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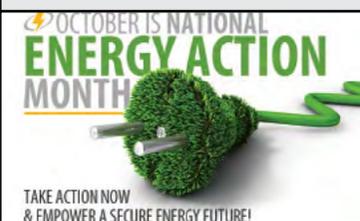
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**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3**

## MATSG-22 embraces legacy of former commanding officer

from MATSG-22 staff

The men and women of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 recently received a link to their past – and a connection to a highly respected former commander.

The gift, a simple rug with a complex heritage, came from the widow of retired Col. Gerald Kemp, who died in August.

Kemp commanded MATSG-22 between 1980 and 1984, one of many notable assignments in a Naval Aviation career that continued even after he retired from the Marine Corps.

Born in Illinois, Kemp moved with his family to Montana as he was about to enter high school. He graduated from Billings High School in 1953, the University of Montana at Missoula in 1957 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Two years later, in 1959, he received his “Wings of Gold.” During 30 years in the Marine Corps, Kemp accumulated more than 7,400 hours of flight time in numerous aircraft, including the A-4 Skyhawk and the AH-1 Cobra.

More than a third of that career –



**Susanne Kemp, widow of retired Col. Gerald Kemp, presents Col. David Krebs, current MATSG-22 commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Mcezelvias Corbin with the Marine Corps rug that Kemp had at his desk when he commanded MATSG-22 two decades ago.**

11 years – Kemp served in command billets, starting at the squadron level, as the Commanding Officer of Detachment A, Marine Aircraft Group 49 in South Weymouth, Mass.

Prior to his first command, Kemp was an Instructor Pilot at NAS Kingsville; in 1966, Kemp was selected as the VT-23 Instructor of the Year.

Kemp was also qualified as a Forward Air Controller and was the project lead responsible for coordinating the requirements to make the A-4F Skyhawk the demonstration aircraft for the Blue Angels’ 1974 season.

Throughout the course of his career, his travels took him and his family all over the world, making stops in California, Hawaii, Okinawa, Washington DC, Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Massachusetts, New Orleans, and during combat operations in Viet Nam, where he completed five successful tours.

Kemp’s personal decorations included the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device,

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## NHCCC wins the Gold eight consecutive years

Story and photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi did it again by winning an eighth Gold Star level Blue H - Navy Surgeon General Health Promotion and Wellness Award for 2012.

This is NHCCC’s ninth consecutive award, starting with the Silver Eagle in 2004.

“NHCCC is one of seven Military Treatment Facilities within the Navy out of 46 that has been awarded five consecutive Navy SG Gold Stars since 2008, when the Navy’s Surgeon General took over the sponsorship of the program,” said Dr. Sam Rivera, Wellness Center department head.

“Nine times in a row illustrates our quality program. The centerpiece of that quality revolves around behavioral outcomes.”

Winners were officially recognized in a message by the Navy Surgeon General for their outstanding contributions in health, wellness and fitness activities and policies in Navy workplaces and Marine Corps Semper Fit Centers.

A total of 271 organizations were recognized in 2012, up 10.6 percent from 2011, indicating an increase in the Navy awareness of the Blue H Award.

Managed by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, the annual award is intended to encourage and reward the promotion of health and wellness topics.

Topics include alcohol abuse prevention, injury prevention, nutrition, physical activity,

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**Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, presents the pennant and annual streamer for the 2012 Gold Star level Blue H - Navy Surgeon General Health Promotion and Wellness Award to Dr. Sam Rivera, Wellness Center department head, who accepts the honor on behalf of the staff Oct. 24.**

# Skipper's Column CFC Needs You

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



**Edgecomb**

As many of you know, it was decided to suspend the annual CFC earlier this month during the federal government shutdown.

Now with everyone back to work, it has resumed.

And last week, the Office

of Personnel Management announced that the Combined Federal Campaign has been extended to Jan. 15.

As chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Coastal Bend Area CFC, I want to remind everyone why CFC is important.

I cannot tell you, "Give to CFC" – and I wouldn't even if I could. But I want to give

you reasons why you should consider making a donation.

Charitable fund drives have long been a part of military and federal civilian workplaces and by the 1950s had become something of a mess.

Fundraising was reined in under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, and by 1971, all campaigns had become "combined."

