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Local June 3 ceremony commemorates Midway

South Texas military will commemorate the 1942 Battle of Midway with a ceremony on June 3, at 10 a.m., aboard USS Lexington Museum.

The ceremony honors the battle that is considered the turning point in the War in the Pacific and will honor the veterans of World War II, who continued to battle for more than three more years before Japan finally surrendered.

The Battle of Midway was considered the high water mark for the Japanese Navy and the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

In June 1942, a month after the decisive U.S. victory in the Coral Sea, Japan was dealt a fatal blow at Midway Island—a blow that would turn the course of World War II in favor of the Allies. In August 1942, All Hands magazine, then known as the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin, published the following account of the Battle of Midway—the beginning of the end of the fight in the Pacific:

“Early in June, near the island of Midway, about 1100 miles to the west of Pearl Harbor, units of our Army, Navy, and Marine Corps joined action with a strong Japanese Invasion fleet which was approaching our Midway outpost.

“At about 9 a.m., June 3, Navy Patrol planes

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The 40th annual Beach-to-Bay Relay Marathon was held May 16. The race is held annually on Armed Forces Day and is considered the largest relay marathon in the country. It begins on the beach at Padre Island, runs through the Naval Air Station, and ends at McCaughan Park in downtown Corpus Christi. More than 2,000 teams of six people registered for the race. Hundreds of volunteers are involved in ensuring the success of the event -- including dozens of NAS personnel who manage the course through the air station. For more photos of Beach-to-Bay throughout the base, turn to page 7.

Captain's Column



Capt. Steve Banta
Commanding Officer



Hurricane season is here.

The first storm of the hurricane season -- Tropical Storm Ana -- made landfall in South Carolina about the time we were preparing for the heavy rains, winds and storms heading our way last week.

But, hurricane season "officially" starts June 1 and runs through Nov. 30. But we know that we need to be prepared for the weather conditions that could spawn or feed a tropical storm to the point that it turns into a hurricane.

Weather events can be weak enough not to be considered a tropical storm or hurricane, but could contain enough energy to cause considerable amounts of damage. Tropical storms are anything that has sustained winds of more than 45 miles per hour. Once it hits 74 miles per hour it will be considered a hurricane.

First and foremost, you need to think about the safety of you and your family.

While you've got your chain of command dictating your ability to leave and when to do so, it's your responsibility to make sure you're ready to do so when given that order. Make yourself a good emergency "go bag" that includes: three days of water (1 gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food; a clean change of clothes and dry shoes; cash and credit card; a flashlight with extra batteries; a battery or hand-operated weather radio; your medications; a first aid kit; and a blanket or sleeping bag per person.

That's for you! But you must also prepare

for whatever special needs your family may have -- including your pets. Pay particular attention to any special requirements you might need to consider for infants, the elderly or if you have anyone in the exceptional family member program.

Include your children in the construction of your emergency "go bag." This will provide them an opportunity to be part of the process and not just a recipient of the stress associated with when you actually have to evacuate.

Take a look at your insurance for provisions or limitations during times of "acts of nature." Insurance companies won't sell policies when a tropical storm or hurricane has entered the Gulf of Mexico. So, check your policies now. Flood insurance is specific to the results of flooding and once purchased doesn't typically go into effect for 30 days after.

If given the order to evacuate and you aren't part of the Mission Essential personnel listing, you will be expected to evacuate to within 300 miles from Joint Base San

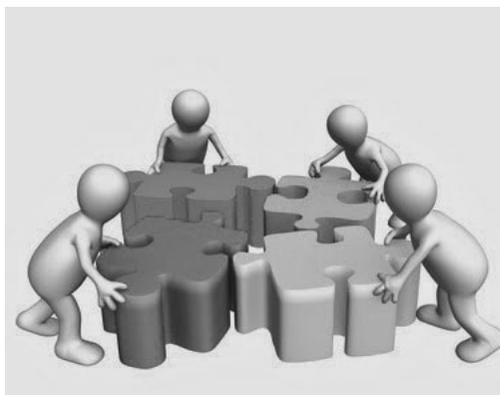
Antonio (JBSA). This 300-mile distance has been established allowing for a one-day return from wherever you're located to JBSA. If evacuated, muster daily through the NFAAS website <https://navyfamily.navy.mil> noting your location, by calling the ADVON team to report in or by calling the Navy Personnel Command Emergency Coordination Center (NPCECC) at 1-877-414-5358. Additionally, the ADVON team will update the NASCC Hotline 1-877-378-8373 with contact information for their base of operations.

