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Ensign James Butz and 1st Lt. William Parker, Training Squadron (VT) 28 Student Naval Aviators, taxi after completing the squadron and Navy's final formation flight in the T-34C Turbomenter primary training aircraft. The T-34C Turbomenter came into operational use in 1977 as the Navy's Primary Training Aircraft and has been replaced by the new T-6 Texan II. (U.S. Navy photo by Richard Stewart)

T-34 Turbomenter makes its final flight

The last training flight in the T-34C Turbomenter took place Tuesday, April 28, at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

The new T-6B Texan II has been phasing the T-34C out of service as the primary training aircraft for Naval Aviation since its integration in 2012. This final flight marks the full transition of the T-6 Texan II into the Naval Aviation Training Command as the primary training aircraft for all future Naval Aviators.

The T-34C Turbomenter has had a long and venerable service life of more than 35 years and has produced thousands of Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and NATO pilots. Widely termed the "workhorse" of Naval Aviation Training, the T-34's sundown was commemorated during a fly-by during the 2015 Wings Over South Texas Air Show.

Two students, Ensign James Butz and 2nd Lt. William Parker, both assigned to Training Squadron (VT) 28 "Rangers," flew their final solo formation flights on April 28.

"It was exciting both to be going on my last flight for primary but also for it to be the last flight for the T-34," said Ensign Butz. "The plane was really fun to fly and the T-6 is a great new aircraft. But I know a lot of our instructors learned on the T-34, so it will be sad to see it go."



Ensign James Butz (left) and 1st Lt. William Parker, Training Squadron (VT) 28 Student Naval Aviators, receive a traditional "watering down" by fellow students after completing the squadron's and Navy's final formation flight in the T-34C Turbomenter primary training aircraft. The T-34C Turbomenter came into operational use in 1977 as the Navy's Primary Training Aircraft and has been replaced by the new T-6 Texan II. (U.S. Navy photo by Richard Stewart)

Executive Officer's Column



Cmdr. Scott Wilmot
Executive Officer



anniversary of the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War: President Barack Obama signed a proclamation in May 2012 for this commemoration which runs through November 2025.

The U.S. government viewed American involvement in the war as a way to prevent a communist takeover of South Vietnam, and part of a "containment" strategy to stop the spread of communism. Whether we view this war as successful, we must honor those who fought and died for our country. Millions of Americans were sent across the Pacific to fight in the service of our country and made sacrifices as they fought for the ideals we hold dear.

The Vietnam War was the longest in U.S. history, until the war in Afghanistan began. It was also very divisive in the United States

and throughout other countries. But reflecting on this chapter in history and recognizing the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, we can renew our commitment to honor those who have not returned home to their families.

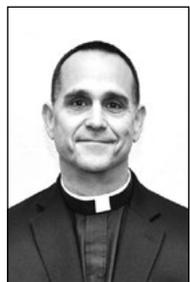
Our casualties of the Vietnam War include more than 47,000 killed in action, 11,000 noncombat deaths, more than 150,000 wounded and 10,000 missing. Many of our service members came home from the Vietnam War to a country that failed to fully acknowledge their service and sacrifice, and failed to give them the honor they deserved. With this Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, we reflect on the valor of a generation that served with honor.

This date in history – May 7, 1954 – The French Indochina War ended with the fall of Dien Bien Phu, in a stunning victory by the Vietnamese over French colonial forces in northern Vietnam. The country was then divided in half at the 17th parallel, with South Vietnam created in 1955.

Why is this significant?

We are commemorating the 50th

Chaplain's Message



Are we willing
to take
a stand?

Father John Vidal

insidious and destructive. It's common to pretend it's not there or, worse, that there is nothing really wrong with it.

Just look at our TV entertainment where "reality" shows deliberately set up situations designed to incite conflict. We pretend it's just entertainment without any consideration for the affront to human dignity reflected. More insidious than that is the proliferation of pornography that assaults the dignity of women and children and contributes towards violence against them.

