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Annual Navy Regatta sets sail for the 47th time Aug. 1-2

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

Time to start planning for the 47th Annual Navy Regatta – it's less than a month away!

Once again, area yachtsmen will be honoring servicemembers by asking them to participate.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, yachts participating in the Navy Regatta race from the downtown Yacht Clubs to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi are seeking servicemembers who have returned from any area of conflict in the past year to ride with them.

Besides Iraq and Afghanistan, returnees may have served in such places as the Horn of Africa or the Balkans.

For the Military Cup Challenge on Sunday, Aug. 2, the more than 30 participating yachts are required to have an Active Duty helmsman – and are looking for volunteers.



Yachts racing in the 2008 Military Cup Challenge approach the harbor in downtown Corpus Christi. Part of the two-day Navy Regatta, the Military Cup features Active Duty Servicemembers acting as helmsmen on the racing yachts.

Registration is July 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bay Yacht Club on the downtown Corpus Christi waterfront.

And then there is the Titanic Cup – Saturday afternoon's race for "sailboats" built by various military organizations – so named because

one or more entries frequently emulate the doomed passenger liner and sink on their maiden voyage. Plan now for fun and sun!

Starbase Atlantis students return from Space Camp

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

Three alumni of the Starbase Atlantis program at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi returned June 20 from a weeklong astronaut experience at Space Camp.

Andrea Sanchez, Marisol Chavez and Alexander Lamb spent a week flying simulators, running a simulated Space Shuttle mission and experiencing some of what it is like to be an astronaut.

"The coolest part was the Space Shuttle ride," Marisol said, describing a ride that gives a brief experience of weightlessness. "They take you up and then you drop."

Andrea had a different view.

"The best part was when we got to fly the simulator," she said. "And when we went into the lake, practicing escaping from a helicopter."

Alex said the best part was learning a lot about science – and "the food!"

The three were selected for Space Camp by a review board, based on criteria that included three essays and a science experiment from each candidate.

Last year, the NASCC Starbase Atlantis program received two scholarships to send students to Space Camp.

This year, they got three.

"Basically, I begged," said Crystal Trujillo, program director.

Space Camp uses space to excite and educate children ages 9-11 in the fields of math, science and technology. Teamwork, self-confidence and communication will be achieved through state-of-the-art simulations, missions, rocket building and robotics.

Andrea said she enjoyed the camp and the science, but her real goal is to become a pediatrician.

Mirasilol plans to learn how to fly, but beyond that hasn't decided on career goals.

"I don't have a clue yet," she said.

Alex said he wants to be an engineer, but hasn't decided what type yet.

Andrea and Alex finished fifth grade this year at Zavala Elementary School; Maria was a fifth grader at Flour Bluff.



(left to right) Marisol Chavez, Andrea Sanchez and Alexander Lamb, three area graduates of the Starbase Atlantis program at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, spent a week at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. The weeklong Camp lets budding astronauts and science students experience what life is like onboard the Space Shuttle orbiter and the International Space Station.

Skipper's Column Navy Heritage...Navy Pride... Navy Ball, Oct. 17!

by Capt. Randy Pierson



Pierson

This week, I wanted to offer some perspective regarding our Navy Ball.

This year's ball is moving to the Bay Club from 2008's location at the Omni Hotel.

I want all to know that I made that decision based on an overall concern

for our members.

First and foremost, the location of this year's ball was selected based on convenience to our Sailors, affordability to all, and the

inherent flexibility of doing the event on the installation.

My goal for the Navy Ball is that we (NAS Corpus Christi) offer a Top Notch Ball at an affordable price – providing food and services exceeding what we would get in town for a comparable price.

I will not let you down.

The rationale for the relocation is our dwindling number of active duty personnel at NASCC.

This situation is exacerbated by the relocation of HM-15 and by Naval Station Ingleside having their own ball – vice our standard combined Ball – due to their BRAC closure.

Additionally, this year's Ball is not eligible for sponsorship (price mitigations) as was last year's.

Typically, there is a challenge to get people to these events – then those who attend leave desiring more, similar events.

The fact of the matter is this: I promise you a great Navy Ball at the Bay Club.

There will be celebration, tradition, great food, a good price and plenty of what is priceless...camaraderie, good 'ole Navy Camaraderie.

Rooms will be blocked at the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites. The events, to include entertainment, will be selected by a cross-section of members from the Ball Committee.

All are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. However; we will only be able to sell 300 tickets.

Tickets will go on sale next month at ITT.

Chaplain's Message How Do You Value Trust?

by Fr. John Mc Kenzie, Chaplain

Trust is a great thing to have but sadly, not everyone can be trusted.

Just as no one can force agreement, forgiveness, or respect beyond verbal respect, no one can force trust. We have to give someone reason to trust us.

Trust is easily lost. It can be lost by telling others what someone told us in confidence, not keeping one's word, cheating, lying, not taking care of what belongs to someone else, reading someone else's mail, or having dishonest business practices. The list could go on much longer.

Would you trust someone if what you said in confidence was told to others? Would you trust a contractor to work on your house again if what he did before was careless work? Would you trust your car to someone who is reckless or drives under the influence? Would

you trust someone to another loan if that person did not repay the previous loan?

I would say "no" to all of the above. There would be no reason to trust such people.

During my active duty days in the Navy, I did a lot of family counseling. A big problem with so many families was broken trust. Family members could not trust each other. There was a lot of lying to each other and issues of broken promises.

One case dealt with a 17 year-old son complaining about his father opening his mail before he got home from school. The father had silly reasons for opening his son's mail but ultimately he was nosy.

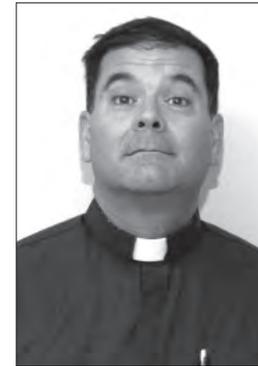
I reminded the father that mail is a personal thing and that opening his son's mail was breaking trust. I also reminded his father that any piece of mail with a postage stamp

on it is the property of the postal service until the mail reaches the individual it was addressed to.