You may want to consider downloading the NFAAS apps on either the App Store or through Google Play. These apps are free and provide checklists and resources to be relied on during times of disaster.

Make sure you are safe, if you have to get out on the roadways to evacuate, and maintain contact with your chain of command. If you have any specific questions, call Ron Retzlaff, NASCC Emergency Manager 961-1725 or the EM staff 961-2953/3971.

NASCC Command Climate Survey 2015

Be the voice of change together we can make a difference



Military and civilians -- APF and NAF -- are encouraged to participate in this confidential survey June 8-19. Voice your concerns, praises and ideas. For more information, contact MAC Hector Alvarado at 961-1590 or any Command Assessment Team (CAT) member.

Chaplain's Message



Feds Feeds Families food drive

Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne
Command Chaplain

The summer months are upon us and it's that time of the year again to focus our attention on Feds Feed Families.

The Feds Feed Families annual food drive was launched in 2009 as part of the President's "United We Stand" initiative and has promoted a nationwide benevolent giving campaign to help underprivileged families within local communities. The intent of this program is to focus efforts on children during these critical summer months.

Many children in the Corpus Christi area depend on school lunches for their nutri-

tion, and summer is an especially difficult time. Once again, the NAS Corpus Christi Chaplain's Department will lead efforts in collecting food items by teaming up with the Commissary, NASCC tenant commands and departments on board the air station to collect non-perishable food items for the less fortunate.

Last year, our local goal was to raise 20,000 pounds of food; NAS Corpus Christi raised an astounding 34,475 pound. This combined air station effort almost doubled the amount given from the previous year.

I expect this year to be just as successful. I encounter folks daily that are committed to making our community a better place, are concerned with helping the less fortunate, and have a heart as big as what one may expect to find in South Texas. I have witnessed firsthand how these gracious donations bring joy into the lives of others and I encourage each of you to consider how you can impact

the life of someone in need.

Donation drop-off boxes will be located at the Commissary, in the Catholic and Protestant Chapel facilities, and throughout various work centers. If you have questions or would like more information about how you can donate, please contact RP3 Nicole Schuster at 961-3751.

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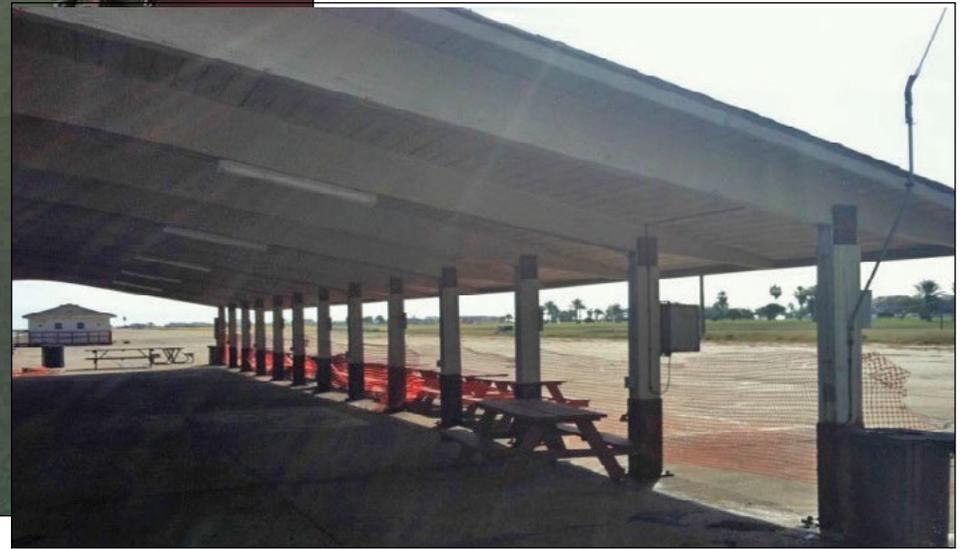


This paper is published for Lt. Ryan Fish, an H-65 pilot with U.S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi. Fish is a native of Goose Bay, Ore., and has 15 years service.

