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Memorial Day --

ITCM (SW/AW/IDW) Thomas H. Morrill, a Navy drug and alcohol counselor intern, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Behavioral Health department, honors veterans during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Rose Hill Cemetery. A small cadre of NHCCC Sailors conducted morning colors followed by the playing of Taps and the placement of an American Flag at each veteran's headstone. (Photo by HM2 Jacob L. Welch)

Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi helm changes

Command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi will change hands June 5, at 10 a.m., when Capt. Samuel Creech will turn over the helm to Capt. Richard Hahn, during a ceremony aboard USS Lexington Museum on the Bay.

Rear Adm. David R. Callahan, Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, will be the presiding official.

Hahn, a third generation military officer, reports to Corpus Christi from Washington, D.C., where he served as the Chief of Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Hahn has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management and Management of Technology from the Colorado School of Mines. He has also completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellowship for Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest in 2013.

He earned his wings in December 1993 from *see USCG on page 3*



Creech



Hahn

Executive Officer's Column



Cmdr. Scott Wilmot
Executive Officer



part of everything we do. In reality, we are all safety officers — on and off duty.

Every year, preventable mishaps cost us millions of dollars and take the lives of too many of our personnel. Roughly 80 percent of all mishaps are human-factor related. These factors include fatigue, complacency, inattention, and other potentially unsafe behaviors. Learn to recognize them. Use common-sense risk management for all your off-duty activities this summer. Ask yourself these questions: What can hurt me? What can I do about it? If something goes wrong, what do I do and who do I tell?

Also, when you travel, use Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS). This tool helps personnel identify and mitigate the human factors that lead to mishaps while traveling. Information on this tool is located at <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/>.

Also, don't drink and drive. Make a plan before you drink for a designated driver or to call a cab.

Don't talk and text while driving. Place

your phone out of your reach. No phone call or text is so important you must risk your life, the life of loved ones and others on our roadways. Watch out for motorcycles on our roadways, expect to see them, look twice at intersections, when changing lanes; keep a safe distance. Wear your seat belt and ensure your passengers do the same — every rider, every trip.

For water safety, wear personal flotation devices, be aware of rip currents, swim in areas with a lifeguard, check weather forecasts, keep a close eye on children, and take a boating safety course.

For sporting activities, stretch first. Stay hydrated. Wear proper gear and footwear. Know your limits.

Know the signs of heat-related injury and illness. Stay hydrated. Wear sunscreen. Do not leave children in vehicles alone.

Fireworks, firearms, wildlife, hiking, camping, biking, fishing, BBQ — no matter the activity this summer, plan ahead.

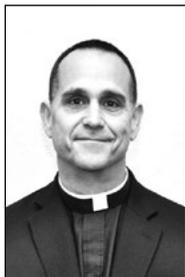
How many of you have heard of “Critical Days of Summer?”

It's the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day — the summer months. During this period because of increased participation in off-duty activities, vacations and travel, we take time to highlight and raise awareness of the hazards we may encounter. Increased risks include more people on the roadways, more water recreation, more sporting activities, and more partying.

This means ensuring that risk management is second-nature to us, both on and off the job.

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Father John Vidal

-- it may not have been elegant or graceful, but by screaming and thrashing and flailing away he hoped to get that next breath of air.

That's how we achieve most things in life ... assuming, of course, that we put the plan into action!

Here are some suggestions about how you might apply this process to your spiritual life and faith:

First, develop a precise goal that brings you closer to your spiritual vision. Make sure it is specific, measurable and realistic. For example, a goal to “be more spiritual” is not really achievable because it lacks specificity. A goal that says “I will spend three hours a week in ministry to the poor this year” is better, because it tells you what you want to do, how you will know when you've achieved it and that it's something you can reasonably expect to accomplish.

The next thing you will need to do is figure out why you want to achieve the goal. The guy with his head under water has a very specific reason for all that screaming and thrashing! If you want to create lasting change in your life, you'll need reasons that are just as powerful. This is more difficult to do in matters of faith because the compelling reason is often intangible. A spiritual goal that is based on an idea that “I should be more holy” is not compelling enough because it is too vague and lacks urgency. A more compelling reason might be the conviction that you will only be happy when you are working with others for the common good and the glory of God; you know from experience that working on a team with a common goal is satisfying. Furthermore you may have a desire to help the poor because you know somebody who's been there, or have been there yourself, or because you have enough love in your heart to truly grieve their condition. You know that if you don't tackle this goal, you will be sitting alone in your

home, depressed and without any purpose in life. When you can define this powerful reason, you are ready to proceed, if not, find a different goal.