President Nixon announced on March 3, 1971, that the CFC would be the single uniform fundraising method for the federal service, with a payroll deduction option.

Today, CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

What began with only 23 national charities now includes more than 20,000 nonprofit charitable organizations worldwide, ranging from large international charities to small local ones.

Here in the Coastal Bend, you can designate your donation to one or more of 2,549 charitable agencies.

The Coastal Bend Area CFC set its fundraising goal at \$1 million.

That's a lot of money, but we have exceeded it every year since 2008.

In 2012, federal employees raised \$1,270,666 for the Coastal Bend Area CFC – with an average gift of more than \$300.

We want to ensure every federal employee, military and civilian, has the opportunity to donate to CFC if they wish.

And there probably is some charity you would like to support.

If you look at the CFC pamphlet, there isn't a cause that's missing – if it's a legitimate charitable institution, it's in there.

And you can give to them through payroll deduction, so you almost don't notice it – your paycheck is just a little bit smaller.

I certainly understand that it's getting harder and harder to give.

But it's also getting more and more important to the people who receive; there are many more people in need now than there have been in the past.

CFC ... Now More Than Ever.

## Chaplain's Message 'Family resilience' is the word of the future

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

It is no secret that service members and their families have paid a heavy price for the past decade or so in the war on terror.

Major stresses brought about by deployment separations and operational tempo, financial challenges, and constantly immersing challenges for marriages and parenting issues are a recipe for disaster for the unprepared; many have fallen victim in recent years.

How to respond to such stressors is the question of the century, and the Navy is leaning forward with a plan.

A new approach to how training and workshops are given is in the pilot program stages now, and NAS Corpus Christi will be leading the way.

It's called CREDO – Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation.

You will soon see a dramatic increase in workshops offering marriage and family enrichment, personal growth and resilience for individuals, parenting strategies, blended family help, pre-marriage seminars, training in ethics and morals, and other great topics.

Additionally, issues that affect our military forces at the core will be taught.

These "tone of force" subjects will include: sexual assault prevention, suicide prevention, deployment support, domestic violence, operational stress control, and many others, taught to military members and their dependents on an ongoing basis.

To help facilitate the training workload for this pilot program, the Navy has hired subject matter experts with real life experience to assist Chaplain Department personnel in delivering these invaluable subjects.

I am pleased to welcome Rev. Steven Arndt as part of the Chaplain Department Team onboard NASCC.

Steven Arndt is a 19-year ordained minister, married for more than 20 years to Robin, a retired Navy Senior Chief. They have four children; including twin 15-year-old boys.

Be on the lookout for upcoming workshops and training opportunities delivered by CREDO NASCC.



**Warne**

## Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



**Hafemeister**

Thirty years ago this month, two military events occurred within days of each other that fundamentally changed the way the U.S. military operates.

The first was Oct. 23, 1983, when two suicide bombers drove a truck loaded with explosives into the four-story reinforced concrete building at Beirut International Airport that was serving as

headquarters and barracks for U.S. Marines.

The blast destroyed the building, killing 241 Americans, most of them Marines.

A few minutes later, a similar truck bomb struck the compound housing French troops who, like the Marines, had been sent in as peacekeepers in Lebanon's bloody civil war.

While America woke that Sunday morning to the horror of the attacks in Beirut, few realized that another military operation was already under way.

A few days earlier, a Navy task force that was heading for the Mediterranean to take up duty off the Lebanese coast was ordered to change course and head for the isle of Grenada in the southern Caribbean.

Grenada had been of concern for the

Reagan administration for some time because of its ties to Sandinista Nicaragua.

Another concern was the on-going construction, by Cuban military personnel, of a large airport that could provide a regional base for Soviet military aircraft.

When a bloody coup replaced the socialist president of Grenada with a pair of even more radical strongmen, several Caribbean nations asked the US to intervene.

On Oct. 25, Operation Urgent Fury began with Marine helicopter assaults, parachute landings by Army Rangers and special operations by Navy SEALs and Delta Force.

It was, in many ways, one of the worst examples of the 'fog of war' in recent history.

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## Students explore future careers

Reynoldo Rodriguez, a student from Flour Bluff Middle School, learns about the T-44 Pegasus aircraft from Cmdr. Todd Copeland, commanding officer of Training Squadron (VT) 31. The Exploring Career Day program exposes students to Naval aviation and other career fields in the local area.