But we need not continue down this path! There is hope and we can turn away from all this violence; we can restore our communities to peace by believing and following one clear conviction: Respect for Life. In today's politically charged world we see these words as code words for the abortion debate. But it's so much more than that! It's at the heart of every moral issue confronting our society today because it flows from the universal truth that every person is created with a transcendent worth and value that comes from God; it's not based on any human quality, legal mandate, individual merit or any accomplishment. It is inalienable; it is an essential part of every human being.

When we demand this respect from our society for every person's dignity and life the violence will abate. If we measure the

morality of our individual and communal behavior against the value of life and the dignity of every human person then we will no longer be able to tolerate these violent human tendencies and bring about peace. Only when we are willing to hold ourselves and our society accountable for human life will we be able to confront issues such the violence of sexual assault, police brutality, destructive demonstrations and attacks on the innocent bystanders, the oppression of immigrants, the disregard for the poor and the sick and the welfare of children. We can do this one at a time. We can examine our lives carefully and honestly. Do we respect human life? Do we respect the dignity of every human being? Are we willing to take a stand?

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I would expect that most of us have heard of the violence that has erupted, most recently, in Baltimore. It is violence that is perpetrated as a response to violence.

Regardless of where you stand on the behavior of the police or the behavior of the protesters, we could all agree that violence is tearing families apart, destroying communities and straining our faith in American society.

The images shown on TV are a window into the destruction of the hopes of thousands, if not millions of people in this country. But this violence is only the surface of the deeply ingrained violence in our society and the world today. We see violence celebrated in our movies and on TV, in our music and in video games.

And then there is also violence that we don't see. Hidden from the images in the news is the violence of hostility, racism, hatred, despair and indifference that are so

Want to ensure a smooth PCS? ... It's all about preparing, planning ahead

By **SSgt. AnnieLiz Navarro**

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-
South Central, Detachment 3

A move cannot truly begin without orders, but that doesn't mean you can't plan ahead. With the peak personal property moving season quickly approaching (May - August), we encourage everyone to start proactively planning their move.

When first notified of your PCS assignment, immediately visit the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) website at, <http://www.move.mil>. The DPS website contains

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the, It's Your Move pamphlet located on Move.mil or Plan My Move, <https://apps.militaryonesource.mil>. On this site you will find basic entitlement information, shipment estimating tools, and "do's and don'ts" info that can prevent you from incurring personal debt due to excess costs.

Once you have orders-in-hand, set-up your move online using Move.mil or immediately contact your installation transportation office...being proactive will maximize your potential to receive your desired move dates. If you are a retiree, separatee, or if this is

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Capt. Steve Banta
Commanding Officer

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This paper is published for people like MA2(EXW) Levi Boland, of the Security Department, who is a native of Lascoste, Texas, and has 8 years of U.S. Navy service. Boland recently left the Navy to pursue a career as a commercial diver.

Bravo Zulu



Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Command Master Chief (SW/FMF) Rikki L. Brown places and adjusts ITSC (Surface) (SW/AW/IDW) Thomas H. Morrill's hat during his frocking ceremony with his loved ones present April 30. Morrill is a counselor assigned to Behavioral Health and is now authorized to assume the title and wear the uniform of a Master Chief Petty Officer. (Photo by Bill W. Love)

Clinic recognizes personnel

Bravo zulu to the following Branch Health Clinic Corpus Christi who were recently recognized.

Cmdr. Sheri R. Coleman (Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer), Nurse Corps, U.S. Navy, received her seventh Navy Commendation Medal for meritoriously serving as department head, Directorate for Health Services, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, from March 2012 to March 2015. Coleman was instrumental in the clinic's certification by the National Committee on Quality Assurance as a level II Medical Homeport facility; and in the seamless integration of the Nurse Advice Line into the clinic's business practices. She developed and implemented TeamSTEPPS training, quickly achieving 99 percent training status, improving communication across clinical areas and advancing the culture of patient safety throughout the command.



