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Single Sailors enjoy Thanksgiving feast at Liberty Center



While most people get to spend Thanksgiving with family and friends, some Sailors have to work and others are too far from home. So the Liberty Center aboard Naval Air Station Corpus

Christi threw a Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings for single Sailors and other active duty members.

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Photo by Bob Torres

Depot Delivers 400th Honeywell T-55 Engine

Story and photos by Ed Mickley, CCAD Public Affairs

Corpus Christ Army Depot, with partner Honeywell International, celebrated completion of the 400th T55-GA-714A engine overhaul with a small cake-cutting ceremony Nov. 17.

The first engine overhaul was completed in May 2006.

"This milestone was made possible by the great partnership we share with Honeywell," said Col. Christopher Carlile, CCAD Commander.

Carlile, a Chinook pilot, understands how critical quality engines are.

"It's important when you have Soldiers pinned down and you got to get them out.

"Since CCAD has been supporting the fight with engines and transmissions, I do not know of a time when we were not able to get the Soldiers out."

The T55-GA-714A engine is

used in the Army's CH-47 Chinook helicopters and Special Operations MH-47 helicopters.

This engine replaced the older T55-712 engine and with its additional power, allows the Chinook to operate safely at the extreme altitudes in Afghanistan.

Honeywell International began its relationship with CCAD in 2005 with a Technical, Engineering and Logistical Services and Supplies (TELSS) contract.

Overall, 18 personnel, ranging from a site manager, logistics manager, material coordinators, Lean-Six Sigma analyst, engineering support and a production analyst, are embedded in the T55 Engine Shop.

"Joe Herrera (Director, Power Train Directorate) and his team continue to produce quality engines for the Warfighter," Carlile said.

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(l-r) Joe Herrera, Director, Power Train Production; Col. Christopher Carlile, CCAD Commander and Mike Boies, Honeywell Site Manager flank the 400th T55-GA-714 Honeywell engine overhauled at the depot, ready to return to the fight. Surrounding the trio are many of the CCAD artisans involved in producing the engines.

Skipper's Column A helping thanks

by Capt. Randy Pierson



Pierson

As we all transition from the Thanksgiving Celebration to the Holiday Spirit and Faith, I wanted to call out a recent great Thanksgiving Offering from both our Chapel Congregations.

As many recognize, the economy and wars in Afghanistan

and Iraq have challenged several of our military families.

The Holidays can, in their own way, provide a wondrous opportunity for rejuvenation to our families and to our souls.

However, Holidays can also present us with the highest level of despair and stress.

And in some cases, the challenges and stress can be as fundamental as parents trying to provide a suitable Thanksgiving Dinner.

Well, there is where the Protestant and Catholic congregations rose magnificently to a significant challenge.

Through their warmth and generosity, they warmed the hearts and bodies of 72 military families who received their Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets.

Amy Clark and Jody Fasnacht did the heavy lifting, supported through the financial

and food sponsorship from the Catholic and Protestant Congregations, Protestant Woman of the Chapel, and DeCA.

In the assembly phase, nonperishable food stuffs and a "Family Choice" Meat Gift Certificate (worth \$50) were gathered in baskets and Senior Enlisted Command Representatives coordinated recipients and delivery.

From the responses of the recipients, it is clear that this program is a lifesaver for many and without doubt a heart-warmer for all.

I would like to personally thank all those that gifted, or labored, or did both, for supporting this great Thanksgiving Event — and event that was only made possible through their commitment to others.

Chaplain's Message Celebrate the season

by Lt. Rob Fasnacht, Chaplain

Oh Christmas, why do you come but once a year?

I love your trees and carols, stockings and presents.

On the other hand, I don't so much love your credit card bills. And you can keep your eggnog.

Is it me or does Christmas shopping come earlier every year?

Black Friday has somehow become Black Month.

Regardless of when we start shopping or putting up our trees, let's get into the Holiday spirit.

There are two distinct periods in the Christmas season to celebrate.

One is called Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming."

It is a time to build excitement and expectations. Some people do this with Advent calendars or candles.

It is to have the same excitement as an adolescent counting down to his 16th birthday or a spouse counting down the nights until her

Sailor returns home.