Construction Update



Public Works personnel plan to begin restoring the Sunfish Pavilion, pictured below, the week of June 8. The work includes removing and replacing the existing roofing material as well as repairing the roof supports and columns. The sunfish pavilion restoration project will be completed in time for the Titanic Cup Regatta on Aug. 22. So get those boats ready! Normal base operations should not be affected by the restoration work. Pictured left, public Works personnel are also planning to restore the Golf Course Club House, building 1272. The work is scheduled to begin the week of June 22 and be completed by the end of July. The work includes the renovation of the men's and women's rest rooms as well as installing new flooring throughout the building. The work will be done during normal operations and only one rest room will be closed at a time. (Courtesy photos)



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News Briefs

Now hiring!

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the summer at \$10.50 per hour. Candidates must be age 17 and older. MWR is also hiring wait staff for the Catalina Club. For more information, contact Mary Moyer, MWR human resources at 961-3441.

Hole in one!

Wally Grabowske recorded a Hole-in-One May 8, on hole 9, at the Golf Winds Golf Course. Grabowske used a - iron to ace the par-3 measuring 168 yards. He works in Quality Control at CCAD, has been playing golf for 11 years and has already scored seven hole-in-ones -- this being his second on hole-9 alone!!

Grabowske followed tradition and purchased a round of drinks for the witnesses: Marion Sweatt, David Robeau, Jim Bures, and Carlos Juarez.

Honoring the legacy of our fallen heroes

The Navy is committed to supporting the families of service members who die on active. The Navy Gold Star Program serves the survivors by providing support, information, and services.

The program connects survivors to each other through events and groups. Gold Star Program coordinators pair survivors with

resources to assist with any counseling, financial planning, job hunting, job interview or resume needs that arise and link them to a variety of community and government resources. Coordinators advocate on behalf of survivors, helping to navigate paperwork issues and requests for documents, pins and other information. They may also facilitate remembrance events to help ensure that the service member's sacrifices are not forgotten.

Locally the Navy Gold Star coordinator representing Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas is located at the NAS Corpus Christi Fleet and Family Support Center. For more information, call 961-1675 or visit www.navygoldstar.com or www.facebook.com/navygoldstar.



Three things Sailors should know about evals

NAVADMIN 113/15 announcing the update of Navy Performance Evaluation System, BUPERS Instruction 1610.10D, and summarizing instruction changes, was released May 7, and is posted at www.npc.navy.mil. Here are three things to know about the updated instruction.

1) The instruction incorporates policy changes already released in instructions and NAVADMINs including: BUPERSINST 1610.10C change 1, BUPERSINST 1610.10C change 2, NAVADMIN 183/11, NAVADMIN 219/11, NAVADMIN 028/13, NAVADMIN 243/14, SECNAV Memo of 1 May 2014 and adds some new guidance. You can read and download the instruction at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/instructions/BUPERSInstructions/Pages/default.aspx>.

2) The update adds total force language throughout with the most significant change requiring concurrent reports for Reservists performing active duty. This aligns with reports on active duty personnel on temporary duty or additional duty billets (ADDU) to another command.

3) Requires reporting seniors to document whether commanding officers, and officers-in-charge conduct required command climate assessments. (From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs Office)

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Good Sailors don't go unnoticed

By Bill W. Love
NHCCC Public Affairs

Good Sailors, just like good ideas do not go unnoticed for long! That was the case at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) after three outstanding individuals found their photos on Facebook April 30, 2015 following an announcement that they had been selected as Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ), 2nd Quarter FY15.

HM1(FMF) Jesus Natiola, HM2 Kara Merkwan and HN Bjarne Dyrdal topped out a field of 20 representing the entire Command.

At its core facility in Corpus Christi,

two branch health clinics located in Kingsville and Fort Worth, Texas, as well as a detachment in San Antonio that provides primary care services to Navy students at the Medical Education and Training Command at Fort Sam Houston, and case management services and medical board management to Navy and Marine Corps Wounded, Ill and Injured Warriors at San Antonio Military Medical Center, there are 271 Sailors assigned to NHCCC.

The three frontrunners this quarter serve at the core facility, Senior Sailor Natiola in Dental, Junior Sailor Merkwan in the Command Suite, and Blue Jacket

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Hurricane preparedness: review, revise, implement

By **Twillia Smith**

Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

With the 2015 hurricane season starting on June 1, now is the time to ask: Are you ready?

