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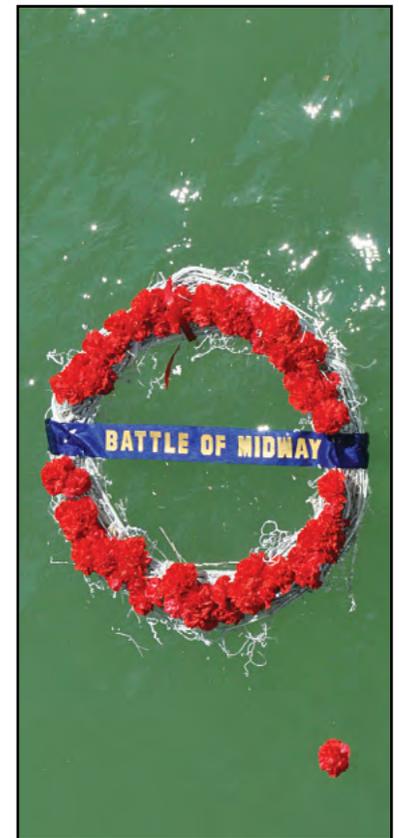
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Remembering the Battle of Midway



Bob Batterson, a World War II Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, left, and Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt, release a wreath into the Corpus Christi Bay during

a ceremony June 4 on board the USS Lexington Museum to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway. *More photos on page 10.*

Photos by Rod Hafemeister

Cmdr. Calderon retires after 28 years, officer & enlisted

by Lt. John Supple, CNATRA PAO

The Chief of Naval Air Training on June 7 held a retirement ceremony for a South Texas native who enlisted in the Navy more than 28 years ago and rose to the rank of commander.

The long career included thousands of hours flying Navy aircraft, an education from the University of Texas at Austin, and representing his country at the world championship for the synchronized trampoline event when he was a third-class petty officer.

His skills on the trampoline got Calderon inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in the summer of 2012. He represented the United States at four World Championships from 1980 to 1986 and won the 1982 World Synchronized Trampoline title with Stuart Ransom.

His first CNATRA assignment

was in 2000 as the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS) T-44 Assistant Program Manager in the Training Systems Development Division, and a T-44 Instructor Pilot.

He returned in 2010 as the Requirements Officer for all types/models/series aircraft flown throughout the training command.

At the ceremony his wife Kristi, who served as the CNATRA Ombudsman, was commissioned as a "Yellow Rose of Texas" for her faithful support to her husband's years of service.

CNATRA Chief of Staff Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth presented Calderon his second Meritorious Service Medal before Calderon addressed the audience, thanking his family and his shipmates.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished this race, but not the race," Calderon said. "And all of you have helped me do that."



Cmdr. Mark Calderon, the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) requirements officer, retired after 24 years of service and was 'piped ashore' for the last time with his wife, Kristi, and two children, Rachel and Jacob, during a June 7 ceremony held at NAS Corpus Christi. Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

In the first 10 days of the 2013 Summer Safety Season, two Sailors and a Marine died in fatal accidents.

According to the Navy Safety Center, an off duty Marine was killed in an ATV mishap, a Sailor died after falling from an

apartment balcony and another was killed in a single-vehicle motorcycle accident.

These kinds of tragedies are the reason I and leadership at all levels periodically remind people about safety. I don't have the details of these three accidents, but statistically, it is

likely that failure to follow simple safety rules were a contributing factor in at least one and possibly all three.

This year's Summer Safety Season runs from May 24 – Memorial Day weekend – through Sept. 2 – Labor Day.

Safety is, of course, a year-round concern. But the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day historically is a time when more accidents occur, as people engage in more outdoor activities, vacation travel, and just enjoying the longer daylight.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2012, 20 Sailors and 13 Marines lost their lives.

Of those 33, 27 were killed in motor vehicle accidents – with 20 of those motorcycle accidents.

As for the other six: Two drowned, one caught in a rip tide, one in a home pool. One was hit by an SUV while riding a bicycle on

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base. One suffered fatal injuries while riding a personal watercraft.

The last two were pedestrians – one struck by a bus while walking a dog, the other struck by oncoming traffic after getting out of a vehicle that had been in an accident.

