

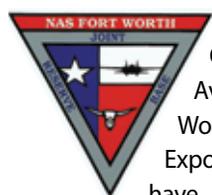
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Air Power Expo April 16-17

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM



Marking the Centennial of Naval Aviation, NAS Fort Worth JRB's Air Power Expo on April 16-17 will have more aeronautical demos and static displays than ever before.

Cmdr. Brian Parker, a Tactical Support Wing officer and the Air Show director, said, "It's really unheard of ... we'll have more than we've ever had, and more than we ever will ... the Centennial is bringing out more than is usually allowed. It's going to be the biggest air show!"

Record crowds are expected, according to Navy Public Affairs Officer Don Ray, and he anticipates having to close the gates once capacity is reached.

"With having the Blue Angels, the Navy's premier flight team, here to help us celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation, and the line-up of military and civilian aerobatic professionals we have scheduled, we are hoping 100,000 or more air show enthusiasts will come to the show each day," he said. "If we get the numbers we're expecting, we will be closing our gates at 2 p.m. on Satur-



PHOTO BY MCSN BENJAMIN CROSSLEY

F/A-18A Hornets assigned to the U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, practice a routine during their annual winter training at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif. The team flies a minimum of 120 flights, and train six days a week, making three flights per day during the 10-week training period. The Blue Angels will be the culminating demonstration at the Air Power Expo on board NAS Fort Worth JRB, April 16-17.

day and Sunday to all inbound traffic — or even sooner if we reach our parking capacity. So no one is disappointed, we highly recommend those planning to attend the Air Power Expo on Saturday or Sunday, or both days to arrive early."

Cmdr. Philip Schulz, executive officer of the base, said the event is a time for the community to help celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

"The Air Power Expo is one of those rare opportunities to open doors to our friends and neighbors. As part of the

Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration, we look forward to showing off our base along with the past, present and future of military aviation!"

Part of that history includes the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's most elite aviators. They will be just one of 12 aerial demonstrations that will thrill spectators.

"They are the culminating demonstration each day," Parker said of the Blue Angels, who are known for choreo-

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NAS Fort Worth to Reduce Manpower by 10 Percent

Space 'A' Travelers, ID Cards Impacted

BY CMDR. PHILIP SCHULTZ

As most people realize by now, the U.S. government is looking for ways to reduce the cost of doing business. The

military is not immune to cutbacks, and Navy shore-based installations are feeling the pressure.

As part of the military's look at cost-

cutting, NAS Fort Worth JRB has been directed to reduce its military workforce by 10 percent beginning Oct. 1. These reductions are targeted in nature and identify the specialty areas to be cut.

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Aid to Japan



VMGR-234 assisted the Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Brigade Aviation Command Element in support of Operation Tomodachi.

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Chili Cookoff



On April 30, The Marine Corps League Bluebonnet Detachment 817, will host its annual chili cook-off at VFW Post 8235.

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38 Sorties in 1 day



The 301st Maintenance and Operations Groups produced 38 F-16 Fighting Falcon sorties in one day as part of a "surge" exercise.

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CAPTAIN'S LOG: IT'S SHOW TIME!

BY CAPT. T.D. SMYERS

Three years in the making, it's finally time for NAS Fort Worth JRB to open our gates to the public for our 2011 Air Power Expo!

This special edition of the *Sky Ranger* includes updates on performers and other info that will help you and your families enjoy the largest air show our base has ever seen!

Air shows are different things to different people. To the public, they represent everything from an aggravating traffic snarl to a life-altering spectacle; to the war-fighter, they represent everything from a tough duty day to a chance to impress your neighbors with what you do for a living. To the base, however, air shows – especially this one – provide invaluable impact on our community partners and neighbors. These are the folks who represent our local “family,” and there’s never been a more important time for them to understand what we do and the roles we play, both in terms of na-



SMYERS

tional interests and local impact.

When we first embarked on this journey, I told you that “by opening up our base to the local public, we’ll be breeding good will while opening its eyes up to what really goes on here. When we begin working closely with local civic and business leaders to build a cooperative strategy for the future, this good will and education will pay big dividends in support and understanding. We will effectively have removed

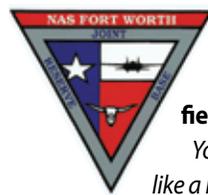
some road blocks before we begin the journey.” (March/April 2009 *Sky Ranger*)

Looking back on that statement, I get a great deal of satisfaction with what we’ve achieved. Our capital improvement plans and development strategy are lock-step with our community. We are a recognized, credible source of testimony for proposed state legislation and local zoning issues. We have virtually eliminated the potential for incompatible development to occur near our base, and our relationship with local transportation planners has yielded new signage and mass transit plans for our base. The bottom line is: “It worked!”

Make no mistake; this celebration will take quite a bit of teamwork and sweat to pull off! But it’s part of what we do as North Texas’ military presence.

Enjoy this Expo – after all, it’s about the profession you’ve chosen and the pride with which you execute.

I’ve never been more proud to be among America’s finest.



CO's Suggestion Box

Replace the turf on the ball fields. They're unsafe!

You're right! The football field is more like a mine field!

Our MWR Department has been looking at ways to improve our fields, and we even explored a partnership with a local sports franchise to get 'em in better shape for our war fighters.

The good news is we've found an answer. By the time this goes to print, a contract will have been awarded to replace the turf on the football field and install a sprinkler system to help maintain it. With resource conservation being a big part of our operating standards, this decision clearly puts a premium on the safety and health of our war-fighter athletes.

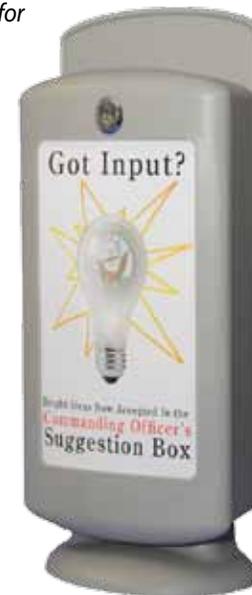
Our softball fields will be next. While we're doing some "just-in-time" work on them to get ready for the upcoming season, projects have been submitted to improve both fields and fences more comprehensively.

Play ball!

Can you bring in bartenders like the ones in California?

??? I can always rely on the CO's Suggestion Box outside of the Sports Bar for some comic relief. Thanks!

Now that you're all used to seeing my grey suggestion boxes everywhere, I'm making a change; but it's only a slight one. The box formerly located at Base Weapons (Navy Munitions Command) is being relocated to the base of our new tower. By the time this goes to press, I should have had a chance to get in here with my drill, phillips-head and some molly bolts, so it should be up.





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FISC Sailor of the Year: LS2 Jeremy Gursky

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

The Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, or FISC, recently named its Sailor of the Year for 2010: LS2 Jeremy Gursky.