In the Christian tradition, we celebrate Advent by cherishing the first coming of Jesus to earth as a baby and anticipating His second coming to earth as a king.

The second period of the season is Christmastide, which runs from the Dec. 25 until Three Kings Day on Jan. 6.

Notice that there are 12 days between the 25th and the 6th; hence the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Traditionally, kids would receive more presents on the Jan. 6 to celebrate when the Wise Men presented their gifts to baby Jesus.

Regardless of our religious traditions, let's relish the anticipation of spending time with our loved ones.

For some whose loved ones are away fighting a war, this will be an especially tough season.

Because being separated is difficult, Advent is all the more special and glorious.

It is a time when we don't dwell on

the separation but instead gaze with great expectation and excitement on the eventual reunion.

Instead of looking back on the departure, we look forward to the arrival.

We buy the gifts envisioning the recipient's joyous response, we sing the songs that fill us with the joy of hope and the warmth of home, and we feast on food that is offered but once a year.

There is an excitement found in hope, but to realize our hope we must persevere through the tough times.

So please, enjoy Christmas season 2010 as you look to the new year with hope and expectation.



Fasnacht

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

A big sign on the huge RV park read, "Welcome, Winter Texans!"

The smart-aleck teenage son pipes up with, "I guess that's better than, 'Snowbirds! Bring money, ay?'"

We were in Port Aransas, visiting the Marine

Science Institute and checking out bird watching spots.

But his comment took the discussion down a different path.

He volunteers at the Texas State Aquarium. And he regularly hears from out-of-town visitors about how Corpus Christi doesn't seem to recycle like other places and, frankly, seems to have an awful lot of trash.

That led to a discussion on the half-baked recycling program Corpus has.

We're not exactly eco-fanatics, but we recycled enough — curbside — in San Antonio that even with a big family, we usually had only one trash can a week.

Here, half of it has to be hauled to a recycling point. And lately, the truck at the local has been unmanned; stuff dumped everywhere.

That same weekend, the front page story was how Corpus was second highest in the state in water usage per person.

What are they thinking?

What's up with that? Wife ran the numbers; our family of seven somehow uses less than a third of the water used by the "average" four-person household in Corpus.

Only thing we can figure is, we don't water the grass: when it doesn't rain, it goes dormant. But it comes back fine — so why pour water on the ground?

But we're a rarity in the neighborhood; sprinklers run with great regularity.

Are we weird?

Nah, don't think it's us.

Driving to work, a pickup passes me on S.P.I.D. Had a big "Don't Mess With Texas" sticker on the bumper.

Out the driver's window comes one of those giant Stripes drink cups.

Some people just don't get it, I guess.

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Jim Porter began as a cook – retiring as a CWO3 Security Officer

by Rod Hafemeister

Jim Porter started his Navy life as a cook – but it didn't last very long.

"I enlisted in June 1990 and the Navy sent me to Cook School," he said. "From there, I reported to the USS New Orleans.

"The cooking job didn't work out so well, so they sent me to a work for a Marine master sergeant."

Instead of cooking, Porter went on to become a Master at Arms, an MA Chief Petty Officer and eventually a CWO3, the rank he wore when he arrived at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in April 2009.

Now, after more than 20 years, he's retiring in a Dec. 10 ceremony aboard the USS Lexington.

Porter, a Uvalde, Texas, native, plans to move to San Antonio with wife Kristy and their three children.

Porter said he sort of fell into the MA field on his second assignment, shore duty at NAS Kingsville.

"They sent me to security to work," he said. "Back then, you had to apply to be a Master at Arms – you had to be an E-5. But I applied as an E-4, they waived the rank and sent me to Lackland.

"I reported to the USS John F. Kennedy as an MA3."

Four years on the Kennedy included some of everything: urinalysis coordinator,

investigator, watch commander.

"I left the Kennedy as an MA1 – an E-6," Porter said. Next stop, King's Bay, Georgia.

"That was probably one of my most interesting tours. I did investigations, worked with NCIS," he said.

The biggest case involved a Sailor who was sentenced to 70 years in prison in state court for child molestation.

"I'm glad I got to help with that case," Porter said.