The southeastern United States has historically been the target area for severe tropical weather. While Navy installations have been spared direct hits in recent years, the need to prepare for these natural disasters has not lessened. It's not a question of "if" a storm will strike, but "when." Don't wait until the storm is bearing down, but instead use the calm before the storm to prepare.

Step One: NFAAS

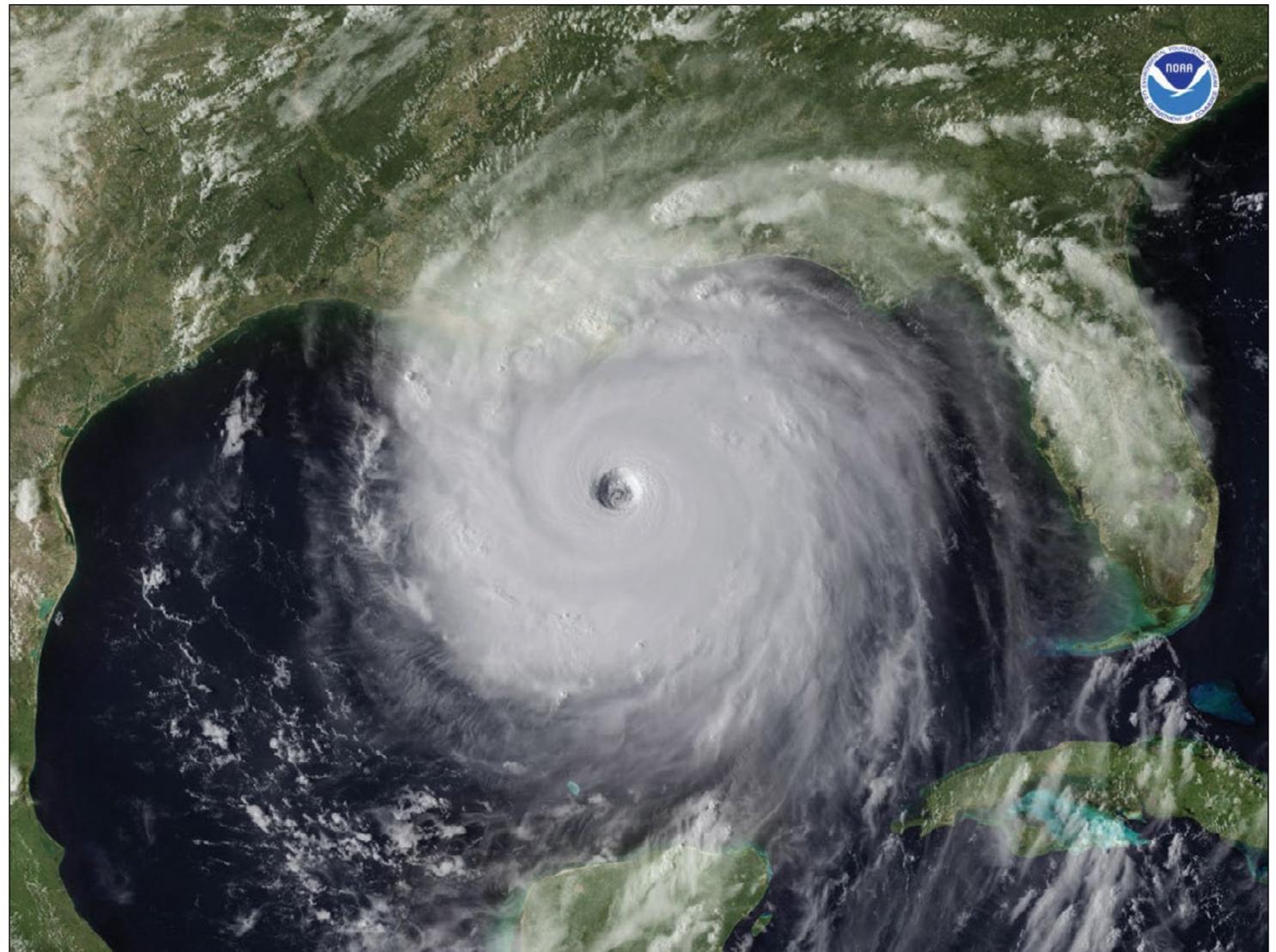
Start with personal information. Has anything changed? If so, update your records in Total Workforce Management System (TWMS) Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS), and in personal plans at home. This network is vital to the Navy's ability to know where service members and their family's are, and how they may be reached during an emergency. Is there a new cell phone number? Did the military member, civilian employee, or family member change jobs, schools, or move since last season? Having the correct telephone numbers and contact information is essential for both work and home.

