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New Commander takes over in Navy Region Southeast

Story and photos by MC2 Stacy D. Laseter, Navy Region Southeast PA

Rear Adm. Mary M. Jackson relieved Rear Adm. Rick Williamson as Commander, Navy Region Southeast during a change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, July 18.

The time-honored ceremony marked an end to Williamson's leadership of the command that supports and guides 17 installations throughout the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean, including Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and NAS Kingsville.

He had commanded the region since August 2013, when he reported to CNRSE from his previous assignment as Commander, Navy Region Midwest, Great Lakes, Ill.

"I have had such an incredible experience leading an CNRSE outstanding team," Williamson said.

"I will always cherish the relationships that I have built during this tour."

Williamson is a Jacksonville, Fla., native and a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he earned a bachelor's in computer science.

He also holds a master's in business administration from the Naval Post Graduate School and is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Williamson will be reporting to Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., in August to assume command.

Jackson became the region's 44th commander.

Originally from Wimberley, Texas, Jackson entered the United States Naval Academy in July 1984, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physics with an emphasis in oceanography.

She later went on to earn a graduate degree from George

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Rear Adm. Mary Jackson and Rear Adm. Ricky Williamson shake hands following official turnover during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville July 18.



Yachtsmen race from downtown to NAS Corpus Christi on Saturday, then turn their helms over to military members on Sunday during the annual Navy Regatta. *NASCC PAO photo*

Regatta Time: August 9-10

by Rod Hafemeister

It's just over two weeks before the 52nd Annual Navy Regatta – and if you plan to participate, you need to sign up.

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Command Master Chief Rich Mathis said he needs full names and phone numbers of each person wanting to participate no later than Monday, July 28.

"We need as many Active duty to race these sailboats and it doesn't matter if you have experience or not," Mathis said.

"This is a chance of a lifetime to participate in a sailboat race and have a great chance to even win a trophy. You'll be sailing with an experienced team.

"You can sail both days, Saturday and Sunday, even go to the festival here on base at the Catalina Club on Saturday evening and on Sunday afternoon experience a great time at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club."

There are two yacht races. On Saturday, they start at

the downtown marina and sail a marked course, ending inside the Air Station's breakwater at Sunfish Beach.

Sunday is the Military Challenge Race, which requires that a military member be at the helm of each boat racing.

And if you want to try your hand at a building a "sailboat" there's the Titanic Cup Race on Saturday afternoon.

"This is where your team builds a boat for more than \$75 and (attempts) to sail about 300 yards down Sunfish Beach," Mathis said.

The last two years, the Titanic Cup Trophy has gone to Coast Guard teams, Mathis recalled.

"Let's get our Trophy back SHIPMATES!"

Rides will be available between the Air Station and the Marina both days.

Saturday evening, the Catalina Club will host a Regatta dinner, awards presentation and dancing.

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XO's Column

by Cmdr. Scott Wilmot



Wilmot

It's summer. In south Texas.

And that means it's hot.

More often than not in recent weeks, the Naval Health Clinic has issued a "Black Flack" warning, usually between 11 a.m. and noon.

The warnings are based on the Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature Index (WBGTI), takes into account air temperature, humidity, radiant heat and air movement.

It's not just the heat – it's also the humidity, and how well your body can cool itself by sweating.

A Black Flag means a WBGTI of 90 or above, an indication that it's hot, humid and you will find sweating less effective at cooling your body.

That means it's not recommended that

you go for a run over lunch – although some people prefer to really sweat.

As an organization, per NHCCINST 6220.1A, all instructor-paced outdoor physical training and strenuous activity will be suspended for all personnel.

Indoor exercising in non-air conditioned areas may be conducted with extreme caution under appropriate flag conditions.

But if you, as an individual, choose to exercise, make sure you know how to do it as safely as possible.

First build up to it gradually – if you haven't been exercising hard in heat and humidity, don't think you can just jump into it.

The NHCCC instruction describes acclimatization as "A series of both physical and psychological adjustments to increased heat stress which usually takes 12 weeks of gradual work in a hot environment to occur. Acclimatization can be lost over a period of time (a week, perhaps even a weekend) when removed from the hot environment."

Start with shorter distances/times. And even as you acclimate, pay attention to your body.

