

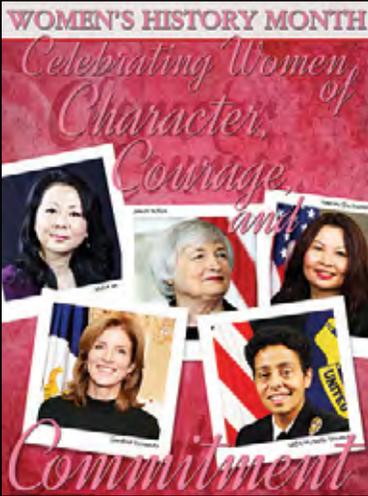
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## Blue Angels return for 'Wings Over South Texas' at NAS Kingsville

by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs



The Navy's Blue Angels perform one of their classic formations during an earlier visit to South Texas. The Blues will highlight the NAS Kingsville Air Show March 29-30. Photo by Bob Torres

After a year of budgetary restraints throughout the Department of Defense that cancelled a large number of Community Outreach events across the country – including the South Texas Shootout at NAS Corpus Christi – the U.S. Navy Blue Angels have been cleared to return to the skies across America in 2014.

And this month, the Blues will return to the Coastal Bend as the headline act for the "Wings Over South Texas Air Show" at NAS Kingsville, March 29-30.

"Our goal for 'Wings Over South Texas' 2014 is to provide something for every member of the family," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Misner, "and we're thrilled to have the Blue Angels as our headline act."

"We view this air show as a base-and-community event, and our base and community teams have been working hard for the last five months to put our 2014 show together.

"I'm certain that air show fans won't be disappointed."

Fourteen acts make up the card for "Wings Over South Texas" 2014, including the Blue Angels and world aerobatic champion Rob Holland.

There will also be a Midway for food, beverages and souvenir purchases, and a KidsZone for children.

Gates to the base will open to the general public at 8 a.m. each day, with the Midway and Kidzone opening at 9 a.m.

The air show will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, with the Blue Angels performing at about 3 p.m. each day. Admission and parking is free of charge.

Air Show week at NAS Kingsville will kick off on Thursday, March 27, with the arrival of the Blue Angels team. Media will be on hand to cover the arrival and welcome the Blues to Kingsville.

Friday activities kick-off with an Air Show Pep Rally at Texas

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## Capt. 'Chuck' Hollingsworth, CNATRA Chief of Staff, retires

by Lt. j.g. Brynn Olson, CNATRA PAO

Capt. Charles T. Hollingsworth, Chief of Staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training Command, retired after 30 years of honorable service in the Navy at a March 4 ceremony aboard the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay.

Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, Chief of Naval Air Training, called Hollingsworth "a man with incredible drive, positive leadership and faith" before introducing guest speaker and prior Chief of Naval Air Training, retired Rear Adm. William Sizemore.

Rear Adm. Sizemore echoed Kelley's comments throughout his recollection of Hollingsworth's long and successful career.

"Chuck Hollingsworth is an incredible naval officer, person and leader in every regard," he said.

"He served an exceptional and diverse career full of energy,

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Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, Chief of Naval Air Training, (left) congratulates Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth, CNATRA's chief of staff, during Hollingsworth's retirement ceremony March 4 on board the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay.

Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA

## Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

I would like to use my article this week to congratulate Mr. Rod Hafemeister, who was awarded the CY 2013 Russell Egnor Navy Media Affairs award for Commentary Writing.

The awards are a Navy wide program that recognizes quality in Navy

Public Affairs and Visual Information, and the excellence of those who create them.

Rod is the editor of our Wingspan newspaper.

What that really means is that Rod is our Wingspan Newspaper.

I don't mean to diminish the contributions of all of you who submit articles each week, because both Rod and I would agree that the paper is much better with your contributions.

But Rod is the guy who stays late and makes sure the paper makes its deadlines.

He is also the guy who makes sure all the space is filled with great pictures and stories about what is going on around the installation – and he does it without any staff.

Rod is truly a Joint Asset in that he started

## Congratulations, Rod

out working for the Army.

After eight years he left Army active duty to freelance for publications like "Soldier of Fortune" before working at a daily newspaper and then becoming the Air Force Times Bureau Chief in San Antonio.

Eventually he found his way here in 2008.

And we are truly fortunate to have the benefit of all his experience.

Rod is a true professional; dedicated to his craft and committed to his piece of what makes our Installation great.

So thanks Rod for all the hard work and congratulations on the well-deserved recognition.

## Chaplain's Message

by Fr. John Vidal

What place do emotions play in faith?

One of the marvelous things that God has given us is emotion. However, we need to recognize that our emotions can be irrational and if we depend on them too much to guide our lives we will inevitably be led astray.

