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## Local SARC recognized by SecDef

By Lisa Ferdinando  
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Ash Carter honored six individuals recently from across the military as sexual assault response coordinators of the year, saying they promoted a climate of trust in which sexual assault is not tolerated or ignored.

The six reinforced a culture of prevention, accountability, dignity and respect, Carter said at the Pentagon ceremony that honored the women. Carter also announced a sexual assault retaliation prevention strategy at the event.

“Wherever sexual assault occurs – whether it’s on the frontlines or here at home – it not only undermines our values, it undercuts our ability to execute our mission, which is to protect our people and make a better world for our children,” he said.

The sexual assault response coordinators, or SARCs, served as models in their response to sexual assault, he said.

“These six individuals (are) trailblazers. They know their part, they do their part, and they’re doing whatever it takes to fight against sexual assault in our military ranks,” Carter said.

In a statement, Army Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols, the director of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, applauded the six for their outstanding contributions.

“The 2016 exceptional SARCs deserve recognition for their professional abilities and service on the frontlines and for the quality care they provide for victims of sexual assault,” she said. “I am privileged to work with such dedicated and compassionate individuals who continue to strengthen the department’s prevention and response efforts.”



Defense Secretary Ash Carter presents Marine Corps civilian Jacqueline Maxwell with a sexual assault response coordinator of the year award during a ceremony at the Pentagon recently. (DoD photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Clydell Kinchen)

The awards are presented in conjunction with April’s Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

SARCs Honored for Commitment

Army Sgt. 1st Class Raquel Mendoza at Fort Carson, Colorado, created a triage decision tree that ensured anyone standing guard was trained  
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## NASCC, tenants hone preparedness during HURREX

The Navy conducts an annual exercise to provide the opportunity to test hurricane preparedness procedures and installation restoration plans before the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs June 1st through November 30th.

This year, Hurricane Exercise Citadel Gale 2016 was held May 9-20. The exercise scenario included the rapid development of a simulated tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico with landfall near NAS Corpus Christi as a Cat IV hurricane. Once it hit land, its simulated track showed it traveling west to also affect NAS Kingsville.

The first week incorporated information sharing and preparation for a hurricane impacting the installation. The second week incorporated response and recovery from the hurricane making landfall.

“Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane,” said Ron Retzlaff, NAS Corpus Christi’s emergency manager. “They can  
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Emergency Management Working Group members discuss disposition of assets and preparations that need to be made as Hurricane Exercise Citadel Gale 16 gears up.

## Command Master Chief's Column



CMDCM(SW)  
Jeffery Tidwell

Howdy!

So far this has been a busy year for NASCC, from the 75th anniversary celebration to Buc Days, Earth Day and more. Almost on a daily basis, we have Sailors who volunteer for the Honor Guard, pay tribute to fallen veterans and present colors at events.

I just want to say, "thank you," to everyone for your professionalism and participation in everything we have accomplished so

far this year.

Gone are the days of old when we had plenty of funding and plenty of bodies. Today, we are constantly faced with doing more with what we currently have.

A volunteer is a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking or a person who performs a service willingly and without pay. Volunteers allow us to accomplish things that help the installation, personnel assigned here and the community.

Volunteering also gives personnel a leg up when it comes down to evals and how Sailors rank against peers. Volunteers get a leg up because everyone performs their job on a daily basis from controlling, standing guard or conducting maintenance.

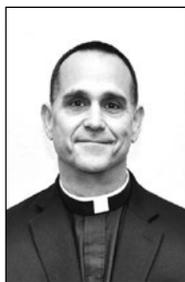
Every job is equal in its importance or it would not be a rating in the military. So

when it comes to ranking boards, I always ask myself who is doing other things outside their primary job in support of the installation, the other personnel assigned here and the community? The individuals who are volunteering and are involved in other activities outside their rating will have an advantage when it comes down to rankings.

Why? Because you are improving yourself as a person and you are giving back to the installation, your fellow service members and the community.

So, next time you hear that someone is looking for volunteers, think about stepping up. It reflects positively on you as a person and the installation. Volunteering is one way we can help take care of each other and make life a little easier.

## Chaplain's Message



Nurses:  
examples  
of love

Father John Vidal

As I sit to write this column, I am preparing to go to my daughter's graduation from Nursing School.