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Capt. Dave Edgecomb, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, discusses measures the Air Station has taken to reduce its energy consumption over the past few years. The Air Station hosted its annual Energy Conservation Symposium on Oct 23 at the Corpus Christi Art Museum. Funding for the event was provided by local community energy partners. Several speakers presented information on current water and energy conservation initiatives and emerging technologies. Key presentations included: the City of Corpus Water Department discussed drought and water conservation measures for the Coastal Bend; the President of Industrial Services Inc. discussed desalination plants and their benefits; American Electric Power discussed their rebate program to encourage power conservation; MidAmerican Energy Company provided an update on wholesale natural gas trends; and several other commercial products were introduced with energy conserving potential for application at NASCC. The event was attended by key stakeholders including leadership and facility representatives from CNATRA, BUMED, NAVFAC SE, NASCC and CCAD.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

## Why unneeded lights get left on

Are there lights that seem to be on all the time when nobody is using the area?

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them to an energy-efficient instant-on type such as fluorescent or light-emitting diode.

4) Someone believes the old myth that it takes more energy to turn fluorescent lights back on than can be saved by shutting them off during the day, or even overnight.

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psychological health, sexual health, tobacco cessation and weight management.

The award incorporates workplace-level information about the crew's health from the Fleet and Marine Corps Health Risk Assessment.

"This award epitomizes the tireless efforts of our staff to create a much needed culture of wellness and prevention in our AOR," said Dr. M. Rony Francois, director, NHCCC Public Health Services.

Award recipients are recognized in three different Navy and Marine Corps environments: Fleet, Medical and Semper Fit Centers.

**Fleet:** For all Navy commands other than military treatment facilities and recognizes excellence in workplace primary prevention policies, activities and outcomes; such as the health status of the crew or staff, and conduct of evidence-based and best practice activities.

**Medical:** For active duty military treatment facilities and recognizes excellence in clinical primary prevention, community health promotion and medical staff health.

**Semper Fit Health Promotion Program:** Recognizes excellence in community-level primary prevention activities for Marines, including alcohol abuse prevention, injury prevention, nutrition, physical activity, psychological health, sexual health and tobacco cessation, conducted by USMC Semper Fit Centers.

The award is presented at three levels, Bronze Anchor, Silver Eagle and Gold Star.

Every organization that applies receives at least the Bronze Anchor.

A command earns the Silver Eagle by scoring at least of 50 percent of available points in every judged category.

In addition to achieving at least 50 percent in every category, commands that achieve at least 80 percent of the total available points earn the Gold Star.

All of the winning commands received a Blue H pennant and an annual streamer representing their level of achievement.

Both Branch Health Clinics assigned to NHCCC were also recognized for 2012.

BHC Kingsville won the Gold Star, its fifth since 2007.

BHC Ft. Worth won the Silver Eagle. The clinic also won a Gold Star in 2007 and a Bronze Anchor in 2011.

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## Clinic Closed Veterans Day Holiday Weekend

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi will be closed Friday, Nov. 8, and Monday Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The closure will affect all healthcare services; however, Pharmacy refills may still be called into the automated system and will be available for pick-up when the Clinic resumes normal hours of operation Tuesday, Nov. 12.

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## Texas State Aquarium hosting lionfish workshop - Sunday, Nov. 3



Lionfish are an invasive species and have been expanding along the southern Atlantic and Gulf coasts rapidly.

In July, the first official lionfish was caught at Packery Channel and is being moved into the lionfish exhibit at the Texas State Aquarium.

(This particular lionfish can be identified with a pink TSA fish tag located between the fish's dorsal spines and lateral line on the right side in the phot above.)

Unfortunately, several lionfish have been caught in the area around Packery Channel in

recent weeks.

Because the species is being encountered more frequently, TSA will be hosting a REEF.org lionfish workshop on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 6 – 8 p.m.

The workshop is open to the public and will cover lionfish natural history, physiology, the impact lionfish have had on the Caribbean/Gulf of Mexico, and how to safely handle lionfish when they are caught.

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20 Air Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

Upon his retirement in 1987, Kemp was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Following retirement, Kemp remained eager to continue to impart his knowledge to the next generation of Naval Aviators, spending 20 years as a Training Wing 2 Simulator Instructor Pilot.