For this reason it's important that we train ourselves to understand that the experience of faith, our relationship with God, is rooted not in our emotions but in a spiritual recognition that God is our Lord, that he is worthy of our love, reverence, and obedience.

This recognition is not a one-time thing. It may begin with a powerful emotional "born-again" experience that involves not only our intellect and will but also strong emotions and passions, or it may be a gradual warm comfortable realization that God is with us. In either case, it will likely be renewed periodically by powerful and emotionally charged experiences of God's presence.

But eventually we will all reach on of those "dry times" when God takes away those gratifying emotional experiences for a period of time and it is then that we must realize that our experience of God's majesty and goodness does not depend solely on our emotional response to Him. It is during these times that God is teaching us to "walk by faith, not by sight".

When we recognize that our senses, instincts, passions, emotions and will often rebel against what our reason and faith shows us to be good and true, then we will recognize our need to train these emotions to be a healthy factor in our faith.

This is particularly important in this age of consumerism. Every day we are bombarded with images, words and songs designed to convince us to buy something. We are surrounded by it on the road, in radio and tv commercials, on the internet, in movies and spam email and in mass mailings. It is impossible to get away from them.

These propositions are not well developed rational arguments of why you need a particular product and how it will add value to our present life experience. Instead they cut through to our decision making through our instincts and emotions. A sign on the side of the road doesn't have time for rational arguments; it has to bypass our reason and grab us by manipulating our emotions, often subliminally. We therefore live in a culture saturated with experts in emotional manipulation and have come to be trained to equate emotional experience with true value.

Working hand in hand with this manipulation is the fact that in our modern age, technological developments have given

## Emotions and Faith

us much more time on our hands that we devote to entertainment that stimulates mostly our emotions. We've come to expect an immediate emotional return from this entertainment and if we don't get immediately, we quickly dispose of it or disregard it. It is no surprise then, that it's so hard for most of us to spend 30 minutes in silence and prayer without distractions, and so easy to pay full attention to a two-hour Hollywood film.

When we consider this we can begin to recognize that to grow in our faith and our relationship with God, we need to train ourselves to resist an overdependence on emotional experience. I'm not suggesting that we need to eliminate emotional experiences from our lives, but instead that we learn to govern our emotions so that we will have healthy relationships and activities based not only on how we feel but according to what we know to be true on the level of our reason enlightened by our faith.



Vidal

## Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

First, let me thank everyone who has been congratulating me on the media award.

(See the Skipper Column if you don't know what I'm talking about.)

I can honestly say it was a

surprise; I actually had to go look up to see which column I had submitted!

Now, on to business.

Believe it or not, this issue is hitting the stands on the First Day of Spring.

This year, the Vernal Equinox – the point where the sun is directly over the equator – is at 11:57 a.m. CDT, marking the official start of Spring.

Yeah, it's kinda hard to believe the spring has arrived, considering the erratic weather we've had in recent weeks.

The Spring Break crowd, for example,

## Spring is in the Air - Maybe

had some cold and nasty days and nights.

And in D.C., it snowed this week.

As I write this, the prediction for March 20 is for a high in the low 70s.

If I was living back in Wisconsin, that would be awesomely spring-like.

Here in South Texas? Not so much.

But the days do seem to be getting warmer more often than not.

So go out and take a walk, toss a ball, enjoy the beginning of Spring.

Soon enough, we'll all be griping about how hot it is in South Texas in the Summer.

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# Coastal Bend Civic Leaders sign Community Covenant supporting Military



Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez signs the Community Covenant supporting Corpus Christi military organizations and installations March 6. 'The military is much more than just economics; they are woven into our community,' said Foster Edwards with the Corpus Christi chamber of Commerce. 'We want to recognize that today.' Besides the City of corpus Chriti, signatories included Nueces County, the Chamber of Commerce, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Del Mar College, the Texas Veterans Commission, Workforce Solutions of the coastal Bend and other civic organizations.

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## Patient Safety comes first at NHCCC



**Captain Jimmy A. Bradley, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi commanding officer, praises Lillian Edel for speaking up and ensuring that NHCCC patients' safety comes first.**

Story & photo by Bill W. Love, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Public Affairs

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC), in conjunction with Bureau of Medicine and Surgery guidance, is further enhancing care and concern for all its patients via expanded patient safety culture.

Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, praised Lillian Edel, Radiology Department MRI scheduler, for speaking up about an MRI request from the patient's outside provider.

"I was speaking with the patient on the phone to schedule her MRI and found that the wrong side had been ordered," said Edel, whose department personnel are routinely encouraged to check and double-check orders to improve patient safety.

Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan, Navy Surgeon General and Chief, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is emphasizing Navy Medicine's Culture of Safety.

