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Former CNATRAs return to NASCC for conference

by Lt. Brett Dawson, CNATRA PAO

More than two decades of Naval Air Training leadership gathered at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi March 26 as Rear Adm. Bill Sizemore, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), hosted the biennial Former CNATRA Conference.

The conference brings together the current CNATRA staff as well as the former CNATRA's to discuss the state of Naval Air Training Command and share ideas for its future.

"The best part about coming back is the people," said Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, who served as CNATRA from 2005-2007.

"There are good people doing hard work often without the resources to get it done, but still pulling through."

The former CNATRA's were impressed with the advances in the aviation community and within the air training command.

"In the years since I was here, the biggest change has been the change to digital technology. One third of the fleet is digital now," said Rear Adm. (Ret.) Jimmie Taylor.



From left: Rear Adm. (Ret.) Michael Bucchi, Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, Rear Adm. (Ret.) Jimmie Taylor, Rear Adm. (Ret.) George Mayer, Rear Adm. Bill Sizemore, current Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), and Rear Adm. (Ret.) John Boyington at the Former CNATRA biennial conference held on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA

Record crowds at 'Wings Over South Texas' Air Show

by Jon Gagne', NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

More than 100,000 spectators witnessed an awesome performance of military and civilian aircraft March 27-28 at the NAS Kingsville "Wings Over South Texas" air show.

Record attendance, excellent weather, and non-stop action helped make the event the best-ever at the South Texas installation.

"Our 2010 air show was, without a doubt, a huge success for the air station," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. "Our attendance numbers were staggering and our performers literally went above-and-beyond to give spectators a top-notch air show.

"We also received national coverage of the show through Fox News Bureau West out of Dallas, and international coverage through a number of Web sites, including the site for country music band Emerson Drive who performed a free concert following our Saturday show. I couldn't be happier with the way that everything fell together."

With the U.S. Navy Blue Angels headlining the show and the U.S. Air Force Viper East Demonstration team on the card, the buzz of jet noise echoed throughout the South Texas skies over the weekend.

Smoke and fire were also on display, thanks to the *Air Show continued on page 7*



AM1(AW) Suzanne Striedl, with the Blue Angels support element, got to meet with her parents during the team's appearance at NAS Kingsville March 27-28. Her father's shirt proclaims he is a "Blue Angels Dad."

Photo by Bob Torres

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Skipper's Column

by Capt. Randy Pierson



Pierson

celebrations were important and memorable, they were likely to be absent fanfare and

I would like to dedicate the following thoughts to the Navy Chiefs of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As you may know, our great Navy Chiefs celebrated their 117th Birthday on April 1.

While the world-wide birthday

self-indulgence.

Similar is the manner in which the Chiefs accomplish the mission – without accolades and certainly without extra pay.

The Chiefs to which I am referring find their compensation in simply knowing they did the job right, and they mentored their relief (our Sailors).

In other words, whatever the task at hand, it is accomplished through the Chief's courage to the mission, commitment to the Sailor, and dedication to him/herself.

Growing up a civilian kid in a Navy Town, I remember since I was 6 years old there was a Chief.

The Chief was the man who got things done and had everything you ever needed. He brought me and my brother surplus aircraft in-

ner-tubes to jump on, surplus cargo parachutes to play with, and surplus tents to camp in.

Spanning my 25 years of active duty, my conclusions of our Chiefs have not changed – mission and Sailors First, self-second.

The morning of the Chief's Birthday I received a sincere invitation to join the Chiefs at either their sports event (softball), or join them for a meal and beverages.

I did not make it as the day began to fall apart with unexpected requirements that took a lot of effort to solve.

That makes sense, after all, because the Chiefs were not at work.

Chiefs, you are Great Sailors and Great Americans.

Happy Belated Birthday!

Hail to the Chiefs

Chaplain's Message

by Lt. j.g. Rob Fasnacht, Chaplain

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines peace as: *a state of tranquility or quiet; a freedom from civil disturbance; a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom.*

Peace is more than a symbol; it is something worth fighting for.

It is interesting that to create peace we often have to create a disturbance.

I am the father of four healthy children. These kids know how to be loud and fun and rambunctious. I often have to raise my voice, create a disturbance, to enjoy a moment of silence.

In the military, we go to war, in hopes of creating a peaceful resolution. It almost seems like an oxymoron.