While there, he made Chief Petty Officer, something he had wanted "for awhile."

But he also saw other possibilities, and started systematically submitting packages for Limited Duty officer and Chief Warrant Officer, while moving to London, England, as a force protection analyst for Navy Europe.

When CINCUSNAVEUR was decommissioned, he went to Sigonella, Italy, as a single parent.

"That lasted five months," he said. "I got a call that I was an alternate selectee for the



February 2006, I reported to Guantanamo for detainee ops.

"I did a year in Gitmo, my first officer tour and probably the hardest tour of my career."

From Gitmo it was San Diego and Destroyer Squadron 7.

"I was billeted as a force protection officer, but most of my time was as a maritime interdiction officer," he said.

Porter supervised teams that board possible pirate vessels and other suspicious ships and spent a fair amount of time deployed off the coast of Africa.

"It was something I never thought I'd be doing as a security warrant officer," he said. "But it was interesting."

It also brought another promotion and assignment to NASCC as Security Officer, or SECO.

He's seen great improvements at NASCC, but said he deserves little of the credit – good chiefs and good leadership brought results.

"I consider myself really lucky," he said.

"Wherever I've been, I've been surrounded by people who were intelligent, who had really good work ethics.

"Good people took care of me – and I hope I've done the same for them."

FY05 warrant officer list.

"A couple weeks later, I was commissioned – November, 2005 – to Chief Warrant Officer 2. Off to school and in

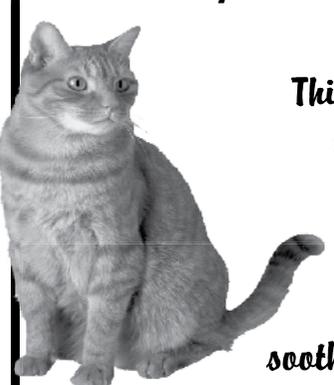
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Cmdr. Bill Cox turns over command of VT-28 on Dec. 10

Story and photo by Julie Moeller

After spending a little more than a year in what he describes as “the best job in the Navy” – commanding officer of VT-28 – Cmdr. Bill Cox is saying goodbye.

“This is absolutely the best job in the Navy. You get to fly but also lead at the same time,” Cox said.

“It will be bittersweet leaving because you know that everything after this will be a step down, but still I’m very excited to go back to sea.”

It is not Cox’s first time aboard NAS Corpus Christi. As a student, he was trained and received his wings of gold on this base in 1994.

“Being here as the CO is definitely different than being here as a flight student,” Cox said. “As a student you only focus on the next flight. Before you know it you’re done and out of here.

“As the CO I have been dealing with the big picture from the very beginning.”

Cox had only been CO for a month when the squadron lost two dear friends and colleagues: Instructor pilots Lt. Bret Travis Miller and Lt. Joseph Houston crashed in the Gulf in Oct 2009.

The experience affected Cox both personally and, in many ways, how he commanded.

“When I look back on my time in this squadron, the biggest accomplishment to

me has been to get it back on track after this terrible mishap,” Cox said.

“That was a very hard thing to do. We lost two dear friends – good people – and we miss them a lot.”

The accident also led to procedural changes.

“We changed some of our flying procedures to make our flying even safer and we are doing more things to check the aircraft after maintenance to make sure that they really are ready for flying,” Cox said.

The squadron, both cadre and students, also had to work through the psychological impact of losing two pilots.

“Obviously you’re questioning why it takes peoples lives to do what we are doing, and if it’s really worth it. To me the answer is ‘yes,’” Cox said.

“We are doing an important job here training all Naval and Marine Corps aviators. All the good that the Navy and Marine Corps aviators do all over the world fighting our country’s wars starts here.

“If we are not doing our jobs, no aviators will be flying in Iraq Afghanistan and off carriers defending our country. That helped us in the squadron.”

VT-28 also had to put about 30 T-34 aircraft through a process of extensive maintenance to prevent another accident.

“Some planes came back flying and



Cmdr. Bill Cox will turn over command of VT-28 to current Executive Officer Cmdr. Joseph Staud in a ceremony at Hanger 42 at 10:25 a.m. on Dec. 10. Cox’s next assignment is aboard the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77)

some actually never came back,” Cox said.