If you try to run your normal pace and fell

sluggish, it's not that you've suddenly gotten out of shape – your body is telling you that you are overheating.

Start drinking water or sports drinks before you start exercising. One of the early effects of overheating is that more blood goes to your skin in an attempt to cool you – and away from your gastrointestinal tract, making it harder to absorb whatever fluid you drink.

According to the NHCCC instruction, "Individuals subjected to high temperature may, by

sweating, lose in excess of one quart per hour. This fluid loss must be replaced or a rapid rise in body temperature and heart rate will occur followed eventually by heat illness/injury."

Exercising under Black Flag conditions can result in heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Learn the symptoms and take action if you experience any of them.

And remember, heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring immediate medical attention to prevent permanent injury or death.

If you are going to exercise, be smart about it.

Exercise Wisely in Summer Heat

Chaplain's Message

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

The Feds Feed Families annual food drive onboard NAS Corpus Christi is underway and collections are well above last year's pace.

NAS Corpus Christi raised more than 18,000 pounds of food last year and set a goal of 20,000 pounds for this summer.

Each year between June and August, federal entities focus efforts on raising non-perishable foods and monetary donations to directly benefit local food banks and ministries that feed those in need.

The Navy Chaplain Corps leads efforts among Navy, USMC, and Coast Guard units, and Chaplains serve as primary points of contact at each Installation for the yearly effort.

Although much of the poundage is

attributed to food items raised through the Commissary and other Tenant Command participation, both Catholic and Protestant Worship communities onboard NAS Corpus Christi contribute heavily to the effort.

We are credited with five pounds of food for every \$1 given.

One example of generosity and initiative in support of FFF is by the tenants of Building 10 (CNATRA N6/CCAD QA/DLA/FLCJ), who scheduled a hotdog fundraising luncheon to raise money for the Corpus Christi Food bank.

It is efforts such as these that capture the spirit of this annual program.

I am particularly happy to announce that as of the third week of July, NAS Corpus

Feds Feed Families Update



Warne

Christi has already surpassed this year's goal by more than 5,000 pounds with another month of collections to go.

There are donation drop boxes located in the Commissary, Catholic Chapel, and Protestant Chapel Fellowship Hall, as well as throughout Departmental and Tenant Command spaces.

Keep up the good work!

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

The evidence seems to be building that pro-Russian separatists shot down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 with an SA-11 or similar missile.

If so, it apparently is the first time an airliner was shot down at high altitude by a terrorist or guerilla group, as opposed to a nation-state.

Regardless, the 298 people killed make

it the deadliest airliner shutdown to date.

But it's far from the first – earliest I could find was a Finnish aircraft shot down by two Soviet aircraft in June 1940.

There have been at least a couple dozen airliners shot down, with a number of them hit by shoulder-fired missiles in the hands of terrorist or guerilla groups.

That's been a concern ever since the first portable SAMs entered military inventories.

My first Army assignment after Basic and infantry training was with a division (two-star) staff in Germany starting fall 1974.

Shortly after I arrived, we had a mad rush to do a physical, serial number inventory of every Redeye shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile in the Army Europe inventory.

Protecting Air Travel

This was just two years after the Munich Massacre at the 1972 Olympics and a variety of terrorist groups were active in Europe, including the Baader-Meinhof Gang.

A scheduled inventory at one weapons storage site had found a discrepancy between the weapons on hand and the paperwork – prompting the inspection of every single missile in Europe.

It turned out to be just a paperwork glitch.

But a few years later, I was involved in some "what if?" brainstorming about possible terrorist attacks.

And we concluded it was only a matter of time before some non-state group got hold of such missiles and took out an airliner.

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NAS Corpus Christi

"Exceeding Expectations Through Pride In Performance"

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Worship Services

CATHOLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

Base Catholic Chapel
Daily Mass Wed-Fri: 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.
Religious Education: Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE

Base Protestant Chapel
Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

JEWISH WORSHIP SERVICE

Temple Beth El (4402 Saratoga Blvd.)
Friday at 7:30 p.m.
(with dinner to follow)
For further information call
Temple Beth El at 857-8181

ISLAMIC WORSHIP SERVICE

Islamic Society of South Texas
(7341 McArdle Rd.)
Jumah Service - 1:30 p.m.
For other worship service times, call 992-8550

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi CMC: SOQ Selectees Care

by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi announced its selection July 11 for the top Sailors of the 3rd Quarter, FY14 competition.

Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, made the all-hands email announcement, inviting the staff to join him in congratulating the winners.

"All of the nominees were outstanding, attesting once again, to the strength of our team and Command," Bradley said.

"Our enlisted staff members are a critical component of the NHCCC, and the 'Healthcare to Health' we deliver. Our winners will be more formally recognized at a later date.

"Congratulations to each of you. Bravo Zulu!"

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Kristin Ferri, from Midland, Texas; Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF/SCW) Jacob Welch, from Joshua, Texas; and Hospitalman Caleb Espinoza, from Gladewater, Texas were selected Senior Sailor, Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket respectively.

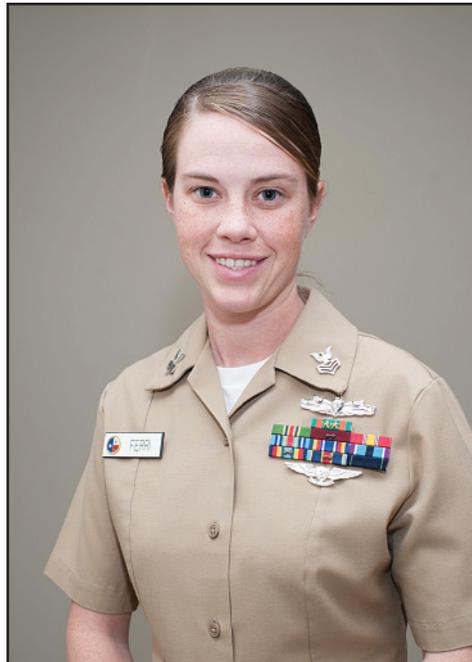
"The one thing that I saw in all our nominees was outstanding military bearing and total dedication to mission accomplishment," said Command Master Chief (SW/FMF) Rikki L. Brown.

"The three Sailors chosen as our Sailors of the Quarter all have the same attributes and qualities; they care. From leading Sailors in medical homeport, ensuring our Sailors and Marine counterparts are cared for administratively, to filling prescriptions for our beneficiaries, our Sailors are amazing!"

Surprised by the results, Ferri, the leading petty officer in Medical Home Port, believed that she had been too busy to make a good showing in front of the board.

"Honestly, I didn't prepare near as much as I felt I should have for the simple fact I have been trying to take care of junior Sailors' evals and their packages, and I didn't feel like I had taken enough 'me' time," Ferri said.

"With that said, I prepped a few of the Blue Jacket Sailors beforehand which forced me to also look up current events, new chain



Ferri



Welch



Espinoza

of command and any important naval history or uniform changes.

"This continued to enhance their knowledge, get them more comfortable with a board and prep myself at the same time."

Regardless of how well-prepared, however, Ferri pointed to a natural tendency Sailors have to criticize themselves during board deliberations.

"When you miss questions or mess up the Sailors Creed, or you don't have a stencil on your uniform, you begin to get frazzled thinking you should have known better," she said.

"To stay calm and collective and hold your military bearing during these times is probably the toughest challenge."

Weighing in on that test, Brown suggested that Sailors' focus on team success rather than individual achievement heightens anxiety.

"Most of the time our Sailors get stumped, not because they don't know the answer, but because they are nervous. They have extremely high expectations of

themselves but they don't want to disappoint their leadership," Brown said.

That notion also resonated with one of the other winners, who also elaborated on the angst associated with waiting.

"I wasn't just representing myself up there; I was representing my department and directorate. I just wanted to make them proud," said Welch, who is the assistant leading petty officer of Patient Administration Department.

"For me, the toughest part of the board was standing outside waiting for my turn. The anticipation is what drives me crazy.

"Then the fear of messing up your introduction and the Sailor's Creed creeps into your mind. You start to wonder if you prepared enough for the board and your nerves get all twisted."

Although the youngest winner, Espinoza – a pharmacy technician at Naval Branch Health Clinic Kingsville with three and half years under his belt – didn't think the board was difficult as long as he didn't forget the

Sailors' Creed.