Speaking on behalf of the Surgeon General (SG), Rear Adm. Terry Moulton, BUMED Deputy Chief, Medical Operations and Director, Medical Service Corps, addressed Navy Medicine commands worldwide in January, highlighting the Culture of Safety in Navy Medicine as a good news story.

"The SG is very passionate about this. We want to press forward and take the Culture of Safety to the next level," Moulton said.

"He emphasized staff empowerment and speaking up as the right thing to do."

The Surgeon General shared in a memorandum that Patient Safety and Quality continues to be a strategic priority for Navy Medicine.

As Navy Medicine continues to transition to a High Reliability Organization, staff are expected to feel safe in expressing concern or asking questions of colleagues.

The Surgeon General expects commands to create safe zones around the patient experience where any staff member can speak up and Patient Safety comes first.

NHCCC leadership ensures that all staff are implementing such measures like TeamSTEPPS (Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety) principles and tools.

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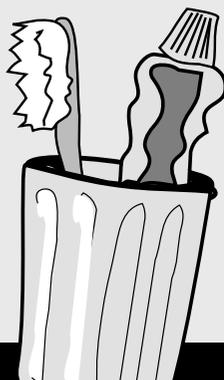
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## Legal Assistance Services for Victims of Crimes

By LN2(SW) Kevin P. Van Gorder



As a victim of a crime, one should not fear retaliation, be forced to remain silent, or feel removed from the legal process.

Oftentimes, victims and witnesses of crimes suffer emotionally, physically, and socially.

The goal of the Department of Defense is to mitigate, if not eliminate, the hardships that victims and witnesses experience.

As part of this effort, Region Legal Service Offices (RLSOs) offer legal assistance to those who have been adversely affected by crime.

RLSO legal assistance services cover civil legal matters including, but not limited to, domestic disputes, child custody and support obligations, landlord-tenant issues, identity theft, and rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

For example, if you are a victim or witness of domestic violence, a legal assistance attorney can assist you with the divorce process.

If your spouse is a service member and not providing support for dependents, RLSO can assist with getting command- or court-ordered support.

Identity theft victims can be assisted with fighting off creditors, repairing damaged credit, and preventing future losses.

Additionally, RLSO legal assistance staff offer counseling to ensure victims and witnesses are aware of other rights and services available.

Depending on the situation, these rights may include the right to be notified of court proceedings and to be present at most public hearings, the right to expedited transfer, the right to transitional compensation, and most importantly, the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

If the assistance a victim or witness desires is best provided by a different resource, the RLSO will make referrals to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) victim advocate, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agent, Family Advocacy Program advisor, Victim Legal Counsel (VLC), or a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) representative.

RLSOs world-wide offer a range of support services to victims and witnesses as they navigate the legal process.

If you have been victimized or have been a witness to a crime and have questions about your rights or assistance available, visit a RLSO in your area.

Office locations can be found using the Legal Assistance Office Locator Tool at <http://www.jag.navy.mil>.



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## NHCCC's Lozano recognized for Meritorious Civilian Service



Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presents the Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Sylvia M. Lozano for meritorious service while serving as supervisory industrial hygienist, Industrial Hygiene (IH) Department, Directorate of Public Health Services, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Texas, from November 1989, to March 2014, culminating in 39 years of total service to the United States Navy.

Committed to mission readiness, Lozano played a critical role in providing the highest level of IH support to over 14,000 personnel in an area of responsibility from Texas to Oklahoma. The command's initial Voluntary Protection Program Certification was, in large part, due to her contributions and expertise.

One of her many contributions entailed representing the Department of Navy in litigation as a factual witness regarding alleged workplace exposures in welders. This specific case positively influenced the outcome of thousands of subsequent claims.

Throughout her tenure, she continually demonstrated unwavering personal interest in protecting the health of workers with robust exposure assessments. The satisfactory rating NHCCC received on its most recent Safety and Occupational Health Management Evaluation was a reflection of her exemplary dedication. Moreover, Lozano provided exceptional mentorship for several industrial hygienists and assured continuity of IH programs despite frequent staff turnover.

Photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

## Happy Birthday, Navy Medical Corps



Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi commemorated the Navy Medical Corps' 143rd birthday during a cake cutting ceremony on the quarterdeck. Slicing the cake were the youngest and oldest doctors (from left), Lt. Cmdr. Bryce Lokey and Cmdr. David Stevens, flanked by Lt. Cmdr. Robert Selvester and Lt. Michael Johns. The Medical Corps was established March 3, 1871, when the 41st Congress enacted the Appropriations Act establishing the Medical Corps as a separate entity and as a Staff Corps. Its mission is to provide medical care to U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel, their beneficiaries, and others entrusted to their care.