"I was really surprised and happy to hear that I was named SOY," wrote Gursky, in a recent email. "There are a lot of Sailors who do a great job here in Fort Worth and the other sites. I am very fortunate."

Gursky who has been at NAS Fort Worth JRB for almost two years, beat out 19 other Sailors for the distinguished award.

"Packages were sent to JAX and graded on performance for the quarter and again for the year," said Logistics Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer (AW) Thomas Dwyer, the senior enlisted leader at FISC Jacksonville Fort Worth Detachment. "Also, there was an interview by a VTC with four senior FISC JAX personnel."

Gursky, a Military Postal service employee, is responsible for shipping and receiving to an estimated 27 tenant commands



on base.

"We average more than 40,000 pieces of material every year, and it's important that he makes sure that all material gets to the correct command," Dwyer added. "He is an extremely well-rounded Sailor, who leads by example and strives to better himself every day. He demonstrated superior work habits, and his confidence during the FISC JAX interview was flawless."

So what does Gursky enjoy most about his work?

"I enjoy the accountability of my job ... making sure the right command/people receive their parts in an expedited manner," Gursky said.

It was Gursky's attention to detail that his superiors noticed.

"He maintains top notch customer service and goes the extra

MILITARY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to LS2 Jeremy Gursky on his selection as the FISC Jacksonville Sailor of the Year for 2010!

Throughout the year, Petty Officer Gursky professionally performed all of his duties as FISCJ DET Fort Worth Post Office Supervisor and Receiving/Supply Clerk by continually providing premier customer service support to more than 40 commands/squadrons assigned aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB. He demonstrated superb postal skills while supervising and training a total of 44 unit and tenant command personnel, meticulously managing a budget of \$50,000 with zero discrepancies, professionally processing more than 65,000 pieces of incoming and outgoing correspondence and researching/forwarding frustrated mail for 128 personnel that transferred or were deployed in support of overseas contingency operations.

In addition, he was pivotal in the CNO Security Inspection, which resulted in the Post Office receiving the only grade of "Outstanding" on base for postal security procedures. As Receiving/Supply Clerk, LS2 Gursky provided superb supply support with impeccable attention to detail. He expeditiously processed 2,699 incoming stock and Direct Turn Over (DTO) items, trained personnel in the proper procedures for material receipt and distribution in accordance with UMMIPS standards, and assisted with a stock evaluation for 480 line items of inventory, which provided extremely valuable consumption data and increased overall command readiness.

Gursky has demonstrated his exceptional commitment to community service by volunteering 64 off-duty hours with the American Legion, where he served the needy of Tarrant County. In addition, he selflessly dedicated eight hours to the Mission of Trinity Habitat for Humanity Project in Fort Worth, where he aided in the refurbishment of a deteriorated home of a local resident that was living in substandard conditions after the loss of her husband.

Gursky's aggressive pursuit of continuing education has resulted in the completion of eight college courses and the achievement of his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Columbia College in May 2010.

Gursky is a consummate professional who has displayed a dynamic work ethic and exceptional commitment to mission readiness at FISCJ DET Fort Worth and all tenant commands assigned aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB. His performance, both professionally and personally, has been remarkable and he continually sets the standard for others to emulate. He is an exemplary Sailor who is without a doubt most worthy of selection as the 2010 FISC Jacksonville Sailor of the Year. Congratulations to Gursky on a job extremely well done!

Source: FISC

mile to make sure the customer receives their material, even if the address or contact info is not complete," Dwyer said.

In addition to his everyday duties, Gursky has also taken on other roles.

"I also assist with all comput-



GURSKY

er-related issues for my command," he added.

Gursky volunteered to go IA in May for six months, so much of his time these days is spent preparing to go overseas, he said.

Gursky has an associate's degree and is working toward completion of a bachelor's degree in psychology from Columbia College.

The geographic area of responsibility for FISC includes: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee (excluding Millington), Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and the Caribbean.

FISC Civilian of the Year: David Bryan

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

When David Bryan learned he was named the FISC Civilian of the Year for 2010, his reaction was, "No way!"

Not that Bryan doesn't deserve the notable honor, just that



he was humbled and a bit taken aback that his dedication had

been recognized above 19 other competing civilians.

Similar to the FISC Sailor of the Year Award, the civilian honoree goes through the same selection process.

Bryan, who has numerous years of woodworking and shipping expertise, is responsible for making sure the proper equipment goes to the proper military installation.

"My current position involves processing items for shipment that are needed for aircraft repair," Bryan said. "These items might be nuts and bolts or a complete engine. On occasion, a container may need to be constructed to ensure



BRYAN

these items arrive in the same condition as when they left, and these shipments may be to any military installation in the world."

It is his can-do attitude that was recognized by his command, which led to his nomination for FISC Civilian of the Quarter and

eventually for FISC Civilian of the Year.

"He is a master woods craftsman working in a shop atmosphere building wooden crates and packing repairable components in authorized containers for worldwide shipment," said Logistics Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer (AW) Thomas Dwyer, the senior enlisted leader at FISC Jacksonville Fort Worth Detachment. Additionally, he "came up with his own design to ship F18 empty fuel containers for repair and return by using 40 percent less wood, but still complying with NAVSUP p700 shipping integrity."

Bryan has been a civil service employee for decades.

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Tree Planting to Celebrate Earth Day

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

Earth Day rolls around again on Thursday, April 22, and NAS Fort Worth JRB's Public Works Department will celebrate by planting a tree at the Recycling Center.

Recycling Manger Ron Estilow said base officials as well as officials from different tenant commands will help with the 9:30 a.m. ceremony.

"We'll be planting a Red Oak," said Estilow, who has been with NAS Fort Worth since October 2010. "They are a common tree for this area, and they turn red in the fall."

Estilow added that all the support material for the tree planting will come from the Recycling Center.

"We will use the mulch from the pile that we have on base and the stakes will be cut from old pallets," he said.

Estilow said, "Awareness on Earth Day should be for us all to reduce, reuse and recycle ... and to remember that we live on a very small and fragile planet, and if each one of us will do his part then our children and their children's children will have a better place to live."



Recycling Bins Move Inside at Navy HQ

New recycling bins have been placed at Navy Headquarters, Bldg. 1510, on base.

On the first floor, the bins are located near the back doors, and on the second floor the bins are by the elevator.

Personnel are encouraged to recycle paper, plastic and aluminum in these bins.

Shredded material should be placed on the floor next to the bin and not inside them.

Recycling will be picked up every Thursday.

If you have any questions about the recycling program, contact the recycling manager at extension 6241.

—Staff Report

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VMGR-234 Assists with Japanese Relief Efforts

BY 2ND LT. LINDSAY PIREK

Marines from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 (VMGR-234), Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces Reserve, the "Rangers," assisted the Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Brigade Aviation Command



"The whole crew is honored to have had the opportunity to assist our brother squadron..."