(Yes, I am a married Roman Catholic priest. Stop by the chaplain's office for a visit, or better yet, join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to find out how this came about.)

When I asked Renee why nursing instead of doctoring, she said, "because nurses are closest to the patient."

This is National Nursing Month, so I want to stop and remember the nurses who have taken care of us over the years when we've been sick.

Nursing is one of those professions – or, more accurately, vocations – that has been around us for a very long time. Many people credit Florence Nightingale as the founder of modern professional nursing.

I beg to differ.

Women and men who have dedicated their lives to the caring for the sick goes back -- at least -- to the first century when religious orders began to form. Many orders were founded with a specific vocation for the sick.

Florence Nightingale led the vocation into the secular world, but did so out of a deep religious and spiritual conviction.

I think it's telling that it was men and women of faith, who had a deep love for God, were the ones that dedicated themselves to caring for the sick. This was an important mandate to the Jewish people in the Old Testament and a pivotal expectation of Jesus for his followers.

Linking God's love with caring for the sick will most certainly result in a close relationship between the sick and those caring for them in their most vulnerable state. This

is because we can only really help people if we do it with love.

It is this love that begets men and women who are willing and able to perform the humblest tasks, some of which many of us might find impossible to do.

I'm sure nobody likes to change a bedpan, but nurses change them.

I'm sure that nobody likes to clean out a wound, but nurses do it with gentleness.

But it's more than that: love drives nurses to sit with a patient when they are scared and lonely; drives them to encourage patients and give them hope; moves them with compassion when they are in pain and facing death.

They are an example to us all. Nurses can be an inspiration to all of us, not only in caring for the sick, but in looking out for each other in general. How much better would our lives be if we would take the time to look at strangers as if they were our brothers and sisters. Asking them how they are doing, and caring enough to listen to their answers. Offering to help the mother with three active children load her groceries into her car. Tak-

ing the time to visit with the patients waiting for their ride at the entrance of the clinic. It is those little things in life that makes us all better and begins to heal the brokenness of our society. It is those little things that nurses do that bring them closer to their patients. It is those little things that display God's love for us in all its glory. Let's be grateful to them for their loving care for those of us who are sick.

So thank you Renee for choosing this vocation. Thank you to my two sisters who have chosen this vocation. Thank you to the nurses working at the Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi. Thank you to all the nurses who have cared for each one of us over the years and thank you to all the nurses we will encounter in the years to come.

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**Celebrating a milestone --** Navy Nurse Corps members at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi surround Senior Nurse Executive, Capt. Dawn M. Cavallario and the most junior nurse, Lt.j.g. Brent D. Pavell, during a cake cutting ceremony celebrating the corps' 108th anniversary on May 13. (U.S. Navy photo)

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This paper is published for people like Geneva Arrendondo, a Corpus Christi native who recently began working in Public Work's Hazardous Waste Department.



Battle of Midway, June 1942. Torpedo Squadron Six (VT-6) TBD-1 aircraft are prepared for launching on USS Enterprise (CV 6) at about 07:30-7:40 a.m. on June 4, 1942. Eleven of the 14 TBDs launched from Enterprise are visible. Three more TBDs and 10 F4F fighters must still be pushed into position before launching can begin. The TBD in the left front is Number Two (Bureau # 1512), flown by Ensign Severin L. Rombach and Aviation Radioman

2nd Class W.F. Glenn. Along with eight other VT-6 aircraft, this plane and its crew were lost attacking Japanese aircraft carriers somewhat more than two hours later. USS Pensacola (CA 24) is in the right distance and a destroyer is in plane guard position at left. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives.)