In 1992, he became the Site Manager of Lockheed Martin Systems Support and Training Services, where he oversaw the standardization of all of NAS Kingsville's Civilian Instructor Pilots.

Kemp also remained active in the Corpus Christi community, serving as an Elder at the Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship for 20 years.

He was also a member of the Friday Morning Club, and served on the local Boy Scout Council. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to countless.

But for student pilots who went through MATSG-22 during Kemp's command, the strong memory was those times he would "Call a Marine to the Carpet."

This carpet was a Marine Corps emblem in front of Colonel Kemp's desk, and it was there where flight students or other Marines would stand during conversations with him.

Kemp passed away on Aug. 11, leaving behind a lifetime of service and devotion to the Marine Corps, Naval Aviation, and the Corpus Christi area.



**Col. Gerald Kemp, MATSG-22  
commanding officer, 1980-1984**

Following his death, Kemp's wife of 54 years, Susanne, donated the famous carpet to MATSG-22.

Today, it sits in front of the desk of the current MATSG-22 commanding officer, Col. David Krebs.

Col. Gerald Kemp was a unique individual who devoted his life and more than 50 years of service to the Marine Corps and Naval Aviation.

He had a profound influence on thousands of flight students and his dedication to the Marine Corps, the Air Station, and the Corpus Christi community continue to have a lasting impact.

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Medical students who were one justification for the operation were rescued, although it took longer than planned in part because the forces going in didn't realize the students were in more than one place.

Thankfully, U.S. casualties were light.

That however was more a factor of the poor quality of the opposing forces than anything our troops did.

Although it looked like a great operation to the outside – especially because media were not allowed on the island until after the conflict was over – those who were there told a tale of inter-service rivalry, incompatible communications systems, confused chains of command and other problems.

The lesson learned was that things needed to change.

Historians still argue about the lesson from Lebanon; the Marines were pulled out in February 1984 and some argue that the appearance of backing away after receiving casualties led to a belief among the Bad Guys that the US was a paper tiger – and encouraged them to keep pushing, all the way up to 9/11.

The lesson of Grenada, however, was that we needed to fix the way we operate in a joint environment.

The Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 gave the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs real authority, prompted the creation of U.S. Special Operations Command and put combat decisions in the hands of the combatant commanders – and created the "purple" world of joint operations we have today.

The other thing it did was begin a transition of military relations with the media.

Many leaders who experienced the unfettered media in Vietnam were determined not to let that happen again.

And they swung the pendulum far in the other direction, keeping almost 1,000 journalists, cameramen and other media stuck on nearby Barbados until after all the combat was over – and never got out stories about the good that the military did.

That led to the creation of the Pentagon Pool, a small group of reporters and photographers who could scramble on short notice to provide initial coverage of a military operation.

It was called up for 1989's Operation Just Cause in Panama. It didn't work, but the lessons learned led to tweaks including directing commanding officers to support media coverage.

More tweaks followed 1991's Desert Storm and media access improved greatly during the 1990s.

By the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the Pentagon had embraced embedding reporters with units for extended periods of time.

As someone who has worked both sides, I see it as a good thing.

In most cases, the military has good stories to tell, about good people doing good things, often against great odds.

A public that increasingly has little contact with the military needs to hear, see and read that.

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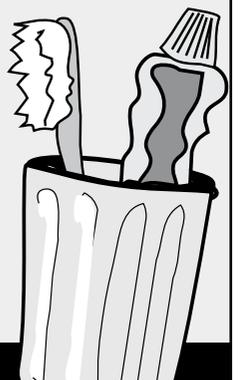
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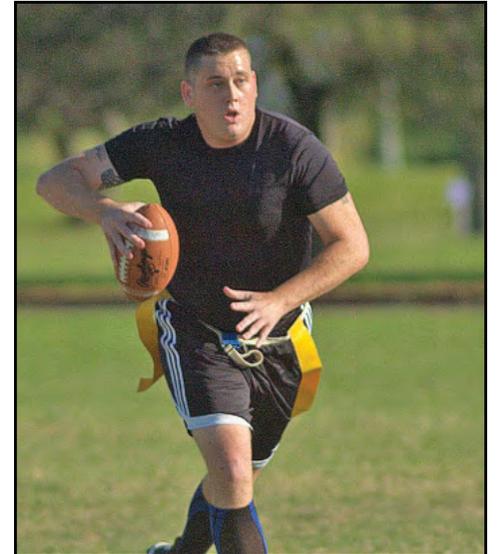


# Captain's Cup Flag Football



Team 'Back That Pass Up' from the U.S. Coast Guard (green shirts) faced off against the 'Blue Falcons' of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi on Oct. 9 as part of the Captain's Cup tournament. Both teams put up a strong fight, with the Coasties edging out the Docs, 31-30.