“Because of this we’ve been behind schedule for a long time. I wish we didn’t have to fly on the weekends, but we have to do what’s necessary.

“If everything continues going as planned we’ll be back on track next year.”

Cox’s next assignment is as a navigator on the USS George H. W. Bush

“This was the best job available and I am looking forward to going back to sea and to be working with our sailors again,” he said.

“We will eventually deploy, probably to the middle East.”

This will not be Cox’s first deployment in the Middle East; he deployed twice for Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

“It will be very different to return to combat in the fleet. But that’s what we do, that’s our primary job to go to sea and defend our country,” Cox said.

Command has given him new perspective, Cox said.

“As the CO you learn to look ahead. You realize that your decisions will affect not only in the nearest future but also further ahead. This has been important learning,” he said.

“I am sad to leave the people in this squadron, officers, civilians and also the supportive families. We’ve come a long way together.”



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Cmdr. Kyle Gatzmeyer to leave VT-27 for Pentagon duty

Story and photo by Julie Moeller

Only 15 months after taking over as the CO in a squadron he describes as “one big, hard working family,” Cmdr. Kyle Gatzmeyer is preparing to leave for his next tour.

He’ll turn over command of the squadron on Dec. 16 and head for the Pentagon, where he will be working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

“I will be responsible to collect information the Secretary of the Navy needs about the reserve on a strategic level that they can present to Congress,” he said.

“I will compile and deliver this from both the reserve side of the house but also to support what the Secretary of Defense needs.

“The closer it gets, the more ready I feel. I know the squadron is in great hands with XO, (Cmdr.) Dan Case, taking over and I can focus on my new assignment with peace of mind.”

After completing flight training in 1992 at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, FL., Gatzmeyer has served most of his career “from San Diego to Whiting Field and back a few times.”

He was stationed at NAS North Island, following fleet replacement training and NAS Pensacola as a search and rescue station pilot.

In 1999, Gatzmeyer joined the Navy Reserve and was accepted to join the Navy



Cmdr. Cmdr. Kyle Gatzmeyer will leave VT-27 for his new assignment in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs following a change of command ceremony Dec. 16 aboard the USS Lexington. Assuming command will be the current Executive Officer of VT-27, Cmdr. Dan Case.

Reserve Full Time Support program (FTS).

“VT-27 is one of two commands in CNATRA that has command opportunities for FTS officers and we do have FTS officers working for the command as well,” Gatzmeyer said.

“Their tour here in VT-27 is very important for many of them because it’s at a point in their career where they have to decide whether they want to be FTS and work full time or, in some cases, get out of the Navy and become selective reservists or continue the active service with the fleet.

“We have been really successful keeping guys in the Navy within some capacity since I’ve been here. Only one guy has decided to leave the Navy under my command and that is really one of the things I’m very proud of.”

Gatzmeyer has never turned down a hard job. When his mentors have asked him to take a certain job he always said yes even though he knew it would be a mouth full.

“My mentors have taken care of me and looked out for me. When they told me that this job was available I said yes and it has truly been the best time in my career so far,” he said.

Gatzmeyer tries to get out of the office as much as possible, flying with and talking to his personnel.

“I do have a special challenge when I’m flying with the students,” he said.

“I am an O5 and explaining to an O1 or

O2 that we are just instructor and student and that rank is not in the cockpit can be quite difficult. I have to make an effort to make them comfortable.”

A student pilot described his CO as “awesome” and “the kind of man I want to be like one day.”

“I’ve heard many O5’s say that this was absolutely the best job and I do agree,” Gatzmeyer said.

“When you have a team of amazing people and team players working for you it’s an amazing opportunity to get to be the leader.

“Even though we’ve been through some hard times trying to keep up with schedule after the mishap in October 2009, where we lost two of our good men, I still see my men hanging out in the hangar just talking and having a good time after long days with two or three flights. That tells me that we have a very special squadron.”

The schedule problems have been the biggest challenge – and biggest success – in Gatzmeyer’s time as CO.

“To go from not being able to produce the amount of needed pilots to where we are now, still going in the right direction, tells me that we do a great job,” he said.