Next, you will need to define a strategy regarding how to achieve your goal. This strategy will likely consist of a series of milestones or “sub-goals.” Setting these milestones should follow the same general principles as the primary goal, with the added requirement that they work together to achieve that primary goal.

Finally, act! Take each action when you said you would. Set your mind on the task and remember the reasons for the goal and the action plan you've designed to complete it. Write them down. Put them on your desk, refrigerator or somewhere where you will see them, and review your progress regularly. Make sure you are on track and that each milestone is still relevant to the primary goal.

When you clarify your goals and line them up with your life's spiritual vision, and develop a powerful, driving set of action items to pursue them, your success is inevitable.

Live your life and do the things you know you are meant to do, and the rest is just the story of how you got it done!

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This paper is published for people like Kortnee Senn. Senn is a native of Sioux Falls, S.D., and the spouse of VT-31's Ensign Kyle Senn.

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Naval Flight School, Pensacola, Fla. He flew the HH-60J "Jayhawk" helicopter before transitioning to the HH-65A "Dolphin."

His assignments include deck watch officer aboard CGC Confidence in Cape Canaveral, Fla.; HH-65A ALPAT engineering officer, Air Station Kodiak, Alaska Patrol Division; HH-65A instructor pilot and senior deployed aviator on five ALPAT deployments in the Bering Sea and one deep south deployment for Joint Interagency Task Force West; aircraft commander and instructor pilot at Air Station Houston; resource division chief, deputy commander, and program manager, USCG Headquarters, Office of Aeronautical Engineering; and executive officer of Air Station Borinquen, P.R.

Creech assumed command in the summer of 2012.

The Sector Corpus Christi Headquarters, Command Center, and flight operations are located aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. On average, Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi personnel annually save 83 lives, assist 591 people in distress, and preserve over \$3 million in property. Last year, local Coast Guard law enforcement crews seized more than 10,000 pounds of drugs and captured 22 illegal smuggling vessels. The prevention crews maintained 1,300 aids to navigation, managed the safe arrival of 8500 commercial vessels -- a four-fold increase since 2012, conducted 900 facility exams, investigated 230 marine incidents, and performed 375 inspections of commercial vessels and off-shore oil-platforms.

Following the change of command, Creech will retire from the U.S. Coast Guard with 26 years of service. He and his family plan to move to Colorado.

Command of DLA Distribution Corpus Christi changes

Command of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Corpus Christi will change hands June 11, at 9 a.m., when Lt. Col. Ryan Fearnow, U.S. Army, will turn over the helm to Lt. Col. Brian Richie, U.S. Army, during a traditional ceremony at the NAS Corpus Christi Catalina Club.

Brig. Gen. Richard Dix, U.S. Army, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution will be the presiding official and guest speaker.

Richie reports to DLA Distribution Corpus Christi from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he was headquarters commandant for Special Operations Command Central.

Richie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute.

His assignments include platoon leader and executive officer, 603rd Transportation Company, Fort Polk, La., and Operation Joint Guard, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Battalion S4, 142nd Corps Support Battalion, Fort Polk; plans officer and detachment commander, 599th Transportation Group, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii; company commander, 545th Harbormaster, Ford Island, Hawaii; strategic movements officer and Prime Ministers Situation Room liaison officer, MNF-I, Operation Iraqi Freedom; JOPES Plans Officer, 8th US Army, Yongsan, Korea; transformation plans officer, 19th ESC, Daegu, Korea; and executive officer, 837th Transportation Battalion, Busan, Korea.



Fearnow



Richie

Fearnow assumed command of DLA Distribution Corpus Christi in June 2013. During his tenure, Fearnow led the effort in preparing DLA Distribution Corpus Christi for audit readiness inspections, while simultaneously ensuring the distribution center was resourced and equipped to maintain performance-based metrics. He enjoyed an excellent relationship with union leadership because he believed that supporting employees supports the mission.

Fearnow's next assignment is in Bahrain, with DLA Energy.