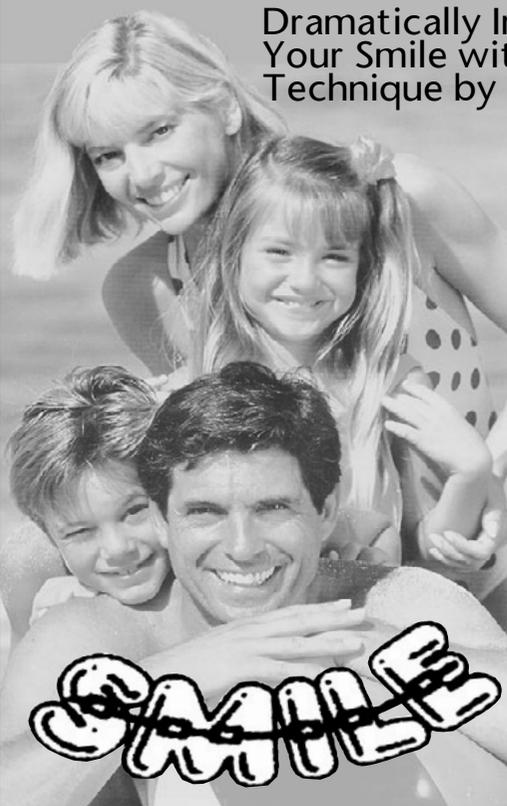
## Local Battle of Midway commemoration will be June 3 aboard Lex Museum

A Battle of Midway commemoration will be held Friday, June 3, at 10 a.m., aboard USS Lexington Museum on the Bay.

Rear Adm. Dell Bull, chief of Naval Air Training, will be the keynote speaker. Also speaking will be Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, NAS Corpus Christi; and Col. Wade Hasle, prospective commanding officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group-22.

The Battle of Midway was fought June 3-7, 1942, at and near the island of Midway in the central Pacific Ocean. The ceremony honors that battle, which is considered the turning point in the war in the Pacific, as the U.S. achieved its first major victory after the attack on Pearl Harbor and inflicted a decisive defeat on the Japanese fleet. The ceremony will also honor the veterans of World War II, who continued to battle for more than three additional years before Japan finally surrendered.





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## Bravo Zulu

### NASCC recognizes Sailors

Bravo zulu to the following personnel who were recently recognized for their achievements:

**AC2(AW) Ethan McCullough** was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his service as team leader of the Veterans Memorial Services and Honor Guard Team aboard the air station from March 2015 to March 2016. He rendered honors during 25 military funerals and he took a leading role in five command ceremonies and community events.

**AC2 Raymond MacDonald** received a Navy Achievement Medal for his service as facility watch supervisor, Air Operations

Department from December 2014 to June 2016. MacDonald led 16 controllers in the execution of 104,265 mishap-free flight operations producing 250 position qualifications. As divisional training petty officer, he was in charge of maintaining 24 personnel records and logged more than 2,500 training hours, resulting in zero discrepancies for the 2015 NATOPS evaluation.

**AC2 Seth Tunnell** was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his service as facility watch supervisor, Air Operations Department, from April 2013 to May 2016. He led 23 controllers in the execution of 76,851 mishap-free flight operations. He also maintained all required charts, publications

and manuals leading to outstanding results for the 2015 NATOPS evaluation. Tunnell also volunteered more than 150 hours of service to various community events.

The following Sailors received Letters of Appreciation from W.B. Ray High School NJROTC for their support of the 13th Annual Coastal Bend Classic Drill Meet held on Jan. 30: **AC1(AW/SW) Carl Gibbs, AC1(AW/**

**SW) Joshua Ottwell, AC2 Amanda Taylor, AC3 Zeke Sanchez and ACAN Shane Bacon.**

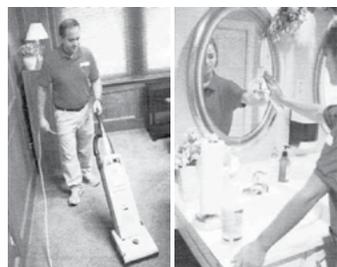
The drill meet drew 15 NJROTC units and almost 500 cadets and was one of eight qualifying drill meets for teams to compete for a place at the Texas State Navy JROTC Drill Competition.



**NMCRS fund drive donation** -- Steve Arnold, vice president of sales and marketing for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, presents Navy Marine Corps Relief Society with a check. Monies were raised from advertising sales of the special insert the Caller-Times produced for the air station's 75th anniversary. Receiving the donation is Melissa Bradley, director of the local NMCRS, left, and ABHC Joenique King, fund drive coordinator. Also pictured is Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer. NMCRS provides financial, educational and other need-based assistance to active duty and retired Sailors and Marines, their eligible family members and survivors. For more information or to donate, call 961-3482.

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to properly handle sexual assault when it occurred, notify the responsible parties, assist in the preservation of evidence, and protect the rights of the survivor, Carter said.