The recent Palm Sunday and Easter

celebrations gave me a moment to reflect on the concept of peace.

For me, true inner-peace is the ability to find a moment of quiet and rest in the midst of a world of noise and conflict.

Jesus came into Jerusalem, the City of Peace, riding on a donkey, not a horse.

This donkey wasn't because Jesus was poor, it was because Jesus was making a public proclamation that he was coming to bring a movement of peace, not rebellion.

At Christmas time, we celebrate Jesus by applying to him the names that the prophet Isaiah used to describe the Messiah to come: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

For me, Jesus is my Prince of Peace. He gives me calm in the midst of life's storms.

Fighting for Peace

One of Jesus' final teachings to his disciples before his arrest was, "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

My prayer for you is that you find time to fight for peace and to enjoy a moment of silence. May you not grow weary in doing good.

Shalom Aleichem!



Fasnacht

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

They're also looking for a new name. The "name the pub" contest continues through Friday, April 9. Winner gets four season pass tickets to Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

Okay, now for the real point this issue: Be nice to sea turtles.

The morning of April 3, I took the two

oldest kids – paleo-boy and marine biologist girl – to a briefing on Kemp's ridley sea turtle nesting by staff of the Padre Island National Seashore.

If, like us, you're not from around here, you may not know that Padre Island, and especially the National Seashore, is the major US nesting ground for the Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Their other major nesting ground is on the Mexican Gulf Coast.

All sea turtles are considered threatened (bad) or endangered (worse), mostly from humans killing them and destroying their habitats. Kemp's ridleys are considered one of the most at risk, but three decades of international conservation efforts have helped increase their numbers.

In fact, 2009 was the sixth consecutive year that a record number of Kemp's ridley nests were found in Texas since record keeping began in 1980.

But they need your help. Kemp's ridleys come out of the sea, dig a hole and lay about 100 eggs – then bury them.

Help a sea turtle mommy

Conservation efforts focus on collecting those eggs, hatching them safely away from predators and, through controlled releases, maximizing the number of babies that get to sea.

But Park Rangers and others have to find 'em, first – and that's where we all come in.

Kemp's ridleys nest from April to mid-July and leave characteristic marks in the sand as they go to and from their nest.

If you see those marks – or see a turtle actually nesting – Rangers want you to report it.

Don't bother the turtle while nesting, but if you see it returning to see you can look for a tag on a flipper – if you see one, try to record the number.

Mark a nest with beach debris, laid around the disturbed nest area. Do NOT poke anything into the ground.

Anywhere in the Coastal Bend Area, if you see turtles or evidence of them nesting, call the experts at 361-949-8173 ext. 226. Elsewhere in Texas, it's 1-866-TURTLE-5.

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Buc Days Rodeo holds Military Appreciation Night April 22

The NASCC ITT office has discounted tickets for the Buc Days Rodeo, including for Military Appreciation Night, that will save you at least \$2 per ticket.

Tickets for the VIP Section 104 are available for \$23 and for the Balcony Section 204 are \$13 – both \$2 less than the price at the gate and without added online charges.

Tickets for the Lower Level Section 110 are only \$7.50, compared to \$10 at the gate.

ITT is located next to the Post Office near the NEX; the phone number is 361-961-3961.

The 2010 Buc Days Celebration kicks off with its Third Annual Military Appreciation Night at the Rodeo on Thursday, April 22.

The salute to veterans past and present will begin at 7:30 p.m., before the rodeo begins.

This program will feature returning National Anthem singer, Master at Arms Chief Petty Officer Charles Kittle.

A Military Color Guard and the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas also are scheduled to be part of the ceremony.

Each rodeo attendee will receive a free American Flag upon entrance to the arena.

Also available for purchase will be rodeo programs containing an article about Military Appreciation Nights at rodeos around the country, including a photo from the 2009 Buc Days event.

The Buc Days Miller Lite PRCA Rodeo at the American Bank Center Arena runs for three nights – April 22-24 – with an afternoon performance on Sunday, April 25.

Your Rodeo ticket gets you into the entire festival the same day as your performance.

Since 1938, the non-profit Buccaneer Commission, has annually staged the Buc Days festival in Corpus Christi in support of bringing entertaining, educational and cultural events to the Coastal Bend.

Beginning in 1996, the proceeds from Buc Days have benefited the Buccaneer Commission Scholarship fund, which awards college scholarships annually to the area youth.