Alcohol is a common thread in many accidents. So is being overly tired and/or in a rush to get somewhere or get something done.

The Navy Safety Center has both sobering statistics and tips on how to stay safe. I encourage everyone to check their website at <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/> and click on the "Summer Safety Campaign" link.

As in 2012, the theme for 2013 is "Live to play, play to live."

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has an impressive safety record, both for the command and for the tenant organizations.

Let's keep that going for Summer 2013.

Chaplain's Message

by Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

The recent run of high temperatures and extra sunny days reminds me of an annual ritual that's extremely important to my family – administering sun block.

On occasion, however, (and against my better judgment) I will brave the beach or backyard without my 50+SPF.

It is usually during these times that I am either in a hurry and can't find the sun block or once again follow that flawed line of reasoning that goes something like this...I will never tan if I'm always putting on sun blockor just 30 minutes won't really matter.

Either way, I often regret my decision and swear to never again be negligent in this regard.

Although wearing protection from the sun is something everyone will agree is a good idea, I wonder how many people will take their chances this summer.

I can tell you from experience that

for most people a failure to take necessary precautions extends far beyond simply wearing sun block.

Practically every area of life calls for great consideration.

Should we engorge on a steady diet of junk food and fast food, avoid regular physical activity, and neglect the fact that these things are major contributors to obesity and a certain early grave?

No! But it is what we do.

Should we spend beyond our means, disregard any sound financial advice, and go into debt beyond any foreseeable future of financial freedom?

Of course not, but then again, we as a society live our lives this way.

I could continue giving examples, but I think you get my point.

So what about your spiritual wellbeing? Do you have a plan? Or are you neglecting

this part of your life with the same recklessness as many other areas of your life?

Just as having a plan for success in these other areas brings fulfillment and reduces stress, having a sound spiritual plan will bring great freedom to the way you live your life.

Why take chances? Don't neglect any important part of life, but especially not your spiritual wellbeing.

Have fun this summer and enjoy the sun that comes our way, but don't forget the sun block!

Summer Fun in the Sun



Warne

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

Okay, I think I do a pretty good job covering the Sea Services – but for a few minutes, I'm going to put on my old Army Green.

June 14 is a double holiday for Soldiers: the Army's Birthday and Flag Day.

All you "younger services" may not know it, but the Army is actually two years older than the Stars and Stripes; Congress adopted "the American continental army" on June 14, 1775 – two

years before it adopted a flag.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Historians argue, but tradition is that the first flag was hoisted in June 1777 by the Continental Army at Middlebrook.

Now, let me throw a bone to the Sea Services: The Flag Resolution was among a group of resolutions from the Maritime Committee and almost certainly was referring to a naval ensign – the idea of a "national flag" didn't really exist at the time.

Two years later, on May 10, 1779,

It's a Grand Old Flag

Secretary of the Board of War Richard Peters expressed concern "it is not yet settled what is the Standard of the United States."

Notice that the resolution doesn't specify how the stars are to be arranged or even what they should look like.

That led to a variety of early flags.

Francis Hopkinson design one featuring six-pointed stars arranged in rows.

Another, more famous, featured 13 outwardly-oriented five-pointed stars arranged in a circle, the so-called Betsy Ross flag – one of the earliest 13-star flags. (Historians argue about Betsy Ross, too.)

In 1795, the flag went to 15 stars for 15 states – that's the one Francis Scott Key saw.

Through all the changes, she remains a Grand Old Flag.

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VT-31 helps Oklahoma tornado victims

David Garza of BAE Systems loads clothing into a T-44C on May 30 for delivery to tornado victims in Oklahoma. The instructors and civilian personnel of Training Squadron 31 came collected clothing for the victims of the May 20 tornado that devastated Moore, Okla. VT-31 has had a long and close relationship with Oklahoma and the TACAMO community at Tinker Air Force Base., with several 'Wise Owls' instructors who are former E6-B pilots and students that will soon be flying the E6-B Mercury. The clothes were delivered to VQ-3 at Tinker for distribution to various organizations in Moore, OK.