The decision tree is so effective that it is being replicated throughout the Army, Carter said, adding that Mendoza also established an on-base mentorship program to help survivors, and raise awareness of sexual assault prevention.

Navy civilian Deborah Drucker, with Naval Submarine Base New London, Con-

necticut, helped to shift the expectations and perceived norms within the submarine community to integrate and welcome female crew members, Carter said.

“She also confronted the long-held stereotype that all survivors of sexual assault are female and all perpetrators are male,” the secretary said. “She encouraged members of her community to consider male as well as female survivors, which is vital to changing environments and behaviors.”

Marine Corps civilian Jacqueline Max-

well demonstrated extraordinary compassion for the survivors of sexual assault at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and determination to improve how to teach personnel about sexual assault, Carter said.

Her efforts led to the first Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Proclamation of Support by unit and base commanders. “From the ground up, she inspired military leaders to commit to a total team effort to prevent sexual assault,” Carter said.

Air Force Capt. Elizabeth Belleau en-

sured the men and women across AFRICOM had an advocate and the resources they needed across 15 geographically separated operating locations supporting over 7,000 service members.

“Through education, orientation and frequent outreach, she helped establish evacuation procedures to transport survivors from across the command to locations with certified providers of forensic exams,” Carter said.

Army Master Sgt. Class Melinda Heikinen traveled more than 3,000 miles as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for the Washington Army National Guard to advocate for survivors, he said, adding that she created a policy for victim care and response that enabled all restricted reporting cases to move to unrestricted reports.

“This policy encouraged a cultural shift allowing survivors to be comfortable to report assault and receive compassionate care,” Carter said.

Coast Guard civilian Simone Hall at Coast Guard headquarters used cutting edge technology to ensure that 6,500 military and civilian employees with the Coast Guard had instant access to sexual assault prevention and response services.

“She is dedicated to establishing an environment within her service that promotes dignity and respect for every individual, with the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual assault,” Carter said.

Jacqueline Maxwell leverages her background in education to create unique delivery methods to augment Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training. Pictured here, she oversees her “SAPR Resource Game.” Maxwell’s SAPR program oversees training and support for 3,000 MATSG-22 Marines across six separate duty stations and five geographic regions. Maxwell’s efforts also led to the first Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Proclamation of Support where all base and unit commanders and commanding officers pledged their commitment toward a synergistic effort in the prevention of sexual assault.



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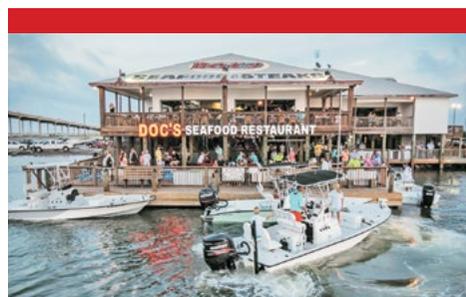
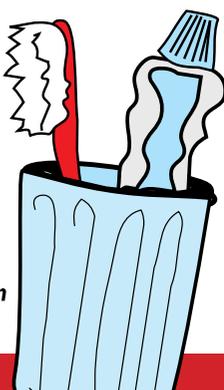
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# VT-28 pilot helps preserve the legacy, inspires youth

By Lt. Mario Tarver  
VT-28

March 22, 2016, was the 75th anniversary of the "Tuskegee Airmen Experiment."

On this date in 1941 the 99th Pursuit Squadron was activated. The diamond anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen experiment was celebrated with 10 living DOTA's (Documented Original Tuskegee Airmen).

The 10 airmen in attendance were Val Archer, George Boyd, Leslie Edwards, George Hardy, James H. Harvey III, Ted Lumpkin, Eugene Richardson, Samuel Sams, James Shipley and Levi Thornhill.

All the daytime festivities were held at Historic Moton Field, Ala., where all the Tuskegee Airmen began their primary training. A flyover by an F-16, F-22, T-1, and a T-38 all from current Tuskegee Airmen squadrons started the day's events. This was followed by a welcome from the TAI president retired Brig. Gen. Leon A. Johnson. Panel discussion were also held with the 10 DOTA's fielding questions from the audience.

The culmination of the 75th anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen Experiment was the gala held in Montgomery, Ala. The gala was attended by approximately 300 people including Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III who was presented with an Honorary Membership.

I was also on hand at the anniversary celebration and gave tours of the T-6B Texan.

