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Wounded Warrior Lone Star Challenge – was a wet challenge

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of Wounded Warriors on their annual ride March 14

Story and photo by Bob Torres

It was a cold, wet dreary day as Wounded Warriors, local cyclists and the Patriot Guard took to the streets for the 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Star Challenge, March 14 at Whataburger Stadium.

On a 45-degree day in Corpus Christi, 30 Wounded Warriors braved the cold, wet and biting wind from Whataburger Stadium along Shoreline – which turns into Ocean Drive – and then to the rear gate of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

The competitors had the option of riding a 25- or 45-mile course. Most opted for the 25-miler.

Following a welcoming speech from local Wounded Warrior Project coordinator, Eric Gardner; County Judge Lloyd Neal joined a Flour Bluff JROTC color guard in the National Anthem under slowly darkening skies. Then led by the CC Corvette Club, motorcycle riders of the Patriot Guard, our Wounded Warriors and then almost 200 cyclists took off on their trek.

Denise Blanchard, Congressman Solomon Ortiz's Chief of Staff, flew in from Washington, DC to her home in Brownsville that Friday evening. She arrived late after driving up Saturday morning, changed shoes and leapt on her bike long after the ride began.

"I rode here last year, and I wanted to be here for them (Wounded Warriors)," she said. "I'm so very proud of these guys and what they'd given for us, I simply wanted to be here for them."

Water splashed up from the rear of bicycle and tricycle tires and wet anything behind them. Some Patriot Guard riders wore balaclavas as they faced the rain and wind at sometimes 30 and 40 miles per hour.

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Military families get early look at Air Show

by Rod Hafemeister

Organizers of this year's Air Show are expecting record crowds at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi to see the Blue Angels and other high-flying demonstrations on April 18 & 19.

So they are strongly encouraging military members and their families who want to see the show – but avoid the crush of the crowds – to come out for Military Family Day on Friday, April 17.

"The big thing we want to stress for everyone who is DoD is, 'Go Friday,'" said Lt. Mike Mercadel, Air Show coordinator.

"Some people may want to brave the crowds. But if you don't want to do that, go Friday."

Most performers will be flying Friday in a final practice, performing the same program they will fly over the weekend.

Organizers are still finalizing the exact schedule for that day, but know it is anchored by the Blue Angels doing their demonstration starting at 3 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information on the Air Show, visit the online site at:

http://www.nascc.navy.mil/airshow/

Skipper's Column

Wounded but never beaten

by Capt. Randy Pierson

Pierson

With great pride I would like to relay a recent experience I had that left me moved and inspired.

On March 14, NASCC was proud to take part in supporting numerous Wounded Warriors and their families. The occasion was the Wounded Warrior Project's second annual Soldier Ride Lone Star Challenge, which held its third and final leg in Corpus Christi.

The bike course provided two routes – one 25 miles and the other a 45-mile double loop – mostly along Ocean Drive.

The athletes (Wounded Warriors and their families/support personnel) had the opportunity to conquer the loop more than one time as their desire and condition allowed.

My first impression and sense was drawn when I drove by their recovery area after their bike ride on Saturday Afternoon and noted so many young people recovering from critical injuries.

At first glimpse, I saw those unable to walk, those unable to use both arms, and those without limbs. My heart sank. Instantly I reflected back on my own life and whether or not I have been as grateful as I should have been.

The last images I saw as I drove by were all the Warriors doing whatever they needed, overcoming whatever disability they had to get the job done—in this case, unpacking all their vehicles after a great ride!

That evening, I joined the Warriors, their non-profit sponsor, our sponsors (Navy League and USO) and shared one of the most memorable dinners I have had the pleasure of attending.

During the evening I was able to listen to their testimonies of unprecedented commitment and sacrifice to the country and people they love, the United States of America.

Initially, I feared an atmosphere of despair with so many once gravely injured bodies.

However, this night, I found the spirit of these athletes and American Warriors to the contrary. They were inspirational, upbeat and happy to have survived their injuries and just happy to have once been on the front line for this great country.

I left that night more motivated and appreciative for what I have than anytime in my life…and even more thankful that I was able to share the evening with such American Heroes.

Chaplain's Message

Safety is everyone's obligation

by Fr. John Mc Kenzie, Chaplain

I remember during my active duty years as a Navy chaplain how service members were killed in auto accidents.

It was a sad day for the command and for the base – so many of these accidents were avoidable. Carelessness was the reason. The driver was either in a hurry to get somewhere, talking on the cell phone, drunk, or paying no attention to speed limits and stop signs. Of course these same factors affect all people, not only service members.

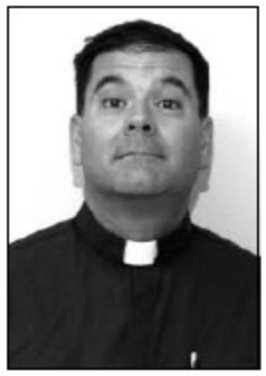
I find it appalling how people can be so careless on S.P.I.D. You do not have to go to Southern California to see road rage. It is closer than you think; S.P.I.D. is a good example. People are in a hurry to get somewhere and they pay no attention to their safety or other people's safety.

This should call us to reflect on the Commandment, "Thou shall not kill."

This commandment does not only apply to willfully killing someone. It includes putting anyone's safety in danger. I believe that speeding, driving under the influence, showing off, or paying no attention to safety is breaking this commandment. People get killed because of these very things.

Driving and talking on the cell phone are a dangerous combination. We see it a lot, but it really is very dangerous. When we are driving, we need to pay attention to our driving. Business or talking to a friend can and should wait until we get parked.

The same should be said for text messaging. I still remember the terrible train wreck in the Los Angeles area when 25 people, including the engineer, were killed on the Metrolink train wreck.



