentences may be modified by pre-trial agreement or clemency.

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Around the Base

Scout Troop learns about fire fighting on board NAS Corpus Christi



Seventeen Boy Scouts from Troop 10 in Burleson, Texas, visited NAS Corpus Christi on March 11. At the Fire Station, they got to explore the trucks and equipment, learn some fire safety and discover how heavy the fire fighting gear is.

Photos by Bob Torres



CNATRA Self-help Project - Before and After



Staff at the Chief, Naval Air Training, engaged in some elbow grease recently, removing mold (left) from the side of Building 1 and revealing a clean surface



(right). CNATRA Command Chief Travis Seek and MN1 Quenton Lewis oversaw the project.

Photos by Chief Travis Seek

Awards and Achievements

Winging — March 8



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Alex H. Harris, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Lt. Cmdr. Brian Eckley, USCG, Training Officer, TRAW4; Lt. Col. James Meek, USMC, Senior Marine/Operations Officer, TRAW4; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. Jason L. Wood, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Col. Patrick Gramuglia, USMC, Commanding Officer MAG 16.

Winging officials, from left: Alex H. Harris, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Lt. Cmdr. Brian Eckley, USCG, Training Officer, TRAW4; Lt. Col. James Meek, USMC, Senior Marine/Operations Officer, TRAW4; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. Jason L. Wood, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Col. Patrick Gramuglia, USMC, Commanding Officer MAG 16.

Dr. Mary Jane Garza, NASCC School Liaison Officer, Honored



Dr. Mary Jane Garza (center), the NASCC School Liaison Officer, was selected as one of the YWCA's 'Woman of the Year,' and recognized during a ceremony at the YWCA headquarters on March 7. Garza, who has experience as a school teacher, principal and superintendent of schools has worked for the Air Station for less than two years. She brings her knowledge and experiences into play as she assists students coming here from other commands, sometimes from overseas, to help them enter school districts in the Coastal Bend area. Naval Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. Dave Edgecomb and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Dave Sullivan attended the awards ceremony.

Photo by Bob Torres



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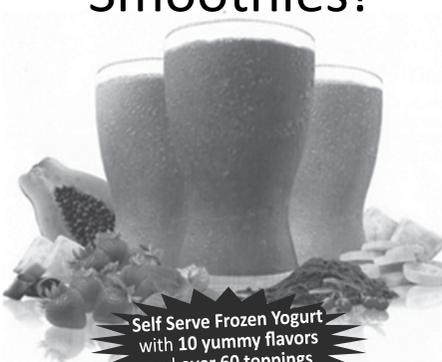


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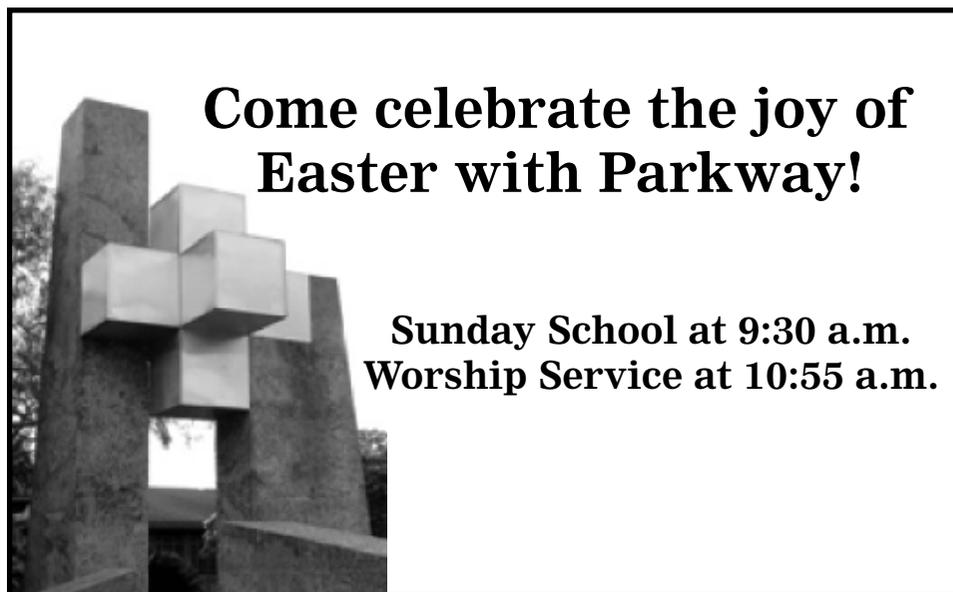


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Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presents the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (Fleet Marine Force) Kevin M. Collins (right), for professional achievement while serving as Camp 6 senior corpsman, Joint Medical Group, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba from May 2012 to February 2013. Collins' direct leadership to four corpsmen was vital to the administration of 16,000 medications and support during 3,700 detainee encounters.

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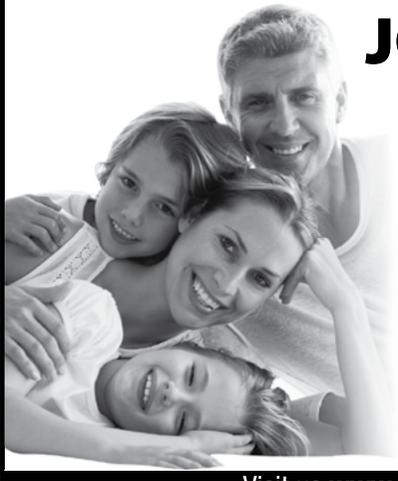
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Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presents the Senior Sailor of the Year 2012 plaque to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMC/SCW) Trevor M. Wolfe who was selected by Navy Medicine East's panel of senior enlisted leaders as the region Sailor of the Year (SOY). In February 2013, he competed with four other finalists for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Navy Medicine's 2012 SOY. Photo by Bill Love, NHCCC PAO



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