MAJ. KEVIN MATTIX,
PILOT FOR VMGR-234

Element in support of Operation Tomodachi March 11 through 27. VMGR-234 is stationed here at NAS Fort Worth JRB. An air crew consisting of three pilots and seven crew members were flying a KC-130T Hercules cargo aircraft between Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Misawa Air Base when the record 9.0

magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami struck the eastern coast of Honshu, March 11.

The crew was delivering cargo in support of Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st MAW.

As the natural disasters struck, the pilots remained in contact with air traffic control towers to determine a safe place to land, said Maj. Brian Richardson, pilot for VMGR-234.

The cargo aircraft was redirected back to MCAS Iwakuni, where the crew volunteered to remain in Japan to assist the relief efforts in any way possible.

The Rangers joined the Marines of VMGR-152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, III MEB ACE, the "Sumos," providing an additional lift capability for the Marine Corps during Operation Tomodachi. The reinforced squadron contributed to the humanitarian assistance by transporting supplies, equipment and personnel

from Okinawa to mainland Japan and between six airstrips on Honshu.

"The whole crew is honored to have had the opportunity to assist our brother squadron, the 'Sumos,' and help the Japanese citizens through this tragedy," said Maj. Kevin Mattix, pilot for VMGR-234.

VMGR-234 contributed a total of 20 sorties, or missions, and more than 44 hours in support of Operation Tomodachi. During these flights, the Rangers transported a total of 122,637 pounds of cargo and 208 passengers.

Relief supplies were transported to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force distribution centers, where the supplies were given to displaced families affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

The squadron returned home March 30.

A CNN news report confirmed that the death toll in Japan has risen to more than 10,000 and 17,443 people are still missing.

Free Tax Filing Available Through Mid-April

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

If you have yet to file your taxes with Uncle Sam, time is running out.

The annual VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax preparation service for active military, dependents and retirees will continue at the Robert P. Taylor Chapel, Bldg. 1838, through April 18. Reservists on active duty for more than 30 days are eligible too.

Through this program, service members can save hundreds of dollars on tax preparation fees.

About 20 volunteers help with the program, said Chief Andrea Navarro in a January interview.

WHO: Active military, dependents, retirees and Reservists on active duty for more than 30 days
WHAT: Free VITA tax filing
WHEN: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Robert P. Taylor Chapel, Bldg. 1838
DETAILS: 817-782-6397

The computers arrived Jan. 24, and volunteers started preparing and filing taxes that day, she added, and have been busy ever since.

It usually takes about 30 minutes to prepare and file one's taxes, Navarro said.

Service members usually receive their refund in about five to seven days, she said.

The VITA program has been offered on base for more than a decade.

Last year, 1,152 service members received tax assistance through the program, Navarro said.

Although tax day falls on April 18 this year because of the District of Columbia's Emancipation Day holiday, "the Naval Legal Service Office continues to file taxes for active military returning from deployments," Navarro said.

For details on the program, or to make an appointment, call 817-782-6397.



Base Ops Sailor Receives Appointment to Naval Academy Prep School

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

Air Traffic Controller Airman's Apprentice Robert W. Amick recently received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Newport, R.I. Upon graduation, he will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Amick is one of only about 170 Sailors who will receive the honor this year.

Amick joined the Navy in April 2010. He completed basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill. He attended Air Traffic Control School at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., where he finished first among his fellow Sailors. Amick also holds a "pink card," which signifies that he is legally allowed to train as an FAA air traffic controller.

After arriving at NAS Fort

Worth, Amick expressed interest in officer programs during his 30-day Career Development Board (CDB), according to Master Chief Devin Kroshus.

"The CDB members discussed his options, and he met the minimum requirements for the Naval Academy," Kroshus said. "Then his chief notified the admissions office at the Naval Academy, and he was granted a Candidate Number."

Amick admits in the beginning, the application process was a bit daunting, but he received plenty of support and guidance from his command.

"Master Chief Kroshus really laid it out step-by-step for me because he's already gone through it once, because his daughter is in," Amick said of the application process.



AMICK

"The process is very difficult for an enlisted Sailor; you must meet certain requirements," Kroshus said.

Those requirements include the commanding officer's endorsement, SECNAV nomination request, recommendations from two commissioned officers, a combined minimum SAT score of

1050 or ACT equivalent combined minimum score of 46 and a completed medical exam.

"The program is 10 months, and if you graduate prep school, you automatically get into the Academy," Amick said.

According to the NAPS Web site, "the 10-month course of instruction at NAPS, lasting from August through May, emphasizes preparation in English Composition, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Information Technology. Demanding military, physical and character development programs complement the academic preparation to fully prepare students for the challenges of life at a service academy."

Amick's long range goal is to eventually become a Marine aviator, he said. But in the meantime, he

plans to hit the books pretty hard to ensure entrance into the Naval Academy. Once there, the 21-year-old wants to study engineering.

He will transfer to NAPS in July. "He is about to undergo a life-changing event," Kroshus said. "He is going to be afforded the opportunity to get a degree from one of the finest engineering schools in the United States, and he will be commissioned into the United States Navy as an Ensign in 2016."

Kroshus added, "The entire command is extremely proud of his accomplishments."

Amick is from Simpsonville, S.C. and is a 2008 graduate of Mauldin High School. He is the son of Bob and Kathy Amick of Simpsonville and the grandson of Oliver (deceased) and Rachel Amick and Howard (deceased) and Willeen Dearman.

Can You Hear Me Now? Military Phone Etiquette 101

BY CMC (SW) BILL MESTA

Editor's Note: This opinion column originally ran in the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's weekly newspaper, The Guantanamo Bay Gazette, in the March 11 edition.

I received three phone calls

this morning that made me want to pull my hair out. The phone calls came from an officer, an enlisted Sailor and a civilian. The callers went zero-for-three in terms of proper phone etiquette, leading one to believe that they could

be lacking in military bearing and professionalism.

"Hey, yeah is (insert name) there? I need to talk with them."

Perhaps the proper manner in which we conduct business on the telephone as service members or those in the employment of the military is no longer formally taught. For some reason, I have a sneaking suspicion that Navy boot camp still re-enforces this

training with vigor. I would be willing to bet that this simple skill set is driven home for soon-to-be-officers during their training as well.

With this in mind, I believe some of us could use a refresher on military phone etiquette.

Ring-Ring, Ring-Ring.

"Good morning, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs office. This is Chief Mesta. How may I help you?"

Now you respond: "Good Morning this is (insert name and rank) from (insert organization). I am (state the purpose of your phone call)."

I am sure that some of you reading this are asking yourselves, "who does this guy think he is telling me how to talk on the phone?"

Many of us at the naval station here and abroad are completely unprofessional when we conduct business on the telephone. Poor phone decorum could cause any number problems.

The following dialog is an example of a phone call that I recently received that demonstrates

just how fast things can go south with poor phone etiquette.

Ring-Ring, Ring-Ring.

Me: "Good Morning. Naval Station Public Affairs Office. This is Chief Mesta, how may I help you?"