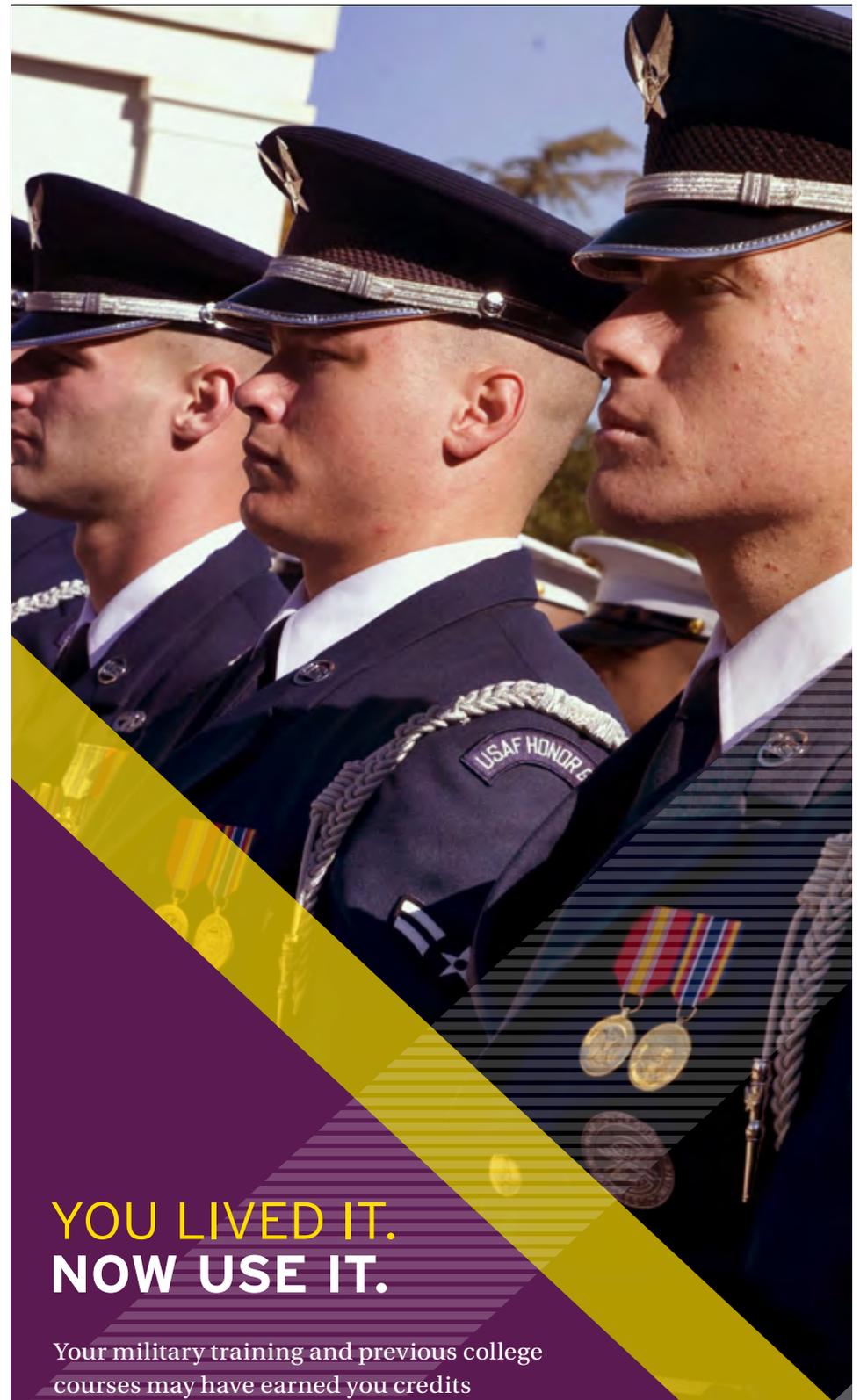
*Photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO*

## Navy Leagues of South Texas 'adopts' CNATRA



Rear Adm, Roy Kelley, Chief of Naval Air Training, is presented a certificate of adoption from the Navy League of South Texas. The adoption signifies the league's commitment to CNATRA's military staff and follows the official signing of the document, which took place at the command on Feb. 27, 2014.

*Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA*



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## NASCC Library launches Brown Bag Book Club April 1



NASCC Librarian Georgia Reitmire with some of the books available for the 'Brown bag Book Club' starting April 1.

Story and photo by Mary Jane Garza, Military School Liaison Officer

On April 1, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi launches a "Brown Bag Book Club" from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the NASCC Library Resource Center Conference Room located in Building 1872, Midway Avenue.