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From SEAL candidate to pilot, Archer has been in 'right place, right time'

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

When Cmdr. Christopher Archer turns over command of VT-28 on June 14, he'll be taking another step on an unusual Navy career.

Archer will turn over command to his Executive Officer, Cmdr. Marc Christino, on June 14.

The change of command follows the long tradition that the training squadrons have of an XO getting familiar with the squadron and becoming the CO.

"I think it works really well," Archer said.

"It would be tough to walk in here cold and not affect the culture. Being the XO, you get a chance to see the squadron, learn the culture and the people.

"And this is a people business. If you take care of your lieutenants and civilians, they will perform for you."

Archer knows tough – he's changed Navy career three times.

When he graduated from the University of Boulder in 1993, with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, his goal was to become a SEAL.

In June 1993, he reported to Basic Underwater Demolition School in Coronado.

The SEAL dream ended in fall 1994, when an accident shattered his knee and tibia.

"So I transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps as staff, not line – I couldn't work in the field until I healed," he said. "Despite my degree, I didn't know anything about civil engineering – but that turned out okay,



Cmdr. Christopher Archer talks about his tour as CO of VT-28. He turns over command on June 14 to Cmdr. Marc Christino.

because I ended up mostly doing project management."

After three years, he seriously considered getting out of the Navy.

Then his detailer mentioned that they had a shortage in aviator accession and said he should apply.

"So I was off to flight school," he said. "Timing was everything."

Assignment to P-3 Orions followed, including tours to Iraq. He also attended the Naval War College and served on the staff of U.S. Strategic Command.

But he says this tour has been one of

the best.

"For me, it's been completely satisfying, especially because of the energy level of the students" he said, "99 percent of the students are just so excited to be here.

"For three years, as XO and CO, every day I have been excited to get up and come to work."

He admits that they are a different generation from his, and on the surface often seem to have different interests.

"But the underlying core reasons I got into this business are still the same with them: a desire to serve our country and to be their

best," Archer said.

VT-28 is one of two squadrons on board NAS Corpus Christi that conducts Initial Pilot Training.

And it will be the last to transition from the aging T-34C Turbommentor to the T-6B Texan II.

But other than maintenance issues with an aging aircraft, Archer thinks the T-34C is an excellent primary trainer.

"I'm absolutely happy with the platform," he said. "Primary is learning the basics, and the T-34 is a stick-and-rudder plane."

But like most departing COs, what he's most pleased about his command tour was getting the mission done safely.

"Our safety record is perfect in the 15 months I've been CO," he said. "That's not me; that's everybody – instructors, maintenance and students.

"And we met our production goals for training new pilots. This squadron has always been a production machine before I got here and I expect it to continue when I'm gone."

Archer's next assignment is in Bahrain, an unaccompanied tour as an operations center XO.

Despite his joy as CO, he knows it's time to move on.

"It's been a great tour," he said. "What I look forward to is handing off a great squadron to a great XO."