Caller: "Is this Guantanamo Bay? I have a 4-star that needs some photographs of your installation, and I need you to e-mail them to me immediately."

Me: "Excuse me, who is this?"

Caller: "I am (insert name) and I work at the shipyard in Washington. My boss has a brief this morning, and I need you to send me images of your base right now."

Me: "Let me go ahead and stop you right now Mr. (insert name). I have no idea who you are and this far into the phone call I still have no idea who you even work for. And you expect me to send you imagery from this installation?"

To make the whole scenario hit home, I received this particular phone call during our recent force protection exercise and fig-



Go Light on Lights

Do you really need the lights? If there's natural daylight in your workspace, try turning off your overhead lights. If the morning is dark, see if you can leave the lights off after you return from lunch. You can use task lighting to supplement the daylight in specific areas that need more light. It uses a fraction of the energy that lighting a whole room does.


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TEXADILLO CORNER: BASE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Know Rules of Safe Jogging on Base

Now that spring is the air, more and more people will begin to skip the indoor treadmills and ellipticals and move outdoors to jog.

However, before doing so, everyone should be aware of the on-base jogging policy.

As springs turns to summer, remember to check on the heat conditions. Historically, by mid to late June, temperatures have already soared into "black flag" conditions before noon time. When "black

flag" conditions exist, no outdoor jogging or strenuous activities are allowed. Safety is paramount, so everyone should adhere to these rules when jogging on base:

- All joggers will run facing traffic;
- Where sidewalks or jogging lanes are available (Military Parkway and Carswell Avenue) joggers will not jog on the roadway;
- Formation running is authorized, however, road guards shall be used and must wear reflective belts or vests;

•Commands conducting Physical Fitness Tests shall notify Base Security 48 hours in advance; and

•When jogging during dawn, dusk and reduced-visibility conditions, people must wear one of the following: reflective vests, reflective belts or reflective armbands. Reflective vests are available at the base gym.

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Offline?
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Base Library's
Computer Lab
or use the
Bowling Center's
FREE WiFi Network

COMMUNITY RESOURCES and ATTRACTIONS

LIBRARY 1802 Doolittle Ave. 817-782-7735

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Closed Sunday and holidays.

Ongoing: The Library is hosting ESL (English as a Second Language) classes every Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. Yolanda Williams is the instructor and Co-Sponsored by FreshStart Literacy, Inc. Call for details.

Of note: The Library's new additions are Rosetta Stone, new children's and young adult's titles, provided by the Navy General Library Program. Also available are new adult titles, books on CD and the latest movies (rental is free).

National Library Week: Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians and create your own story at your library. Come to the Base Library the week of April 10-16 and "check out" what your library has to offer!

April 20: Easter Storytime: Stories, games and crafts at 5 p.m. Sign up by calling the library.

April 26: Texas Land Board and Home Buying Seminar at 11:30 a.m.

May 2: Mother's Day program at 5 p.m. There will be stories and Calloways Nursery will be on hand to help attendees plant a flower for Mom! Recommended age is 5 to 12 years old. Please sign up in advance by calling the library so we can have enough supplies.

May 5: Library is hosting the 2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton. She will be our guest at the Lone Star Center and will join the Cinco de Mayo Open House afterwards in the center.

**TEXPLEX CENTER
1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505
Information, Ticket and Tours (ITT)**

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Attractions: Grapevine Vintage Railroad, Dinosaur World (Glen Rose), Fort Worth Zoo,



NAME THE JRB BOATS CONTEST

MWR needs help in selecting names for new boats that were purchased at the end of last summer. All total four boats need names: two for the pontoon boats and two for the ski boats. Pick up entry form at ITT and return no later than May 20 or email your information (name, cell phone, work number and suggested names) to:

Valarie.Perry@navy.mil or Dianne.Zachry@navy.mil.

Winners will receive one-day rental for pontoon boats and five hours for ski boats (not to include July 2-4). Winners will be announced May 25 and details will follow for ceremony to "commission" the fleet.

SeaWorld, Disney World, DisneyLand. New Military Salute tickets for Disney World. Stop by or call for information and purchasing guidelines.
Upcoming: Tickets for the Scarborough Renaissance Festival will soon be available. The festival runs from April 9 through May 30, and is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day Monday.

Passes: Season passes, Play passes and Combo passes, which include Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor are available. NRH20, Schlitterbahn Water parks in New Braunfels, South Padre Island and Galveston, Hawaiian Falls (all parks) and Legoland Discovery Center & Aquarium in Grapevine.

**TORNADO LANES
1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505**

Hours: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lanes close 15 minutes prior to center.

Ongoing: Special military group pricing

available for command events and birthdays. Call 782-6122 for details.

April 22: Celebrate Earth Day by recycling. People who bring in three aluminum cans receive a free game of bowling.

May 15: Mother's Day Special. Moms bowl free and receive flowers when accompanied by their children.

May 21: Celebrate Armed Forces Day at the bowling alley; \$1 per game with military I.D.

May 30: It's Dollar Days at the bowling alley from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pay \$1 per game and \$1 each for hamburger, hot dog, fries or soda.

**LONE STAR BAR
1815 Military Pkwy.
817-782-6122/5505**

Ongoing: Free Munchies on Fridays, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**MOVIE REEL THEATER
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Metroplex and for our military families Friday through Sunday, call for times.

**LONE STAR CENTER (formerly DESERT STORM CONFERENCE CENTER)
2570 Desert Storm Road
817-782-5293/7237**

Ongoing: Call Natalie Bullock or Sandy Foy for information concerning your next conference, meeting or event.

May 5: Cinco de Mayo celebration from 3-7 p.m. Enjoy complimentary snacks and music at the Stars and Stripes bar.

**VET CLINIC
1739 Eisenhower Ave.
817-782-5608**

April 6-7, 14, 20-21, 28: The clinic will be open for the purchase of medications or to schedule appointments.

May 11-12, 19, 25-26: The clinic will be open for the purchase of medications or to schedule appointments.

**FITNESS CENTER
1810 Tuskegee Airmen Drive
817-782-7770**

New: The Fitness Center now has a certified personal trainer free to active duty personnel. Non-active duty \$20/month for 2 days per week. To schedule an appointment with personal trainer, Derek, call the Fitness Center.

Ongoing: step aerobics, pilates, yoga, spin, zumba, pump-it-up, adult/children karate and personal training. Check center for days and times.

More Classes: Spin class offered Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.; Weekend yoga is from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

**AQUATICS CENTER
3319 Hensley Ave., 817-782-1220**

Ongoing: Water Aerobics- JRB Aquatics Center from 8 to 9 a.m.; \$1 per person.

Tuesdays, Thursday in April: Baby and Me Water Awareness class from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. No charge for the month of April.

SAVE THE DATES

April 16-17: Air Power Expo 2011; Gates open at 9 a.m. and show begins at 11 a.m.