"The hardest part for me during the board was waiting to be next in line, because you do not know if the person before you set the standard high," Espinoza said.

"The thing I would say to future Sailors who are nominated for upcoming NHCCC's BJOQ's, is to keep up with current events and have fun during the board."

Espinoza has been on the job in Kingsville for nearly two years and says that he couldn't have asked for a more rewarding job.

And it's no secret that satisfying opportunities abound in the Navy particularly when clear attainable goals are factored in.

Brown summed it up concisely. "For those that desire to be selected Sailor of the Quarter I will give the following advice: Stay balanced in your home life and work life," she said.

"Volunteer in the community, maintain unwavering integrity and go to school.

"In essence, keep doing what the best of you are already doing."

Blood Drive

Thursday, July 31 9 am - Noon
Main Fire Station (Bldg 7), D Street

NASCC Fire and Emergency Services is again hosting a blood drive, and we need everyone's help (actually their blood) to make it a continued success. Please stop by the main Fire Station on Thursday 31 July to help save a life. Your contribution will make a huge difference in our community!

Each donor will receive a voucher good for two tickets to see the Corpus Christi Hooks, a Sonic Coupon, T-shirt, and Donor Store Points!



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Washington University in engineering management and became qualified as a joint specialty officer.

She has served on board five U.S. Navy ships, in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets with deployed operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, and Western Pacific areas of operation.

Her command tours including serving as commanding officer, USS McFaul (DDG 74) and commanding officer, Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest naval installation.

Most recently, she served as chief of staff to Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

"It is an honor and privilege to become a part of such a dynamic team of Sailors and civilians," Jackson said.

"And I look forward to challenges we'll tackle together."

Vice Adm. William D. French, the commander of Navy Installations Command, served as the guest speaker for the ceremony.



(above) Rear Adm. Ricky Williamson speaks during the Commander, Navy Region Southeast change of command ceremony.

(top right) Rear Adm. Mary Jackson walks through the side boys formation at the beginning of the ceremony.

(bottom right) Jackson and Williamson participate in the cake-cutting ceremony immediately following the Commander, Navy Region Southeast Change of Command ceremony.



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Sunday afternoon, when all the yachts are in, the Corpus Christi Yacht club will host a buffet and the final awards presentations. So grab your sunscreen and get ready to SAIL!

**For more information or to sign up for the Regatta and/or Titanic Cup, see:
Command Master Chief Rick Mathis in Building 2,
or phone: 961-2914
or email: Ricky.D.Mathis@Navy.Mil**

Titanic Cup Rules

1. The craft must float.
2. The boat must be powered by "wind."
3. Craft must be equipped for towing to start line.
4. The craft must be of unconventional construction (NOT incorporating boats/aircraft or parts of boats/aircraft). Construction cost shall not exceed \$75, and should be built by rational beings (as opposed to engineers), the crew, or other volunteers.
5. The craft must be commanded by an officer or mate capable of maintaining good order and discipline among the crew.
6. The craft must be capable of sailing 50 meters downwind without sinking other contesting crafts, and stay afloat at the same time.
7. Entries will be judged on originality, most devious interpretations of the rules, deportment of the crew, and adherence to the traditional values of mariners.
8. Judging will be conducted by a committee of Sailors, the NASCC Commanding Officer, and/or a nominated official.
9. The winning military organization will receive a suitable trophy for displaying until the next Regatta, at which time this "Auld Mug" will be again contested.
10. There must be at least one person per floating vessel to compete.
11. Power-assisted vessels may not assist or impede the racers.
12. If your sailing vessel SINKS - you will be required to retrieve it from the waters!
13. HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

2014 NAVY REGATTA

Schedule of Events

Friday, Aug 8

6pm – 8pm

Packet pick-up and **Crew Assignment Party** at Bay Yacht Club now located at 555 S. Shoreline. Crew will be assigned for both/either Sat & Sun.

Saturday, Aug 9

Van Shuttles to/from NAS-CC Sunfish Beach parking lot to CCYC, Coopers Alley T-Head.