The Commission funded more than \$60,000 in scholarships in 2009 and is committed to continuing the rapid growth of its scholarship program at TAMUCC and across the other many scholarship areas.

Buc Days 2010 runs April 22 - May 2, including the Pro PRCA Rodeo; a Carnival, a BBQ Challenge; and the Buc Days Illuminated Night Parade.

Visit at www.bucdays.com for the entire Buc Days Festival entertainment line up and more information on the Buccaneer Commission and its scholarship programs.

(right) Bronc-riding at the 2009 Buc Days Rodeo Military Appreciation Night.



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CCAD repairs, flies first F-Model Chinook

by Brigitte Rox and Ed Mickley, CCAD Public Affairs

Corpus Christi Army Depot delivered its first CH-47F Chinook helicopter to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., on Feb. 6, marking a turning point in the service history of the helicopter at the depot.

The F-Model, Boeing's latest update to the Chinook, is designed to extend the life of the fleet to 2030.

It has numerous upgrades, including stronger engines, advanced avionics and reduced vibrations improving performance while decreasing operation and maintenance costs.

An Air Force C-17 delivered the Chinook to CCAD in early September 2009 after it was damaged during a hard landing in Iraq.

Severe structural damage to the undercarriage required repair that was beyond the scope of maintenance available at the unit level.

The F-Model inducted "was brand new," said Timothy Corwin, one of several Chinook Flight Test pilots at CCAD.

"It only had 346 hours on it," he said. "Everything was new."

With its recent introduction to operational status – certified combat-ready in July 2007 – this model hasn't had time to acquire normal wear and tear that would require a trip to CCAD, like D-Model Chinooks that boast thousands of flight hours.

"A lot of things, like the D-Model Chinook that we get, have a fair amount of

wear and tear," Corwin said. "They've been out there for a long time. Unless they're banging them off something we're not going to see them for years."

As the Army's Center for Industrial Technical Excellence (CITE) in aircraft structural repair, CCAD was the primary choice for repairing the CH-47F.

It challenged depot artisans to devise a repair plan to return the CH-47F to service, a plan that could apply to future inductees.

A joint effort with the CCAD Boeing team identified structural and component repair requirements to meet F-model criteria.

The effort included Boeing's Philadelphia engineering team and Aviation and Missile Command's program management team who planned the maintenance challenge that loomed ahead.

"The effort included an evaluation to determine what the Army wants to have on hand for replacement structural parts," said Casimir Vital, Boeing's on-site Airframes Logistics Manager for CCAD.

"From the perspective of what was needed to get the job done, the knowledge and efforts of floor mechanics, leads, branch, and division chiefs as well as program representatives from AMCOM were essential.

"Without the cooperative effort the process would have taken much longer."

Another part of the plan required CCAD Chinook Flight Test pilots train to fly this



The F-model turned-up and ready for flight test on CCAD's flightline in final preparation for its delivery to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Photo by Ed Mickley, CCAD Public Affairs

particular model. CCAD has over a dozen Flight Test Pilots but only two qualified to fly the F-Model: Corwin and Kevin Frost.

"If you're not trained in the F-Model, you can't go in and fly," said Corwin. "You have to get certification from an approved school.

They're very serious about the training and sustainment.

"We have two more [pilots] we're trying to get in the fall. Their academics will probably be in Huntsville, Ala., along with

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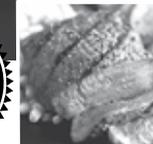
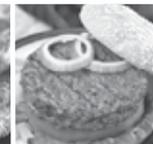
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Closing the Loop: Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi focusing on patient and family centered care by improving referral reconciliation

Story and photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC Public Affairs Office

Patients have enhanced care at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi thanks to a streamlined referral reconciliation process using electronic medical records.

Clinic personnel recently implemented a performance improvement strategy that accelerates capture and posting of legible referral results in patients' records.

Clinic primary care managers refer patients to network providers for specialty care, but were limited to paper processing that made tracking and measurable metrics difficult.

"Elimination of the paper process and initiatives leading to electronic results contribute to increased continuity of care," said Lt. Lonetta Canales, NC, medical management department head.

"Every result posted in the patients electronic record transfers from one duty station to another, making results available to all MTF primary care and specialty care providers."

Team Corpus Christi now performs 100 percent review, reconciliation or closure of all initial network referrals and provides a disposition for each. The total number of closed referrals is at 98 percent.