Mc Kenzie

It happened because the engineer was text messaging while running the passenger train. If he had realized that the text messaging could have waited until the train was stopped, he and 24 other people would not have been killed.

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Editor's Corner

To err is human - but a computer helps

by Rod Hafemeister

Hafemeister

This one's going to be short; we had so much that had to go into this issue, I've run out of room. So I'll hold this to this page.

First, a correction. There's nothing quite as dangerous as the human-computer interface.

And last issue, I blew it – not once, but twice, on the same page.

In the process of copying a format, I accidentally copied the wrong date and never caught it. So on Page 13 of the March 12 issue, both the Winging photo *and* the related story about the 4,000th Coast Guard aviator have the wrong date.

The Winging actually took place on Feb. 20.

By the time you read this, a correct version should be up on the new Web site.

But my error lives in print forever.

Now, about that new Web site.

We're in the process of converting to a site that matches the CNIC format; apparently, we're one of the last bases to actually do so.

It's at:

www.cnic.navy.mil/CorpusChristi.

It was supposed to go "live" the first week of March, but like many new things computer, it had a few bugs.

As I write this, it appears they have been fixed.

Between now and the time you read this, I should have figured out how to get the Wingspan properly uploaded and linked.

I hope.

The "old" site will stay active for at least a little while and should ultimately have a "redirect" link to the new site.

And to make things even more interesting, I'm supposed to be getting a new computer with a much better page design and layout program and better graphics capabilities between now and the time I put the next issue together.

Now, if I can just figure out how to use all of that software, we should be able to get that issue out on time.

Wish me luck!

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Senior Chief James Baker retires

by Rod Hafemeister

In a sometimes poignant, sometimes humorous ceremony, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi said "Goodbye" to Senior Chief James E. Baker on March 13.

Baker is retiring after more than 21 years in the Navy, including the last four at NASCC, where he finished his career as the Air Operations Leading Chief Petty Officer.

Capt. Randy Pierson, NASCC Commanding Officer, kicked off the ceremony by recognizing Baker's grandmother, who also was celebrating her 85th birthday, and leading the command in singing "Happy Birthday" to her.

Then NASCC Command Master Chief Pat Flavin took some humorous jabs at Baker, starting by alleging the Texas native "always wanted to grow up to become a cowboy."

"James, I think you failed at that," Flavin said.

He went on to needle Baker about why his first stint at college "just didn't work out" and his short, unlamented career as a mechanic for an airline.

Teasing Baker about his Navy career, Flavin focused in on Baker's initiation as a Chief.

"This is normally a life-changing event," Flavin said. "He said the initiation was extremely tough – they were mean to him and they made him eat bad things!"

But ultimately, Flavin turned serious.

"He's done an incredible job and has always done an incredible job for NAS Corpus Christi," Flavin said. "He's responsible over there at Air Operations for 100 Sailors and civilians.

"I have never ever seen a Senior Chief who is more capable at executing a plan and completing a project than Senior Chief Baker."

Pierson and Flavin both also recognized the efforts of Baker's wife, Barbie, who serves as the NASCC Ombudsman.

"What Barbie Baker does for us goes beyond just the family," Pierson said. "She turns around and pours herself back into the installation as our Ombudsman."

Baker entered the Navy in January 1988 and, before the year was out, was aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), where he deployed twice to the Western Pacific and was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer.

In December 1991, he completed Advanced Air Traffic Control Approach Control School, which led to assignments at NAS Kingsville and NAS Norfolk.

In March 2000, he reported to USS Kearsarge (LDH-3); while there, he was selected and initiated to Chief Petty Officer.

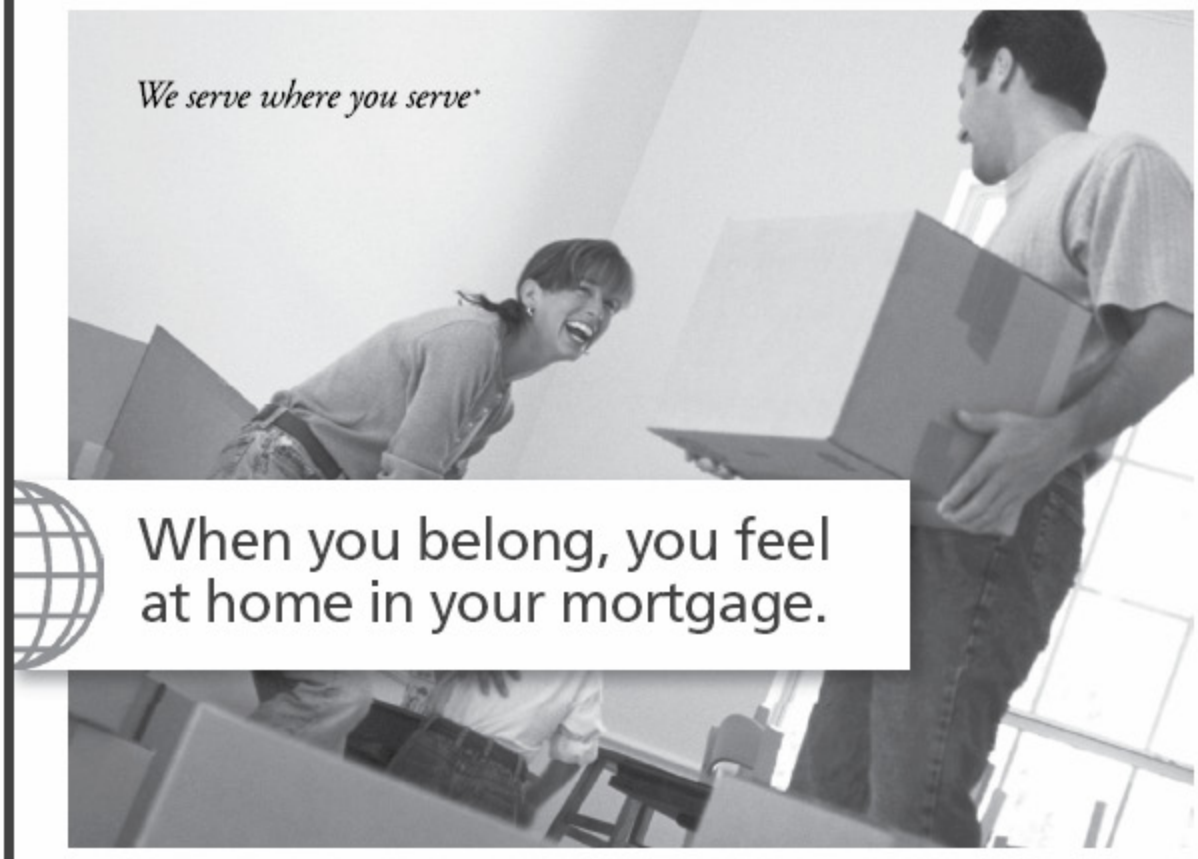
Before coming to NASCC, he served with Tactical Air Traffic Control Squadron 21 as Senior Enlisted Leader for 30 Sailors who routinely deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa in support of the Global War on Terror.