Van Shuttle Schedule:

8am – 10am Military to CCYC
NAS CC car drop off
Last van leaves NAS CC at 9:30am

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Skippers' Meeting at CCYC – classes, Starting order and sailing instructions will be available. Assignment of late arrival Military Crew. Wristbands and Base Passes available. **YOU MUST HAVE A PASS TO ENTER BASE.**

11am

Warning Signal for Navy Base Race

2:30pm – 5pm
10pm

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Awards and Achievements

Winging — July 18



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Cmdr. Jason Wood, Commanding Officer, Training Squadron 35; Cmdr. Matthew Foster, Commanding Officer, Training Squadron 31; Lt. Col. Kevin Heartwell, Executive Officer, MATSG-22; Cmdr. Rick Van Derostyne, Chief Staff Officer, Training Air Wing 4; Col. John Rahe Jr., Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Capt. John Kelsey, Commodore, Training Air Wing 4.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 1st Lt. Giacomo Gabrielli, Italy; Ensign Carolina Ann Hadley; Ensign Hayden Forrest Harrison; Ensign Quinn Thomas Patterson; Lt. j.g. Robert Henry Rice; 1st Lt. Richard Frank Rose, USMC; 1st Lt. Daniel Lee Timler, USMC; 1st Lt. Daniel Richard Abney, USMC; Ensign Cody Thomas Berreman; 1st Lt. Lyman A Chynoweth, USMC; Ensign Jack Lloyd Daly III; Ensign Mark Dana Hargrove; 1st Lt. Ian M Klutch, USMC; Lt. j.g. Thomas John McKeon; 1st Lt. Ameen Anthony Nasser, USMC; Ensign Joseph J. Petry; 1st Lt. Alexander Rex Roberts, USMC.

NOSC recognizes Employer Support for Guard and Reserve



Employers from the local area are recognized with Certificates of appreciation and Patriot Awards in a July 19 ceremony at the Naval Operations Support Center. From left: GMC Patrick Collins, Command Chief; Espiridion "Speedy" Castillo, Area 11 ESGR; HM2 Francisco Torres Martinez; Cmdr. Mark Vagedes, CNATRA; Glenda

Martin, Laboratory Manager: Lt. Rolo Alvarado, Corpus Christ Police Dept.; MA2 Jesse Saenz; AC1 Jamie Smith; and Cmdr. Reinaldo Morillo, NOSC Commanding Officer.

Photo by MC1 Ruben Perez

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It happened Sept. 3, 1978, when Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army guerillas took down Air Rhodesia Flight 825 with a Soviet Strela 2.

They did it again the next year.

But those and others were at relatively low altitudes, usually on take-off or landing, with heat-seeking missiles.

This time, it involved a radar-guided high-altitude SAM of the kind previously only used by national militaries.

The question now, as the evidence is gathered and analyzed, is what the international community should do about the Flight 17 shootdown.

It most likely was an accident; the separatists shooting at what they thought was a Ukrainian cargo aircraft.

When I was training on the Stinger – successor to the Redeye – one of the weaknesses was that the Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) system worked well with military aircraft but could not ID commercial aircraft transponders.

News reports indicate that still is true of most anti-aircraft systems.

Accident or not, there seems to be a pretty strong consensus that the Russians had some kind of involvement. (The tinfoil hat brigade and Putin apologists online notwithstanding.)

The biggest sanction that could be imposed on Russia would be to shut off its export of natural gas – but much of Europe's

economy would suffer as well, and it's unlikely that the major European nations would support it.

In a July 23 post to Tom Ricks' "Best Defense" blog on foreignpolicy.com, Joseph Schmitz, a retired Air Force pilot and military intelligence officer, suggests a move that would hit Russia hard: Europe, the US and other states ground any flights to Moscow and deny landing rights to all Russian flights.

"The general principle to be invoked would be that when a nation or its proxies threaten an international public good upon which the community of nations depends, that nation (and its proxies) should lose benefits which flow from that shared good," he wrote.

"Because Russia wantonly put the international civilian aviation system at risk, it should be denied international civil aviation benefits until it accepts accountability and compensates the victims of its adventurist folly."

I've never been a big fan of economic sanctions as a way to get a country to change its behavior; both as a journalist and historian, I've seen them fail far more often than succeed.

But this – a response specifically related to the "bad" behavior that also promises a significant economic penalty on the bad actor – strikes me as something that might just work.

Certainly seems to be worth a try.