So, opening someone else's mail is against the law. People have gone to jail for mail tampering.

There are other ways in which trust is broken in the family. There can be a son or daughter lying about studying. Instead of going to the library

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Mc Kenzie

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

"Nothing renews your appreciation for the military like the threat of invasion from life-sucking aliens." Richard Woolsey, *Star Gate: Atlantis*.

I'm a lifelong science fiction fan, and although the best SF is print, some of the better quotes come from

scriptwriters for television and film – like the one above.

I was reminded of that line by a couple recent events. The first was a visit to a civic group, where I was providing support for a lunch speech.

The group was extremely patriotic and receptive. But when asked, only a few of the attendees indicated they had ever served in the military.

The second was a rant by a recent retiree on an email list. He was complaining about how difficult it was to get potential employers to appreciate what he had done, what he had been responsible for, and what he would bring to a civilian job.

The two events called to mind the fact that, since the creation of the All-Volunteer Force in 1973, the percentage of the population that saw any kind of military service has declined significantly.

According to the U.S. Census, about 21 percent of the voting age population in 1970 was veterans.

By 2000, that was down to 11 percent – despite the expansion of military opportunities for women.

Help others understand

By 2030, the Veterans Administration estimates that number will shrink to 6 percent.

I've had a foot in both worlds since 1982, when I left active duty. I stayed in the Reserves and, for a decade, was also a dependant spouse.

I wrote for civilian publications and, although much of my work was military reporting, much wasn't.

And only some of my editors, even at places like Military Times, had any military experience.

I was hired by a daily newspaper in 1992 in part because I "spoke military" and could cover the nearby Air Force Base.

In fact, at the time, I was the only reporter or editor with military experience.

I spent no small amount of my time explaining to editors that there were more

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One big week for RP3 William McCall

by Rod Hafemeister

The third week of June was a big one for William McCall, a Religious Program Specialist with the NASCC Chaplain's office.

First, he became an integral part of the June 16 retirement ceremony for Chief Sherrill Ray Robinson Jr.

McCall, who enlisted in September 2008, had been advanced to Seaman Apprentice for receiving Honor Graduate at RP "A" School and was entered into the Accelerated Advancement Program (AAP) for receiving an overall GPA of 96 percent or above.

McCall recently completed the AAP requirements and, as one of his last official acts, Robinson advanced McCall to Petty Officer Third Class.

RP3 McCall then relieved Robinson of the Watch – marking Robinson's retirement from active duty.

The next day, Petty Officer McCall got another reward: A flight with Capt. Dave Price, Commodore of Training Air Wing Four, in recognition of his accomplishments.

McCall's personal awards include the National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Pistol Marksmanship ribbon.

McCall and wife Rachel are expecting their first child (a boy) in October.



(left) Religious Program Specialist William McCall receives his Certificate of Advancement to Petty Officer Third Class from retiring Chief Sherrill Ray Robinson Jr. Photo by Rod Hafemeister. (above) McCall in the cockpit before his flight with Training Air Wing Four Commodore Capt. Dave Price. Photo by Ensign Elizabeth Wrona.

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Maxham leaves DDCT after two years; hands command to Warrington

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

Two minutes.

Two minutes to wrap up two years of work by Lt. Col. Robert C. Maxham as commander of the Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi (DDCT) and turn over the command to Lt. Col. Bernard Warrington Jr.

Two minutes to perform the traditional ritual: The outgoing commander passing the command flag to his superior – and the superior then passing it to the incoming commander.

Marine Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri, Commander, Defense Distribution Center, presided over the June 22 change of command.

Talleri praised Maxham and Warrington, as well as DDCT.

"It's a model of a depot throughout the globe, and there are 25 of those across the globe," he said. "You're doing it as well as anyone is doing a depot. You're providing world-class support to your customers."

Under Maxham, Talleri said, DDCT saw a 16 percent increase in its workload while at the same time improving its inventory accuracy rate to more than 98 percent, an "exceptional improvement" of more than 8 percentage points.

"You made a difference, Bob, not only in the Depot, but for this entire Command," Talleri said.

Maxham thanked everyone in the Depot for their support during his command.

"It has been an experience I will cherish for a long, long time," he said.

A few days before the change of command, Maxham and Warrington sat for a joint interview.

Maxham's next assignment is to Iraq, where he will be the Senior Army Advisor to the Iraqi Ground Forces Command Surgeon.

It's a job closer to his primary career field as a Medical Service Corps officer.

Although he had some logistical experience, he said DDCT was a whole different world.

"I'm an operations officer – I grew up in support battalions and support brigades, as operational, not logistics," Maxham said. "My logistical background was limited.

"And I'll be honest, the logistics I understand and the logistics of Colonel Warrington's background is not what we do here."