(above) Senior Chief James Baker and wife Barbie, who also is NASCC Ombudsman, are piped ashore at Baker's March 13 retirement ceremony.

Photo by Bob Torres

(left) Capt. Randy Pierson leads the command in singing "Happy Birthday" to Senior Chief Baker's grandmother.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister



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CCAD Welcomes Apache's New Sighting and Targeting System

Story and photos by Brigitte Rodriguez, CCAD Public Affairs

(above) Directorate of Aircraft Production, Larry Simone, points to the new flat-panel display that comes with the MTADS system. (right) CCAD mechanics examine the MTADS on an overhauled Apache helicopter.

An exciting upgrade arrived at Corpus Christi Army Depot recently, reflecting a revolution that has taken place in attack helicopters within the past five years.

An AH-64 Apache, equipped with a new sighting and targeting system, caused a bit of a stir in the Directorate of Aircraft Production as CCAD employees tested the technological marvel. This was the first Modernized Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor installation completing Crash Damage Overhaul at the depot.

Previously, all Apaches serviced at CCAD came with the older sighting system, Target Acquisition Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor (TADS/PNVS).

CCAD personnel underwent installation and operation training to qualify to work on the MTADS.

David Tanner, work leader in the MTADS installation effort, identified several key things they do to this new equipment before sending it back to the Warfighter.

"We install it and perform the operational checks of the system," he said. "We also maintain it and troubleshoot any problems that the system might have all the way through the build process and flight test stage."

Designed for safe flight in day, night, or bad weather missions, MTADS' visionics design is considered the most advanced targeting and piloting system on Apache helicopters.

The system is comprised of two separate subsystems: one for targeting and one for pilotage. MTADS is replacing the legacy system, TADS/PNVS.

"The old TADS was like looking thru vision with cataracts and now it's clear and modern. The gunner pilot can see enemies better and be real effective covering a convoy," said Larry Simone, Director of Aircraft Production.

The system offers digital video and a flat-panel display for enhanced tracking and recording. It also offers forward-looking infrared or FLIR sensors to help pilots avoid low obstacles like wires and trees.

Side-by-side, the two generations of sighting and targeting systems are drastically different. The first generation, TADS, offers a grainy image not up to modern technology standards.

MTADS, the second generation, is more akin to what we see with modern television – a clear and smooth image uncomplicated by technological setbacks.

"The new MTADS system allows for better targeting and tracking, giving the crew a better chance at identifying friendly forces from the enemy," Tanner said. "It makes the ground fighter feel safer when these aircraft are in the air giving them support. It has also improved the night vision FLIR, allowing the pilots better vision when flying at night and has made flight safer for the crew because they are able to see better and identify hazards easier."

"It's just a big fantastic upgrade to an old system," Simone said.

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Firefighters get catastrophic vehicle accident rescue training

Courtesy NASCC Fire Department

Firefighters from the three area Naval bases combined recently for training on how to rescue victims of horrendous multi-vehicle accidents.

The firefighters – 22 from NAS Corpus Christi, four from Naval Station Ingleside and four from NAS Kingsville – tackled the mentally and physically challenging training at the NASCC Fire Training Facility, during the middle of March.

"This training prepares our personnel to execute high-severity/low-probability rescues that have a higher degree of inherent risk and, through quality training, a higher probability of success," NASCC Fire Chief John Morris said.

The training is the first of a two-part series that will result in certification at the Rescue Tech One level, providing advanced skills in machinery and vehicle extrication as well as advanced rope rescue skills.

This first phase requires six days of instruction, two in the classroom and four days in the field.

The field exercises allow students to apply existing knowledge and skills, as well as theory taught in the classroom, in highly taxing problem-solving evolutions.

For example, in one exercise they are faced with a multi-vehicle accident with complex extrication, requiring simultaneous stabilization and precision lifting of two vehicles off of a trapped victim.

Rescuers first had to brace both vehicles to keep them from shifting, using a combnation of plastic chocks, timber and adjustable metal braces.

Then they used heavy duty airbags to lift the two vehicles off of the victim

These type of incidents occur in all kinds of weather. And the firefighters got to experience that on March 15, as cold and wet conditions, added to the challenge.

This type of training has inherent risk, so Operational Risk Management (ORM) remains a primary focus, with assigned Safety Officers and the two instructors keenly focused on participant safety, Morris said.