Conner Museum staff seeks local photos of World War II for exhibit

The staff at the John E. Conner Museum at Texas A&M University-Kingsville wants the community to look through their old family photos in search of pictures that can accompany the fall exhibit Images of Valor: U.S. Latinos and Latinas in World War II.

Jonathan Plant, museum director, said they would like to localize the exhibit by including photographs donated by local Hispanic families of themselves or their relatives from the World War II era.

"Images of Valor provides a historical overview of Latino participation in World War II. We would like to be able to show the South Texas perspective by showcasing Hispanic servicemen and women," he said.

Those who have photos may bring them to the Conner Museum, where staff will scan them and return the originals to the owner.

For those unable to bring the photos to Kingsville, digital photos may be emailed.

The photos should be scanned at a dpi of at least 300 to provide a good reproduction. The photos should be emailed to connermuseum@tamuk.edu.

Along with the photos, contributors will be asked to provide the veteran's name, rank, unit of service and dates of service

if they are known. Single portraits are preferred over group photos.

Photos should be contributed by Friday, Aug. 15, so they may be used in the exhibit, which opens Monday, Sept. 1 and continues through Friday, Oct. 10.

The opening reception for Images of Valor will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Mariachi Del Rey from H.M. King High School and the honor guard from Naval Air Station Kingsville will participate in opening the display.

"Hispanic Americans have participated in every conflict to safeguard this country's freedom since at least the Civil War," Plant said.

"This is one small way to honor their sacrifices."

Images of Valor was created by the School of Journalism and Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas and produced by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Conner Museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call 361-593-2810.

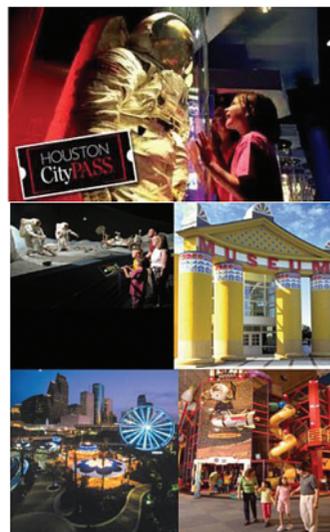
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Cost Includes: Transportation on a Charter Bus, 1-night hotel accommodation and 1-Houston City Pass

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Visit Downtown Aquarium, Houston Space Center and Kemah Boardwalk

Sunday, August 10, 2014

Visit Houston Museum of Natural Science and The Children's Museum of Houston or Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Depart Houston at 1700 (Sunday, August 10)

Please Note: General admission for all above mentioned locations are included in the Houston City Pass (additional fees for certain rides and upgrades to the general admission ticket are not included). We will visit all above mentioned locations, however the order of the itinerary is subject to change. Any updated information or changes will be provided to all guests.

Open to All Active & Retired DOD Civilians, Military Personnel, and Dependents

To purchase tickets please stop by our office at Building 2, room 116 or for more information

please call 361-961-2655

Captain's Cup Softball League

League begins August 11, 2014

Mandatory Manager's meeting at the E-Street Gym on August 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Registration Deadline: August 5, 2014

Register at the E-Street Gym, building 102

Games will be played

Monday - Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 pm.

DoD/Contractor Price: \$25 per individual player or \$300 per team.

Payment deadline is August 5, 2014.

Teams comprised of members from the same unit.

Individuals may sign-up.

For more information, please call the E-Street Gym at 961-2401.



Don't Feed the Coyotes (and don't approach them either)

from NASCC Public Works

While Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has often been home to a few coyotes, they have recently become more a nuisance.

Coyotes have been seen around the RV park and in some of the housing areas.

A pet dog was recently bitten and will be okay - but that's another indication that coyotes are becoming less reluctant to

approach people and pets.

The Public Works Department is working on ways to trap and remove coyotes .

But they need the help of everyone to ensure coyotes do not feel comfortable in habitated areas of the base.

Here are some Dos and Donts and some background on coyotes.