Setting up the process was straightforward:

Constructing a five-step plan that closes the loop within 10 weeks by submitting the

referral;
Tracking and obtaining 'evaluate only' results within 10 days and 'evaluate and treat' results within 30 days;

Converting results into a PDF file;
Posting results in the initial patient encounter;

And finally notifying provider for automatic sign-off on the note.

This efficient electronic process improves patient continuity of care because the paperless environment reduces document-filing person-hours, and network health care professionals can provide clear, legible electronic follow-up that facilitates expeditious patients' electronic medical records filing.

"Providers are pleased to know that radiology results are a click away," said Patricia Prewit, referral reconciliation specialist.

"By using the Network Radiology Portal, providers are able to read reports as well as review films from their PC's."

The clinic's medical management team goes the extra mile by training key personnel in daily clinic operations; networking with other facilities to expand web portal access for fast results; monitoring an alert system, notifying providers of unused referrals 14 days prior to administrative closing date; and tracking daily urgent care and emergent care for clinic nurses to follow-up on patients' medical necessities.



Lt. Lonetta Canales, NC, medical management department head, and Patricia Prewit (right), referral reconciliation specialist, discuss the referral reconciliation process that has significantly improved patient continuity of care at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi. The poster, 'Closing the Loop' that Prewit is pointing at was shown at the Health Innovations Program 2010 Military Health Systems Conference recently and has been selected to be presented at the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) conference in May.

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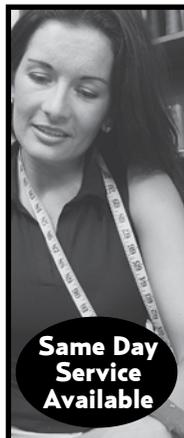
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Q: How do I know when it's the appropriate time to share a secret with my wife?

A: Marital secrets are often the symptom not the problem.

The key issue here is whether real or potential harm will affect your marriage if the secret is not told.

It may help to ask yourself, "Would I want or need to know this secret if it were held by my spouse?"

The likelihood that your wife will be angry on hearing the secret is not a reason to maintain it, unless there is a history of rage and violence on your wife's part.

The following are some specific secrets about current behavior that are often kept but should be told to preserve a healthy marriage:

- Sex addiction, as shown by an ongoing affair or a pattern of multiple affairs
- Losing or quitting a job
- Anything that will affect your wife's quality of life
- Anything that is widely known by others and may make the spouse look foolish to others for not knowing
- Financial secrets: spending money or not paying bills
- An illness in the family

Though there may be no "ideal" time, choose a time when you and your wife will have some privacy and while there is not much on the agenda for the day.

This way, you and your wife will have time to discuss the issue, and your wife will be able to digest the information that is being revealed.

Q: My wife says that I have some serious jealousy issues. How can I

better manage this matter before it gets too out of hand?

A: Jealousy is a mixture of negative thoughts and feelings (about life and relationships) filled with insecurity, anxiety, and fear.

Typically there are three people involved when there is jealousy.

The jealous person becomes fixated with a (usually misperceived) rival, who is viewed as competing for the attention of his or her spouse.

While the rival is object of sometimes intense hatred and opposition, jealous residues nearly always spill over and adversely affect relations with the marital partner.

Many divorces, broken family relations, or failed business partnerships are the result of unremitting jealousy and suspicion.

So how can you overcome jealousy before it reaches the point of marital disaster?

You need to be willing to listen to what others are saying. If good friends and loved one's comment on your jealousy, it's a good sign that a problem exists and should be faced.

You need to also be honest with yourself. If your wife is telling you that you're jealous, do not react with, "I'm not jealous!"

You must ask yourself, "Do I try to control and manipulate my wife?" "What or who is causing these jealousy feelings?" "Am I pushing my wife away?"

Lastly, if you are a jealous person, you can use your anxious thoughts and suspicions as cues to stop your dark reactions, take a deep cleansing breath, pray if you have to, and get control.

Then you should think about all the positives in your marriage, and consider what special things you could do, right then, to show love to your wife. A phone call, a touch, or a gift could do wonders—for both of you.

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.

Earth Day Clean-up – April 30 Volunteer & do your part for NASCC environment

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will celebrate Earth Day with a base-wide clean-up effort on April 30.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the clean-up should call (361) 961-3776.