April 22: 5K Sexual Assault Awareness Fun Run at 11 a.m.

April 22: Earth Day Celebration. Recycling Manager Ron Estilow will plant a red oak at the Recycling Center.

April 22: Easter Egg Hunt for CDC (enrolled children) at 9:30 a.m., Bldg. 3320.

April 23: JRB Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Party at TexPlex from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hunt will start at 11. Tickets on sale at ITT beginning April 4.

May 6: 3X3 Team Fun Event at 11 a.m. by the lake. Event consists of 1.5 mile run, canoe and tricycle ride. Information and registration at the Fitness Center (teams must have two males, one female or two females, one male).

June 6: The summer camp for children will begin on June 6 and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The waiting list and registration form are available online at the MWR Web site (www.mwr.navy.mil) under CYP. Prices depend on income and rank. Call 817-782-7520 for details.

**OUTDOOR REC & BOAT RENTALS
1145 Hurcules Drive 817-782-6375**

Check out the new bicycles and helmets, available for rental at Auto Hobby/Outdoor Rec.

Boats will be available for rental starting May 1.



ATKINS

IN MEMORIAM: JOHNNY OTIS ATKINS

MARCH 2, 1952- MARCH 10, 2011

Johnny Otis Atkins was born March 2, 1952 in Mansfield, La., to the late Otis Atkins and the late Barbara Esther Pearl (Holmes) Donaldson. He died March 10.

He was educated in the public school system in Jacksonville, Fla., and graduated from William M. Raines High School in 1970. Atkins had a distinguished military career, serving in both the Air Force and Army for a total of

21 years, including tours of duty in Germany, Turkey and Greece and two tours in Vietnam.

After retiring from the military, he began a new career as a DOD policeman where he served faithfully with the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base for more than 18 years. Atkins believed in living life to the fullest, helping people and sharing his knowledge with others. In a crowded

room, Atkins stood out ... he was the one talking to the new guy, welcoming the young and understanding the old. He was a true inspiration. Atkins could lift you when you were down and make you soar when you thought you were already up. His spirit could not be contained!

Atkins was preceded in death by his grandmother Martha Jefferson and his sister Rita Rollins.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Sharon; children: Johnny D. Atkins (Tu-Wanda), Andrenita Atkins and Nikki Tyler-Kinsey (Robert); and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at the NAS Fort Worth JRB's Robert P. Taylor Chapel, Bldg. 1838. The interment was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with burial support provided by the Fort Hood Honor Guard.



MATTHEWS

IN MEMORIAM: AT3 COREY A. MATTHEWS

MARCH 31, 1987-FEB. 20, 2011

Aviation Electronics Technician Petty Officer 3rd Class Corey Allen Matthews was born in Peoria, Ill. on March 31, 1987. He died Feb. 20.

He reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., on Sept.

28, 2007 and completed Recruit Training on Nov. 21, 2007.

Upon graduation, he attended and completed Aviation Electronics Technician "A" School in Pensacola, Fla. In April 2008, Matthews reported to Fleet Logistics Squadron 59 (VR-59)



aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB.

While at VR-59, Matthews deployed on several detachments in support of Pacific Command, Central Command and European Command operations. Matthews was awarded two Navy Achievement Medals, selected at the 2009 Lone Star of the Year and twice as the Lone

Star of the Quarter.

Matthews will be remembered for his motivation, optimism and competitive attitude.

He is survived by his father Richard Matthews, his mother Jeana Matthews, his sister Cassi and his brother Colin.

PHONE ETIQUETTE

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ured that this had to be part of the drill. I immediately went and reported the phone call to the watch commander in the Emergency Operations Center as a possible threat. Had this not been a drill, I would have contacted the command duty officer.

Four phone calls later from the same person with sketchy information and poor phone protocol, I was contacted by a senior officer who — finally and thankfully — used flawless phone etiquette. After a two-minute phone call, he had all the information he needed to contact the right people to assist him.

As enlisted service members, when we are less than professional on the tele-

phone, we run the risk of opening ourselves up to being slammed by someone who is senior to us. Perhaps they are in a bad mood or perhaps their military bearing is not as it should be; impeccable at all times.

Nine out of ten phone calls you make or receive might go just fine with less than standard phone manners and then on call No. 10, "WHAM!"

You find yourself listening to the fires from the deep of Davy Jones, and he is ticked off.

When an officer uses proper military etiquette on the phone, the tone is set for the conversation right from the start. When I answer the phone and officers identify themselves, I instantly know the level of protocol that is expected from me, based on military tradition.

By identifying the organization that they represent, I immediately begin mentally working on how I am going to best assist them.

Civilians who are reading this may be asking themselves "how does any of this apply to me?" The answer is simple. We are all professionals who represent the United States military and the federal government, and we are expected to conduct ourselves accordingly.

As a U.S. Navy chief, one of my main priorities is to ensure our Sailors are ready to go back to the fleet. Most of the officers and enlisted Sailors will be heading to a seagoing platform or a combat unit in the future. Try using poor phone etiquette on a U.S. Navy ship and you will learn instantly just what it means to be "hemmed-up."

MIDRATS Served in Galley

Beginning Monday April 4, the Morland Dining Facility began providing MIDRATS, or midnight rations, to service members who are on Rations in Kind (RIK) between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m.

The Galley provides soup, crackers, sandwich and any leftovers from the dinner meal.

Delivery service will not be provided, and only RIK personnel will be served during these hours because of the non-availability of a cashier available during these hours.

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BASE HAPPENINGS

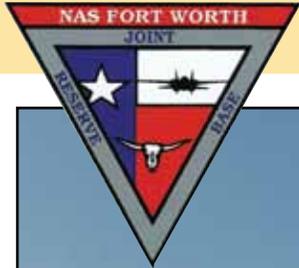


PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT



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Left, Family and friends of the deployed service members give a wave goodbye to the C-130H that took them overseas. **Above**, Capt. Mark Hanna, 181st Airlift Squadron, boards C-130H aircraft at NAS Fort Worth JRB for his passageway to Afghanistan on March 16. He will return in a few months. **Right**, Members of the 136th Airlift Wing, along with John Wood, North Texas regional director for Sen. John Cornyn, and Charles Boswell, representing State Sen. Wendy Davis, give honor to those deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom aboard the C-130H from the wing. The deployers will be supporting the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in both air and ground operations.



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELIZABETH GILBERT



PHOTO BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

K&L General Contractors assistant Jose Luis Lopez, left, pours concrete between a plywood frame in preparation for his co-worker, brick layer Miguel Pineda, right, to finish up with the initial construction of the new main gate welcome sign. The new sign will be ready to welcome visitors for the 2011 Air Power Expo here.