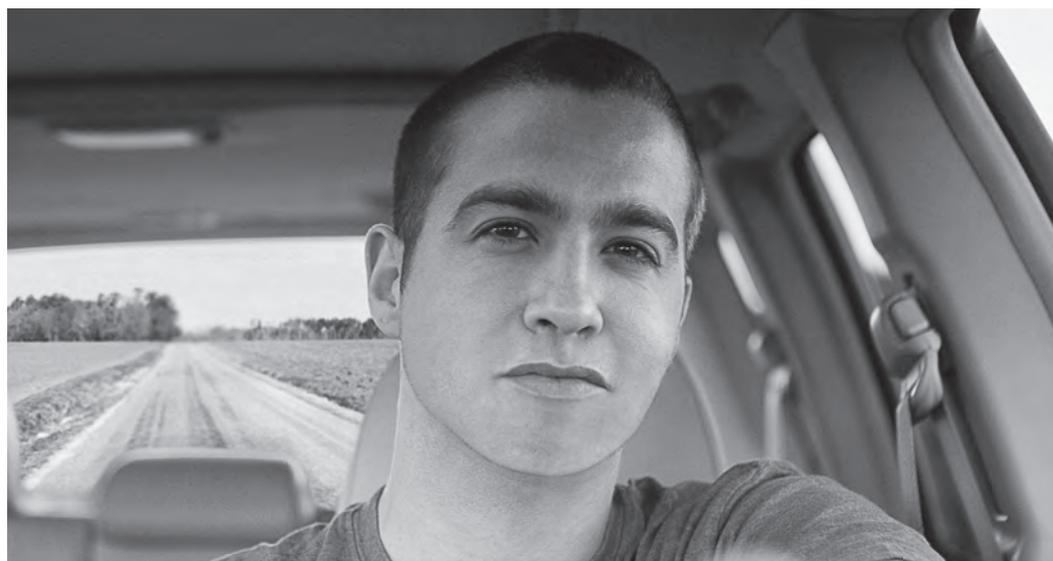
Maxham said the two things that impressed most him during his command were the significant impact DDCT has in supporting the warfighter – starting with supporting Corpus Christi Army Depot but also going well beyond that – and the professionalism of DDCT's civilian workforce.

Maxham said he was "humbled" by the dedication and work ethics of that workforce.

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Departing Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Robert Maxham (left) watches as Marine Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri passes the DDCT Command Flag to Lt. Col. Bernard Warrington Jr., formally marking the change of command.



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Capt. Jeffrey Carlson, NMAWC Assistant Chief of Staff, retires

by Lois Contreras, NMAWC Public Affairs

“You made a difference. You made us stronger. You made us smarter.”

With these words, Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrer, Vice Commander, Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command (NMAWC) concluded his remarks at the retirement ceremony honoring Capt. Jeffrey F. Carlson, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (N3), NMAWC Corpus Christi.

Girrer served as guest speaker at the May 29 ceremony, which marked the close of Carlson’s 28-year Navy career.

Carlson started his career with the U.S. Navy after receiving his commission as an ensign along with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Texas A&M University in 1981.

After his initial sea tour aboard the USS FIFE (DD 991) and a follow-on tour on the USS CONSTANT (MSO 427), he served as officer-in-charge of the Department of Naval Science, Texas Maritime College at Texas A&M - Galveston.

While there, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

In 1989, he attended the Department Head Course at the Surface Warfare Officer’s School in Newport, R.I.

After three more sea tours, Carlson assumed command of the Naval Reserve Center in Corpus Christi where he served from 1996-1999.

While under his command, the Reserve Center was named the Outstanding Reserve Center in Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Eleven for three consecutive years.

This command was followed by tours at Corpus Christi and Ingleside until 2002 when he assumed duties as Deputy Director and Naval Reserve Liaison Officer, Joint Reserve Directorate, US Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

In 2005, Carlson assumed command of the Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast in Newport, R.I., which encompassed 18 Naval Reserve Centers in eight states serving over 5,000 Sailors.

In 2005, he returned to Corpus Christi to serve the last assignment in his Naval career.

Girrer presented the Legion of merit to Carlson, whose awards also include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various other unit and service awards.

Though originally a native of Mass., Carlson and his wife, Jacqueline, a native Texan, reside in Corpus Christi with their three children: Jason, 22; Jack, 19; and Jessica, 18, who honored her father by singing the National Anthem at his retirement ceremony.



Capt. Jeffrey F. Carlson, NMAWC Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (r), received his retirement certificate from Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, Vice Commander, NMAWC (l), at a retirement ceremony on May 29 after 28 years of service. Carlson was also presented the Legion of Merit Medal by Girrier.

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After he retired as the Deputy Securities Commissioner, the board asked him to come back as an educator in their "Salute to Smart Investing" program designed specifically to help educate and protect the financial lives of members of the Armed Forces.

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stories than just economic impact on the surrounding communities.

And my experience a couple years ago, when I was thrust back on the job market, was not unlike that retiree.

I had done some significant investigative reporting about city government, but potential employers stopped at "military reporter."

It's not like the post-Vietnam days, when civilians often viewed military members and veterans with suspicion. Especially since 9/11, the public is good about expressing support for the military.

But many elected officials – and civilians in general – simply don't have a frame of reference for what military members do, day in and day out, year after year.

So as Independence Day arrives, and everyone wraps themselves in patriotic fervor, do yourself and your fellow Servicemembers a favor: Reach out to a civilian and explain what you do – not just in war, but every day.

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“We have teams of folks who do aircraft downloads, coming back from the war,” he said. “They pull damaged aircraft off, they see the bullet holes in those aircraft – those folks know what they’re doing, they know who the warfighter is, because they’re seeing those things.”

DDCT also sends a number of people to other Defense Logistic Agency depots, supporting them as needed.

One thing he would have liked to do was “expand on the DLA-CCAD, DDCT-CCAD cohesion more.”

“We did a lot of things with CCAD, we had a lot of initiatives with CCAD” he said. “But we could have done more.”

“I think we did a lot of stuff – but there’s always more to do.”

Warrington began his Army career as an Infantry officer and transitioned into logistics after being selected for captain.

“I had the opportunity to watch three battalion commanders, Infantry type, retire from battalion command and wrestle with life after the Army,” he said. “At that point, one of them said, ‘Bernard, you know, if I had to do it all over again, I would have done Infantry – but I also would have enabled myself to do something with logistics.’

“So I took that opportunity with the battalion I was serving with and requested a branch transfer from Infantry Branch to Quartermaster Branch.”

Because of his background, most of Warrington’s assignments have been multi-functional logistics instead of pure Quartermaster. And a significant portion of his career has revolved around Army aviation – including as a customer of DDCT while serving in both Bosnia and Iraq, which he said provided “very good support.”