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“Safety has also been a great improvement. When I began flight training the accident mishap rate was 60 per 100,000 hours, now it’s down to 1.18.”

The continuation of these conferences ensures that the future of the Air Training Command will produce aviators ready to fight and win in combat in a professional manner, former CNATRAAs said.

“The modernization of leadership is extremely encouraging. The training pipeline is fully manned with instructor pilots,” said Rear Adm. (Ret.) John Boyington.

“The most exciting aspect of coming back is seeing old friends and the memories of students; this is a wonderful place.”

After a morning of briefs, Sizemore and the former CNATRAAs attended a ceremony at the Bay Club on board NASCC as student aviators were awarded their wings of gold.

These leaders all made substantial improvements to naval aviation training during their tenures and the Navy continues to benefit from their legacy.

The former CNATRAAs in attendance were: Rear Adm. (Ret.) Jimmie Taylor, 1988-1991; Rear Adm. (Ret.) Michael Bucchi, 1997-2000; Rear Adm. (Ret.) John Boyington, 2000-2003; Rear Adm. (Ret.) George Mayer, 2003-2005; and Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, 2005-2007.

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Commemorative Air Force’s Tora, Tora, Tora re-enactment of the WWII Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

“I had never seen Tora, Tora, Tora perform before,” said KING-TV videographer Benny Guerra. “But I was blown away by their performance. I couldn’t believe what I was actually recording, and the narration and music that accompanied the performance really added a sense of realism. The Tora team was just incredible.”

The U.S. Army Golden Knights also participated in the show, along with 2008 world aerobatic champion Rob Holland, veterans Jan Collmer, Paul Fiala, Jack Knutson and award-winning air show announcer Rob Reider.

“It was an honor and a privilege for me to participate in the NAS Kingsville air show,” Holland said.

The NAS Kingsville air show committee went outside-the-box in planning this year’s show, tying the local community in to several pre-show events to help spread the word about the show and make the event a base and community affair. The show actually kicked off Friday morning on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) as nearly 7,000 students from schools throughout South Texas turned out for an air show “Pep Rally” sponsored by the college.

Aside from the event at the college on Friday, the Kleberg County Parks & Recreation Department and the City of Kingsville put on a free “Meet the Performers” event at J.K. Northway coliseum. More than 1,500 people turned out to meet the performers up-close, take photos and get autographs.

“We are overwhelmed at the success of this event,” said Parks & Recreation director Susan Ivy.

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NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson proclaimed April as the Month of the Military Child in a ceremony April 1 at the Child Development Center. Children sang the various service songs and Pierson presented Certificates of Appreciation to parents and others who have helped improve Children and Youth Activities. Pierson also explained how, whenever senior Navy leaders and other VIPs visit, he brings them by the Center to show them how 'Naval Air Station Corpus Christi does things right' even when funds are limited. (Right) As Pierson declared the importance of protecting children, he received 'help' from one boy who explained he 'never plays in the street.' (below) Pierson and NASCC Command Master Chief Ken McGlothlin with parents and children at the ceremony.

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Happy Birthday, Chief Petty Officers



Celebrating the Navy Chief Petty Officers' (CPO) 117th Birthday April 1 on the Quarterdeck at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC), the oldest and youngest CPO performs the cake cutting ceremony with a Navy cutlass. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Command Master Chief (SW) Kenneth E. McGlothlin enlisted in the Navy in 1982 and advanced to CPO in 1992, and Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF/SW/AW) Shannon Bia, preventive medicine technician at NHCCC, enlisted in 1996 and advanced to CPO in 2009. Navy General Order 409 of Feb. 25, 1893 established the rate of CPO as of April 1 that year.



Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (Fleet Marine Force) Rikki L. Brown (right) celebrated the Navy Chief Petty Officers' (CPO) 117th Birthday April 1 by reenlisting for three years for follow-on orders to the San Diego based USS New Orleans (LPD 18). Capt. Ed Perez-Lugo, Medical Service Corps, executive officer at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC), administered the Oath of Enlistment. Brown has served in a number of leadership roles while assigned to the NHCCC team, including Command Senior Chief. She will detach in August.

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Major changes to Tuition Assistance

by John Collis, Navy College Office

Starting April 15, Sailors using Tuition Assistance will be required to use the new WebTA system, which has been in testing for over a year.

This system allows Sailors to input their TA request, submit it to their command approval authority and receive it back from the Navy College Office electronically signed.