Photos by Paul Tubridy



# Awards and Achievements

## Winging — October 25



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Lt. Cmdr. Nahshon Almandmoss, USCG, Safety Officer, VT-31; Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Cmdr. Brian Hamling, Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing Four; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 1st Lt. Judah Matthias Begab, USMC; Ensign Stephanie Anne Hamersky; Ensign James Evan Kostas; Ensign Matthew Randall Lamb; Ensign Matthew Leo Nemetz; Lt. Tucker Dewitt Rodeffer, USCG; 1st Lt. Shaun Michael Schmidt, USMC; Lt. Andrew Michael Stec, USCG; Lt. j.g. Thomas Gerard Verbeeck III.



## Fair Winds and Following Seas

Jerry Vasquez (left) and Frank Cardenas present Chief Warrant Officer Ramiro Ferrer Castillo his shadow box during a retirement ceremony on board the USS Lexington, Oct. 24. Castillo retired after 29 years of dedicated and honorable service.

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## Budget holiday spending early

by Ken Thorn, Work & Family Life Specialist, Personal Financial Management Program, FFSC

The holidays are fast approaching but there is still plenty of time to make a plan that just might get you through them without doing too much damage to your bottom line.

This is a truly wonderful time of the year and we should be able to enjoy it to the fullest without worrying about the expense of it.

Writing for About.com, Erin Huffstetler, has a very good list of ways to help minimize the damage in her article "How to Cut Down on Holiday Spending - Your Guide to a More Affordable Christmas" at [http://frugalliving.about.com/od/christmas/tp/Cut\\_Christmas\\_Costs.htm](http://frugalliving.about.com/od/christmas/tp/Cut_Christmas_Costs.htm).

Take a look at her list and take heed.

First and foremost, plan it out and do a budget.

There are many aspects to the holidays and most of them aren't part of our day to day activities and expenses.

Decide what you are going to do, who you'll be doing it with, or for, and when.

A lot of things overlap so choices will have to be made and the sooner the better. Most of all, be realistic.

One really good way to help yourself out with the costs associated with gifting is an old system that has made a comeback in recent years: the layaway.

Many years ago, before the widespread use of credit cards, retailers realized that the average shopper was going to be hard pressed to squeeze all their gift buying into one or two paychecks, so they came up with a kind of reverse credit plan.

You pick out your gifts, make a partial payment on them, and then leave them at the store until you finish paying them off.

Not only does it help stretch the costs out over a longer period of time, but you are assured you'll actually have the things you want to buy, and you don't have to find a clever hiding place at home.

Kmart was the first to resurrect this concept a few years ago and their success with



it has prompted a number of other retailers to join in.

The plans vary as to details but most follow the same process.

You'll have to make a down payment when you put the stuff up, usually 10 to 25 percent, and pay a service fee of usually \$5.

The length of time you'll have will vary from store to store, anywhere from 30 days to 12 weeks, and if you cancel the order there will be a \$10 or \$15 cancellation fee.

Also, prepare to be patient. It's a little like trying to return something but compared to the interest your credit card is going to cost you, it's well worth the wait.

Also, many antique stores, jewelry stores, and pawn shops offer layaway plans.

And if you prefer to shop online, check out <http://www.elayaway.com/>.

It allows you to set up a layaway plan with over 1,000 stores.

These are some of the local retailers that we know are offering layaway plans:

- Babies R Us
- Best Buy
- Burlington Coat Factory/Baby Depot
- Hallmark
- Kmart
- Marshall's
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- TJ Maxx
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by Lt. Teng K. Ooi, PhD, U.S. Naval Academy and Capt. Linda J. Beltra, MD, Medical Corps

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# Marrying a Foreign National overseas

by Cynthia L. Catalan, Civilian Legal Assistance Attorney, RLSO SE

With United States military installations spread around the world, many service members choose to marry foreign nationals overseas – but not always understand all that is involved.