“It used to be that DDCT was ‘they’ – and now it’s become where I am; ‘they’ are me,” he said.

“I’m looking forward to the challenge. I see nothing but dedicated, competent, motivated professionals throughout the organization.”

“What I really see, from an operational background, is that DDCT is an enabler to ‘the last tactical mile’ – the last tactical mile on the battlefield is enabled by combat aviation aircraft...”

“DDCT enables the maintainers at CCAD and throughout the Army who are customers of DDCT to do what they do to enable the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on the ground to have what they need when in harm’s way.”

Navy suspends SRB program for remainder of Fiscal Year

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Based on the number of Sailors who have enlisted this year under the selective reenlistment bonus program (SRB), the Navy reached its congressional authority funding limit for this fiscal year.

More than 10,000 Sailors have reenlisted with a reenlistment bonus. Accordingly, the Navy has suspended the SRB program for the remainder of the fiscal year.

SRB requests received by Navy Personnel Command prior to the release of NAVADMIN 176/09 through the Officer Personnel Information System will still be processed.

Less than 685 Sailors remain in the eligibility window to reenlist with a SRB this fiscal year.

“The Navy will continue its strong commitment to the SRB program, and it remains a critical component of our

overall retention efforts,” said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, Chief of Naval Personnel.

“I want to assure Sailors that the SRB program will continue to be available next fiscal year.”

SRB award levels for the next fiscal year for qualifying Sailors in specific ratings and NECs will be announced via NAVADMIN later this summer.

SRB is a dynamic market-based incentive designed to retain those Sailors in the Navy’s most critical ratings and NECs.

“This bonus is just one piece of Navy’s world-class pay and compensation package, and we will continue to work to maintain and improve this package that sustains our Navy,” said Ferguson.

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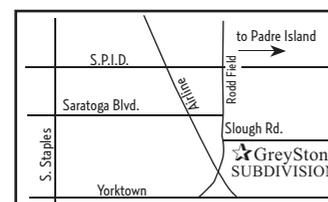
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Chief Sherrill Ray Robinson Jr. retires in emotional ceremony

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

As Master-at-Arms Chief Sherrill Ray Robinson Jr. knelt before his mother, her eyes filled with tears.

Robinson had just received the flag from the flag detail, one of the most memorable retirement honors.

Robinson gently placed the folded flag in his mother's hands – a flag that had flown over the base where his mother, a young Navy Corpsman, had met his father.

It was one of the highlights June 16 in what several attendees described as “the best retirement service” they had seen.

It started with Robinson's youngest child, 1-year-old April, rushing up to the stage to hug Daddy at the start of the ceremony – and repeatedly stealing the show throughout the ceremony.

There also was a roast by one of his best friends, retired Senior Chief Alan Huppmann – who delivered it by videoconference from Baltimore – about their time together on the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson said it was a great honor to be presiding officer for “a great career, a great Sailor, a great Chief, and his wonderful family.”

Robinson himself said he “hated” such ceremonies, but did it to honor his family, including at least four generations before him who had served their country.

And in an especially moving ceremony, Robinson, who most recently had been Lead Chief Petty Officer for the Religious Ministry Department, advanced Religious Program Specialist William McCall to Third Class Petty Officer.

McCall then performed the traditional “relief of the Watch” of the retiring Chief.

Robinson is retiring after 23 years in the Navy, beginning his career as a Sonar Technician.

He has been at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi since August 2006, serving as Command Training Officer, Assistant Security Officer, Department LCPO, Department Training Officer and Chief Investigator before becoming LCPO for the Religious Ministry Department.

Previous assignments included assignment to the USNS Comfort during relief efforts in New York City after the 9/11 attacks.

He also deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His next challenge is to be full-time Dad and Mom – his wife, Lt. Jessica Joy Robinson, is deploying in support of the Global War on Terror.

Besides April, Robinson's children include Rachel, 21, Joshua, 17, Barbara, 16, and Rebecca, 15.



Teresa Marie Osborn, mother of Master-at-Arms Chief Sherrill Ray Robinson Jr., was overcome with emotion as her son presented his retirement flag to her. The flag had previously flown over the Navy base where, while a Navy Corpsman, she met Robinson's father.



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Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi achieves VPP Star status

Story and photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi on June 12 became the first Military Treatment Facility in the Department of Defense to receive the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star site award for promoting effective worksite-based safety and health.

Tony Fuentes, OSHA assistant director for the Corpus Christi area, presented the award to NHCCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randall G. Kelley.

“What we want to do is encourage you to keep up the intensity in which the facility displayed in achieving this standard,” Fuentes said. “It is a notable achievement to be the first medical treatment facility in DoD.”

The award followed several years of promoting a safe working environment, coupled with an extensive application and training procedure that began approximately one year ago under the command of Capt. Robert B. Sorenson.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of our command,” Kelley said. “This milestone is not only particularly important in the way

that we promote safety, it also shows that Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi leads the way.”

During a formal inspection in November, the OSHA team appraised NHCCC’s program and documentation. They also conducted interviews throughout the command. NHCCC passed with zero discrepancies.

“Am I surprised that we were able to achieve this?” said Ricky G. Foust, the command’s Safety and Occupational Health Manager. “The answer is no! The OSHA VPP Program is a perfect fit for Navy Medicine.

“Where else would you find an entire facility dedicated to the health and well being of others? It is our everyday philosophy of taking care of our shipmates and the service members that we serve.”

(r.) NHCCC staff form a human star after becoming the first DoD Military Treatment Facility to receive the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Award.



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Legal or not for consumers, fireworks are too risky for amateurs

by NASCC Fire Department

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, NAS Corpus Christi Fire Emergency Services urges everyone to leave fireworks use to the trained professionals.

In recent years, fireworks have been one of the leading causes of injuries serious enough to require hospital emergency room treatment. Fireworks can result in severe burns, fractures, or scars or even death or disfigurement that can last a lifetime.