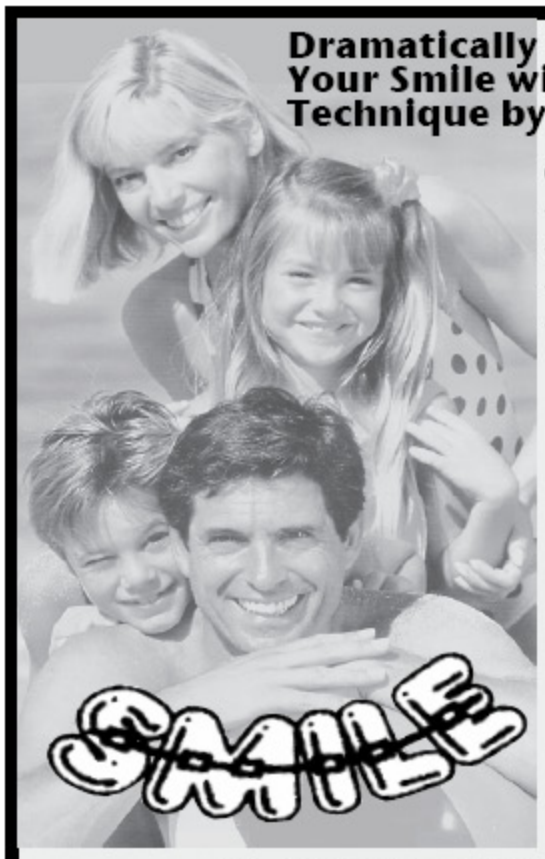
"Though this training could be completed in-house, my stance on advanced level training is that it needs to be provided by experts in the field to ensure we are receiving the highest quality and technically advanced training that is available," he said.

"We continue to utilize Bucks County Community College Department of Public Safety Training as one of our primary advanced training providers. They have been proven successful in delivery of quality training that has advanced our emergency response capability over the past two years."

Once the second of the series is completed in early May, NASCC will have 34 of its firefighters certified to this advanced level, including those taught last fiscal year, Morris said.

Fire Capt. Luis Martinez prepares to direct the inflation of airbags to lift two vehicles off a simulated crash victim during advanced rescue training.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister



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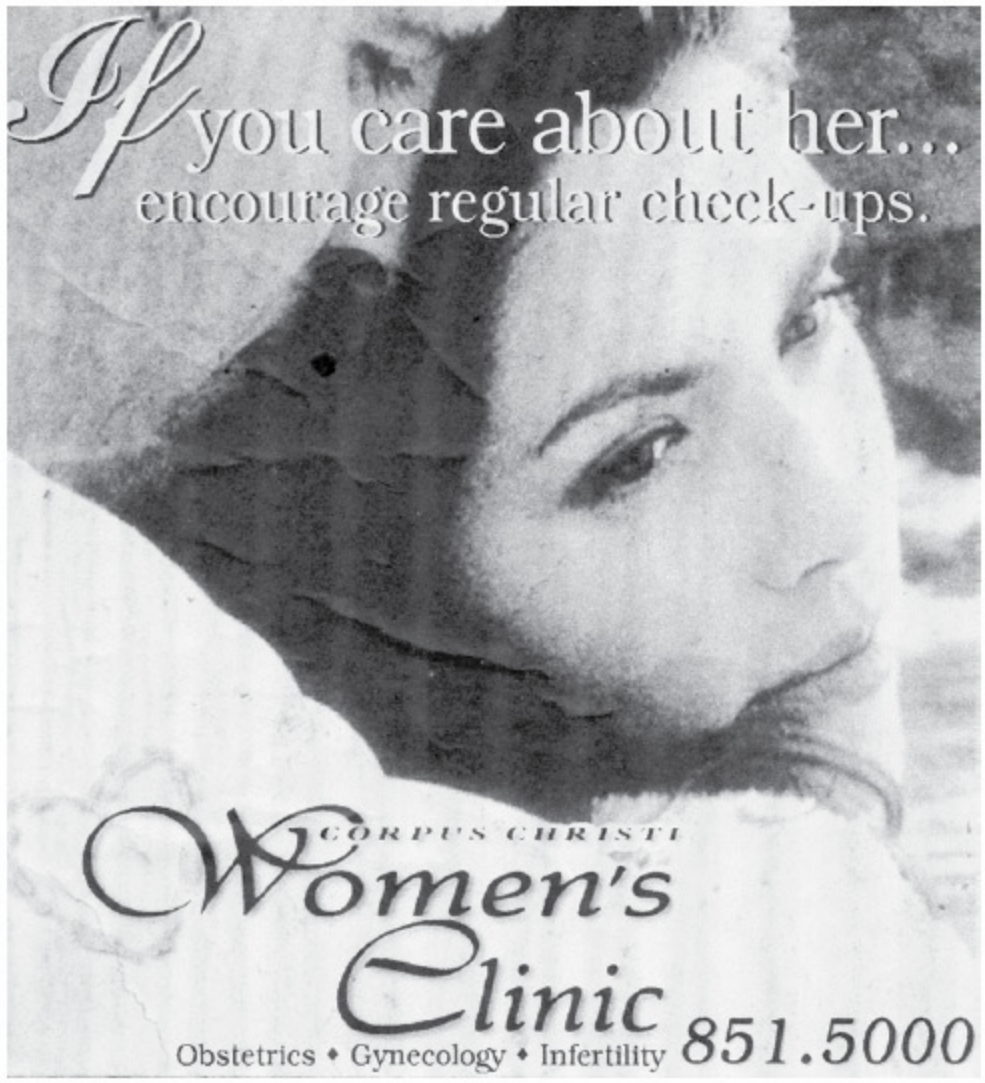

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As a matter of personal safety for region personnel and their families, the following safeguards have been instituted:

Navy Petty Officer First Class or below will need a leave or liberty chit signed by a Commander (O-5) or above in the traveler's chain of command to authorize travel to Mexico.

Navy Chief Petty Officers and above must notify their chain of command of intent to travel to Mexico.

All Navy military, civilian, and contract employees must have completed the Level I Antiterrorism Training within the previous 12 months. The training is available at **www.at-awarenews.org** or from a certified Level II Antiterrorism Officer.