The name, "Tuskegee Airmen," comes from the city that these airmen started their training -- Tuskegee, Ala. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black military aviators fighting in World War II. These men started in the Army Air Corps, which is now the United



Lt. Mario Tarver with a Tuskegee Public School student. Tarver recently attended the 75th anniversary of the "Tuskegee Airmen Experiment" held in Montgomery, Ala. (Courtesy photo)

States Air Force.

The Tuskegee Airmen were all-black fighter squadrons, which included the 99th, 100th, 301st and the 302nd Pursuit Squadrons. Collectively, they formed the 332nd Fighter Group.

Tuskegee Airmen are affectionately known as "Red Tails" for the color they painted the tail of their aircraft. These men flew the P-39, P-40, P-47 and the P-51 during World War II. They also had the distinction of never losing a bomber to enemy aircraft.

After great success with flying fighter aircraft, the War Department, now known as

the Department of Defense, decided to train blacks in bomber aircraft. The 616th, 617th, 618th and 619th Bomber Squadrons, which formed the 477th Medium Bombardment Group, was located at Freeman Field located in Indiana.

These pioneering pilots overcame segregation and prejudice to become highly-respected for their achievements during World War II.

I was bit with the aviation bug at the age of 17 because of this group of heroes. I took part in a summer flight academy sponsored by the William "Bill" Campbell San Francisco

Bay Area Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI). After completing this program, I obtained my first eight hours and knew that I wanted to become a naval aviator.

Soon after my high school graduation, I attended Tuskegee University and graduated with a degree in Aerospace Science Engineering. I then applied and was accepted to the Naval Aviation Program.

After receiving my commission, and completing primary flight training, I was accepted into the maritime community to fly the P-3C.



## Final E2/C2 graduates --

Pictured are the last students graduating from advanced E2/C2 class aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. From left are Lt.j.g. Mitch Stephens, Lt.j.g. Dan McClellan, Lt.j.g. Melanie Cleveland and Lt.j.g. Brent Burger. These four pilots are now at their Fleet Replacement Squadron at Naval Station Norfolk, Va., and will later get their follow-on assignment and E2 or C2 airframe. Selected E2/C2 students had received their wings once they completed E2/C2 training at VT-31. However, Chief of Naval Air Training has revised those pilots' training curriculum and moved the advanced E2/C2 pilot training to NAS Kingsville or NAS Meridian, Miss. VT-31 now conducts the intermediate phase of these students' training.

**Bravo Zulu****Corpus Christi Clinic underscores readiness, receives 'Blue H' for excellence**

By **Bill W. Love**  
NHCCC Public Affairs Office

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) was one of 443 Navy and Marine Corps organizations recognized by The Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) as recipients of the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award - the Blue H, May 6.

Capt. Guido F. Valdes, NHCCC commanding officer, praised Dr. Sam Rivera, Wellness Center department head, and his staff at the monthly awards ceremony May 12.

"I am very happy and proud to announce that all our sites earned Gold Star level, the highest award, Corpus Christi, Kingsville and Fort Worth," said Valdes about the core facility and its branch health clinics. "This is another 'feather in the cap' for the command and proof of the high caliber work done each and every day by you."

The winners in 2015, announced in a

GENADMIN from the Navy Surgeon General, include all 12 U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, 51 Navy flying squadrons, 68 surface ships/surface forces units, 77 Navy medical treatment facilities, 11 USMC Semper Fit Centers, 51 Marine Corps commands and 106 Navy Reserve Operational Support Centers.

Record-setting participation occurred from across the Department of the Navy for the ninth consecutive year, according to Cmdr. Amy Drayton, NMCPHC director of Population Health.

"The number of organizations that have applied for the Blue H has increased every year since its inception in 2007, and this confirms the value placed on this workplace-level health promotion tool within the Navy and Marine Corps," said Drayton. "The leap from 342 organizations in 2014 to 443 in 2015 is especially encouraging and exciting."

The Blue H, managed by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, encourages and rewards the promotion primary prevention policies and activities in

Department of the Navy and Marine Corps workplaces, communities and medical treatment facilities, which are critical to maintaining a fit and ready force.