The thousands of serious injuries each year typically harm the eyes, head, or hands, and are mostly reported in states where fireworks are legal.

Even sparklers, which are considered by many to be harmless, reach temperatures of more than 1,000° F.

“Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable, especially in the hands of amateurs,” says Judy Comoletti, National Fire Protection Assn. assistant vice president of Public Education.

“The few seconds of pleasure those fireworks may bring are not worth the risk of injury, permanent scarring, or even death.”

Wooded areas, homes, and even automobiles have become engulfed in flames because of fireworks. Fireworks-related fires have typically caused at least \$20 million in property loss (not adjusted for inflation) each year in recent years.

A substantial portion of the structure fire property loss due to fireworks typically involves bottle rockets or other fireworks rockets. These rockets can land on rooftops or wedge within certain structures and still retain enough heat to cause a fire.

There are safer alternatives to using fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Public fireworks displays are one of those alternatives.

Conducted by trained professionals, these displays are the smartest

and safest fireworks alternative for anyone because they are established under controlled settings and regulations.

After these displays, or any other time, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over.

Fireworks that have been ignited and fail to immediately explode or discharge can cause injury because they may still be active.

Children should always tell an adult if they find fireworks rather than picking up smoking or charred fireworks themselves, which is just too risky.

Clearly, fireworks are capable of devastating and fatal injuries.

The American Pyrotechnics Association has the legal restrictions fireworks in Texas online at: [www.americanpyro.com/State%20Laws%20\(main\)/PDFStates/texas.pdf](http://www.americanpyro.com/State%20Laws%20(main)/PDFStates/texas.pdf).

But local jurisdictions can be more restrictive – fireworks are illegal in the City of Corpus Christi, and Nueces County has banned them for 2009.

In addition the sale, storage, or use of fireworks of any description on NAS Corpus Christi is strictly prohibited.

Remember, all fireworks should be left to professionals.



Fourth of July Events

- Four for the Fourth – Four-mile run, sponsored by Corpus Christi Roadrunners. 7 a.m., Heritage Park.
- Independence Day Patriotic Ceremony – Corpus Christi Mayor's Committee for Veteran's Affairs and the Corpus Christi Veteran's Band. 10 a.m., Sherrill Park
- Cool Zone – Live music, food, volleyball, enjoy the surf and sand. Bring your beach towel! Food and beverages for purchase. Noon – 10:30 p.m., Omni at McGee Beach
- Kids Zone – Live music/remote, and loads of kids games, including: a petting zoo and pony rides, obstacle courses, and climbing wall. Food and beverages for purchase. Noon – 6 p.m., Cole Park
- U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Demonstration. 5:30 p.m., Bayfront/Marina
- 4th of July Stars and Stripes Parade – Buccaneer Commission, Inc. and Bucarader Association. 6 p.m., Memorial Coliseum
- Corpus Christi Mascot Dance-off - Watch your favorite mascots take the dance floor and boogie down - Kids, come on over and vote. 7:30 p.m., Cole Park Amphitheater
- 22nd Annual HEB Independence Day Fireworks – off the USS Lexington. 9:30 p.m., USS Lexington.

NASCC Closures and Hours, July 3 & 4

NEX and Commissary open normal hours July 3 and 4.
Gulf Winds Golf Course open 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; half-price carts for all hands on July 4.
Lighthouse Lanes Bowling Center open 2-10 p.m.; 75-cents a game both days.
Bayside Pool open 1-6 p.m.
E-Street Gym and Fitness Express open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Liberty Center open Noon - 8 p.m.
ORAC (Marina) open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
All other MWR activities closed.

NASCC Fire Dept. responds to house explosion

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

When a house exploded in Flour Bluff the morning of June 18, NASCC firefighters were the first ones on the scene.

The Naval Air Station has a mutual aid agreement with the city that allows each to call on the other when help is needed.

NAS firefighters arrived to find the house, in the 900 block of Greenbay Street, completely destroyed, with a portion of the roof near the street and the rest of the hour flaming ruins.

Fire even reached the side of a neighboring house.

NAS firefighters stayed at the scene most of the day, assisting the Corpus Christi Fire Department and relieving their firefighters, who needed frequent breaks in the intense heat.



NASCC Assistant Fire Chief Mark Weil coordinates support for Corpus Christi Fire Department at the scene of a house explosion.

As they fought the fire, firefighters made a grim discovery: the first of what would turn out to be three bodies.

The bodies were later identified as Deletha Baker, 55, Jamie Flanagan, 42, and Deletha's granddaughter Nostalgia Baker, 14.

Deletha Baker was a Flour Bluff ISD bus driver and a "flex" employee for NASCC's MWR activities.

As of press time, officials were investigating the fire and explosion as a suspected homicide and arson.

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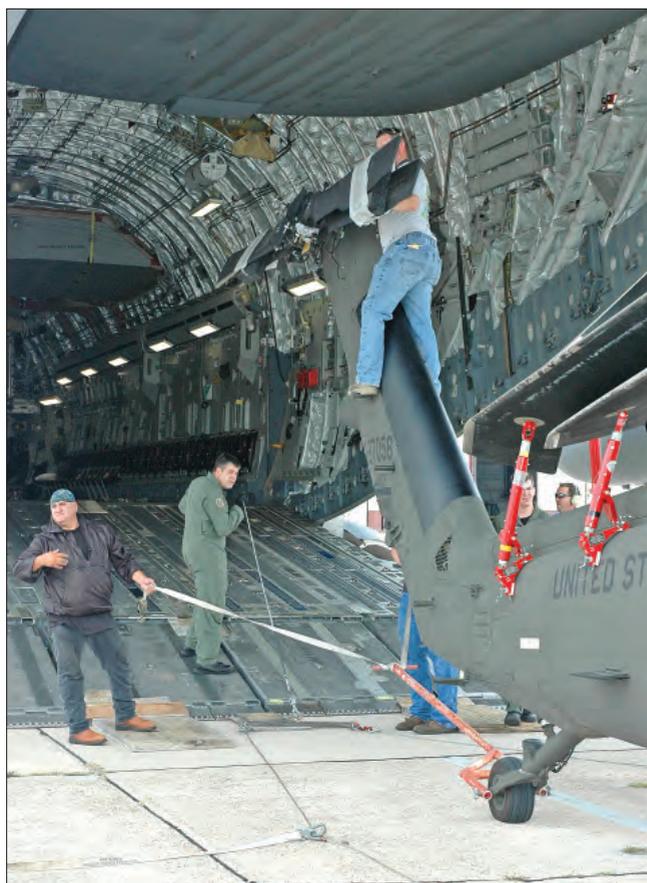
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(above left) After a tug pulls the UH-60 close to the C-17's tail ramp, workers attach a control yoke to the Blackhawk's tail wheel (above center), then (above right) muscle the helicopter the last few feet to attach the C-17's winch cable.