This process will reduce the amount of paper generated and better protect Sailors against loss of Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

One change with the system is that the Sailor must be counseled on TA usage before he or she can log into the system – otherwise, the Sailor will receive a message saying that they cannot access the system.

Another reason for TA denial may be because the Sailor has missing grades from previous classes, has not submitted an approved degree plan to the Navy College Office, or has not completed an education plan.

Sailors will now go to the WebTA site at <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil>.

Using their CAC or NKO login, they will complete an online TA application using the same information needed for a paper-based form. The only difference is that now they must enter the email address of their command approver.

The approver will receive an email notifying them the sailor has requested TA. The approver clicks on the link in the email, and can either approve the request, or disapprove it and return it to the Sailor. Once it is approved, it goes to the Navy College Office for authorization and is returned to the Sailor with an electronic signature.

This system has been in development for several years and has been tested at NCO Corpus Christi for more than a year.

Sailors and commands who have participated in the test have been highly impressed with the speed of the system, especially those who have previously had to fax or email TA requests to the NCO.

The amount of time spent routing paper is eliminated. File retention is no longer necessary, since the electronic form is retained in the database indefinitely, reducing the risk of release of personal information.

Additionally, the Navy is moving to a centralized Tuition Assistance processing point which means local NCO's will no longer be involved in the processing of TA. Only in rare circumstances will the local office be allowed to process a TA request.

This will require Sailors to plan ahead in order to use TA, since any requests submitted after the schools course add/drop date will not be approved by the processor. In the past, the NCO Director has had the latitude to approve late TA requests, however that is no longer the case.

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their simulator [training] but they'll go to New Jersey to fly the aircraft."

The new pilots will spend several weeks adjusting to the differences between the D-Model and the F-Model.

The bulk of that is learning the new avionics system, the Common Avionics Architecture System or CAAS – vastly improved from the one in place since 1962.

The helicopter boasts a fully integrated, digital cockpit management system, "basically a digital glass cockpit," said Corwin.

The entire interface is menu driven. Simple devices such as the radio are now digitized. In the past, if you wanted to turn the radio on, you would just turn the dial.

"You're not turning a knob anymore," Corwin said. "You have to go through the software in the different menus to find what you want to turn on and off. You have to go into the software, get on the right page, select the right frequency, and then punch in all of the numbers."

Fortunately for sage CH-47 pilots, the new CAAS can be customized to look like the older cockpit they're familiar with.

The F-Model's airframe is stiffer than its predecessor using a composite skin and a monolithic frame structure to reduce vibrations.

Boeing also made improvements to the air transportability – the ability to disassemble, transport it in a C-5 and reassemble on location.

F-Model Chinooks also bear a beige color that is distinct against the D-Model's Olive Drab Green.

"It looks a like a Chinook and flies like a Chinook," Corwin said.

Federal Managers Association Eighth Annual Golf Outing

The Federal Managers Association will hold its Eighth Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, April 22 at the Gulf Winds Golf Course on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

It's a four-man, best ball competition, with First, Second and Third Place trophies

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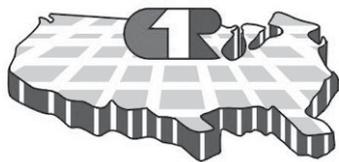
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The NAS Kingsville Air Show began Friday with the Army's Golden Knights jumping in with the flag at Texas A&M Kingsville's Javalina Stadium for a 'Meet the Performers' event for school kids. The weekend continued with the Knights doing a flag presentation and the Blue Angels high-flying show to appreciative crowds.