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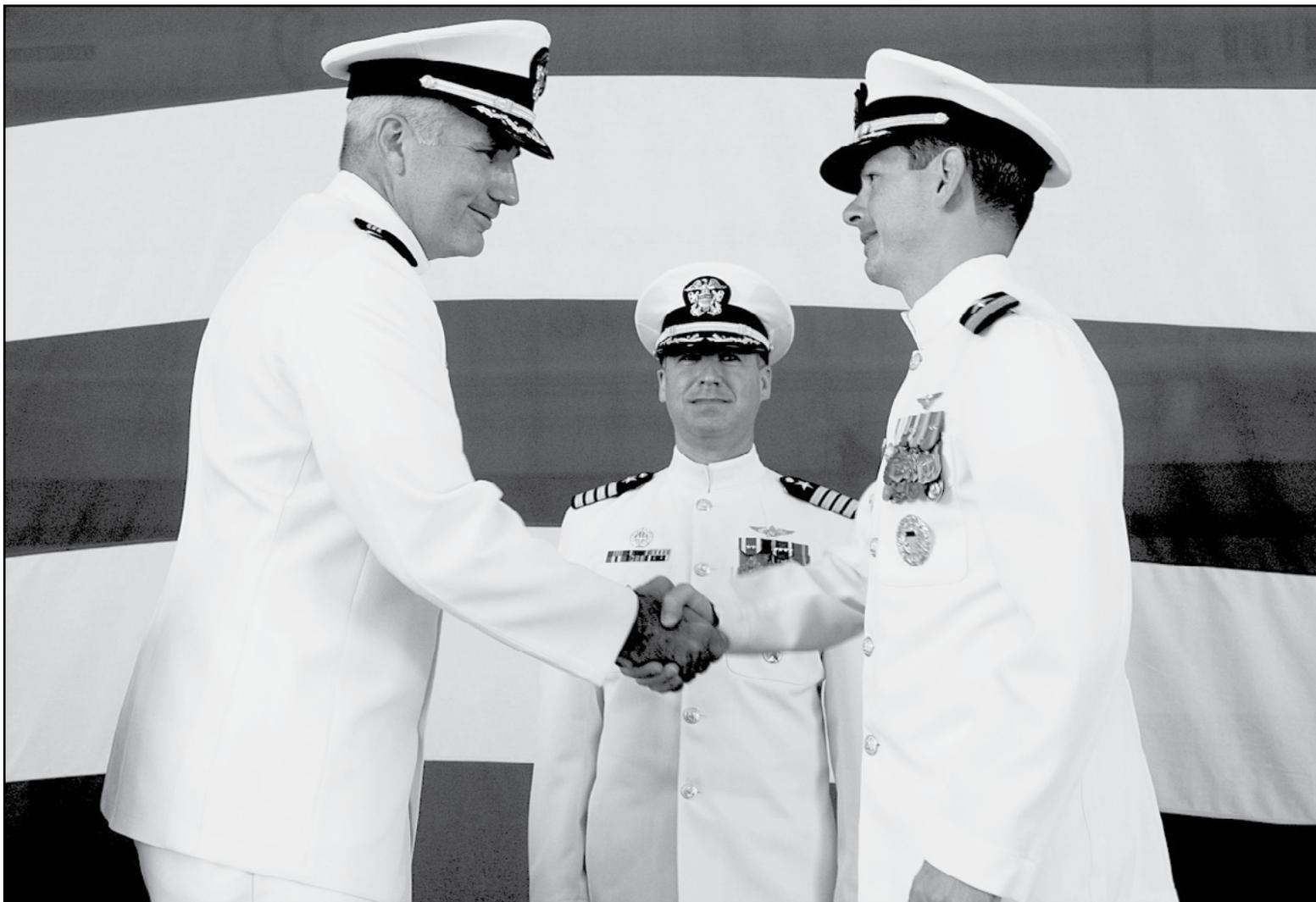
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New Commanding Officer for VT-27

Departing commanding officer of VT-27, Cmdr. Albert Orgain, left, congratulates the new CO, Cmdr. Jerrod Devine, as Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore for Training Air Wing Four, looks on. A change of command ceremony was held on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi on May 31.

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CCAD sells its first UAV Shadow

By Brigitte Rox, CCAD Public Affairs

Corpus Christi Army Depot hit a major milestone in Army Aviation by selling its first-ever unmanned aircraft vehicle (UAV), May 16.

CCAD is now upgrading several RQ-7B Shadow Tactical UAVs, manufactured by AAI, for the Army and Marine Corps. They inducted their first Shadow into their pilot modification program back on October 1 to ensure that the Department of Defense gets their UAVs on time.

This latest endeavor is a big step for CCAD, which has always been known as the Army's only industrial base dedicated to helicopter repair, maintenance and overhaul.

In fact, it had been decades since the depot had seen its last fixed-wing aircraft.

Inducting the aircraft into a helicopter facility took a period of adjustment for the artisans that would work on the Shadow.

"We've encountered new challenges with this platform," said Sam Sinjlawi, CCAD's Shadow lead.

The depot had to bring down UAS experts to train the artisans.

With one UAV under their belts, CCADers are starting to find ways to reduce the time and cost required to modify each system.

"The first induction was a lot like using training wheels, so now we're trying to knock down production time," Sinjlawi said.