"The key to being prepared is having a plan based on your family situation," said Kandi Debus, Regional Emergency Case Management Coordinator for Family Readiness at Navy Region Southeast. "Take into consideration kids and pets. Prepare a hurricane kit. Verify and update your information in NFAAS."

And if anyone needs assistance with using NFAAS, Debus says, "Contact your local Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), view the YouTube video at <http://youtube.com/user/CNICN91?feature=watch>, download the NFAAS smart phone app, or e-mail the NFAAS Help Desk." She also explained that during an emergency NFAAS is accessible via the Internet or through a smart phone app and both ways allow personnel to complete a Needs Assessment and request assistance. If anyone is unable to access NFAAS during an emergency, Debus said they should call the Navy Personnel Command Emergency Coordination Center at 1-877-414-5358 for assistance.

Step 2: Evacuation Planning

The dangers posed by a severe storms may make it necessary to evacuate to a safe location outside the projected path of the storm. These evacuation routes should be considered now, not when the storm is days away. The volume of traffic will be high and highway and road improvement projects can cause delays. Visit your state's highway or transportation department's websites will include evacuation routes and constructions projects that could create further delays.



More than 1,800 people died due to Hurricane Katrina and the resulting flooding making it the deadliest hurricane since 1928.

After confirming a viable evacuation route, make sure the software on your cell phone, tablets, or global positioning system trackers is up-to-date with the most recent version and that it covers road construction. Knowing the correct route will save time and expedite evacuating from the area.

Step 3: Emergency Kits and Plans

Severe weather such as hurricanes can create significant disruptions to day-to-day life. Having a personal or family plan for how to cope with these disturbances goes a long way to riding out the storm. Sylvia Williams, an accounting technician with Navy Region Southeast's Fleet Family and Readiness Programs, said communication at work and at home is key when preparing for a hurricane. "It's important that each member of my family member understands the plan and what they need to do. We want to prepare our home for wind and flooding. We also want to make sure our emergency kit and supplies are up to date with the items we need. Since we have dogs, we'll also make sure they'll have the food and medicines they need. And if we have to evacuate, we'll gather all our important documents to

protect them and have them available at our evacuation destination."

Step 4: Stay Connected

Your local television and radio stations, as well their associated web sites provide real time information about the approach of the storm, including wind speeds, potential flooding, and any orders – such as those that come from the Region or installation – to evacuate or when the "all clear" is given for personnel to return to work. Most of your local media is also accessible via mobile apps that work on your cell phone and tablets. Make sure you've charged your mobile devices before the storm arrives. Other good sources of information on the Internet include

the National Hurricane Center (<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>), Fleet Weather Center, Norfolk, Va. (<http://www.usno.navy.mil/NOOC/fwc-n>), and www.weather.com. A simple battery-powered transister radio may also prove useful to listen to local broadcasts if power is lost. Make sure it has new batteries.

Be Ready

Don't wait for the storm to be on your doorstep. Start today! Be prepared. Connect through NFAAS. Know your evacuation route. Ready your hurricane kit and have a plan. Stay connected.

Hurricane Season is coming. Are you ready?

2015 Atlantic Storm Names

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Claudette	Henri	Mindy	Sam
Danny	Ida	Nicholas	Teresa
Erika	Joaquin	Odette	Victor
			Wanda

Beach to bay ...



During the fourth leg of the Beach-to-Bay Relay Marathon, about 2,000 people ran through the base. The annual event honors our armed services. (Photo by BM3 Tanner Springer)



A MATSG-22 volunteer provides a runner and her parent with water during the relay race held May 16.



After running their leg of the marathon, Ensign Chris Dare, (left) of VT-31, and Ensign Brad Williams, of VT-35, cheer and encourage other runners to make it through leg 4.



Water anyone? MCCM Ian Lee of the U.S. Coast Guard and his son Connor were just two of the volunteers that manned a water station in front of Hangar 41. There were four water stations throughout the air station.



Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Sailors manned a medical tent at the end of leg 4 and provided assistance to runners in need.

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Sailor Dyrdal in Medical Records.