Photos by Bob Torres



AWARDS and ACHIEVEMENTS

Winging — March 26



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Kreston Cook, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. j.g. Robert Fasnacht, Chaplain; Lt. Col. Gabriel Fabbri, Commanding Officer, MATSG 22; Cmdr. Patrick Foley, U.S. Coast Guard Liaison; Cmdr. William Hearther, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Lt. Col. Robert Blagg, USAF, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Rear Adm. Donald P. Quinn, Commander, Navy Personnel Command, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel; Capt. David R. Price, Commodore, TW-4.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: Lt. Chadburn Glenn Adams; Ensign Jonathan Michael Blanchard; 2nd Lt. Joseph Anthony Budzyn, USAF; 2nd Lt. William Joshua Burrows, USAF; Ensign Robert J. Camfield; Ensign Jason Jerome Cammarata; Lt. j.g. Stephen Kuo-Tung Seay Chan; Ensign David Errol Childers; Capt. Chandler Aaron Depenbrock, USAF; Ensign Brandon Hamilton Elms; Lt. j.g. Adrian Anders Kellgren; Ensign Hunter Scott Korbelik; Ensign Andrew J. Lang; Lt. j.g. Sergio Antonio Martinez; 2nd Lt. Joshua Nelson McVay, USAF; 2nd Lt. Dean Emory Milner, USAF; 2nd Lt. Jordan Paul Ryskamp, USAF; Lt. j.g. Benjamin Larkin Sanders; 2nd Lt. Christopher Ryan Schumacher, USAF; Ensign Kai Benjamin Siegele; 2nd Lt. Scott Bradley Siler, USAF; Ensign Jeremy Michael Swain; Capt. Paul Duane Voorhees, USAF; Ensign Andrew Alan Wilhelm.

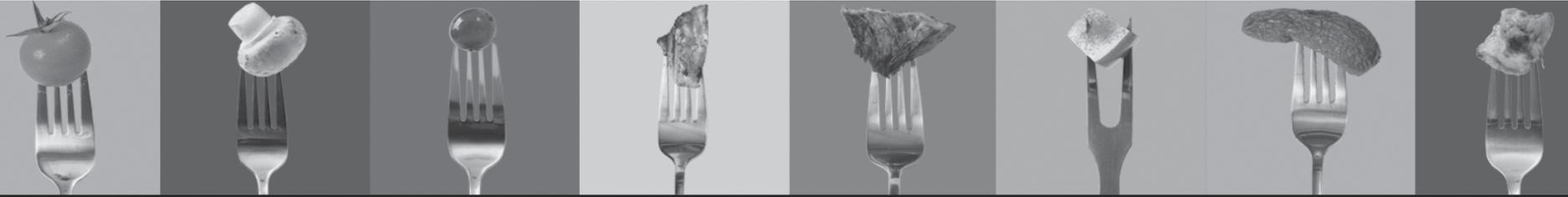
Fire & Emergency Service Appointments — March 30



NASCC F&ES held a ceremony March 30 appointing Engineers and Lieutenants within the department. Appointment to Engineer was based on demonstrated mastery of all facets of fire apparatus operation and base familiarization. Personnel appointed as Lieutenants mastered these same skills, and held requisite DoD F&ES certification at the Fire Officer One Level. Pictured, from left: Fire Chief John Morris; Matthew Sedgwick, Lieutenant; Shaun Lemon, Lieutenant;

Arturo Garza, Lieutenant; Robert Armijo, Lieutenant; Ronald Vickers, Engineer; Gilbert Rojas, Engineer; Edward Herschbach, Engineer; Jeffry Frawley, Engineer; Eric Trujillo, Lieutenant; Thomas Tracy, Lieutenant; Troy Vella, Lieutenant; Daniel Garcia, Engineer and NASCC CO Capt. Randy Pierson. Not pictured: Kirk Delgado, Lieutenant; Javier Morales, Lieutenant; Gustavo Ramirez, Lieutenant; Ray Aranda, Engineer; Gherardo Diaz, Engineer.

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VT-28 Rangers hold Memorial Tournament for fallen pilots



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Registration open for 2010 All-Military Wilderness Challenge

from Naval Weapons Station Yorktown

Registration is open for the Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department's 10th annual all-military Wilderness Challenge.

The Wilderness Challenge takes place, Oct. 7-9, in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and on the New and the Gauley Rivers in West Virginia.

The event is hosted and co-organized by ACE Adventure Resort, West Virginia's largest outdoor outfitter.

More than 300 military people representing teams from around the World are expected to compete.

Only the first 60 teams will compete, so teams are encouraged to register early.

"The MWR Wilderness Challenge continues to bring together the best athletes in the armed forces and puts them to the test," said Michael Bond, event coordinator.

"The competition gets tougher and tougher every year."

Bond encourages teams to register early to reserve their space in the competition.

The challenge contains a series of five outdoor adventure races in a team format designed to bring camaraderie, competition and team spirit between all five branches of the Armed Services.

Teams participating in this year's challenge will compete in an 8K mountain run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile forced hike through the mountains, a 13-mile whitewater raft race on the Gauley River and a 7-mile kayak race on the New River.