Diana Loevy, author of "The Book Club Companion: A Reading Guide to the Reading Experience," writes that there are approximately 20-25 million members of book clubs.

The NASCC Library desires to join in the book club adventures that are available, and Georgia Reitmire, NASCC Librarian is excited about starting the book club.

"The possibilities are endless once the book club commences," she said.

"Participants can start their own book club, we can email each other with comments as we read, and if the book has a movie we can watch the movie after the book reading – so many possibilities."

Georgia has identified 10 possible books to be read throughout the year:

- "The Cove" by Ron Rash, New York Times Bestseller;
- "The Radleys" by Matt Haig;

- "Everyday" by David Levithan;
- "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom;
- "Bridget Jones's Diary" by Helen Fielding;
- "Mistress in the Art of Death" by Ariana Franklin;
- "Winter's Tale" by Mark Helprin;
- "Longitude" by Dava Sobel;
- "The Astronaut Wives Club" by Lily Koppel;
- "The Happiness Project" by Gretchen Rubin, #1 New York Times Bestseller.

On April 1, attendees will select the first book to be read and questions will be provided that will guide the reader

And on May 6 at 12 p.m. the first book discussion begins.

Georgia said this will be a club that will be driven by the book club participants.

The 10 books are only suggestions to get our NASCC Brown Bag Book Club started.

Everyone is welcome to participate, interested in joining call or email Georgia Reitmire, at 361-961-3574 or email georgia.reitmire@navy.mil.

## Captain's Cup Tennis Doubles Tournament

Register now for the 2014 Captain's Cup Tennis Doubles Tournament at the E-Street Gym, Building 102.

Deadline to register is April 10.

Tournament will be held April 14 - 17.

First match starts at 5 p.m.; check-in for the first game at 4:45 p.m.  
 This is a double elimination tournament with an open division.

**Air Show continued from page 1**

A&M University-Kingsville for school children throughout South Texas.

About 6,000 children are expected to attend the event at Javelina Stadium, which will include school bands and cheerleaders, performer videos on the Jumbotron, and comments from members of the Blue Angels.

A flyover of some of the air show aircraft will close out the Pep Rally.

Friday evening, the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County will host their annual "Meet the Performers" event at the Henrietta Memorial Center in downtown Kingsville.

This event is free to the general public, and offers air show fans the opportunity to meet the performers, get autographs and take photos with their favorite performers.

The Weekend shows will start at 11 a.m. both days, with gates opening to the public at 8 a.m.

## AIR SHOW SCHEDULE

*(Saturday and Sunday)*

**Gates open at 8 AM**

**11 AM**

Opening Ceremony / Jump Team  
Sky Dive South Texas  
Tiger Air Shows' twin YAK 55's  
"Salute to Veterans"  
Disabled American Veterans Flight Team, B-25 Mitchell Bomber  
Paul Fiala, Great Lakes Biplane

**12 PM**

SHOCKWAVE Jet Truck  
Andrew Wright, Carbon Fiber G202  
Gregory Colyer, T-33 Shooting Star  
Rob Holland, MX-2

**1 PM**

Justin Lewis, FLS Microjet  
Jan Collmer, EA-300L  
Tiger Air Shows' Circus Maximus  
Randy Ball, MiG-17F  
MiG 17F and T-33 dogfight  
Rob Holland and SHOCKWAVE  
drag race

**3 PM**

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# Fair Winds and Following Seas, Capt. Hollingsworth

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excitement and leadership that he brought to every command.”

While Rear Adm. Sizemore indicated that Hollingsworth’s retirement ceremony is a time to focus on a man whose service has been for others for the past thirty years, he included Hollingsworth’s wife, Jan, and four children in his thanks.

“Naval aviation is not just made up of Sailors and Marines; the success of a service member is a shared success with their family,” he said.

Hollingsworth said his family was not just made up of his wife and children, but had grown to include many close and supportive friends over his 30 years of service.

During his remarks, Hollingsworth claimed that to him, the focus of the retirement ceremony is about “family and their sacrifice, and pausing to think about Old Glory and why we do what we do.”

His final message was to current and future leaders, to “challenge you to engaged

leadership,” for, as he quoted Civil War Gen. Robert E. Lee, “they will go anywhere and do anything if properly led.”

A native of Commerce, Texas, Hollingsworth graduated the United States Naval Academy in May 1984 after attending a year at East Texas State University.

He was designated a Naval Aviator in October 1985.

A Maritime Patrol (P-3) Pilot, Capt. Hollingsworth has deployed to the Middle East, South America, the Mediterranean, East Asia and the North Atlantic.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and various other Joint and Navy awards that are attributed to the men and women with whom he has served.