All Navy military personnel will use the buddy system which includes any individual, military or civilian, over the age of 18. The name of the individual will be on the request chit.

All Navy military personnel will receive a country-specific (Mexico) security brief from their local Navy security department or NCIS office for the area(s) of travel prior to the start of leave or liberty.

All Navy military personnel will register online with the American Consulate prior to travel to Mexico at:

https://travelregistration.state.gove/ibrs/ui/index.aspx.

Navy active duty military personnel who reside in Mexico or have immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister) living in the northern border areas of Mexico are not restricted in traveling, but are requested to inform their chain of command of travel plans and provide contact information.

Family members, DON civilian employees, and contractors are highly encouraged to abide by this travel advisory.

For questions about traveling to Mexico, please contact your local Security/Force Protection Office, or the local NCIS Office.

All Navy military personnel on liberty or leave in Mexico must have in their possession the following numbers in case of emergency:

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Boomers conquer Texas Independence Relay

(above) VT-27's Texas Independence Relay team with the state flag and (below) with a replica of the original battle banner. Photos by Lt. Jeremy Judernatz

by Cmdr. Mark Edwards, CO VT-27

On March 7, 13 Boomers of VT-27 awoke at the brisk hour of 6 a.m. in the little East Texas town of Gonzales.

They joined more than a thousand runners, in more than 150 teams, for a 203-mile relay from Gonzales to the San Jacinto Monument in eastern Houston.

The Texas Independence Relay, commemorating the fight for independence by Texans 173 years ago, traces the path of Texas independence from the first battle to the last.

It was in Gonzales, in October of 1835, that the first shot in the fight for Texas' independence was fired when Mexican soldiers came to take away a cannon that was previously given to the people of Gonzales for their protection.

Farmers, businessmen, and ranchers trying to carve out an existence in the Wild West part of Mexico and desiring to end their suffering under the oppression stood against the Mexican Dictator Santa Anna.

Rallying to Texas' first battle flag – a white banner with a single small cannon, the first Lone Star overhead and sporting the words "Come and Take It" - the Texans won the day.

Led by Lt. Jeremy Judernatz, the Boomers ran relay legs averaging more than five miles each for 31 hours straight. They ran though many small towns where Texans turned out in droves to cheer them on.

On their way to Houston they conquered towns such as Shiner, Weimar, Moulton, Eagle Lake and Wallis.

The Boomers ran continuously in celebration of the spirit that made Texas independent and, late afternoon March 8, the team arrived at the San Jacinto monument.

San Jacinto Memorial Battlefield is dominated by a towering obelisk built over the site where the Texans, led by Sam Houston, charged a numerically superior and better trained Army of Mexico.

The Texans won a resounding victory, destroying the Santa Anna's entire army in less than 20 minutes.

Inscribed on the Monument are listed the great men and the battles they fought.

Here you can learn the history behind, "Remember the Alamo," and "Remember Goliad;" battles for which Texans asked for no quarter and in turn gave none.

In the same spirit of the Texan's fight for independence, the Boomers asked for and received no quarter from the countless hills, 30-knot winds, chilly dark of night, or the 31 hours of fatigue – a small token tribute to those who gave much more so long ago.

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Beginning of the end for Ingleside

First MCMs depart for San Diego under BRAC

by Rod Hafemeister

The process of closing Naval Station Ingleside took a major step March 9 when two mine countermeasures ships, USS Chief (MCM 14) and USS Warrior (MCM 10) left the dock for the final time enroute to their new homeport in San Diego.

They are the first of eight mine countermeasure ships that will be moving from Ingleside to San Diego as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The BRAC ordered the consolidation of Mine Warfare Command with the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Command, creating the Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command.

The eight MCM ships are all scheduled to leave Ingleside before Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2009. The Naval Station will continue closing up operations, with a final closure date of September 2010.

Four of the remaining six MCM ships will set sail for San Diego in phases

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USS Chief (MCM 14) leaves the Naval Station Ingleside pier March 9. Chief and USS Warrior (MCM 10) are the first two of eight mine countermeasures ships to depart Ingleside and begin their journey to their new homeport in San Diego, Calif., in accordance with the 2005 BRAC Commission's decision to close Naval Station Ingleside. Photo by S.L. Standifird

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Chiefs charged to lead the way in motorcycle safety

by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan, MCPON Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) outlined his expectations regarding motorcycle safety and training in a "P4", or "personal for", Navy Administrative Message to the Navy's Chief Petty Officer Mess March 16.

The message, NAVADMIN 079/09 – intended for all command master chiefs, chiefs of the boat, command senior chiefs and senior enlisted leaders – lays out Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick West's concerns and expectations of senior enlisted leadership.

"Our highways are a battle zone that unnecessarily accounted for thirty-three motorcycle casualties last year, while many others suffered life-long injuries. I'm calling on the CPO mess and the first class petty officers to engage the deckplate and ensure our Sailors get the proper required training," West wrote in his message.

"Having been a motorcycle rider, I'm concerned for all riders, but we need to focus immediately on those who are in the highest risk group."

MCPON stated in his message that the groups he's most concerned with are sport bike riders, Sailors E-5 and below, and those with little to no experience as many mishaps occur soon after the purchase of the motorcycle.

"Most of the casualties have been on sport bikes operated by untrained riders," West said.

West said that he hopes his use of a P4 will emphasize the importance of sport bike safety, especially with the summer months approaching.

"I'm going to use every means at my disposal to get this word out," he said. "We have young men and women dying on our freeways and less than half of the Sailors who should have attended the mandatory training have showed up.

"Our concern as senior enlisted leaders should be to give our Sailors the training and tools that could help them survive on the highways."

P4's have traditionally been reserved for the flag community, a method of communication admirals have used for decades to get word quickly and privately to other senior and commanding officers.