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News Briefs

In memoriam

Raymond "Ray" Braden passed away on May 26, in San Antonio, at the age of 78. Braden was a retired chief petty officer and served on active duty for close to 30 years. He also was the educational services officer at Personnel Support Detachment Corpus Christi, for about 27 years as a DoD employee. Braden retired from civil service in May 2013. Since he didn't have children, Braden considered the people he worked with his Navy family. Braden's passion was his total devotion and service to our country as well as his genuine passion and devotion for helping Sailors.



Braden

**Retiring or separating?
Turn in medical records**

Sailors are being reminded to personally ensure their medical and dental records are available to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by returning them to their medical treatment facility at retirement or separation, Navy leaders said May 26.

"A benefit of service is a lifetime of support from the VA," said Ann Stewart,

director, Pay and Personnel Management. "To make sure Sailors can get the best level of support possible, they need to make sure their medical records have been turned in to the appropriate medical facility when they separate or retire from the Navy. A copy of medical and dental records will be provided to separating or retiring Sailors."

Before a Sailor separates or retires, commanding officers (CO) and officers in charge (OIC) are responsible for ensuring that the medical department or medical treatment facility knows the Sailor is separating or retiring, and that their Service Treatment Records (STR), medical and dental records, are at the appropriate medical and dental facilities.

This guarantees that the records will be available to the VA. Medical departments or medical treatment facilities annotate on command/organization check-out sheets the disposition of the STR (per NAVADMIN 187/14).

"There may come a time when you need to file a claim with the VA in the future, and they will check to verify your period of service in the Navy," Stewart said. "Making sure your record is left at the appropriate medical or dental facility when you leave the Navy means that the VA will have immediate access to your records and can expedite care."

It's essential that all Navy leaders and Sailors understand their responsibility when

it comes to storing and handling their medical and dental records, and their disposition after separation or retirement. Non-compliance with policy could impact timely adjudication of their VA benefits. (From *Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs*)

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.

DoN launches the "Hatch"

The Department of the Navy (DON) launched its crowdsourced ideation platform, the "Hatch," recently.

The launch of the Hatch is part of the initiative to build a DON Naval Innovation Network (NIN). It's an accessible, virtual collaboration forum where innovators can submit their creative ideas for improving the DON. In the Hatch, ideas can be refined through crowdsourcing and further developed by local innovators and subject matter experts.

"The Hatch enables us to connect innovators," said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. "We have the opportunity to receive and share innovative ideas at the right level

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Construction update -- Public Works/NAVFAC has awarded a contract to preserve the appearance of the historic structures aboard NAS Corpus Christi. The first planned project is painting the exterior of Building 3, which houses Legal and the USO of South Texas. Prepping work is slated to begin next week. The work includes prepping and painting of the exterior of the building. Normal operations within Building 3 should not be affected by the painting work, which should be completed by the beginning of August. *(Contributed photo)*

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Bravo Zulu



New crowns for 19 NHCCC Sailors -- A group of 19 Sailors assigned to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) were frocked to the next higher paygrade recently. They each wore new crowns after the results of the Cycle 227 Active Duty (E4-E6) Navywide advancement examination were made public. A crown is an unofficial Navy term for the petty officer rank insignia, which includes an eagle above one to three chevrons, depending upon a Sailor's rank. A petty officer first class wears three chevrons. Front row,

from left: HM3 Luis Garza, HM3 Jayne Jordhal, HMCM Rikki Brown and LS1 David Pazrosas. Second row, HM3 Evan Martinez, HM3 Keelan Player, HM3 John Lopes, HM3 Daniel O'Sullivan and HM3 Andrew Baiza Birog. Back row, HM3 Leonard Jackson, HM2 Antonio Smith, HM3 Jacob Wigdorski, HM3 Daryus Jamal Smith, HM2 James Franklin Aiken, and HM3 Jonathan Ronald Brooks. Not pictured: HM2 Richard Callahan, Jr., HM2 Dariun Harris, HM2 Katherine Pickle, HM3 Robert C. Hill, and HM3 Andrew Lyons. (Photo by HM2 Jacob L. Welch)

CNATRA Sailor recognized

YN1(SW/EXW/SCW) Ramiro Lizcano recently received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) Bronze Star for outstanding community service as a Youth Flag Football Assistant Coach, Baseball Coach, Cub Scouts and Combat Veterans Association for the Texas Coastal Bend Area from March 2010 to March 2015. Lizcano was also awarded the Navy Achievement Medal (Gold Star in Lieu of Ninth Award) for his professional achievement as leading petty officer and leading administrative petty officer for Chief of Naval Air Training Command from January through December 2014.