He is the recipient of the Navy League Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Excellence, the COMNAVAIRLANT Core Values Award and the Association of Naval Aviation’s (ANA) Pilot of the Year Award.



(left) Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth listens while guest speaker retired Rear Adm. William Sizemore, former CNATRA, (right) addresses the audience. (above) Retired Master Chief David Watson and Lt. Liam Mulcahy present Hollingsworth his shadow box. (below) Hollingsworth’s wife, Jan, flanked by their two daughters, opens a surprise gift during the retirement ceremony and later helps her husband cut his retirement cake.

*Photos by Richard Stewart and (bottom left) Bill Love.*



# Awards and Achievements

## Winging — March 7



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Alex Harris, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Cmdr. Michael P. Lohan, Commanding Officer, SAU, VT-28; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jonathon Richard Anderson, USMC; Ensign Rebecca J.M. Buczkowski; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Wilson Carpenter II, USMC; Ensign Evan Garrett Dickinson; Ensign David Isaac Emert; Ensign Derek Regineld Graves; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Eric Joel Kroeger, USMC; Lt. j.g. Jeffrey Robert Long; Ensign Nicholas Jeffrey Macklin; Ensign Eric Anthony Martinez; Ensign Caroline Anne Montero; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michael Andrew Shuman, USMC; Capt. Nicholas Alexander Vandal, USMC.

## HM2 Tonya Stringer honored as she completes Navy career



Capt. Bill Davidson, acting commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC), presents the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Tonya S. Stringer for meritorious service while serving as behavioral health technician, Behavioral Health Department, NHCCC, from July 2010 to April 2014. Stringer supported 13 providers delivering care to more than 7,500 patients. As the command Sexual Assault Prevention and Response liaison



and watchbill coordinator for 13 victim advocates, she was instrumental in the program's success, and recognized by the Corpus Christi Crime Victim Coalition as "Advocate of the Year for 2013", the only military member to receive this honor. Following the award, Stringer is piped ashore in the company of her loved one, signaling the end of her naval career.

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Lupe Burns, Personal Property Counselor, assists Lt. Cmdr. David Gomez, USCG, with his HHG application in DPS.

by Pete Lutz, FLCJ NAS-CC Personal Property Processing Office

The "Peak Season" for Household Goods (HHG) moves is just around the corner.

If you are slated for a PCS move any time between May and September, your local Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) offers several services to make your transition a little smoother.

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Additionally, on-line applications are accepted in advance of orders to ensure vital data is already entered into the system in the event your orders arrive at the last minute.

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DPS and can submit your on-line application with confidence.

Once you are familiar with the system, your account can be accessed from home or work.

As a helpful tool, we offer a "cheat sheet" for those who wish to complete the application from home (or office) which can be obtained from the PPPO in Building 10 (3rd deck) aboard NASCC or can be requested via e-mail at [hhg\\_corpuschristi@navy.mil](mailto:hhg_corpuschristi@navy.mil).

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## March is Women's History Month

from Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute

National Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate historic achievements of women.

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month.

This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month.

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity.

A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme.

For 2014, the theme is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment."

This year's theme honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women.

Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

They have demonstrated their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, business, labor, military, political and community leaders, relief workers, and CEOs.

Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience.

DEOMI's illustrator, Peter Hemmer, shared his artistic thoughts about the creation of this year's poster, saying, "This year's Women's History Month poster features five women who have achieved great success in their respective professional lives.

"Each of them is an outstanding potential role model for any young girl or woman."

Featured on the poster are:

Jaida Im, who is the founder and executive director of Freedom House, a non-profit organization with a mission to bring hope, restoration, and a new life to survivors of human trafficking by providing a safe home and long-term aftercare.

With a vision to provide much-needed shelter for trafficking survivors, Im ignited a local abolitionist movement that resulted in the opening of the first safe house in California for female survivors of human trafficking.

Janet Yellen was confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 6, 2014 to lead the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Yellen made one small but symbolic change when she took over the leadership of the Federal Reserve Board on Feb. 1, 2014—her title.

She decided to use the gender-neutral title of chair, rather than chairman or chairwoman, when she became the first woman to lead the



Federal Reserve in its 100-year history.

Her preference is Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen.

Tammy Duckworth is a veteran and former Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

In 2014, she became the first disabled woman to serve in the House of Representatives.

Duckworth has a strong record of advocating and implementing improvements to veterans' services.

She was one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2004, her Blackhawk helicopter was hit by an RPG. She was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart for her combat injuries.

Embarking on a political career, Caroline Kennedy became the first female U.S. ambassador to Japan in November 2013.

"The Japanese people feel closest to her father of all presidents, and in that sense I'd like to offer my hearty welcome," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told the media.