"This is my favorite part of my job!" said CMDCM(SW/FMF) Rikki L. Brown in an e-mail note to the commanding officer. "I get to tell you how great our Sailors are and what a hard time the board had picking the best. It is obvious that the competition was tough. We have the best Sailors the Navy has to offer!"

The senior winner manages Dental enlisted personnel as their leading petty officer. He hails from Olongapo City, Republic of the Philippines, but is now a Texas resident.

"I was so surprised and so happy, it's been a long time since my last SOQ and SOY board because in my last command due to our isolated UIC, we were not able to participate in this program," said Natiola, a 17-year Navy veteran referring to his previous assignment with the Marines in Iwakuni, Japan.

Natiola indicated that the toughest challenge he faced during the board process was reciting the Sailor's Creed.

"It's not that I don't know it but that's going to be my first impression from the Board," he said, "because no matter how you prepare for it, it's really nerve racking."

Natiola, who joined the NHCCC team in July 2014, advises Sailors preparing for SOQ boards to study, be themselves and relax.

Although a relative new-comer to the Navy, the junior Sailor hails from Chicopee, Mass., where she enlisted in January 2011.

Merkwan currently serves as the assistant command career counselor, a job that she is thoroughly passionate about because she gets to help other Sailors. Her mantra is work hard and take care of your Shipmates and the rest will fall into place.

No doubt, the support she provides the crew as well as her documented organizational skills made success at the SOQ board more probable.

"I was surprised when I found out I had won," she said. "I knew I was up against some of the hardest working Sailors. I prepared for the board by working hard, paying attention to current events, and knowing my Command and its policies. The toughest challenge I faced was the anxiety of having to wait my turn before I was able to begin."

Merkwan reported to NHCCC in December 2013.

Becoming SOQ is an honorable recognition, awarded to the 'best of the best' as selected among all the Sailors in the Command. The SOQ is recognized for their superior performance, for the outstanding achievements, exemplary personal conduct and military bearing and demonstrated initiative in performance.

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Midway from page 1

reported a strong force of enemy ships about 700 miles off Midway, proceeding eastward. Nine U.S. Army B-17 Flying Fortresses based on Midway immediately were ordered to intercept and attack the approaching enemy. The Japanese force was approaching in five columns and was composed of many cruisers, transports, cargo vessels, and other escort ships. The Army bombers scored hits on one cruiser and one transport. Both ships were severely damaged and left burning.

"At about dawn on June 4, several groups of Army medium and heavy bombers and U.S. Marine Corps dive bombers and torpedo planes took to the air from Midway to attack the approaching enemy. Four Army torpedo bombers attacked two enemy aircraft carriers through a heavy screen of enemy fighter protection and a curtain of anti-aircraft fire. One torpedo hit on a carrier is believed to have been made. Two of the four bombers failed to return. ...

"A group of 16 U.S. Army Flying Fortresses carried out high-level bombing attacks, according three hits on enemy carriers. One carrier was left smoking heavily.

"Shortly after the Marine Corps planes had left Midway, the island itself was attacked by a large group of carrier-based enemy planes. They were engaged by a badly out-numbered Marine Corps fighter force, which met the enemy in the air as he arrived. These defending fighters, aided by anti-aircraft batteries, shot down at least 40 of the enemy planes. As the result, the material damage to shore installations, though serious, was not disabling. No plane was caught grounded at Midway.

"Meanwhile, U.S. Naval forces afloat were being brought into position. Our carrier-based aircraft were launched and were proceeding to the spot where the enemy's previous course and speed would have placed him had he chosen to continue the assault. Unaware of the enemy's of course, one group of Navy fighters and dive bombers searched along the reported track to the southeast until shortage of gas forced them to abandon the search. Some were forced down at sea when they ran out of gas. Most were later rescued.

"A different flight composed of fighters, dive bombers, and torpedo planes concluded that the enemy was retreating. Fifteen torpedo planes from this group,

located the enemy westward and proceeded to attack at once without protection or assistance of any kind. Although some hits were reported by radio, and although some enemy fighters were shot down, the total damage inflicted in this attack may never be known. None of the 15 planes returned. The sole survivor of the 30 officers was Ensign G.H. Gay Jr., who scored one torpedo hit on an enemy carrier before he was shot down.