Lizcano displayed outstanding professionalism and initiative in a position of significant importance and responsibility, resulting in his selection as CNATRA's Sailor of the Year.

NASCC recognizes personnel

Bravo zulu to the following Naval Air Station Corpus Christi personnel who were recognized recently on their achievements.

Five years length of service: **Krystal Quinones, Lisa Garza, and Wallace Bell.**

Ten years length of service: **Thomas Francisco and Travis Reynolds.**

Fifteen years of service: **Paul Wright and Maria Granillo.**

Twenty years of service: **Clara Shorethose.**

Twenty-five years of service: **Jose D. Flores and Ronald Vickers.**

Thirty years of federal service: **Leroy Dunk and Leonides Curiel.**

The following Sailors were awarded Navy Achievement

Medals: **MA2 Joshus Light, ET2 Timothy Meek, AC2 David Supall and AC3 Matthew Sherwood.**

MA1 Robert Toy was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

The following personnel received Letters of Commendation for their outstanding efforts in support of the Wings Over South Texas 2015 Air Show:

Lt. Cmdr. Dave Hunt; CWO3 Andy Musfeldt; MACS Joshua Reichard; MMCS Shane Eckhart; MAC Thomas Hammond; ACC Juan Barrera; ABHC Roberto Jimenez; BM1 Eric Johnson; MA1 Robert Harrison; MA1 John Hoffman; CS1 Bernice Meno; AC1 Steven Pullen; EN1 Derrick Scranton; FC1 John Sessions; AO1 Jasmine Shackelford; AC1 Vincent Theus; LS2 Cuong Dinh; DC2 Antonio Garza; MA2 Sherrod Jackson; DC2 Joseph Relethford; HM3 Gardner; QM3 Courtney Hursey;

Nancy Allen; James Baker; Wallace Bell; Bevan Benson; Weston Beseda; Robert Bethea; Daniel Boswell;

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NASCC Sailors frocked -- Fifteen NAS Corpus Christi Sailors were recently frocked to their current rank after the results of the recent Navywide advancement exams were announced. Congratulations to the following Sailors, from left: (front row) YN3

Mary Ramey, MA2 Ava Vanportfleet, MA2 Ambrielle Murray, BM1 Kenneth Midland, (middle row) AC3 Ryan Masse, BM3 Raei Goodwin, MA2 Steven Vineyard, AC2 Francesca Gingras, AC2 Nicholas Duffy, AC2 Dalston Byrd, (back row) AC3 Ricardo Perez, MA3 Darnell Stokes, AC2 Raymond MacDonald, AC2 Austin Hansen, and MA1 Tommy Dover.

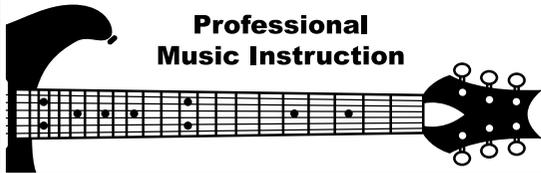
Years of service --

During a recent Chief of Naval Air Training's awards ceremony, the following individuals received certificate of awards recognizing their years of civil service. From left are, Richard Amos for 45 years, Thomas Donovan for 40 years, Thomas Sheppard for 40 years, Clayton Watson for 15 years, and Scott Schulle for 15 years.



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Sybil Stockdale Ombudsman of the Year Award announced

The Navy has announced the Mrs. Sybil Stockdale Ombudsman Award to formally recognize the dedication and contributions of ombudsman across the fleet.

The award honors Sybil Stockdale's support to families of other POWs during her husband's -- Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale -- seven-year internment in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The award recognizes four of the Navy's top ombudsmen who have served their command and families with selfless dedication and commitment to family readiness in three areas - Afloat commands (Fleet Forces Command, both Atlantic and Pacific), Ashore commands under Navy Installations Command, and Navy Reserve Force commands.