The unprecedented P4 specifically directs chief petty officers to "personally involve yourself in obtaining a [class] quota and ensuring your Sailors attend."

West said it's not an approach he intends to use frequently, but he felt the gravity of this particular subject warranted it.

"We have more than 7,500 Sailors who still haven't attended the Sport Bike rider course," he said.

"We've got to do better than that. It's a matter of life and death."

Test your knowledge on Traffic/ Motorcycle safety.

1. If you were driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .10 percent you would be considered legally DUI in all states.
a. True
b. False

2. For the average 160-180 pound individual, inhibitions are lessened and judgment begins to be affected after drinking just one beer in one hour or less.
a. True
b. False

3. Drivers authorized to operate a motorcycle on an installation are required to complete:
a. Only state required training
b. Orientation training by the motorcycle seller
c. Industry provided motorcycle training course
d. A Navy or Marine Corps-approved motorcycle training course

4. Traction is?
a. Tire loading expressed in pounds
b. Friction between the tires and the road surface
c. A combination of weight and centrifugal force
d. A direct function of the weight of the rider relative to the weight of the motorcycle

Upcoming Safety Classes

Basic Rider Course: class dates to be determined.

Experienced Rider Course: April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 11 & 25.

Military Sportbike Rider Course: April 2 & 30. May 14 & 28, June 4 & 18.

AAA/Driver Improvement Program: April14, May 12, June 9.

For more information, Dan Miller at: 361-961-1690 or sign up online at: **www.navymotorcyclerider.com**.

Quiz Answers: 1. a; 2. a; 3. d; 4. b

from NASCC Housing Welcome Center

Everybody knows it's difficult to find good housing from across the nation - or sometimes even from just across town.

It's an old story that has a new ending: NAS Corpus Christi Housing Welcome Center is implementing a new internet-based housing referral system to overcome that problem.

It's **AHRN.com** (Automated Housing Referral Network), a nationwide, joint service, DoD-sponsored website that offers a 24/7/365 single source of available housing to incoming military and their families.

AHRN.com directly connects service members with local property managers via the internet, often facilitating a door-to-door move that saves time, expenses and headaches.

"This housing referral network is a quantum leap forward from the process we use in our office and the word-of-mouth (sponsor) method," said Gale Dyckman, Housing Director.

With the internet, incoming military and families are able to reach out from anywhere and get an updated list of available housing, from a much larger pool of diverse properties.

The idea behind AHRN.com is simple: free of charge, local property managers and military register their available properties on the site, often several months before the property will be available.

These properties are then easily visible to incoming personnel when they search the site for available housing.

"It's our job to promote the site to all local stakeholders to ensure that it builds momentum and synergy," Dyckman said.

NAS Corpus Christi Housing Welcome Center is looking forward to expanding its AHRN.com program by encouraging local property managers to register in the system.

"The larger the database, the more useful it will be to people searching for places to live," Dyckman said.

To make registering properties a worry-free proposition, AHRN.com incorporates several layers of privacy protection.

In return for registering their properties, AHRN.com provides property owners with a consistent resource of quality tenants.

"It's a win-win for everyone who uses the site," Dyckman said.

It is available to all service members who are supported by Naval Air Stations Corpus Christi and Kingsville, and Naval Station Ingleside.

For more detailed information about the local AHRN.com website, contact the NAS Corpus Christi Housing Welcome Center at (361) 961-3336, and select Option 2, or visit the website at **www.ahrn.com** to list your property or search for one today.

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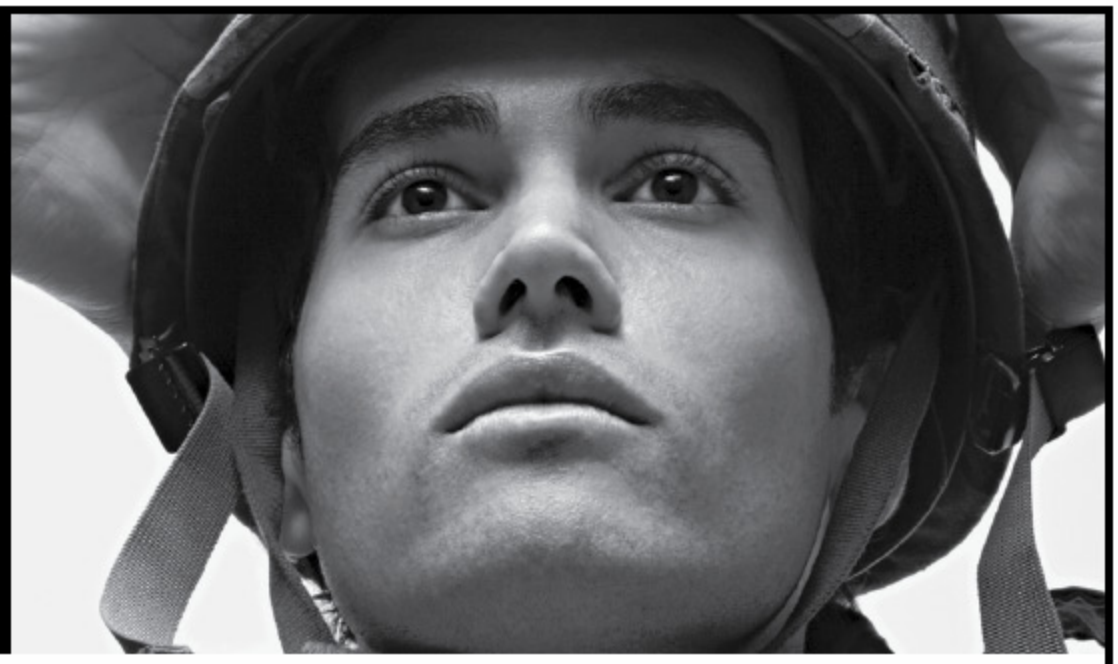