The Shadow program takes CCAD into a new territory to evolve with the Army's latest

operational environment and technological capabilities.

The Shadow program is expected to bring more UAS work to South Texas as the next chapter of Army Aviation increases the use of UAS on the battlefield.

"The RQ-7B Shadow upgrade...includes enhancements to every part of the system, from the aircraft itself to the ground and support systems," said Senior Vice President and General Manager Steven Reid of AAI UAS.

"It represents all the agility and performance needed for current mission requirements, as well as robust capabilities to meet future needs.

"As a result, the Shadow system will perform even more reliably in core areas including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; target designation; communications relay; and battlefield damage assessment; but it also will excel in new missions such as manned/unmanned teaming."

Known for their helicopter support and unique joint force capabilities, CCAD is a step ahead of DoD's response to budget cuts by focusing on a forward-thinking cost-conscious culture.

The depot wants to sustain the Shadow fleet through repair and modification, a move that could reduce Department of Defense (DoD) costs while maintaining operational strength for the warfighter.



CCAD artisans unpack the first UAS Shadow received at the depot.

Photo by Kiana Allen

Mora selected for Master Chief



NOSC Corpus Christi honors newly selected Master Chief, CMCM(EXM) Alfredo Mora on May 18.

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Golfing for the 2013 Navy Ball



Phil Salcido comes up just short on a putt June 7 during the Navy Ball Golf Tournament.

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NMCRS conducts disaster training for volunteers



NMCRS volunteers combined training with lunch during their annual disaster training on June 5

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by Tambi Parker, NMCRS Director

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) volunteers gathered on June 5 for their annual disaster training.

To keep things interesting, Tropical Storm Andrea, formed in the Gulf of Mexico the same day. It was a gentle reminder of how quickly weather patterns can shift.

During the first portion of the meeting, attendees were provided booklets from Operation Prepare and Navy Family Emergency Preparedness.

Working groups developed lists of possible items for an emergency kit. A suggested list for emergency kits includes enough water and non-perishable food for three days, baby formula/food and diapers, pet food, prescription medications, can opener and utensils, basic first aid supplies, personal sanitation supplies and garbage bags, flashlights, battery powered weather radio, batteries, maps, and important paperwork.

Volunteers were reminded to keep their gas tanks full during hurricane season. Should

power go out, ATM's will not be available so it is a good idea to keep cash on hand.

The second portion of the training focused on the role Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society plays in disaster situations.

The Society is there to meet the needs that are not being addressed by the Department of the Navy, other federal agencies or emergency disaster assistance organizations.

NMCRS offers a swift response for pre-disaster evacuation for military clients or families who do not have a government travel card.

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Cmdr. Vaughn awarded MSM



Capt. Jimmy Bradley, CO NHCCC, on May 22 presented Cmdr. Darrel G. Vaughn, DC, (right) the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award) for outstanding meritorious service as director for Branch Clinics and Dental Department head, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, from May 2010 to June 2013.

Photo by HM2 Jacob L. Welch

Lt. Cmdr. English awarded MSM



Chief of Naval Air Training, Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt presented Lt. Cmdr Joshua English the Meritorious Service Medal during English's May 30 retirement after 23 years of service.

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Photos by Bob Torres & Richard Stewart



Retirements



Lt. Brian Edwards, an instructor pilot with Training Squadron 31, receives his shadow box from VT-31 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Todd Copeland during Edwards May 30 retirement ceremony of 21 years of service.



Col. David Krebs, Commanding Officer MATSG-22, gives Lt. Col. Sean Godley a Certificate of Retirement during his retirement celebrating 26 years of faithful and honorable service on May 31.