To be eligible for the award, ombudsmen must be registered in the Ombudsman Registry, located at <https://ombudsmanregistry.org>, and have distinguished themselves in supporting Navy families, served as an ombudsman in good standing for at least 1 year, and embody the core values of the Ombudsman Program.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to honor Mrs. Stockdale," said Matt Straughan, director for the Navy's family support programs for Navy Installations Command. "This award allows us to formally recognize the hard work and sacrifices made by our ombudsmen who support our sailors and their families world-wide."

The Navy Family Ombudsman Program

was created in 1970 by Adm. E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., then Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), to improve communication between commands and the families of Sailors who served in them.

In 2006, CNO Adm. Michael G. Mullen re-emphasized the importance of the program and signed an updated instruction, highlighting the requirement that all Navy families have access to a Navy family ombudsman.

The ombudsman is a volunteer, appointed by the commanding officer, to serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information both up and down the chain of command, including official Department of the Navy and command information, command climate issues, quality of life improvement opportunities and community resources. Ombudsmen provide resource referrals to families when needed and are instrumental in resolving family issues before the issues require extensive command attention.

Nomination packages must be submitted to the appropriate organization via the chain of command by June 30. Winners will be announced at the Ombudsman Appreciation event to be held in San Diego in September 2015.

More information may be found by visiting: www.cnicy.navy.mil/OmbudsmanOfTheYear. (By Navy Installations Command Public Affairs)



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Senior Chief Petty Officers -- Congratulations to two NAS Corpus Christi senior chief petty officers who were recently frocked to their current rank during a ceremony held at the Fouled Anchor -- MACS Phillip Croshaw and QMCS Richard Greene. Pictured below, MACS Joshua Reichard places the cover on Croshaw's head. Right, Greene's wife Becky pins on his anchors.



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Jared Coward; Athena Cruz-Levene; Leonides Curiel; Leroy Dunk; Dillon Ellis; Thomas Francisco; Laurie Garcia; Eddie Garza; Lisa Garza; MaryJane Garza; Maria Gauntt; Maria Granillo; Johnny Guerra; Kendall Hajovsky; Chari Heck; Matt Jones;

Vince Jones; Jeffrey Leinen; Martin Lewis; Dale Martinets; Laura McLaughlin; Kris Morgan; David Moses; Francie North; Javier Portillo; Krystal Quinones; Georgio Reitmire; Travis Reynolds; Jennifer Rodela; Hector Rubio; Terry Shannon; Carla Shorethose; Krista Slezinsky; Rich Stegall; Carl Suding; Guillermo Trevino; Roland Vela; Roland Vickers; Frederick

Warner; and Paul Wright.

NASCC Fire and Emergency Services recognized their personnel during a quarterly awards presentation.

Firefighter Austin Walker was selected as Firefighter of the Quarter for the first quarter.

Chief Jose Flores was selected as Fire Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter.

Fire Captain Jeremy Massey was selected as the installation's Civilian of the Quarter for the fourth quarter.

Firefighter Conrado Jaquez was recognized for 10 years of federal service.

Firefighter James Grigsby was recognized for 25 years of federal service.

Upcoming Community Events

Third Coast Squadron CAF Lands at New Home

The Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will hold a Grand Opening of its new Hangar and Museum of Military History at Hangar H11 at McCampbell-Porter Airport in Aransas Pass. Event includes mini Airshow, Military Exhibits and Aviation Forum. Sponsorships are available. For complete event details and available sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at www.ThirdCoastCAF.org or call 361-356-4918.

150th Year Celebration of Juneteenth

You are invited to a celebration of the 150th year of Juneteenth. The event will be held on June 27, 2015 at Sinai Evangelistic Center at 3512 S. Staples, Corpus Christi, TX. There will be performances by Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's, KeKe Perez, Janice Eatmon, and Ameerah York, as well as spoken words by Dr. Alexis Carlion Maston. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, please call 361-779-1186.

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to get solutions to problems people encounter every day. I look forward to seeing how the Hatch will allow us to share these solutions across our workforce.”

The Hatch is a continuation of the CNO’s highly successful initiative to reduce administrative distractions (RAD). The RAD ideas and user profiles are fully integrated into the Hatch.

The DoN workforce can establish an account using their .mil, .gov, and military .edu e-mail addresses. Once an account is created, the innovator will be able to submit and monitor ideas through their work or personal desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

An incentive/rewards structure will be developed to recognize those who submit ideas, actively collaborate and advance ideas through development and implementation.