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WOUNDED WARRIOR RIDE - MARCH 14

More than 150 area cyclists joined 30 Wounded Warriors for the Second Annual Wounded Warrior Lone Star Challenge bike ride on March 14, despite cold rainy weather. The 25-mile course stretched from Whataburger Field and down Shoreline and Ocean Drive to NASCC, with a 45-mile option involving a second loop. The ride was the final stage of a three-stage bike ride that began in Austin. The Wounded Warrior Project raises money and awareness of disabled veterans' needs.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Winging Ceremony - March 13

Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Official party, from left: Lt. Col. Bob Blagg, USAF, XO VT-35; Lt. j.g. Robert Fasnacht, Chaplain; Bud Harris, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Col. Dave Portillo, USMC, XO MATSG; Cmdr. Mark F. Springer, CO VT-35; Cmdr. Dennis R. Crews, CO VT-31; Capt. Robert Paulison, USCG, CO Sector Corpus Christi Coast Guard; Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., Deputy CNO for Communication Networks.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 2nd Lt. Benjamin Thomas Blair, USAF; Capt. Darin Richard Boen, USAF; Lt. j.g. Brant Jefferson Brock; Lt. j.g. Charles Edward Campbell; Lt. j.g. Andy Joe Ceelen, USCG; Lt. j.g. Scott Kenneth Daniels; 2nd Lt. Jacob Kenneth Fuchs, USAF; 2nd Lt. Peter Joseph Gac, USAF; 1st Lt. Heidi Ann Harker, USAF; Lt. Brian Richard Hirte; Lt. j.g. Jonathan William Hofius, USCG; Lt. j.g. Patrick David Laffey; Capt. Matthew Stephen Lawton, USAF; Ensign Robert Michael Lloyd; Lt. j.g. Michael Devin McGhan; 1st Lt. Sean R. Purcell, USMC; 2nd Lt. Peter A. Schroeder, USAF; Lt. j.g. Richard Paul Silva Jr.; Lt. j.g. Nathaniel Leigh Souleret, USCG; Ensign David Daniel Sullivan; Lt. j.g. Neil Ralph Szymczak; 2nd Lt. Chad James Warner, USAF; 2nd Lt. Kevin Tyler Winblad, USAF; Ensign Joseph Randolph Zerra.

Civilian Length of Service Awards - March 12

NASCC held a ceremony March 12 to recognize civilian employees' service. Awardees, by total years of federal service, included: Five years – Gherardo I. Diaz; 10 years – Robert D. Alejandre, Marie L. Bresler, Nelia C. Gipson, Donald L. Ott, Jennifer A. Rodela, Margaret A. Wise; 15 years – Robert M. Bethea, Carl A. Gilmore, Ward C. Hawkins III, Jose C. Hinojosa, Margarito T. Perez; 20 years – Alexander Balderas, Karen M. Felton, David K. Jones, John T. Morris, Juan M. Santa Cruz, Donna L. Tedrow; 25 years – Leonides Curiel, Leroy Dunk, Rafael Escarzaga, Gerardo Garza, Luis O. Martinez, Rodolfo R. Martinez, Diana G. Zavala; 30 years – Tracey E. Crown, Yolanda L. Ramirez, Joe R. Vargas; 35 years – Nicolas Briseno Jr., Jose A. Ramirez, Joe V. Ramos.

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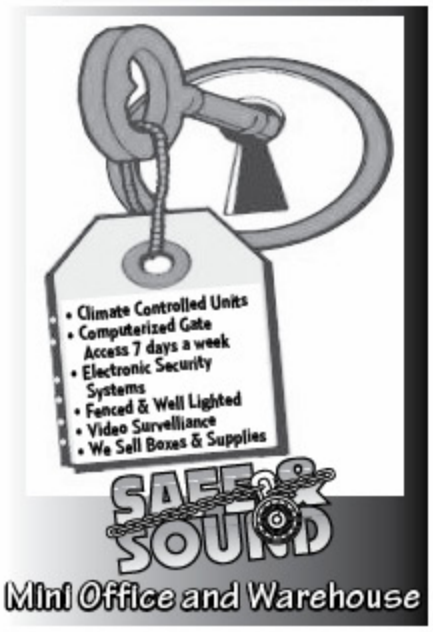

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Vet Clinic to limit services in May, June

by Sgt. Timothy Hair, NASCC Veterinary Treatment Facility

Soon, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will be bidding farewell to Army Capt. Christopher Gorencel, who has served as the installation veterinarian for the past 22 months.

His exact departure date is yet to be determined, but here at the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility, we are anticipating May 8 to be his last day to see patients.

This will create some difficulties for pet owners because Gorencel's replacement will not be on board until late June or, possibly, early July.

We regret that there will be a break in the continuity of care, but unfortunately it is unavoidable.

It is very important that you plan ahead for your pet's health care needs and be aware that it may be necessary to seek care from your local civilian veterinarian.

National Pet Week will be the week of May 3-8.

As that week also will be Gorencel's last week, it is our intent to schedule as many appointments as possible.

We will be not be doing sick call appointments during that time; we will focus only on routine vaccinations and heartworm tests, so that we can see as many animals as possible.

As always, there is a limit of three animals per client per day. We will request your patience during that week, as we anticipate it to be very hectic.

We are also planning to offer discounts on vaccinations, heartworm preventatives, and flea and tick preventatives as well. The exact discounts are to be determined.

In the meantime, keep in mind that you can always make an appointment before May and avoid the rush. If your pet is due to see the veterinarian in late May or June, you may want to consider calling for an April appointment.

Pets are seen by appointment only; normal operating hours for the facility are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling (361) 961-3952.

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once maintenance and upgrades are completed. The other two MCM ships will be heavy lifted aboard large barges.