Coleman

Lt. Bryan Dattilo, Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy, received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritoriously serving as department head, Preventive Medicine, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, from April 2012 to April 2015. Dattilo supervised



Dattilo

five staff in conducting 816 inspections for 30 base food service facilities resulting in zero foodborne illness outbreaks. He assisted in creating a robust command Ebola preparedness and response plan, establishing critical points of contact with local public health partners to assist the clinics in responding to an actual event. As command legal officer, he adjudicated over 40 cases and provided comprehensive legal and ethical advice to the commanding officer and staff.

Navy doctor **Lt. Cmdr. Bryce Lokey**, radiologist and director, Clinical Support Services, Naval Health Clinic Corpus

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NAS Corpus Christi air show a huge success

The Wings Over South Texas 2015 Air Show hosted by Naval Air Station Corpus Christi was a huge success.

Approximately 90,000 people turned out over a three-day period Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 17-19.

“Besides the numbers, what we accomplished couldn’t have been achieved without the team of people who planned and worked the air show, as well as the community involvement,” said Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, NAS Corpus Christi.

“We didn’t know what to expect when we started planning this, because it was the first time in four years since we’d held an air show and the first time in more than 40 years since it was held over water,” he added, “but the feedback we have been receiving has been extremely positive!”

“I attribute that to everyone involved in the planning, execution and participation.”

The weather impacted the execution of the air show – from arrival of acts, to set up, and parking plans. Personnel “flexed” and made adjustments and execution improved each day.

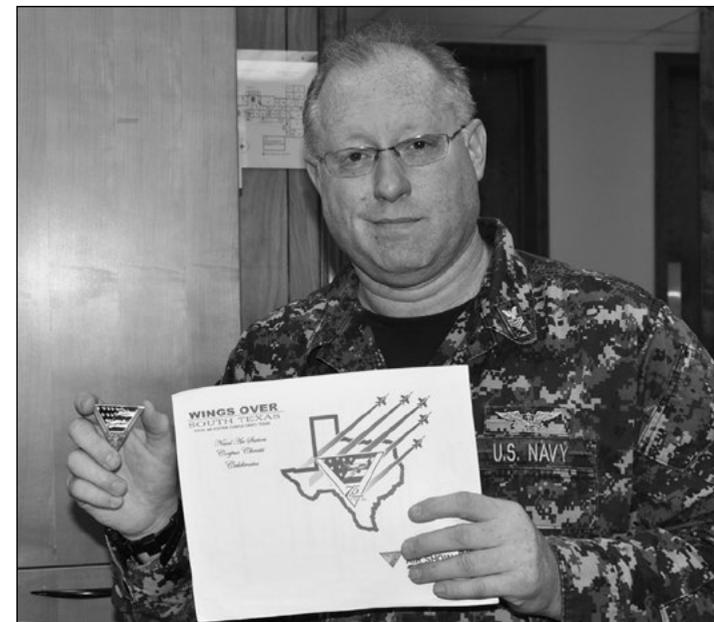
“We saw that our parking plan, when combined with the inclement weather, didn’t allow for a steady flow of traffic on Saturday,” said Lt. Rob Long, security officer. “So, we changed our plan and Sunday there wasn’t the traffic back-up at the gate there was the previous day. Visitors were able to come onto the air station relatively quickly.”

Cmdr. Al Lima, air operations officer who spearheaded the air show, aimed to put together “the best air show ever.”

“My expectation was to put on a quality air show that was conducted safely, and for everyone to enjoy the experience,” Lima said. “We achieved that with the help of a lot of partnerships – from security personnel, emergency response, Reservists, tenant commands, and community organizations – too many to name here.

“We were able to demonstrate our skills and talents, as well as entertain,” Lima added.

There was a great line up of military and civilian performers and



AT1 John Peek, of Air Operations, designed one of the logos used to advertise the Wings Over South Texas 2015 Air Show. His submission, in his left hand, was also used to create a coin celebrating the air station’s 75th anniversary.

static displays, with the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels headlining the show. All branches of the armed services were represented, in addition to all the air station’s aviation tenant commands. And, it was all free.

“Our success was giving our visitors a 100 percent effort with a positive attitude; putting on a wholesome family event that showcases what we do. We are looking forward to improving upon that success for our next air show in two years,” Banta said.