(left and right) As the Loadmaster for the C-17 slowly winches the helicopter to the ramp, DDCT workers use ropes on the control yoke to help steer. Other workers ride the tail and along the rotorhead, ensuring enough overhead clearance.

(bottom left and right) Slowly, the UH-60 is dragged up the ramp and into the cargo bay while DDCT workers help steer, clear – and sit in the Blackhawk's cockpit, ready to apply the brakes if needed. Once loaded, the Blackhawk was chocked and strapped down for its flight.

Photos by Rod Hafemeister



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Winging — June 12



Photo by Hugh Liecek Event Photography

Official party, from left: Lt. j.g. Robert Fasnacht, Chaplain; Shannon Gabriel, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Col. Robert K. Blagg, USAF, CO VT-35; Cmdr. Dennis R. Crews, CO VT-31; Lynn Young, State Regent, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Capt. Dave R. Price, Commodore Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees: Lt. j.g. Gregory Scott Basta; Lt. j.g. Carolyn Ann Bloomfield; Lt. j.g. Sean Michael Brady; Lt. j.g. John Scholer Conner; 1st Lt. Eric Andrew Goldman, USAF; 1st Lt. Craig Robert Gullede, USAF; 2nd Lt. Kenneth Stephen Jubb, USAF; 1st Lt. Nathan Alan King, USAF; 1st Lt. Allan William Hawkins LaBonte, USAF; 2nd Lt. Christopher David Monti, USAF; 1st Lt. Aaron Richard Moore, USAF; 2nd Lt. Sarah Ann Morrison, USAF; 1st Lt. Austin Kaylor Nick, USAF; Lt. j.g. Darren Eric Orth; Lt. j.g. John Michael Prendergast; Lt. j.g. Ryan Schoen Seligman; 1st Lt. Harrison Randolph Sumerall, USAF.

2008 Texas Society DAR Achievement Awardees

Training Air Wing Four officers with the highest final overall grade during calendar year 2008 for their respective service – Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force – were recognized during the June 12 Winging Ceremony.

The recipients were Lt. j.g. Michael G. Strittmatter, USN; 1st Lt. Thomas M. Occhipinti, USMC; Lt. j.g. Eric R. Majeska, USCG; and Capt. David L. Jeltema, USAF.

Lynn Forney Young, the State Regent of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and Capt. Dave Price, Commodore Training Air Wing Four, presented the officers their awards: a plaque and a \$100 check from TSDAR.

Their names were also engraved into a plaque that remains hanging on the Bay Club's foyer wall.

The Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a women's volunteer service organization with more than 15,000 members. They are members of the National Society and also one of the almost 200

chapters in Texas comprising TSDAR.

They are the descendants of men, women, Native Americans and immigrants who were in the American Revolution.

Their goals are to encourage patriotism, promote historic preservation and better educate our children to become productive citizens. There were 45 TSDAR members in attendance at the Winging/Awards Ceremony.

Strittmatter is currently flying the P-3C with VP-45 in Jacksonville, Fla. Occhipinti is completing initial KC-130J training at the Aircrew Training Unit in Mirimar, Calif. Majeska is assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point in Hawaii, flying C-130s. Jeltema is currently in C-130 Single Ship training at Little Rock Air Force Base, and will be flying the MC-130P "Combat Shadow" in Royal Air Force Base Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

All four recipients were able to attend the ceremony, despite their various locations and their hectic schedules.



From left: Lynn Forney Young, State Regent TSDAR; Capt. David Jeltema, USAF; Lt. j.g. Eric Majeska, USCG; Lt. j.g. Michael Strittmatter, USN; 1st Lt. Thomas Occhipinti, USMC; Capt. Dave Price.

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These findings are in agreement with other studies that show spirituality to be correlated with marital adjustment, with marital satisfaction, with marital success, and with marital stability.

Couples who have a strong belief in their spirituality indicate that their faith contributes to their marriage in a number of ways. They derive social, emotional, and spiritual support from their faith.

In some cases, church involvement provides friends and activities for the couples to share.

A couple's faith also encourages marital commitment through the value that is placed on the marital bond and through spiritual support in times of difficulties.

In a professional journal article entitled, *Marital Strengths in Enduring Marriages*, researchers noted that many married couples turn to their faith for moral guidance in making decisions and dealing with conflict.

Q: My husband's awkward work schedule is causing distance between us. Can his crazy work schedule affect our marriage in the long run?

A: One barrier to family closeness is a job schedule that makes it difficult for family members to be together.

Some jobs require rotating shifts. If the spouses work on different shifts, they rarely have anytime to be together.

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In a study entitled, *Non-Standard Work Schedules and Marital Stability*, one investigator

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found that divorce is common among couples in which one spouse works nights.

The findings of the study also noted that fathers who work nights are six times more likely to divorce than are fathers who work days, and mothers who work nights triple their odds of divorce.