"I think she's a wonderful ambassador to develop the Japan-U.S. relationship further." Michelle Howard has become the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Navy—and the U.S. military, period.

Senators confirmed Vice Admiral Michelle Howard for the service's No. 2 post in December 2013, making her the first female four-star admiral in the Navy's 238-year history.

Her promotion to vice chief of naval operations will also make her the first Black woman to attain four-star rank in Pentagon history.

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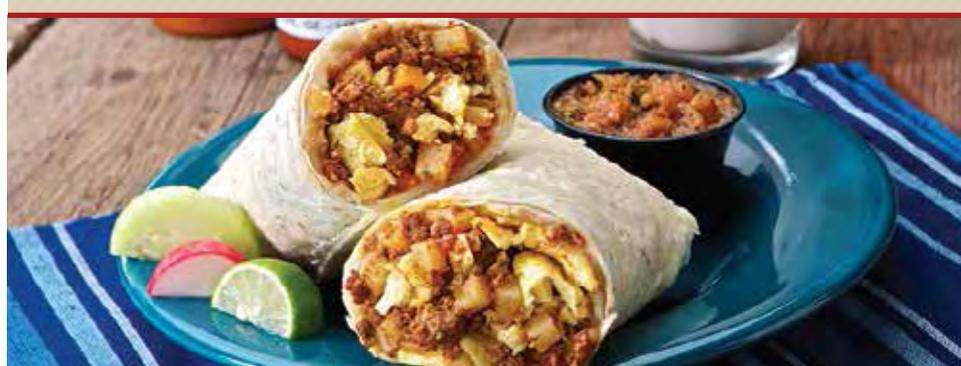
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## Tuition Assistance Program funds awaiting Sailors' use

by Susan D. Henson, Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – The Center for Personal and Professional Development is asking Sailors to submit their Navy Tuition Assistance requests early – and now would be good – said the director of Navy Voluntary Education (VOLED) March 3.

According to Ernest D'Antonio, CPPD's VOLED program director, the expenditure rate for TA funding is currently below normal levels, which means there's more funding available than usual at this time of the year.

"We use historical 'burn rates' as a guide for allocating TA funding throughout the year," he said.

"We plan really well for routine years. After furloughs and a government shutdown, Fiscal Year 2014 (FY-14) hasn't been a routine year."

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Wadsworth, director of CPPD Support Site Saufley Field in Pensacola, Fla., leads the team that monitors CPPD's Navy TA spending.

He said FY-14 TA execution is currently trailing FY-13's execution rate by just over \$6 million year-to-date.

"We think a variety of things influenced our being below the TA budget right now. Our execution rate dropped in October with the government shutdown and that's carried through the year," he said.

"The usage rate steadily increased in November and December. But then it dropped back down in January, probably due to uncertainty with the federal budget.

"Although we have funding now, the usage rate hasn't increased significantly since then. Sailors need to understand that their education benefits reset each year, and unused amounts don't carry over."

D'Antonio said, "We want Sailors to continue to pursue their education and submit their TA requests – we work hard to allocate every TA dollar available to give Sailors the most opportunities to use their TA funding allotment for each fiscal year."

He said more than 25,000 Sailors have used TA benefits so far this fiscal year and emphasized that a Sailor's command is an important part of TA authorizations because they're the first step in the process after a Sailor submits a request.

"It's each command's responsibility to ensure their Sailors are aware of and meet all relevant TA policies, are comfortable with their Sailors' ability to complete a requested course, and process each Sailor's TA request promptly," he said.

"A command approver can review a Sailor's request and deny it if all Navy requirements aren't met, if the Sailor's performance isn't up to standards, or if the command's mission might not permit the Sailor to complete the course.

"Ultimately, it's the commanding officer's decision."

He also recommended each command approver continually review the Sailor's



education progress.

"Our biggest reason for disapproval of TA requests is they aren't received from the Sailor's command approver prior to the course start date, as required by DOD instruction," he said.

"Often when we review a TA request, a Sailor may be missing some of the TA prerequisites such as current education counseling by a Navy College Office (NCO) or Virtual Education Center (VEC) counselor, or an individual education plan or degree plan on file, or missing a grade from a past course."

VOLED professionals work with Sailors to get the requirements in on time, but if the Sailor's account is incomplete or not updated before the course start date, they are unable to fund the TA request, D'Antonio said.

"So I repeat this message constantly: 30 days prior to the course start date is not too soon for Sailors to submit their TA request," he said.

"In fact, a TA application can be submitted a year before the actual class start date, which will help ensure the Sailor's TA request is funded and allows us to better manage expenditures."

D'Antonio also stressed that Sailors should work closely with an NCO or VEC counselor to help them reach their educational goals.