“We will hit the production line that we are supposed to be on in spring next year if everything goes as planned – and that is fantastic!”



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Stay safe when the cold sets in

by John Morris, NASCC Fire Chief

Though we are fortunate to live where a really cold day may be in the high 30 or 40's and the need for supplementary heat in our homes is less likely, it is still important to be aware of the potential hazards associated with cold weather from a fire safety standpoint.

As I write this article on Nov. 22, our first significant cold front of the year is predicted to have come through the Coastal Bend with temperatures dipping into the 30's and 40's on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

My first thought when "cold" weather hits the area is that our firefighters would likely be responding off-base to a fire involving the use of a space heater.

We have a few factors that increase the likelihood of home fires, and the first cold snap, and a residents need to stay warm often precipitate an increase in home fires – often in older homes and mobile homes that may not have central heat and air conditioning.

According to a newly released National Fire Prevention Association study, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,000 reported home structure fires in the United States in 2003.

The study includes fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape.

These fires accounted for 14 percent of all home fires and were responsible for an estimated 260 deaths, roughly 1,300 injuries and \$500 million in direct property damage.

"These fires are a painful reminder of what we see every year – the temperatures drop and fires increase," said NFPA President Jim Shannon.

According to NFPA statistics space heaters account for about one-third of the home heating fires, yet more than 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths.

The "Winter Residential Building Fires" report released by USFA in 2010, reports an estimated 108,400 winter residential building fires occur annually in the United States, resulting in an estimated average of 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss.

Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent, and winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The winter season brings the highest number of home fires than any other time of year," said USFA's Acting Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines.

"Each winter season, home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating fires.

In addition, winter storms can interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources which contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months."

Even so, any widely used heating device can be used safely, if the rules of safety are followed.

NFPA suggests the following for safe heating:

- Maintain a three-foot (or one-meter) separation between things that can burn and heating equipment.
- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community. (Some communities do not permit portable kerosene heaters, for example.)
- Install your stationary (fixed) space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes or better yet, have it installed by a professional.
- Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Use the proper grade of the proper fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.
- In your fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires generally. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.
- Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed, but make sure your primary heating equipment for bedrooms is sufficient to avoid risks to residents from severe cold.
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent, all of which is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home. Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary. Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.



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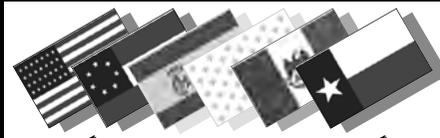
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Information, Tickets & Tours (ITT) has discounted tickets to the Laugh Out Loud Comedy Tour at the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 4. ITT Ticket Price is \$22. Doors open at 7:30 pm; Showtime: 8 pm. The Laugh Out Loud Comedy tour is hosted by Eddie B, stars Gary Owens, and features Jay Lamont.



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Celebrations



(top) Local television news crews dropped in on the Liberty Center Thanksgiving Day feast for a story about service members away from home on the holiday. **(above)** The USO was overflowing when it threw an early free Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 15.

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(right) Larry “Running Turtle” Salazar spoke and performed at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Native American Heritage Month luncheon on Nov. 16.

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Awards and Achievements

Winging — November 19



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Foster Edwards, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Robert Fasnacht, Chaplain; Lt. Col. W.J. Maclean, USAF, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Kevin McGee, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. William Hearther, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Capt. Jim Cardosi, USN Retired; Capt. Scott Cooledge, Commodore, TW-4.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 2nd Lt. Gary Matthew Clark, USAF; 2nd Lt. Jonathan Jeffrey Delgado, USAF; Lt. j.g. Sasha Renee Frankhouser ; 1st Lt. Stephen Arthur Heath, USAF; 1st Lt. Michael David Litynski, USMC; Lt. j.g. Mark Alexander Mooring ; 2nd Lt. Vladimir Alexander Ojeda, USAF; 1st Lt. Mantis Lee Pineiro, USAF; Lt. j.g. Benjamin Ross Ruth ; Lt. j.g. Thomas Sigler Sloane ; Lt. j.g. Vaughn Ashton Villarreal ; 1st Lt. Matthew Bernard Wendler, USMC.