"... Navy dive bombers scored many hits and inflicted upon the enemy the following damage:

"The Kaga, Akagi, and Soryu, aircraft carriers, were severely damaged. Gasoline in planes caught on their flight decks ignited, starting fires which burned until each carrier had sunk. Two battleships were hit. One was left burning fiercely. One destroyer was hit and is believed to have sunk.

"Shortly after this battle, a force of about 36 enemy planes from the damaged carrier Hiryu attacked the U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown and her escorts. Eleven of 18 Japanese bombers in this group were shot down before their bombs were dropped. Seven got through our fighter protection. Of the seven, one was disintegrated by a surface ship's anti-aircraft fire; a second dropped its bomb load into the sea and plunged in after it; while a third was torn to shreds by machine gun fire from U.S. fighter planes. Four enemy bombers escaped after scoring three hits.

"Shortly afterward, 12 to 15 enemy torpedo planes escorted by fighters attacked Yorktown. Five succeeded in launching torpedoes, but were destroyed as they attempted to escape. Yorktown was hit and put out of action. The damage caused a list which rendered her flight deck useless. Her aircraft, however, continued operating from other U.S. carriers.

"While this attack on Yorktown was in progress, some of her own planes located the carrier Hiryu in company with battleships, cruisers, and destroyers. Our carrier planes immediately attacked this newly-located force. Hiryu was hit repeatedly and left blazing from stem to stern. She sank the following morning. Two of the enemy battleships were pounded severely by bombs and a heavy cruiser was damaged severely.

what the questions will be," Dyrdal said, "there's a strong chance for a current event question. It's just the anticipation afterwards waiting to hear the results. It's still great to be nominated but of course everyone wants to win and its very competitive."

Dyrdal advises his Shipmates wanting to become SOQ not to get discouraged and keep on trying.

"During the same afternoon (June 4), a U.S. submarine scored three torpedo hits on the smoking carrier Soryu as the enemy was attempting to take her into tow. Soryu sank during the night. ...

"By sundown on June 4 the United States forces had gained mastery of the air in the region of Midway.

"At dawn (June 5) our forces were marshalling their strength for further assaults against the enemy fleets which by now had separated into several groups, all in full retreat.

"In the afternoon of June 5, Army Flying Fortresses attacked enemy cruisers again and scored three direct hits upon one heavy cruiser. One the return ship, one of these planes was lost; a second was forced down at sea 15 miles from the Midway. All except one of the crew of the second plane were rescued. Early on June 6 an air search discovered two groups of enemy ships, each containing cruisers and destroyers.

"Between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m., U.S. carrier planes attacked one group which contained the heavy cruisers Mikuma and Mogami and three destroyers. At least two bomb hits were scored on each Japanese cruiser. One of these destroyers was sunk.

"The attacks were carried on until 5:30 p.m. Mikuma was sunk shortly after noon. Mogami was gutted and subsequently sunk. Another enemy cruiser and a destroyer also were hit during these series of attacks.

"It was during this afternoon (June 6) that the U.S. destroyer Hammann was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine. Most of her crew were rescued.

"Repeated attempts were made to contact the remainder of the Japanese invasion fleet but without success. The battle was over.

"The following is a recapitulation of the damage inflicted upon the enemy during the battle of Midway.

"Four Japanese aircraft carriers, the Kaga, Akagi, Soryu, and Hiryu were sunk. Three battleships were damaged by bomb and torpedo hits, one severely. Two heavy cruisers, Mogami and Mikuma were sunk. Three others were damaged, one or two severely. One light cruiser was damaged. Three destroyers were sunk and several others were damaged by bombs. At least three transports or auxiliary ships were damaged, and one or more sunk.

"The Battle of Midway was a complex and widespread action involving a number of engagements lasting more than three days and nights. Even our active participants in the numerous attacks and counter-attacks are unable to give an accurate account of the damage inflicted by any group in the many individual and unified attacks of our Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel." (*Reprint from August 1942, All Hands*)