PHOTO BY MCC DAINEL J. CALDERSK

Rear Adm. Kenneth J. Braithwaite, the Navy's vice chief of information, addresses Reservists assigned to units attached to Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Fort Worth during an E-6 and below all hands call in the NOSC drill hall. Braithwaite, along with Rear Adm. Paula C. Brown, deputy commander of the 1st Naval Construction Division, updated the Sailors on the state of the Reserve force and Navy while commemorating the 96th birthday of the Navy Reserve.

BASE HAPPENINGS



Above right, EO1 David Schwabe feeds a piece of cake to CM2 Jacob Brockett as part of a celebratory cake cutting ceremony at the 69th Seabee Ball in the Ballroom at the Hilton in downtown Fort Worth. Tradition calls for the oldest sailor and the youngest sailor to cut the cake that some knowledge may pass from one generation to the next. **Below right**, Rear Adm. Paula Brown gives tribute to CM2 Jacob Brockett as the youngest attending sailor at the 69th Seabee Ball.



PHOTOS BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

Below, Jack Dempsey, who was an illustrator for All Hands magazine from 1948 to '50, is donating murals from an American Legion Hall that closed. Dempsey is flanked by Senior Chief Deon Gaines and Cmdr. Philip Schulz, the base executive officer. Dempsey's grandson Freddy Roseberry, who is in the Navy, is stationed here. **At right**, CMDCM Ellen Zubke inspects a plaque that was also donated to the base by Dempsey. Dempsey's reflection is seen in the window.



PHOTOS BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON



PHOTO BY LT. CMDR. KIP WRIGHT

Master Chief Mass Communication Specialist (MC) Priscilla Kirsh (front left), Navy Chief of Information MC senior enlisted leader, visits MCs from the local Dallas/Fort Worth area at Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Dallas recently. Kirsh briefed the MCs on the current state of the MC rate, career information and Navy policy updates. The local MCs are MC 1st Class Amanda R. Sullivan (front center) and MC 1st Class Ronald M. Tackitt (back right), both of NRD Dallas, Senior Chief MC Maria R. Escamilla (front right) and MC 2nd Class Carolla Bennett (back left), both of Navy Reserve Navy Information 7th Fleet (NR NI 7THFLT).



PHOTO BY PAT TELLMAN

On Saturday, March 26 the base library presented a program about the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. Tom Leach, president of the Civil War Center of Texas, and his wife Karen were dressed in period dress. They discussed Lincoln's presidency, the marriage of Lincoln and Mary, the couple's children and their life in Washington, D.C. In addition, the discussion with the audience included everyday activities during this period and some of the developments in society as a result of the war.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

THANKS, NAVY! As an April Fool's Day prank, some mischievous members of the Navy sent over a welcoming sign to the Air Force's 301st Headquarters, a Navy anchor, with a sign saying "We proudly serve our Navy's Combat Unit."



AIR POW

AERIAL PERFORMANCES

Blue Angels
FA-18 Super Hornet Demo
AV8 Demo Team
A-10 West Demo Team
F-16 West Demo Team
Para-Commandos
USCG Search & Rescue Team
Jason Newburg
Jan Collmer
Tim Weber
Red Eagles
Pyrotechnics by the Blastards
Announcer is Rob Reider

STATIC DISPLAYS

A-10 Thunderbolt II
C-130 Hercules
F-15C Eagle
F-16 Fighting Falcon
T-6 Texan II
B-52 Stratofortress
T-38 Talon
E/A-6B Prowler
E/A-18G Growler
E-2C Hawkeye
F/A-18C Hornet
F/A-18E Super Hornet
F/A-18F Super Hornet
F-5 Tiger II Aggressor
P-3C Orion
C-9 Skytrain
C-2 Greyhound
C-12 Huron
C-40A Clipper
SH-60 Seahawk
T-34 Turbo Mentor
T-39 Sabreliner
T-44 King Air
T-45 Goshawk
TH-57 Sea Ranger
AH-64 Apache
UH-47 Chinook
UH-60 Blackhawk
AV-8 Harrier
AH-1 Cobra
UH-1 Huey
FG-1D Corsair
AD-5 Skyraider
N254 Stearman
FM-2 Wildcat
SB2C Helldiver
OE-1 Bird Dog
PV-2 Harpoon
SNJ Texan
B-25 Mitchell Bomber
SNB-5 Twin Beech 18
Douglas DC-3

**The performers and static displays are subject to change.*

AIR EXPO

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graphed precision flights in their F/A-18 Super Hornets.

Last year, The VFA-204 River Rattlers from NAS Belle Chase, New Orleans, provided an impressive six-aircraft show-of-force with a fire-blazing exhibition. Returning this year, they increase their impressive demo by adding two more planes.

"It will be an eight-plane show-of-force, complete with pyrotechnics," Parker said.

Besides the aeronautical acumen of the Blue Angels and River Rattlers, visitors will experience the Marine Corps' AV-8B Harrier demo, the Air Force's F-16 Viper Demo, the A-10 Thunderbolt demo and the Para-Commandos, representing the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, performing precision freefall parachute demos.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) Jan Collmer will fly his German-built Extra 300L, and the Trojan Phylers of Fort Worth will demonstrate their vintage T-28B aircraft.

Additionally, extreme aerobatic pilot Jason Newburg will fly his Pitts Viper, and Tim Weber will be flying his German-built Extra 300S.

"It's four solid hours of air demon-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jan Collmer, who has flown in as many as 40 air shows, flies his German-built Extra 300L at last year's air show. The retired U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. now resides in Arlington.

strations; we couldn't add more if we wanted to," Parker joked.

Beyond the dramatic air demonstrations, the flightline will be full of static displays for patrons to explore.

"We'll also have the largest number of static displays ever," Parker added.

Parker expects more than 40 military displays. Patrons can expect to see fire trucks, military vehicles medium tactical replacement (MTVR), older jeeps and antique military vehicles from the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA), Humvees and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle (MRAP).

"Plus we will have an authentic F-4 Phantom painted as an exact replica of a Blue Angels' F-4," Parker said. "This attraction provides patrons with an opportunity for photographs while sitting in an authentic F-4 cockpit."

While most of the static displays are free, there is a charge for photos in the F-4 cockpit.

The Kids Zone returns this year, but with a new vendor touting an inflatable aircraft carrier slide, according to Parker.

For details, see www.airpowerexpo.com or call 817-782-3094.

WHAT TO BRING/WHAT NOT TO BRING

Guests should bring sunscreen, hats and sunglasses. Folding chairs are welcome, as are binoculars and cameras.

Coolers, ice chests, backpacks, large bags and brief cases are not permitted. Outside food and drink are prohibited, however, concession stands will be open.

Skateboards, bicycles, scooters, inline skates, bicycles and weapons of any kind (regardless of permit) are prohibited. Weapons or projectile firing weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, knives, air rifles/pistols, BB guns, cross bows, paintball guns and blunt objects.

Any weapons or projectile firing weapons brought to the show will be confiscated, and the owner will be asked to leave the Naval Air Station. Confiscated items will not be returned.

All alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, medications not belonging to the individual, glass containers, pyrotechnics and flammable liquids of any kind are prohibited.

For the safety of everyone, all vehicles, people and their property are subject to search upon entering the base. Please remain patient and cooperative.

Pets are not allowed. Only animals specifically trained to assist the disabled are permitted.

U.S. Navy Blue

BY CMC (SW) BILL MESTRE

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 2011 Air Power Expo at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Texas, April 16-17, bringing a new dimension to Fort Worth.

"The 2011 Air Power Expo is the result of a three-year effort to bring a military air demonstration to Fort Worth, Texas," said Capt. T.D. Smith, commander of NAS Fort Worth.

"As the only major military air show in the region, NAS Fort Worth is proud of our close relationship with the surrounding communities - a partnership that has broken new ground in economic development and cooperation," Smith said. "I personally welcome our neighbors aboard for the show."

According to the Naval Air Station Affairs Department, the show's performance will include

AIR POWER EXPO



CMDR. DAVE KOSS FLIES THE NO. 1 BLUE ANGEL, LEADING THE ELITE TEAM OF AVIATORS.

Blue Angels to Headline Air Power Expo 2011

The Blue Angels are scheduled to headline the 2011 Air Power Expo at Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, showcasing the best of aviation. The Air Power Expo caps off a week of events to bring world-class aviation demonstrations back to North Texas. Lt. Col. James Smyers, commanding officer of the Fort Worth JRB, said, "The Air Power Expo is a great opportunity for military installation and the community. Fort Worth is proud of our relationship with our surrounding communities and the compatibility of our development. The Air Power Expo is a great opportunity for our neighbors to see the power of a lifetime!" The Blue Angels' Public Affairs Officer, Lt. Col. James Smyers, said the NAS Fort Worth will feature a flight demon-

stration that exhibits the choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all naval aviators. The show will begin with a tactical demonstration performed by the Blue Angels' C-130, affectionately known as "Fat Albert," said Chief Mass Communication Specialist Kurt Anderson, the Blue Angels public affairs officer. Fat Albert begins its demonstration with a jet-assisted take off to simulate flight operations in a hostile environment. After the 45 degree, nose-up climb to an altitude of 1,000 feet, they conclude their display with a demonstration of the breaking abilities of the C-130 by landing the aircraft and stopping it in less than 1,000 feet. Following Fat Albert's performance, the audience will observe the Blue Angels F/A-18 Super Hornets execute aerobatic maneuvers, Anderson said. The team be-

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LT. CMDR. JIM TOMASZESKI	MAJ. BRENT STEVENS	LT. ROB KURRLE JR.	LT. BEN WALBORN	LT. C.J. SIMONSEN
LT. DAVID TICKLE	LT. TODD ROYLES	CAPT. EDWARD JORGE	CAPT. BEN BLANTON	CAPT. JOHN HECKER
LT. TED THOMPSON	LT. JASON SMITH	CWO4 ADOLFO DeMONTALVO	CWO4 CLIVE DIXON	LT. KATIE KELLY

BLUE ANGELS: BY THE NUMBERS

1946 THE YEAR THE BLUE ANGELS WERE FORMED BY CHIEF NAVAL OFFICER ADM. CHESTER NEMITZ.	67 THE NUMBER OF AIR SHOWS THE AVIATORS WILL PERFORM DURING 2011.	8M THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MILLIONS THAT VIEWED THE BLUE ANGELS LAST YEAR.	14 THE NUMBER OF BLUE ANGELS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED FLAG RANK.	1,250 THE NUMBER OF FLIGHT HOURS REQUIRED TO BECOME A BLUE ANGEL AVIATOR.
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Annual Chili Cookoff Set for April 30

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

It's about to get really, really hot — it's time for the 4th Annual Interservice Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Marine Corps League's Bluebonnet Detachment 817.

"If you are not a chili aficionado, you will be by the time you leave," promises Bluebonnet Detachment Commandant Jason McManus.

"The event is held every year on the lawn behind VFW 8235 at 5333 White Settlement Road, about 1 mile from the base," said Cindy Norcross, vice president of

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 11. "It is held rain or shine; It rained last year, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits," she added.

And Norcross' spirits won't be deterred, because her group is the current holder of the Captain's Cup, a silver engraved cup awarded by Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, who is a judge at the event.



"FRA Branch 11 has won the Captain's Cup two times," Norcross said. "I always make up a huge stock pot of chili, and last year came home with none because people came back and asked for bowls and containers of it to take home. I'm not bragging, I'm just saying! OK, so I am bragging a little bit," she joked.

The Saturday, April 30 event will kick-off with an opening cer-

emony at about 8:50 a.m., which will include the National Anthem and Presentation of the Colors.

"Live music will be by Mr. Kim O'Connor — The Modern Singing Cowboy," McManus said.

McManus describes the event as "a big neighborhood picnic."

"We come out to have fun, camaraderie, friendly competition and maybe swap a sea story or two," McManus added.

The first two years there were only six or seven entries, Norcross said, but last year there were more than 16.

"I am really looking forward to see how many come out this year," she added.

Although this event is not a Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) event, McManus said, the rules are fairly broad. Cookoff rules dictate that participants must cook on site, and many use portable gas or butane burners to get the job done.

As far as ingredients go, Norcross said anything is welcome, but recalls that "the 'pork and curry chili' entry the first year did not fare well at all."

The chili is judged on aroma, red color, consistency and after-taste, McManus added.

"A lot of groups bring extras like crackers, chopped onions, jalapeños and shredded cheese as toppings for their chili," Norcross said.

Participants will vie for the much-coveted Captain's Cup, Judge's Choice and the People's Choice awards. Additionally, participants may win the Best Booth award or the Best Participation award.

The Bluebonnet Detachment will offer several raffles that will be drawn after the trophies are awarded.

"Last year I got a nice hand-painted chili bowl set; other items were from the Fort Worth Cats

ENTRY DETAILS:

Military Units and Veteran Service Associations: \$25
Nonprofit Organizations and Community Service Organizations: \$50
General Public: \$75
Deadline: April 22
Registration details: 817-692-6086

AWARDS

The Captain's Cup is awarded by the base commander. It is passed to the winning team year-to-year with the names of the previous winning teams engraved on it. Capt. Smyers samples all the chili from the different teams, visits with the participants and then awards the Captain's Cup. This is entirely based on Smyers own criteria.

Judges Choice: A blind tasting by select chili judges from local dignitaries, command staff from local Marine units. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards.

People's Choice: Strolling chili aficionados can sample chili and vote for their favorite for a small donation (teams are encouraged to invite as many people as they can to stuff their ballot box). The Ultimate Tasting includes samples of all chili, a bowl of your favorite and entry into a special drawing for Fort Worth Cats tickets voucher. (Cost varies with the number of teams entered). 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards.

Best Participation: based on largest number of unit/organization members to attend (not family and friends)

Best Booth: Whose set-up/area looks the best.