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Awards and Achievements

Winging — May 24



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Winging officials, from left: Alex Harris, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Lt. Cmdr. Brian Eckley, USCG, FITU OIC, TRAW-4; Cmdr. J. L. Wood, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Matthew Foster, Executive Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: Lt. j.g. Ryan V. Bruce; Ensign Michael John Buck; Ensign Lara Rose Bzik; Ensign Ryan Peter Campbell; Ensign Shane Michael Campbell; Ensign Ryan Andrew Ciaramella; Lt. j.g. Coletun Alan Frank, USCG; 1st Lt. Kelli Emerald Gallagher, USMC; Ensign Ehric S Haggard; 1st Lt. Eric Anthony Koepp, USMC; Ensign Jan R Krsak; 1st Lt. Jason Christopher Murphy, USMC; 1st Lt. Edward Coleman Proulx, USMC; 1st Lt. Charles Carrington Randolph, USMC; Lt. j.g. Rique Joseph Sanchez; 1st Lt. Andrew Smith Ward, USMC.

NAS Corpus Christi frocks Petty Officer selectees



In a May 31 ceremony, the following NASCC Sailors selected for advancement were 'frocks' to their future rate: First Class Petty Officer - CS2 Adrian Calma, AC2 Joshua Freeman, MA2 Mark Garcia, MA2 Jorge Lazo, AC2 Roberto Meneses; Second Class Petty Officer - AC3 Nikita Reau, MA3 Dwayne Shepard, AC3 Tyrell Shorts, MA3 Jon Steger; Third

Class Petty Officer - ACAN Max Bay, ACAN Christopher Camba, MASN Dymonds Davis, ACAN William Farrell, MASN Leland Free, ACAN Austin Hansen, ACAN Justin Souter and ACAN Xu Zhu. Also at the ceremony, Ava Vanportfleet was appointed to MA3.

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by Tina Konwerski

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Swimming is a near-perfect form of exercise. It is non-weight bearing and imposes minimal stress on the bones and joints; it improves cardiovascular conditioning; it is an effective weight-control exercise; and it is a form of meditation that helps calm the nerves. Swimming also uses most of the major muscle groups, and strengthens both the upper and lower body. Pregnant women in particular can benefit since swimming builds up abdominal and shoulder muscles, areas that are especially taxed by carrying a baby. Water exercise can also reduce the joint stiffness, high blood pressure, and discomfort associated with pregnancy.

Swimming Lessons: The City provides Jeff Ellis Learn-to-Swim Program. These group swimming lessons are designed for children ages 6 months to adult. Summer sessions run now through August 9, 2013. Lessons are offered Tuesday through Friday for two consecutive weeks. All classes are 30 minutes long. Lessons are available at Collier Pool, Oso Pool, West Guth Pools and the Natatorium. For more information on skills covered in each level or to register online, go to www.ccparkandrec.com (click 'Online Registration') or call the pool of your choice.

Adaptive Aquatics: Learn to swim, play in the water and socialize with others. All ages are welcome. Participant must be capable of appropriate personal hygiene and a parent or guardian must accompany participant in the water. Summer program offered on Saturdays, May 28-August 6, 2013, from 10am-12pm at Collier Pool (3801 Harris Drive). The fee is \$40 per participant. For more information, call Collier Pool Tuesday-Sunday from 3pm-6pm at 852-0243.

Youth Swim Camp: Youth ages 8-16 will learn and improve their swim skills, play games, compete against each other and have fun! The camp will be offered during June 1, June 8, June 22, & June 29 from 9am-12pm at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. The fee is only \$80 per swimmer. For more information, call the pool at 878-2337.

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Raymond Braden retires from PSD



Braden

The Personnel Support Detachment on May 31 bid farewell to Raymond L. Braden, who had been with PSD almost 27 years.

An award citation praised him for his long service and "superior performance of duties while serving as a loyal and dedicated public servant since November 1986 but specifically as the Educational Services Officer (ESO) of Personnel Support Detachment, Corpus Christi, Texas from November 1986 through May 2013.

"Throughout his long career as a civil servant Mr. Braden has placed the needs of the Sailors ahead of his. His sole objective and purpose in life has been to take care of the Sailors.

"Although he occupied different supervisory positions during his tenure at Personnel Support Detachment Corpus Christi, he excelled as the Educational Services Officer (ESO). He performed superbly in that capacity as he monitored all advancement examinations administered throughout the state of Texas.

"He ensured all eligible personnel took their examinations on dates publicized and thus ensured mission requirements were met. Mr. Braden maintained a less than 1 percent error rate in examination discrepancies as the ESO.