Military Members of the Quarter — November 17



Military Members of the Quarter were recognized at a Nov. 17 luncheon. Pictured are: NHCCC – Senior Sailor HM1 (FMF) Jesus Natiola, Junior Sailor HM3 (FMF) Osei Bonsu and Blue Jacket HA Joseph Antoine; NASCC – Senior Sailor BU1 Marcos Arreola, Junior Sailor CS2 Larry Lovell and Blue Jacket ACAN Joel Dowdy; NOSC – Reserve Senior Sailor Michael Otis; USCG Sector Corpus Christi – Senior Military OS1 Michael Griffin and Petty Officer EM1 Kennith Nonnenmacher; TW-4 – Member YN1 Tara Sewell.

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BM2 Allen reenlists



BM2 Curry Allen (left) receives an NASCC reenlistment plaque from CWO3 Jim Porter at Allen's Nov. 16 reenlistment.

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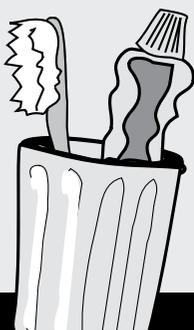
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MAC Alcorn reenlists



CWO3 Jim Porter, NASCC Security Officer (left) presents MAC (SW) Maurice Alcorn his Honorable Discharge certificate shortly before administering the Oath of Enlistment at Alcorn's reenlistment ceremony Nov. 16.

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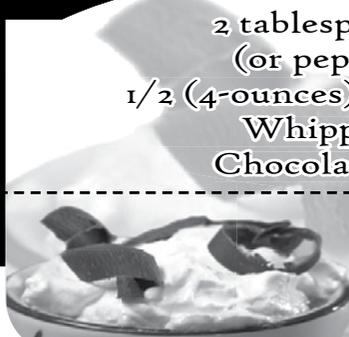
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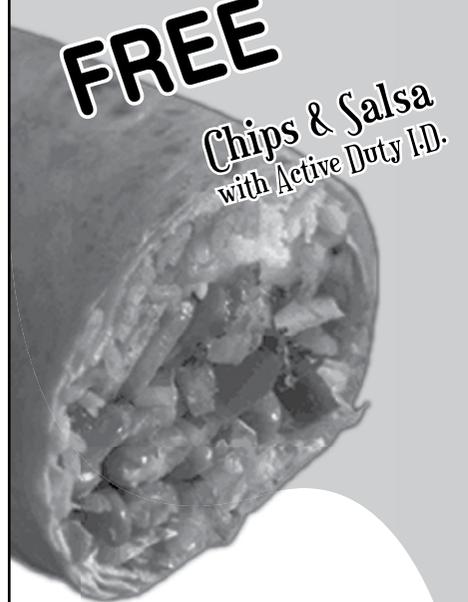
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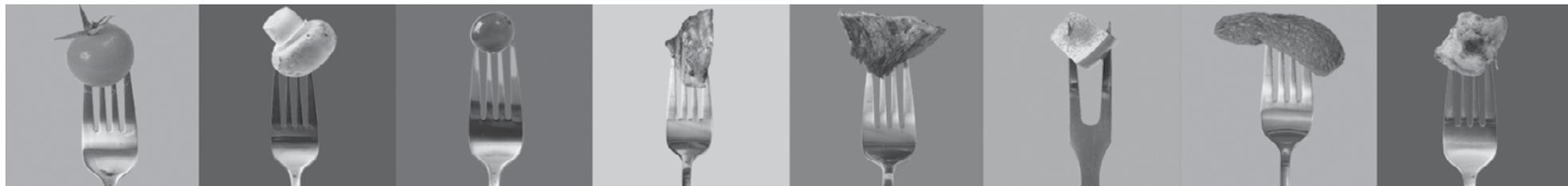
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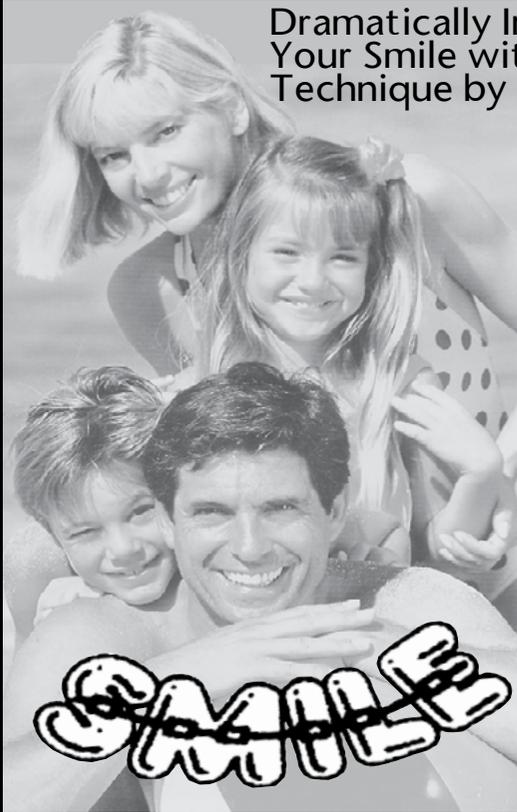
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AM2 (AW) Shawn Sartin (l.) receives a Certificate from NASCC Commanding Officer Capt. Randy Pierson stating that he is receiving a US Flag flown over NASCC on Nov. 29, the date of his retirement.