Other jobs, such as that of a police officer, are very stressful in and of themselves and require a lot of work on weekends and holidays.

Some work, such as the armed services and merchant marine, requires long periods of separation.

In the end, conflict between family and job demands becomes a source of individual and family stress.

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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o study, they go to a friend's house and play video games.

There can be parents not keeping heir promise to a child. People, especially children, remember promises that were made o them.

There can be a family member playing ick to get out of doing chores or having a family outing.

There can be a son or daughter having a wild party at the house while the parents are gone for the day.

The list could go on – so many of these hings happen with families. All of this is roken trust which is destructive to family ife.

Wherever we are, we need to be trust-worthy individuals so that we can give people eason to trust us.

I would like to offer a few suggestions to elp you to gain trust:

First, assume that what someone told you vas for your ears only. Proverbs 11:13 tells us: 'A trustworthy man keeps a confidence.'

Second, respect people's personal space, specially their mail. Don't ask them personal questions.

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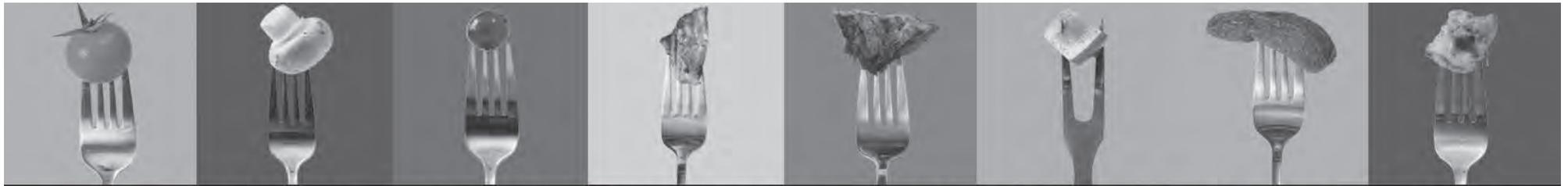


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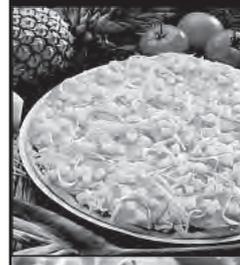
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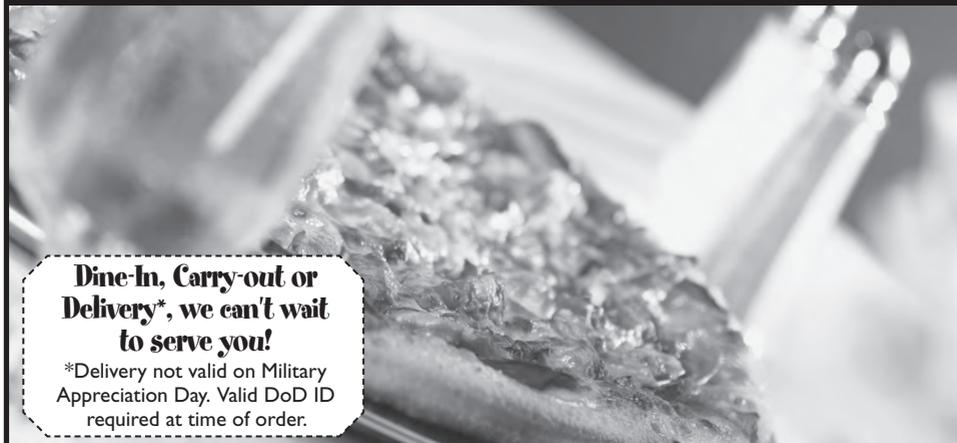
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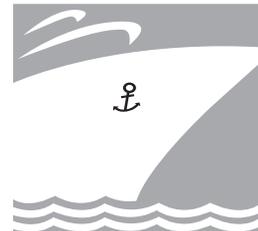
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New vaccination protocols for dogs

by Sgt. Tim Hair, U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility

Dogs will soon be receiving a modified set of vaccines based on the recommendations of a U.S. Army Veterinary Command review board.

The Command empanelled the board of specialists to review our vaccination protocols, including existing data on vaccinations and taking into account the highly mobile nature of our clientele (i.e. you, our Servicemembers) and the varying disease threats posed to our pets.

The board recommended standardizing the products, services, and vaccines provided by U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facilities (VTFs) throughout the U.S. to provide more consistent care to our pets as you PCS around the country.

As our existing stocks of vaccines are exhausted, the newly recommended vaccines will be ordered and utilized.

For dogs, we will begin utilizing the following vaccination protocol:

- Rabies – We will use a USDA-approved three-year vaccine. But it is still recommended to get vaccinated annually to avoid any issues as we all move around the country and the world.

Please be aware that rabies vaccination is required annually by Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Ingleside and the surrounding areas. We will require annual rabies vaccinations here at the Corpus Christi VTF.

- DAP – This is a USDA-approved, three-year vaccine combination designed to protect against the Canine Distemper Virus, Adenovirus Type 2, and Parvovirus.

These vaccines often came combined with vaccines for leptospirosis and sometimes corona virus and were listed on receipts and records as DHLPP, DA2PP, 5way combo, etc. However, we will start using a combination of just the three vaccines.

Canine distemper is a contagious viral disease of dogs. Canine distemper virus (CDV) is present worldwide. In addition to dogs, other species that can become infected include coyotes, foxes, raccoon, ferrets, mink and skunks.

Signs and symptoms of distemper can include fever, depression, enlarged tonsils, or weight loss, ocular and nasal discharges, respiratory distress, coughing, diarrhea, vomiting.

Adenovirus Type 2 will help protect against infectious hepatitis. "Hepatitis" is a nonspecific medical term describing any inflammatory process of the liver.

Dogs with mild illness may be slightly depressed and run a low-grade fever; dogs who continue to run a fever can go on to show other signs: enlarged lymph nodes and tonsils, abdominal tenderness, diarrhea, and coughing. Widespread hemorrhage and jaundiced skin develop in some of the more serious cases. Death from hepatitis is a possibility.