Improving healthy lifestyles of Sailors and Marines also enhances individual quality of life and reduces long-term health care costs. Health topics covered by Blue H criteria include alcohol abuse prevention, injury and violence-free living, nutrition, physical activity, psychological health, sexual health, tobacco cessation and weight management.

All Navy and Marine Corps commands are eligible for the Blue H, which is organized into four distinct criteria sets. The Medical version recognizes excellence in clinical primary prevention, community health promotion and medical staff health in Navy medical organizations.

Awards may be earned at three levels: Gold Star, Silver Eagle, and Bronze Anchor. Every organization that applied received at least the Bronze Anchor-level award.

When NMCPHC was first launched the program, NHCCC earned a Silver Eagle.

Since then, under Rivera's leadership, the core facility has enjoyed solid gold.

"This is our 8th consecutive Gold Star award at NHCCC. Our Branch Health Clinics have also attained high recognition," Rivera said. "During the past eight years Kingsville has been recognized with one Bronze Anchor, one Silver Eagle and five Gold Stars, and Fort Worth has been praised for achieving one Bronze Anchor, two Silver Eagles and two Gold Stars."

The Blue H criteria focuses on primary prevention, guiding participants to use the most effective interventions and tools to save time and money, and ensuring everyone is working towards the same goal of health and readiness.

Rivera's key message for maintaining a healthier lifestyle is education and prevention.

"Our success is based on the daily efforts to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors that mitigate the associated complications and risk factor of illnesses and diseases within our military population," Rivera said.



Capt. Guido F. Valdes, NHCCC commanding officer, praises Dr. Sam Rivera, Wellness Center department head, for his role in ensuring the command received the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award - the Blue H, Gold Star level the 8th consecutive year. (Photo by HM2 (FMF/SCW) Jacob L. Welch)



**Farewell** -- Lt. Col. Kevin Heartwell retired from the U.S. Marine Corps on May 13, during a traditional ceremony held in Hangar 58. Heartwell enlisted in the Marine Corps during his junior year of high school and, following his years as a squad leader and company guide, graduated from Texas A&M University. He became a naval aviator in April 1997. His efforts have supported humanitarian and escort missions as well as Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Most recently, he served as the Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 executive officer aboard NAS Corpus Christi. (Photo by Anne Booher, CNATRA)

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be life-threatening as well as cause serious property damage with the associated flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

“This exercise helps enhance our readiness and gives us a chance to reinforce our working relationships with our counterparts in the local community.”

This is also an opportunity for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi to remind families what actions they should take before a hurricane strikes. We can detect and track tropical storms before they make landfall, but their path is unpredictable. The time to make a family plan and an emergency supply kit is now.

“Ensuring the safety, security, and accountability of our personnel and their family members during natural disasters, such as hurricanes, remains one of our highest priorities,” said Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer. “We cannot control how, when, or where a hurricane will strike, but we can prepare practical responses before the storm hits.”

NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville, and their associated tenant commands, worked together throughout the exercise, responding to the simulated approaching threats and communicating their efforts as they ensured the safety of their resources.

## Planning is key for hurricane season: Will you be scrambling? Or are you prepared?

By Lt. Lupita Tate  
NASCC Public Affairs

It's that time of year again--- hurricane season.

Do you remember the last hurricane that hit Corpus Christi?

Were you one of the many stuck in mass exodus to San Antonio because you waited too long to evacuate or weren't prepared?

Many times, as part of human nature, we become complacent. The Marines have a saying that is plain but to the point, “Complacency kills.”

On Aug. 22, 1999, Hurricane Bret made landfall

on Padre Island, between Brownsville and Corpus Christi. The local area was hit with winds measuring up to 65 mph and received more than five inches of rain. However, Corpus Christi was spared what could have been a catastrophe.

Bret was predicted to make landfall as a Category IV but dwindled down to a Category III, and the most destructive part of the hurricane landed in a remote area. Consider what might have been. Would you have been prepared?

This type of reflection is what NAS Corpus Christi does in participation with the greater U.S. Navy.

NAS Corpus is proactive and prepares for such a disaster, through planning, participating in, and executing an exercise called HURREX(Hurricane exercise). This year's exercise took place from May 9-20.

Again, are you prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice? Or will you be the one scrambling, fighting over a case of water in your local grocery store? Take a moment, kick complacency to the curb, and plan the five “W's and an H.” Where/who will you go to, what will you take, when will you leave, how will you get there and think why is this happening to me.