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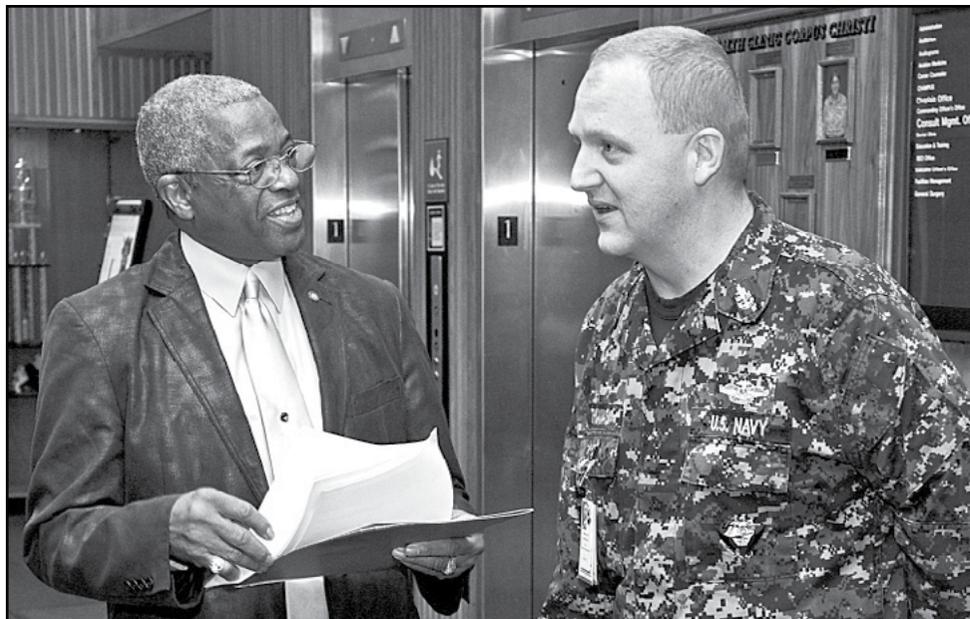
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Ruben G. Garcia, Ph.D., LMFT is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and co-founder of The Healing Institute. Submit your questions to Dr. Garcia via email at troubadour55@hotmail.com. You can also contact Dr. Garcia at (361) 814-4556.

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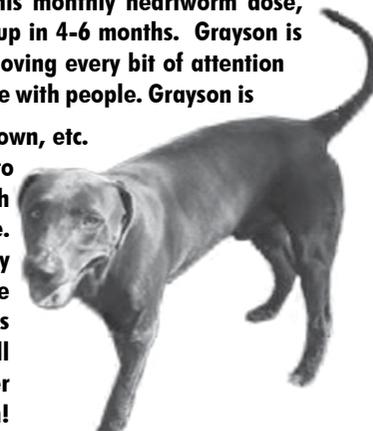


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