Entering into these marriages goes well beyond traditional premarital considerations of obtaining parental approval.

Although most members understand they must follow the laws in the country in which the marriage takes place, not all are aware they must also abide by military regulations and US immigration laws.

Many service members are under the mistaken belief the military does not care who they marry or have any involvement in these marriages.

Many also believe that once married, the marriage certificate with the dependent military identification card will allow the foreign spouse to travel back to the United States with them.

In order to avoid potentially lengthy periods of separation, members should be familiar with the military regulations relating to overseas marriages and the immigration laws controlling the entry of foreign spouses into the United States.

Before even considering an overseas marriage to a foreign national, members must be mindful that they must receive approval from their service to marry.

For Naval personnel, the approval process is governed by MILPERSMAN Section 5352-030, which requires the member to submit an application for permission to marry to the area commander where they intend to marry.

Section 5352-030 provides a list of the area commanders and their countries of responsibility.

During this part of the premarital processing, the future spouse will undergo a background investigation and medical examination.

After the couple is married overseas, they must go through the “immigrant visa” process. An immigrant visa is a visa that allows the foreign spouse to travel to the US with the intent of living here permanently.

It is a multi-part and complicated process which requires the member to complete detailed government forms, pay fees and submit certain documents.

Failure to do any of these things correctly will result in significant delays in the processing.

Although some of the forms are the same, members must understand that the process varies if a member desires to bring their fiancé to the US to marry.

The first step is filing a Petition for Alien Relative (USCIS Form I-130) along with documents proving the marriage is valid.

The filing fee for this Petition is \$420.00. Once this document is filed, a receipt is issued and the member may check the status of the Petition online at <https://ceac.state.gov/CEACStatTracker>.

Upon the approval of the I-130, the



foreign spouse will go through “consular processing” through the National Visa Center.

During this stage, the spouse will submit an Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration (Form DS-230).

Simultaneously, the spouse should obtain a valid passport from his or her home country for overseas travel; as the visa, once approved, will likely only be valid for a period of six months.

The spouse will then receive an appointment package for an interview date.

The member, who will be considered the foreign spouse’s “sponsor,” must file an Affidavit of Support (USCIS Form I-864) to show that the member can financially support the spouse to assure that the foreign spouse will not become a “public charge” of the United States.

The member must prove financial ability by submitting tax returns and employment documents. The Affidavit of Support is a binding 10-year contract between the sponsor and the United States, requiring the sponsor reimburse the government for any public benefits the spouse receives for that period or until the spouse becomes a U.S. Citizen.

The sponsor will remain bound by that contract even if the marriage is dissolved.

At the end of the interview the consular officer will make a decision on whether the Visa should be approved. However, it may take several weeks until the actual Visa is received.

Upon receiving the Visa, the spouse may thereafter travel to the U.S. and will receive an I-551 stamp upon his or her passport.

If the couple has been married for at least two years, the spouse will receive “Lawful Permanent Residence” status.

If not, the spouse’s residence will be conditional for two years and is then removed filing Form I-751 (Petition to Remove Conditions of Residence).

Entering into an overseas marriage to a foreign national requires a great deal of planning.

It should be given careful consideration and should never be entered into casually.

If you would like more information or would like to find the legal assistance office closest to you, please contact us at any of our offices listed at [http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal\\_services/riso/riso\\_southeast.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/riso/riso_southeast.htm).



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**Grief & Loss Seminar - How to Survive and Celebrate the Holidays!** Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration begins 8:30am - Program from 9am-12pm Cost \$10/ Person (Scholarship available). Facilitated by Licensed Counselors and Clergy Individual and Family Counseling Center, Reconciliation Episcopal Church RSVP 249-0861 or 334-3335 by 10:30 - 4518 Saratoga Blvd, Reconciliation Episcopal Church and Day School

**YWCA Yuletide Market will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** with all proceeds benefitting YWCA's YWTeen Program which helps 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls gain valuable skills for positive decision-making and a lifetime of achievement. Mark your calendars to shop on Friday, 10am-5pm and Saturday, 10am - 6pm Admission \$5 admission/Seniors \$4 at The American Bank Center.