DO

- Consider making your dog or cat an indoor pet when living in an area that is known to be occupied by coyotes.
- Accompany your dog in well-lighted areas at night for comfort walks.
- Keep your dog on a leash whenever you take him/her off your own property.
- Keep all outdoor trashcan lids securely fastened to the trashcan receptacle.
- Improve yard fencing to coyote resistant standards.
- Pick fruit when it ripens, and don't leave rotting fruit on the ground.
- Eliminate ivy and other thick ground covers, which may attract rats, which can attract coyotes.
- Flashing lights, tape-recorded human noises, scattered mothballs, and ammonia soaked rags strategically placed may deter coyotes from entering an area.
- Haze coyotes if they are near or come into yard. Wave your arms and yell.

DON'T

- Don't leave pet food outdoors, especially at night.
- Don't allow pets to roam from home unaccompanied. Dog (especially small dogs) should not be left outside unattended, should never be chained and should always be kept on a leash in public areas.
- Don't leave water bowls for pets outdoors.
- Don't leave garbage containers open.
- Don't attempt to contact or "tame" coyotes.
- DON'T feed or provide water for coyotes or other wild life. This practice abnormally attracts coyotes and promotes increased numbers of rodents, birds, snakes, and other creatures that can provide major portions of the coyote's natural diet.
- DON'T put trash cans out the night before scheduled pick-up. Put them out in the morning. This will give coyotes less time to scavenge, and they won't have the cover of darkness. Coyotes are mainly active at night or twilight.
- DON'T turn away or run because the animal may view it as an opportunity to chase.



WARNING!

Coyotes in the Area

Coyotes are wild animals and can be dangerous.
Not advisable to approach.
They are smart, fast and will take what they can get.

All pets must be kept under direct control.
For your safety and the safety of your animals...

KEEP THEM AT A DISTANCE!

NEVER FEED COYOTES!

Please do not leave any water or food bowls out with food to attract the wildlife or stray animals to the RV Park.

NASCC Regulations strictly forbid the feeding of all wildlife or stray animals that are on the installation.
(NASCCINST 11000.1 section 17, L)

Hazing

Hazing is a method that makes an animal move out of an area or discourages an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain a coyote's fear of human and deter them from backyards and play spaces.

The simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being loud and large:

Stand tall, wave your arms, and yell at the coyote, approaching him if necessary, until he runs away.

If a coyote has not been hazed before, he may not immediately run away when you yell at him. You may need to walk towards the coyote and increase the intensity of your hazing, but maintain a safe distance of at least 30 feet.

The coyote may turn away, but then stop after a distance and look at you. It is important to continue to go after the coyote until he completely leaves the area. You may need to use direct tactics, such as noisemakers, stomping your feet, or spraying the coyote with a hose, to get him to leave.

Using a variety of different hazing tools is critical so that coyotes don't get used to single stimulus devices, sounds, and actions.

Disease

Coyotes are susceptible to many of the same ailments as domestic dogs.

- Distemper: contagious, incurable, often fatal, multisystemic viral disease that affects respiratory, gastrointestinal, and central nervous systems.

- Mange: caused by a small mite which burrows into the skin, causing an irritation. Extremely contagious, affecting 70 percent of the coyote population.

- Rabies: transmitted by an animal bite that inoculates the virus into wounds.

Any coyote bite or scratch should receive prompt local treatment by thorough cleansing of the wound with copious amounts of soap and water.

This local treatment will significantly reduce the risk of rabies.

Anyone who may have been exposed to rabies should always contact local health authorities immediately for advice and treatment.

Coyote Awareness

Identifying Features

Coyotes are often mistaken for small to medium sized domestic dogs. They have a long, bushy black-tipped tail, pointed ears and a narrow pointed face. Their fur varies in color, from light brown to grayish. The fur on their belly is usually white.

A coyote usually weighs between 15 to 30 pounds. They stand 18-25 inches tall and are 4 feet in length.

Coyotes in Urban Areas

Coyotes generally avoid humans, even when their home range encompasses largely urban or suburban habitat.

However, the presence of a free buffet in the form of pet food, compost, or trash can lure coyotes into yards and create the impression that these places are bountiful feeding areas.

Without the lure of food or other attractants, their visits will be brief and rare. But a coyote who finds food in one yard may learn to search for food in others.

Diet

Coyotes are omnivores, which mean they will eat or try to eat just about anything.

Cactus fruit, mesquite beans, flowers, insects, rodents, lizards, rabbits, birds, and snakes make up some of their dietary choices.