Whitewater raft race from the 2009 All-Military Wilderness Challenge

Last year's winner was the "Dale Milton Racing" team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"The Army and the Navy have yet to win the Wilderness Challenge," Bond said. "This is a great opportunity for a team from one of these services to step up and win big."

"It is not an easy competition and only the strong survive, so the winning team will be the best of the best in outdoor recreation and physical endurance."

Registration is open to all branches of the military.

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AC1 Bottino re-ups



AC1 Jason Bottino (left) receives his Honorable Discharge certificate April 1 from Lt. Mike Mercadel in the NASCC control tower. Moments later, Mercadel administered the oath of enlistment as Bottino reenlisted.

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Senior Chief Garcia re-ups



DCCS(SW) Ernesto Garcia (left) receives his Certificate of Reenlistment April 2 from Lt. Cmdr. Jason Greene. Garcia reenlisted for four years and is scheduled for reassignment to Japan later this year. Photo by Rod Hafemeister



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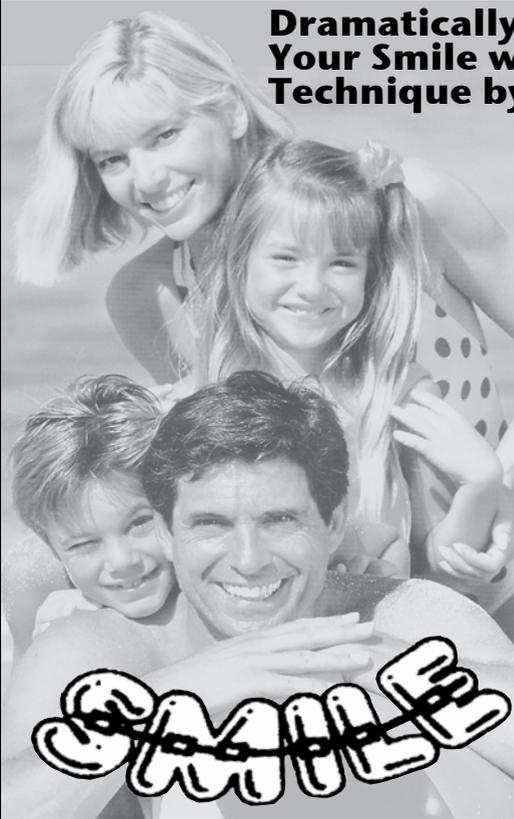
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What's Happening

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The Rialto Theater shows begin Thursday, April 15th (Members' Free Preview), Fridays & Saturdays (7:30 p.m.) through May 1st, and Matinee performance

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Saturday, May 1st from 8am to 5 pm at Rockport Harbor. — BUY — SALE or TRADE. Empty out the old storage shed, clear out the old dock box, rent a booth and sell your treasures. Booth space rental info 361-729-1244.

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Art Museum of South Texas FREE DAY

Thursday, May 5th — 10am to 5pm. The Art Museum is FREE to the general public on the 1st Thursday of each month. Located at 1902 Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi. Bring guests or family. fmi 361-825-3500.

Tax time is good time to review your finances

from Navy Office of Information

Sailors receive a number of financial incentives to include allowances, tax breaks, special pays and a comprehensive retirement plan, which can be used to fuel financial success.

In addition, several resources are available to provide financial support and information to best allocate Sailors' assets.

Tax season

The deadline for filing taxes is Apr. 15. W-2s and other important personal tax information are available through MyPay on the Department of Defense Accounting System's website:

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Congress approved donations made to eligible Haiti earthquake relief funds in 2010 to be credited to 2009 taxes.

The Military Spouse Residency Relief Act allows spouses of active duty military members to claim the same state of legal residence as their sponsor, with specific guidelines, in order to obtain state income tax advantages:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:s475enr.txt.pdf.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are available on base to assist with free tax preparation:

<http://www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=13705>.

Resources for military members and their families

Military Saves represents an opportunity for service members to educate themselves and their families on how to save:

www.militarysaves.org.

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www.militaryonesource.com.

Navy's Fleet and Family Support Centers offer personal financial management classes, seminars, individualized financial coaching and counseling for servicemembers and their families, including the geographically isolated:

www.nffsp.org/skins/nffsp/home.aspx.

Getting ahead while on deployment

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www.dfas.mil/militarypay/wounded-warriorpay/SDPBrochure_Mar08.pdf.

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