"Throughout the years Mr. Braden received numerous accolades from his customers and from the Office of Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) in which he was singled out as having the best ESO in the Navy.

"Mr. Braden's total involvement in all facets of the ESO operation allowed him to run a well managed ESO Operation.

"Mr. Braden has been an exceptional mentor, teacher, and career counselor who has guided not only the employees under his purview, but Sailors who have approached him with concerns.

NASCC Commissary hours change

By Kevin L. Robinson, DeCA public affairs specialist

FORT LEE, Va. – When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a week on Mondays, said the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency.

The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

Closing commissaries on Mondays will be in addition to any day stores are routinely closed. The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays, including the one on Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, will also close the next normal day of operation.

Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1.

Like most DOD activities, DeCA is mandated by the Department to furlough its civil service employees.

“We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA’s director and CEO.

“Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay.

“We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners.”

Commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store’s operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com, clicking on the “Locations” tab, then “Alphabetical Listing,” finding their store and clicking on “local store information.”

Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DeCA’s plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DeCA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store.

Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency’s industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who deliver products daily to DeCA’s commissaries.

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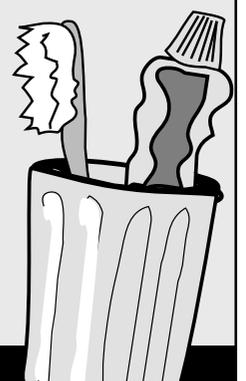
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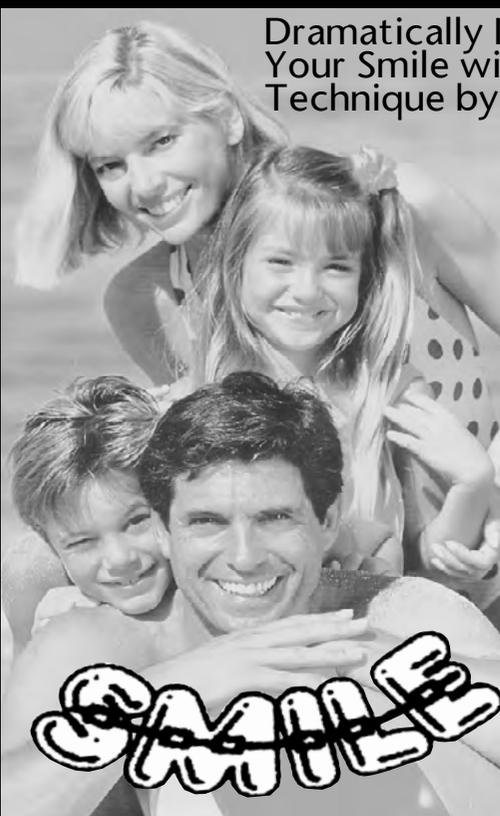
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HM1 Miles reenlists



HM1(FMF) Adrea Miles received the reenlistment oath from Cmdr. Gilbert Lara, Commanding Officer Navy Operational Support Center Corpus Christi, during a ceremony on May 18.

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HM1 Demello commended



Capt. Jimmy Bradley, CO NHCCC, presented HM1 Kuulei F. Demello (right) the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service as leading petty officer, Navy Liaison Detachment, San Antonio Military Medical Center, and Radiology Department, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, from July 2006 to July 2013.

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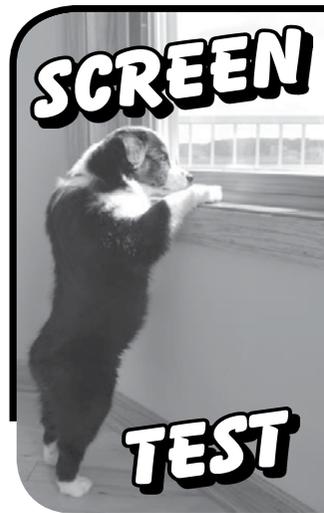
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'Guess Who' (top) took first place in the MWR Spring Softball Championship and 'Chosen Few' took second.

Photos by Ryan Guffey, Fitness Director



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