"The VOLED team is here to help, bottom line. Our job is to work with Sailors, inform them about options, provide impartial counseling and point out avenues for Sailors to pursue their life-long educational and credentialing goals."

According to CPPD Commanding Officer Capt. John Newcomer, Navy leaders are committed to providing Sailors with voluntary education opportunities.

"We know that educated Sailors are strong performers with well-developed critical thinking skills and the ability to make informed decisions," he said.

"A college degree is an investment in a Sailor and a contributing factor in Navy mission accomplishment."

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*Photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO*

## Supply Corps' 219th Birthday



Supply Corps officers and personnel from FLCJ NAS Corpus Christi and Kingsville celebrated the birthday of the Supply Corps Feb. 27. (Left to right): Yaira Torres, FLC Jacksonville; LS2 Troy Powell, FLC Corpus Christi; Javier Portillo, FLC Corpus Christi; LS1 Ermal Guri, FLC Kingsville; Lt. Mike Uhl, FLC Corpus Christi; Mariana Bocanegra, FLC Corpus Christi; Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Harrell, Site Director-FLC Kingsville; Laura McLaughlin, Deputy Site Director-FLC Corpus Christi; Lt. Cmdr. Bryan Boudreaux, Site Director-FLC Corpus Christi; Donna Mireles, FLC Corpus Christi; MM2 Josh Lawrence, FLC Kingsville; Lt. Rosedell Johnese, FLC Corpus Christi; ABF1 Courtney Davis, FLC Kingsville; LSCS Marco Martinez, FLC Kingsville.

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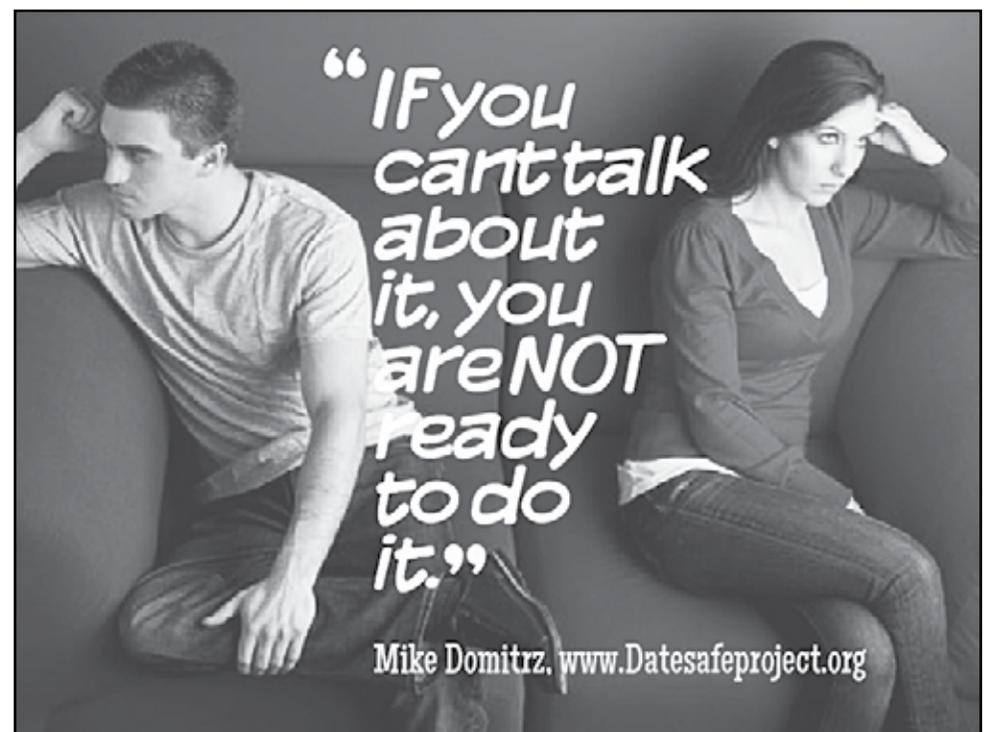
## Fleet Reserve Assn. Essay Winners



Fleet Reserve Assn. (FRA) Branch 94, recently held it's FRA National Essay award contest for 'ALL' students in grade 7 - 12. The 2013 theme was 'The Bill of Rights and Me!' Please visit [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) '7 - 12th Grade Essay Contest' for the 2014 theme and contest rules. Pictured L-R, V/P Wayne Bortner, President Walter Moore, Jr., Kalynn Bennet (1st Place 12th grade), Jeremy Herrera (1st Place 10th grade), Alessandria Herrera (1st Place 7th grade), Leah Aguilar (2nd Place 7th grade), and FRA Br. 94 Essay Chair Mary Reynolds.

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