Whether you have an innovative idea, a solution to reducing administrative distractions, or a creative proposal for how we can recognize top contributors, enter the Hatch and start participating. (From Department of the Navy Innovation Public Affairs)

Make it a smooth move

Planning a PCS move? The way you plan and execute your move matters. Success for the most part depends on a member’s active participation at all points of the evolution: before pick-up at origin, during the move and delivery at destination. Communicating with the Personal Property Processing

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The summer is a peak moving season: government moving service providers are stretched to capacity and oftentimes are required to perform services with limited packing crews, trucks in short supply, and at-capacity storage facilities. However, unforeseen changes can be easily managed by being informed, planning ahead, and remaining flexible.

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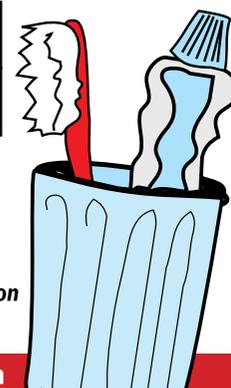
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A CBP P-3 Long Range Tracker

CBP air crew leads to 1,200-pound cocaine disruption

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – A U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Air and Marine (OAM) air crew thwarted an attempt to smuggle 1,200 pounds of cocaine after detecting a loaded panga-type vessel in the eastern Pacific Ocean last month.

OAM agents aboard a CBP P-3 Long Range Tracker maintained covert surveillance on a vessel in open waters approximately 575 miles southwest of the Mexican-Guatemalan border while coordinating with interagency partners to intercept.

U.S. Navy assets intercepted the panga along with an additional vessel in the vicinity. Using video and still imagery, analysts determined that more than \$90 million worth of cocaine was dumped overboard as part of efforts to evade capture.

The P-3 aircraft patrolling during the operation is based at OAM's National Air Security Operations Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"With our integrated partnerships we're able to anticipate, detect and disrupt potential threats including illicit activity on the high seas," said Director of National Air Security Operations Center – Corpus Christi John Wassong. "Our agents work tirelessly during long-range maritime patrols to expose

transnational criminal activity before it reaches our shores."

Operation Martillo includes the participation of 15 nations that work together to counter transnational organized crime and illicit trafficking in coastal waters along the Central American isthmus. Joint Interagency Task Force South, a National Task Force, oversees the detection and monitoring of illicit traffickers and assists U.S. and multinational law enforcement agencies with the interdiction of these illicit traffickers.

OAM P-3s have been an integral part of the successful counter-narcotic missions operating in coordination with the JIATF South. The P-3s patrol in a 42 million-square mile area which includes more than 41 nations, the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, and seaboard approaches to the United States.

In Fiscal Year 2014, CBP's P-3s operating from Corpus Christi, Texas, and Jacksonville, Florida, flew nearly 6,000 hours in support of counternarcotic missions resulting in 135 interdiction events of suspected smuggling vessels and aircraft. These events led to the total seizure or disruption of more than 126,000 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$9.47 billion.

Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron lands new home

The Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will hold a grand opening of the Squadron's new hangar and Museum of Military History on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hangar H11 McCampbell-Porter Airport in Aransas Pass, Texas.

"We are all very happy about our new facility" said Col. Pearson Knolle, the squadron's unit leader. "The squadron has worked hard in order to make the new facility become a reality." The new facility includes a 12,500 square-foot hangar, 3,000 square-foot museum, offices and conference room, vehicle parking for 50 cars and large tarmac area for the unit's planes.

A schedule of events includes Young Eagle Flights from 9 to 11 a.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, with the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi, will be held at 10 a.m. A mini-air show with aerobatic performances, jumpers, warbird exhibits and fly-bys will

begin at 11:15 a.m.

Other activities planned include flights of the local area in various aircraft, an aviation forum focusing on aviation career opportunities and flying stories, and a silent auction.

Tours of the museum will also be available, as well as snacks and cold beverages for purchase. For more information about the event or the Third Coast Squadron, visit their website at www.ThirdCoastCAF.org or call (361) 356-4918.

The Squadron's mission is to establish and maintain a permanent presence in the community so as to preserve and illustrate the Coastal Bend's involvement in the history of those men and women who served in the past and still serve in today's military. The Squadron believes in and adheres to the Commemorative Air Force's mission of teaching and preserving history through restoring the aircraft and memories of our veterans.

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