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#### May 11-25

#### Dine Island

Participating restaurants on Padre  
Island  
Facebook.com/DineIsland for details

#### May 20

#### CC Ride-In Theater

presents Rocky at 6:45 p.m.  
at the Water Gardens downtown, Free

#### May 21

#### Beach to Bay Relay marathon

7 a.m., Bob Hall Pier  
www.corpusroadrunners.com

#### May 21

#### Market Days

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Heritage Park. Free  
www.ccparkandrec.com

#### May 28

#### Rubber Duck Round-Up

benefitting Lighthouse for the Blind  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cole Park. Free.

#### May 28

#### Kids Get Fit Movement 5K

8 a.m., McGee Beach  
www.corpusroadrunners.com

#### May 28-29

#### 20th annual Rockport Wine & Food Festival

Texas Maritime Museum, 1202  
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#### May 30

#### Memorial Day ceremony

1 p.m., Seaside Memorial Park

#### May 30-June 5

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#### June 18

#### "Mulch More than Meets the Eye"

Botanical Gardens, 10 a.m.-noon  
(361) 852-2100, stxbot.org

*If you have or know of an event to list,  
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## May is motorcycle safety awareness month

May is motorcycle safety awareness month. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Naval Safety Center remind everyone that with warmer weather on the way, more motorcycles will be on the roads.

All drivers share the road so motorists are asked to look twice for motorcycles. Because of their smaller size compared to other vehicles, they are often difficult to distinguish in traffic and appear to be farther away than they actually are. This misperception has led to more than a few cars pulling out in front of motorcycles.

To date in fiscal year 2016, the Navy has experienced six motorcycle deaths. This is up from the five deaths incurred during the same period in FY15. The Marine Corps has had four motorcycle deaths to date, down by 50 percent from the same period in FY15.

Most mishaps occur with riders under the age of 27. The under-25 age group usually is riding sport bikes and wearing all protective gear, but they are riding above their abilities and pushing their machines' capabilities.

Commands need to ensure military riders take the mandated motorcycle safety training and that they have an established motorcycle mentorship program in place.

The motorcycle training courses are offered at NAS Corpus Christi under a contract with the Motorcycle Training Center. The course schedule is available at [www.navymotorcyclerider.com](http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com). There is no charge for the training. Active-duty military have priority for the courses; however, anyone who has access to the installation can enroll in a course and complete training. The contractor offers the Basic Rider Training and Advanced Rider Training as applicable per the Navy Traffic Safety Program, OPNAVINST 5100.12 Series. Training Motorcycles are available for use in the Basic Rider Course. The state of Texas requires training to obtain a Motorcycle Endorsement on operator licenses.

NAS Corpus Christi's Designated Motorcycle Safety Representative is MMCS Shane Eckhart. He may be contacted at [shane.eckhart@navy.mil](mailto:shane.eckhart@navy.mil). For assistance scheduling training, call Carolyn Scheible at (361) 961-2489 or [carolyn.scheible@navy.mil](mailto:carolyn.scheible@navy.mil). For course curriculum information, call the contractor, Norm White at (817) 845-6174.



**Warm & fuzzy --** NASCC Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Team members pose with some of the items collected for the annual drive held in April in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pictured are, from left, Ruben Ramirez, from the Corpus Christi Army Depot; HM2(AW) Antwan Wright, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi; Pat Kapitan, SARC program coordinator; and Jacqueline Maxwell, MATSG-22. This year, personnel aboard NAS Corpus Christi collected and donated about 50 blankets and 75 stuffed animals, which were donated to the Child Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend and the Corpus Christi Family Violence Unit. The items are used by first responders who comfort children caught up in crisis situations. (Courtesy photo)

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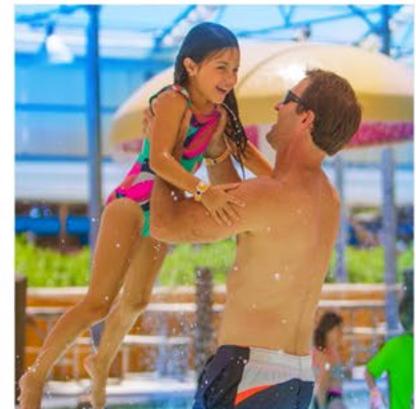
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