**NOW to May 2014 ... Groundswell, the very first art exhibit presented by the Texas Surf Museum,** is sure to entice surfers and non-surfers alike. The exhibit will go beyond the genre normally referred to as "surf art" to include thoughtful expressions from a variety of artists who have been involved in surfing the Gulf Coast for many years. Groundswell: Aesthetic Visions of Texas Surfing -Texas

Surf Museum - 309A N. Water Street, Corpus Christi

**Kids' "Optical Illusions" Program - Janet F. Harte Public Library will offer a fun program for children ages 6 and up on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.** "EYE JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!" Kids, come have fun while learning about optical illusions. FREE and open to the public. The library is located at 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. For more information call 937-6579.

**First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, will be holding a Giant Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 3** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the church gym. The sale is sponsored by the youth choir, For Your Inspiration. Huge variety of items from furniture to household items, small appliances to clothing.

**November 3, the Missions Committee, First United Methodist Church, will be holding a Craft Fair** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 900 S. Shoreline Blvd.

**Are you a writer? Got ideas for novels and need motivation to get it all down?** Sign up at [NaNoWriMo.org](http://NaNoWriMo.org) and click "Local Events" to join National Novel Writing Month. Meet with a Corpus Christi writing group to talk writing, have write-ins and attend celebrations. No entry fees. Weekly meetings every Sat of November 2pm CoffeeWaves on Alameda.

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announce the opening of a new exhibition by local artist, Sam Soles, on November 2, 2013. Mr. Soles' mixed media exhibit is titled, Coastal Vision Series and Assorted Abstract Works. The public is invited to meet the artist at a free reception at the library and gallery on Saturday, November 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Noel McArdle Gallery is open during regular library hours and is located at 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. The exhibit closes on December 31, 2013. FREE.

Frances T. "Sissy" Farenthold (former TX State Representative, legal scholar, and human rights activist) will discuss her career as a female pioneer in state politics and the national Democratic Party. Light refreshments will be provided. Time and Location: 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Thurs. Nov. 7th, Del Mar College West Campus, Emerging Technology (ET) Rm. 105. For info, call 698-1146.

Cole Park -Saturday, November 9, 2013- 11 am to 3 pm the Inaugural Kite Festival. This FREE event will feature stunt kite flying demonstrations by Carter Tate, exhibits and demonstrations by the Texas State Aquarium, dance and stand routines by the Moody High School Strutters, kiteboarding demonstrations by the Central Texas Kiteboarding Association, kite flying contests led by the Moody High School Key Club, along with more activities for the entire family. Don't have a kite? Not a problem as there will supplies provided in the kite making area. Everyone is encouraged to make this a family event. Pack a healthy picnic and join us in Cole Park! FMI www.ccmayorsfitnesscouncil.com.

The fourth annual 10K/5K L.E.G.A.C.Y. Run benefiting Family Outreach Corpus Christi will be November 9th, at 7:30 a.m. on the Texas A&M Corpus Christi campus. Let's Eliminate the Generational Abuse of our Children and Youth (L.E.G.A.C.Y.) proceeds will provide free counseling to reduce abusive patterns in the family. \$30 pre- registration/\$35 on-site for the 10K run; \$20 pre-registration/\$25 on-site for the 5K run; and \$10 pre-registration/\$15 on-site for the 1 mile (children only) run. FMI go to www.familyoutreach-cc.org

IMMIGRATION TIP: The November Visa Bulletin is available. If you are the spouse of a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR), your priority date may be current and you may be eligible to apply for Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status immediately. Find out more at www.USCIS.gov or www.debrarodriguez.com. Rodriguez & Moretzsohn, PLLC (361) 883-8900 or email at RMINFO@debrarodriguez.com.

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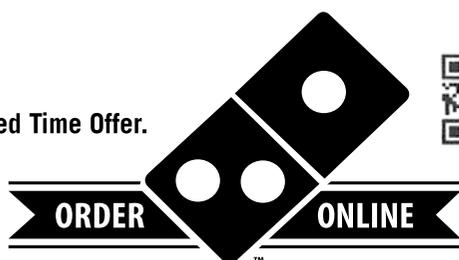
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