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From left, Pat Kapitan, SARC, BMSA Edith Lemus, victim advocate candidate; and Susanna Del Llano, civilian victim advocate display Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month information and resource material. This was one of several that were displayed throughout the air station in April.



Annually, April marks Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM). This year a proclamation of support was signed by NAS Corpus Christi base and tenant leadership on April 2. Pictured are, from left: (front row) Col. Garner Pogue, commander, Corpus Christi Army Depot; Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, chief of Naval Air Training; Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer; Col. John Rahe, commanding officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22; (middle row) Sgt. Maj. Martin Dickinson, CCAD enlisted commander; Ruben Ramirez, CCAD prevention coordinator; Pat Kapitan, NASCC SARC; Jackie Maxwell, MATSG 22 SARC; Susanna Del-Llano, NASCC civilian victim advocate; HMCM Rikki Brown, command

master chief, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi; (back row) Master Chief Petty Officer Ian Lee, command master chief, U.S. Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi; Capt. Samuel Creech, commanding officer, USCG Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi; Capt. Jim Bradley, NHCCC commanding officer; Capt. John Kelsey, commodore, Training Air Wing Four; Lt. Col. Ryan Fearnow, commander, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Corpus Christi. Not pictured, but signed the SAAPM proclamation: Cmdr. Reinaldo Morillo, commanding officer, Navy Operational Support Command Corpus Christi. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA)



Pictured left and below left, more than 18 civilian employees from CCAD, DLA, Legal and MWR took advantage of Self Defense Training provided by Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) instructors last month.



Support, involvement enhance sexual assault prevention, awareness activities' success

By Pat Kapitan
Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

April 30th marked the end of a very successful Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) at NAS Corpus Christi. Though we bring awareness to sexual assault and prevention each April, it really is our responsibility 24/7, 365 days a year.

April's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is intended to draw our attention to the fact that sexual violence remains an intolerable violent crime, which impacts our mission readiness. It also reminds us that we must work together to educate our community, prevent sexual assault, support the survivors and victims, and to hold offenders accountable for their actions.

This year the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program support staff for NAS Corpus Christi, Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG) 22 and the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) worked together to offer information tables, victim advocate and self-defense training, and a sexual assault awareness fair.

The month began with a proclamation of support signed by base and tenant leadership.

The installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and the Civilian Victim Advocate hosted "A Community's Response" training at the Protestant Fellowship Hall, which included presenters from the local District Attorney's Office, the Corpus Christi Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and others.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) Instructors offered self-defense classes to all interested twice in April. CCAD also coordinated a sexual assault awareness fair to include military and community support organizations that provided valuable information on their programs and services.

NAS Corpus Christi's SAPR support staff and some of the victim advocates even participated in the community's Crime

Victims Week events and provided briefs about our SAPR program to local coalitions.

The month's activities ended with a "Stuffed Animal Donation Drive" for the Children's Advocacy Center. More than 200 stuffed animals were collected.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month aboard NAS Corpus Christi was a huge success due to outstanding military and civilian teamwork. Some personnel worked the frontline teaching and networking with NASCC personnel and our local community partners, and others remained in the background setting up tables or a flag display at the proclamation signing, taking pictures, setting up marketing displays in several location throughout the installation, designing the proclamation, marketing the trainings/events, and even donating time and items for the stuffed-animal drive. Additionally, base and tenant command leadership's support and involvement during the entire month was phenomenal!!

Thank you for the outstanding teamwork! Remember, just as it took all of us to make April's SAAPM a success; it will take all of us to prevent sexual assaults in our military and civilian communities.



Hundreds of stuffed animals were collected in April, which will be donated to the Children's Advocacy Center.

'Don't be hate'n'

Command master chief retires with 30 years of service

NAS Corpus Christi bid farewell to CMDCM(AW/SW) Rick Mathis on April 23, as he retired from the U.S. Navy with more than 30 years of service.