Canine parvovirus (CPV) infection (sometimes called "parvo") may affect dogs of all ages, but is most common in dogs less than one year of age. Young puppies less than five months of age are often the most severely

affected and the most difficult to treat.

The classic signs are vomiting and bloody diarrhea. Because of the severity of the disease and its rapid spread through the canine population, CPV has aroused a great deal of public interest.

- Lepto 4 – Leptospirosis is an important and relatively complex infectious disease of dogs caused by a unique bacterium. It can affect almost all species of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

At least ten different serovars, or strains, are known to infect dogs. Most commercial vaccines contain antigens (proteins) which stimulate immunity against two serovars.

However, since Leptospirosis occurs on a worldwide basis, and we have seen cases here at the VTF, we are going to start using the Lepto 4 vaccine, which protects against four serovars. This will be an annual vaccine.



Signs and symptoms of leptospirosis infection can include fever, depression, weakness, vomiting, and muscle pain. The skin may have a jaundiced (yellow) tint and the mucous membranes (gums) will be pale. If clotting problems occur because of damage to the lining of blood vessels, hemorrhage from the nose or bowel develops; obvious bruises will appear under the skin. If the disease progresses to this point, death can rapidly follow from liver or kidney failure.

- Bordetella - Canine infectious tracheobronchitis, or "kennel cough," is an important respiratory disorder because it is highly contagious between dogs. Kennel cough spreads rapidly between dogs housed in close proximity, such as a boarding kennel. It is characterized by bouts of nonproductive (dry) coughing lasting from days to even weeks.

This is a recommended vaccine, especially due the potential for hurricane evacuations here in South Texas. Bordetella should be boosted annually, but we have seen local boarding establishments that require it every six months.

Besides vaccinations, we recommend a fecal exam annually to check for intestinal worms. It is helpful, and less stressful to the dog, if you bring in a fresh sample at the time of your appointment.

Annual heartworm tests are recommended by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Heartworm Society. There are potential complications if heartworm preventatives are given to a heartworm positive dog; therefore, we will require an annual negative test before we can dispense any heartworm preventatives.

Please keep in mind that this vaccine regimen is for adult dogs with previous vaccines.

Puppies should have vaccines starting at 6 weeks of age and we will discuss the type and frequency of boosters when you come in for your first appointment.

Motorcycle Safety classes extended

by Dan Miller, NASCC traffic/Motorcycle Safety Instructor

Many of you have noticed that some of the Motorcycle Safety Classes for the upcoming months, namely the Basic Riders Course (BRC) and the Military Sport Bike Riders Course (MSRC), have been extended in regards to number of days.

Let me explain. During the hotter months of the year, we try to do the range portion (riding exercises) in the morning (7 a.m.) and then transition to the classroom after lunch to beat the heat of the day.

With the heat comes fatigue, dehydration and loss of mental and physical capabilities – which in turn become safety factors for the riders and the Rider Coaches. Also, the heat often results in bike maintenance issues.

The BRC classes will start in the classroom at 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on the first day and then meet at the range at 7 a.m. on the second and third day for the range exercises. The complete BRC should be completed by 1 p.m. on the third day.

During the winter months this will change back to a two-day class so we are on the range in the afternoon, when it is warmer.

The MSRC has a lot of information with approximately four hours in the classroom and approximately four hours on the range.

When you factor in classroom participation and interjection by the students as well as on the range, break times and lunch as well as any issues that might arise from bike maintenance, this can very easily turn into a 10-hour or more day.

Therefore, this class will remain a two-day class until further notice.

Our goal is to not rush the classes but provide quality training.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact the Instructor, Dan Miller at extension 1690.

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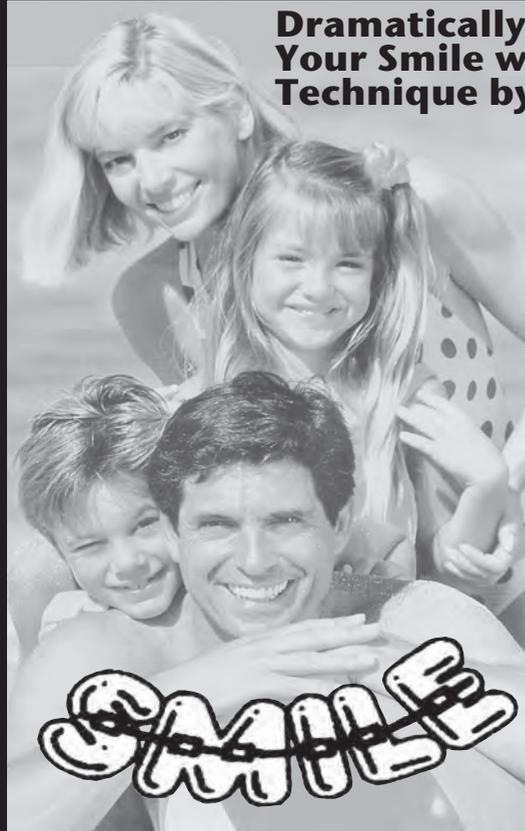
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BU1 Exiquiel Benavides Jr. (left) and EO2 Christopher Flores pass through a Patriot Guard Riders honor guard as they enter Corpus Christi International Airport early on June 21. The two Reservists, members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22 Detachment 0722, left for mobilization processing in Mississippi prior to overseas deployment.

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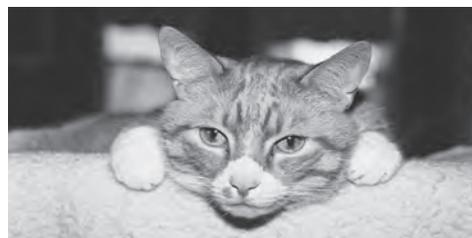
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