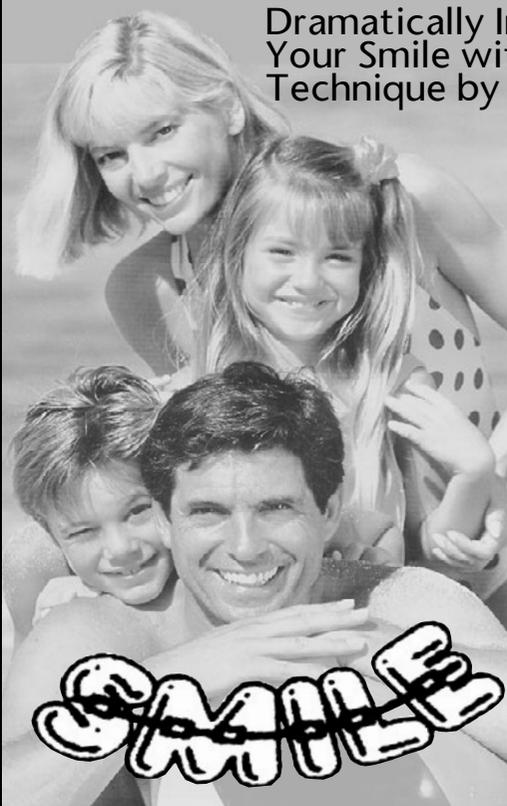
Sailors from previous page

The and most noted performer among fellow Bluejackets hails from Miami, Fla. He enlisted in the Navy in February 2013 and reported for duty at NHCCC in August of that year.

Dyrdal says he was relieved when he learned of the news because, "It has been something I have been trying to do for a while now."

He added that he prepared for the board and the questions they asked by staying on top of current events.

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Cleaning up -- Volunteers held a car wash recently to help raise funds for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Pictured from left are MA1 Leroy Williams Jr., BMSN Edith Lemus MA3 Lenora Mckenzie, ET3 Christopher Purvis and YNSN (SW) Mary Ramey. The car wash raised more than \$427, which will help local Sailors, Marines and their eligible family members, widows, and survivors. NMCRS provides financial assistance, education and other programs and services.

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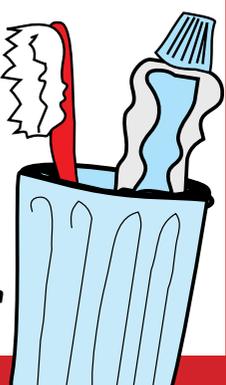
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DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, employees, from top, clockwise, Brian Miller, Samantha Bailey, and Reginald Evans, practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation on mannequins during a class practical exercise.

Corpus Christi DLA focuses on first aid training

By **Scott Peterson**
DLA Distribution Corpus Christi

Several months ago, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, determined there was a need to enhance its Automated External Defibrillator, or AED, program. With the goal of training all willing employees to be able to respond to the vast majority of medical incidents, both at work or at home, the organization had its safety specialists officially certified to pass lifesaving skills onto others.

When a person suffers a sudden cardiac arrest their chance of survival decreases by 7 to 10 percent for each minute that passes without defibrillation. While cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, can double or triple a victim's chances, when coupled with an AED, those chances are greatly strengthened. AEDs can restore a normal heart rhythm in victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Many within the organization believe that training employees to deploy the AED and provide initial medical attention necessary after an incident could potentially save lives. "I believe this training is valuable and everyone should take it. Not only [could] it help coworkers, but it will also benefit family members and friends," said DLA Distribution employee Reginald Evans.

In the past, management enabled any employee who desired to become certified in first aid CPR and AEDs to do so. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire Department personnel conducted periodic classes and

certified DLA Distribution Corpus Christi employees to use AEDs and administer CPR. However, the number of Distribution employees wishing to be certified far out-weighted the fire department's training capacity.

As a result, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi leadership decided to have both of its DLA Distribution Corpus Christi safety specialists certified as first aid CPR and AED instructors. The certifications include adult CPR and AED, blood borne pathogens, infant and child CPR and AED, and oxygen first aid for emergencies. The organization is now completely self-contained with regards to first aid CPR and AED training.

The duo's inaugural course was conducted in early April, and was, by all accounts, very successful. Class attendee Bryan Miller explained, "I wanted to become certified because I felt clueless as to how to respond in an emergency. Now I know exactly what needs to be done and how to do it."

Samantha Bailey, a DLA Distribution Corpus Christi employee and recent class graduate agreed, stating, "I feel more confident in my ability to respond to a medical emergency whether at work or outside of work."

The safety staff will continue to conduct training courses every quarter until every willing employee has been certified. Future plans include expanding training coverage to include the other local DLA agencies, such as DLA Aviation and DLA Disposition Services.

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