Mathis was also awarded his second Meritorious Service Medal for his service as NASCC command master chief from June 2015 to April 2015. He displayed extraordinary leadership, superior initiative and absolute commitment to excellence in executing the many facets of his responsibilities. Mathis skillfully partnered with installation leadership to ensure the command excelled in all enterprise measures of effectiveness in support of 35 tenant commands and more than 10,000 personnel on board the air station. Most importantly, his mentorship of his Sailors dramatically improved their quality of life and yielded outstanding esprit de corps, 1 99 percent Physical Fitness Assessment pass rate, and above Navy average retention.

Cmdr. Scott Wilmot, NASCC executive officer, was the guest speaker who shared with those gathered Mathis' career.

Upon graduation from Boot Camp in September 1985, Mathis attended Hull Technician "A" School in Treasure Island, Calif. His first command was at a Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) in March 1989, he reported to USS DeWert (FFG 45) in Charleston, S.C. Mathis picked up Chief Petty Officer during his tour aboard USS DeWert.

He received orders as an instructor to Damage Controlman "A" School at Treasure Island, Calif., in October 1994, where he also earned his Master Training Specialist. From August 1996 to October 1997, he helped

move Damage Control "A" School to Great Lakes, Ill.

He then received orders to PCU Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), which was being built in Pascagoula, Miss., and commissioned in Pensacola, Fla., in August 1998. During this tour, he picked up Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In June 2001, he reported to Afloat Training Group (ATG) San Diego, Calif. Here, he was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer and qualified as Afloat Training Specialist.

In May 2003, Mathis reported to USS Boxer (LHD 4) from May 2003 as the engineering leading chief petty officer. From June 2006 to May 2009, he served as the CBR-D officer-in-charge at the Center for Naval Engineering Learning Site Fort Leonard Wood., Mo. During that tour he received the Honorable Order of the Dragon Award from the U.S. Army.

Mathis graduated from the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, R.I., in December 2008 and in March 2009 completed the Command Master Chief and Chief of the Boat course. His first CMC tour was from 2009 to 2012 with VFA-97 Warhawks, FA-18 Fighter Squadron in Lemoore Calif. His final tour was as the NAS Corpus Christi CMC.

Mathis' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, seven Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign, service, and unit awards.

Mathis and his wife Rebecca have retired to Lebanon, Mo.



CMDCM(AW/SW) Rick Mathis asks Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer, permission to go ashore as his retires from the U.S. Navy with more than 30 years of service.



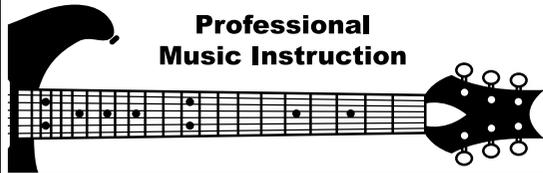
The Chiefs mess presents CMDCM Rick Mathis with a shadow box/table. Left is MAC Phillip Crowshaw, who built the shadow box, and center is MACS Josh Reichard.



CMDCM(AW/SW) Rick Mathis, his wife Rebecca, and their three children are piped ashore for the final time. Mathis retired during a traditional ceremony held at the NASCC Chiefs Mess.

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(B.J. Evans, NAVSUP FLC Jacksonville NASCC PPPO Lead contributed to this article)

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Fair winds and following seas -- Capt. Douglas Carsten, Chief of Naval Air Training's N3 Operations, Plans and Requirements assistant chief of Staff retires from the U.S. Navy with 30 years of service during a traditional ceremony held April 23, on board USS Lexington Museum. Pictured above, Carsten receives a certificate of retirement from Chief of Naval Air training, Rear Adm. Roy Kelley. Right, Carsten is piped ashore for the final time with his wife Carol and their two daughters at the conclusion of the retirement ceremony. (Photos by Richard Stewart, CNATRA)



Farewell, Shipmate -- MAC(SW) Maurice Alcorn receives a Fleet Reserve Certificate from Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer, as he retires from the U.S. Navy with more than 24 years of service. Alcorn, a native of Newport, Ark., retired during a traditional ceremony held April 24, at the Chiefs Mess, amid family and friends.