MCM ships are unusual in the Navy, with wood hulls sheathed in fiberglass to minimize their magnetic signature. They are 224 feet long and 1,300 tons, with a standard crew of eight officers and 76 enlisted Sailors.

Besides the eight MCM ships, other mine warfare units moving to California include MCM Crews, MCM Class Squadron, MCM Squadron 1, MCM Squadron 3, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, and Mobile Mine Assembly Unit 15.

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Some cyclists rode at steady 20 to 25 miles per hour, and a rare few rode at close to 30.

For others however – with youngsters as young as 5 years old and a mother pulling her young son in a bike carrier – their speeds were much more pedestrian.

Along Ocean Drive, the muscles on Wounded Warrior Nathan Hunt's arms bunched and then stretched as he powered his tricycle on the road.

Always surrounded by bicycle riders or the Patriot Guard, our Wounded Warriors moved steadily toward their goal.

For many of the cyclists, it was a moment of sharing, giving, in their participation saying, "We honor you – who have given so much."

Later that evening at a dinner for the Wounded Warriors hosted by the USO and shared with members of the Navy League, and NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson, our servicemembers were presented with certificates from Congressman Solomon Ortiz and State Representative Todd Hunter.

Russ Murphy, a Nashville recording artist sang his song "Welcome Home, Soldier," for the assembled guests – a tribute he says, to all servicemembers who have worn a uniform.

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Text messaging and talking on a cell phone take our attention away from our driving – which deserves our full attention.

I remember a bumper sticker which read, "Hang up and Drive."

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First, remember that the speed limit applies only under the safest conditions.

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There is nothing wrong with getting someone else to drive if we don't feel fully up to it.

Third, concentrate on your driving. Turn off your cell phone. Wait until you get parked to talk.

Fourth, be patient. You may be in a hurry to get home but so is everyone else after work.

Fifth, don't be part of road rage. If you see someone giving other drivers the finger, don't you do it.

I believe that those who give others the finger are only displaying their I.Q. Your I.Q. is much higher than that.

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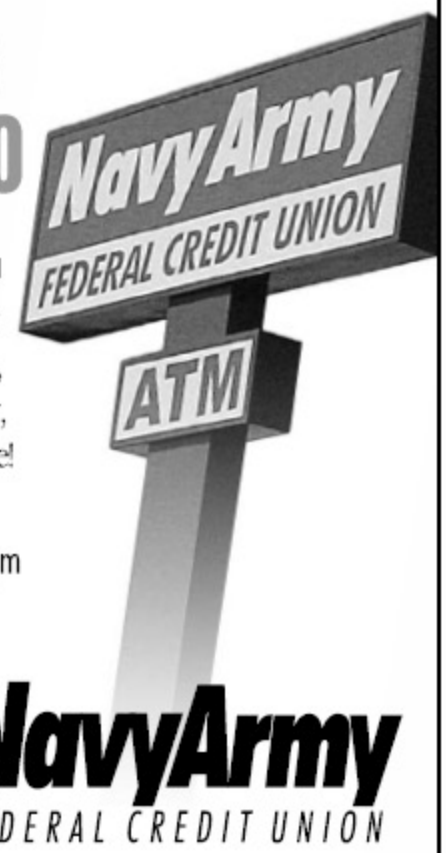

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As these feelings of solidarity and dedication to the relationship emerge, no doubt as a result of the rewards each partner derives from it, individuals are presumed to become progressively less attentive to alternative relationships.

Q: Does the quality of a marital relationship determine parenting attitudes?

A: In a journal article entitled *The Determinants of Parenting: A Process Model*, researcher John Belsky reviewed a number of studies supporting the important link between the qualities of the marriage relationship and parenting attitudes and behaviors.

In general, this research suggests that parents with poor marriages tend to have more negative attitudes toward parenting and act in less warm and supportive ways toward their children.

In other words, marital stress and conflict can reverberate throughout the system, affecting parent-child patterns of interaction.

In some instances, for example, parents may attempt to cope with marital strife by using their children as a source of emotional support, which involves them in a cross-generational coalition. In other instances, parents may blame their children for the marital stress.

In either instance, the ability of parents to attend to the needs of their children effectively is compromised by the manner in which the marital stress is mismanaged.

Ruben G. Garcia, Ph.D., LMFT is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and co-founder of The Healing Institute. Submit your questions to Dr. Garcia via email at troubadour55@hotmail.com. You can also contact Dr. Garcia at (361) 814-4556.

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by Dr. Linda Diaz, Clinical Counselor, Fleet & Family Support Center

Major studies of family violence continue to show the debilitating effects it has on children.

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The Hidden Victims Education Intervention Workshop was created to provide couples involved in family violence the opportunity to understand the effects abuse and violence have on children. It will help parents consider how their negative behavior may be impacting their children and to build strategies to rebuild hope and begin the process of healing on the entire family.

The basic goal is to help parents change the negative way they deal with conflict.

For more information about the Hidden Victims Education Intervention Workshop, contact Fleet & Family Support Center, Dr. Linda Diaz at (361) 961-2372.

Take time to thank a military child

by John Kummer, FFSC

With April being both the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Fleet & Family Support Center would like to applaud all military children for their bravery, courage, and resiliency.

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Military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and frequent moves due to a PCS.

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35 years and counting (Round 1)

Capt. Randy Pierson, NASCC Commanding Officer, presented Nicolas Briseno Jr. with a plaque and a pin recognizing his 35 years of total active federal service as part of the March 12 civilian awards ceremony. Briseno, a flight support superintendent at Air Ops, was one of three civilians recognized for 35 years of service.

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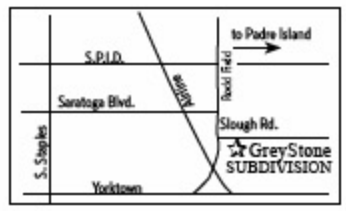

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