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YWCA TO HOST DANCE

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Seaside Memorial Park and Funeral Home invites the public to join in celebrating "This land that's free and the blessings it provides. A land of peace, liberty, happiness, and pride." The event will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 25. The memorial park is located at 4357 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi. Seaside asks that attendee enter at the Airline gate. Food and beverages will be served after the Ceremony.

TO HAVE YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION, EMAIL AFRENCH@PLWAVE.COM. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT EVENTS IS 10 A.M. THE FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. UPCOMING EVENTS ARE PUBLISHED AS SPACE PERMITS THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES AS TO HOW MANY TIMES AN EVENT WILL RUN. QUESTIONS REGARDING EVENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ASHLEY AT 361-746-4341.



Thank you for your service -- Rosa Maria Delgado retired from federal service, with 30 years of service. Pictured here, CWO4 James Weisinger, officer-in-charge, CNATRA Contract Administration Unit Detachment, and Armando Pena, AOIC, present Rosa with a retirement certificate and a 30-year length of service award as she retires April 30. (Courtesy photo)

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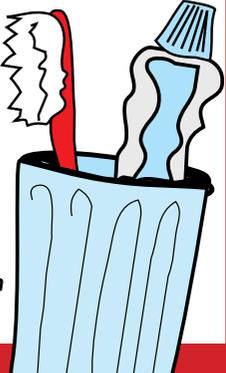
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Christi, Texas, received the monthly Patient Safety Initiative Award for February 2015 on behalf of the Radiology department.

HM2 Jake E. Kubil received the Navy Achievement Medal for professional achievement while serving as assistant leading petty officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Laboratory Department from October 2011 to April 2015. Kubil was praised for superb leadership that optimized provision of care through 276,952 specimens tested with less than one percent error rate. He ensured the laboratory's superior standards through successful completion of 42 College of

American Pathologists proficiency testings with zero discrepancy. As the customer service representative, he fostered a positive environment that resulted in 96 percent customer satisfaction rating from 131 surveys collected.

Janice S. Ball received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award recently, for meritorious service as the Infection Control Nurse, Directorate of Public Health Services, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, from April 2006 to April 2015, culminating in 9 years of loyal service to the Department of the Navy.

NASCC wins safety excellence award for best programs

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi received the Award for Excellence in Safety Ashore, Non-Industrial Small CONUS award for 2014.

The Safety team, led by Carolyn Scheible, was cited for providing the best service, and a safe and healthful working environment for employees.

Leadership and employee participation was cited for the air station's successful safety program. The command aggressively pursues safety excellence through implementation of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) guiding principles. The commanding officer, executive officer and command master chief set the leadership example by conducting management visits to installation worksites. The visits provide an opportunity for all employees to share recommended program improvements and lessons learned with leadership.

Employees are encouraged and routinely participate in committee membership, hazard identification and reporting-self-inspection, and hazard analysis in their

worksites.

A worker safety committee comprised of volunteers enhances the safety program and communication throughout the installation.

Additionally supervisors and employees conduct quarterly worksite safety inspections. An employee recognition program began in June 2014, recognizing personnel for their efforts in enhancing safety in the workplace.

NASCC personnel are also involved in an aggressive hazard abatement process, and over the past three years, safety staff in conjunction with public works personnel have identified and corrected numerous hazards, and employed mitigation strategies to protect employees.

Despite funding challenges, manpower reductions, increasing program requirements and aging infrastructure Team NAS Corpus Christi consistently delivered top-notch customer service, support and quality of life, along with a safe working environment for employees and tenants.

NASCC family housing, PPV team recognized

NAS Corpus Christi Family Housing and PPV team won "A List" status for 2014.

The "A List" Award is based on a service score of 85 or better and a response rate of 20 percent or higher from residents within a specific neighborhood. The awards are given based on responses from residents who agree that the housing team has achieved a high level and quality of services at their

respective locations.

In a March 12 e-mail, Rear Adm. Mary Jackson, commander, Navy Region Southeast stated, "I would like to pass along a personal thank you and appreciation for the improvement in quality services and living environments that you and your housing teams provide our deserving service members and their families."

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