*Bacon-Wrapped Scallops
in a Brie Cream Sauce*

Appetizers

**1 quart heavy cream
12 pieces bacon
12 scallops
2 tablespoons olive oil
8 ounces Brie cheese
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3/4 teaspoon white pepper**



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a saucepan, reduce the cream by 1/2, skimming the foam off the top. Remove the rind from the brie and cut into small pieces. Add the brie to the hot cream and whisk until melted. Season the sauce with 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. If necessary strain the sauce through a fine mesh sieve.

Lay the bacon on a cookie sheet and place them in the oven for about 5 to 6 minutes until almost done. Once the bacon is cool, wrap each scallop with 1 piece of bacon, using toothpicks to keep them together. Season the scallops with salt and pepper on each side. Heat the olive oil in a saute pan until hot, then add scallops to the pan and cook for about 2 minutes each side. Remove them from the pan and place them on a baking sheet. Transfer baking sheet to the oven until the scallops are just cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes.

Serve with scallops generously with cream sauce.

(baseball team), wine baskets, Rhar Beer and stuff like that. It's different every year," Norcross said.

Friends and family of the chili cooks are encouraged to buy "tasting tickets," which gives them a sample of several different chilis.

Beverage concessions are operated by VFW Post 8235, McManus added. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the Post because of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations.

Funds raised help with several Marine programs, including Warrior Breakfast, Semper Fidelis lunches, Marine Family Days, Retirement/Change of Command/Post and Relief ceremonies, Toys for Tots logistical support and support of other organizations supporting Marines.

"It's very relaxed," McManus said, "stay for a little while or all day. You may want to bring a chair. If you just want to come out and listen to music, that's OK too."

Maintenance Group Generates 38 Sorties During 1-Day Surge Exercise

BY LT. COL. DAVID KURLE

The 301st Maintenance and Operations groups produced 38 F-16 Fighting Falcon sorties, or missions, in one day, March 5, as part of a "surge" exercise designed to prepare the 301st Fighter Wing for its upcoming operational readiness inspection.

The surge was successful thanks to the efforts of maintainers like Staff Sgt. Taylor Myers, a crew chief in the 301st Air-

craft Maintenance Squadron.

Myers had only two hours to perform a "thru-flight" inspection on the F-16C assigned to him during the surge before the aircraft would be needed for another training sortie.

Pilots from the wing's 457th Fighter Squadron flew the 38 sorties throughout the day.

The wing's ORI is scheduled for the end of February, 2012.



PHOTO BY LT. COL. DAVID KURLE

Above, Staff Sgt. Taylor Myers covers the engine inlet on an F-16C Fighting Falcon. Myers is a crew chief with the 301st Aircraft maintenance Squadron. At right, Staff Sgt. Taylor Myers inspects the wear and tear on the tires of an F-16C Fighting Falcon at NAS Fort Worth JRB during a "surge" exercise on March 5. The exercise was scheduled to prepare the 301st Fighter Wing for an upcoming operational readiness inspection.



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Retired Military Wives Invited to Monthly Meetings

All wives and widows of career military men with a valid ID card are invited to participate in the twice-monthly assembly of the Retired Military Wives Club.

The Retired Military Wives Club has its business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Elks Club, 3233 White Settlement Road. It begins at 11 a.m. The group's social event is on the fourth Thursday of every month.

For details about the club or

these events, contact Jean Bonner (817-246-9523) or Judy Corso (817-266-0167).

The Society of Military Widows

Chapter 32 of the National Organization meets at the Chapel on base on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. for fellowship, lunch and a short business meeting. All military branches and ranks are welcome.

For details, contact Jo Henry

at (817-283-0416).

Carswell Retired Officer's Wives Club

Carswell Retired Officer's Wives Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Women's Club in Fort Worth. The CROWC is open to wives of current and retired officers of all branches. For details, or to make a reservation, contact Lois DiBar-tolomeo (817-346-8931).

—Staff Report

First Responders Receive DECON Training, Certification

BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

Medical personnel from NAS Fort Worth JRB recently completed Warm Zone Operational Training (W-ZOT).

U.S. Navy medical first responders are taught life-saving skills, as well as decontamination skills from chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear (CBRN) exposure or hazardous materials.

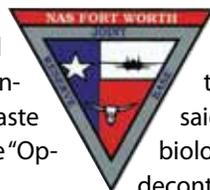
"The purpose of this training is to allow medical facilities to continue to operate," said Tom Bocek, a DECON team instructor. "If you take one contaminated patient inside the clinic for treatment, the entire clinic is now essentially contaminated and unable to continue treating patients."

This course certifies students



in all requirements for OSHA's (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Hazardous Waste Operations course to the "Operations" level.

"We focus on the most persistent chemical warfare agents



because those are the ones that are difficult to decontaminate," Bocek said. "We also talk about biological and radiological decontamination. In addition, the team learns what a medical warm zone is and how to interact



PHOTOS BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

Above, Tom Bocek teaches how to properly detect contaminants and how to get contaminated patients through the decontamination shower at a recent training exercise on base. **At left**, HM2 Dean Castaneda, facing left, and HM Terry Knox, facing right, and two other corpsmen hold up a structure while their co-workers lock it in place from the outside, much like a tent. Once put together, this structure serves as a decontamination station.

and complement other agencies operating there."

Commands must train with the equipment they have on hand for managing contaminated casualties.

Students must wear protective equipment that is usually hot and uncomfortable while

performing physically rigorous medical warm-zone operations.

The final timed exercise allows 20 minutes to completely set up, and typically only takes half that for a DECON team to have their station mission capable.

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Commissary Celebrates Month of the Military Child

They could be their own army, albeit shorter in stature and perhaps more aware of the campy characters of "Yo Gabba Gabba!" than the nation's defense. They stand 1.7 million strong: they are the children of the nation's armed forces members.

This little army garners special tributes throughout April, designated as Month of the Military Child.

The Defense Commissary Agency salutes these youngsters, said its Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu, not only for their strength of character, but for their resilience as they face the many challenges of a military life.

"We are proud to recognize the youth in our military communities," Jeu said. "They face unique challenges of having to move from place to place and often experience the challenges connected with either one or both parents deploying overseas."

The agency's child-oriented programs for the Month of the Military Child range from a chance to win a free bicycle to kid-friendly produce displays and child development tours:

Win a Child's Bicycle.

Parents can sign the form at their commissary to enter their child's name in a drawing for a chance to win a child's bicycle do-

nated by commissary vendors.

Get a "Fruit & Veggie Eater Meter."

While supplies last, children visiting their local commissary can pick up a "Fruit & Veggie Eater Meter" and track their fruit and vegetable consumption for a week. This meter is also available for download at www.foodchamps.org/downloads/Eater_all.pdf.

"Kids' Zones."

Some commissaries feature a produce "Kids' Zone," a colorful display section placing fresh fruits and veggies at a child's eye level;

Store Tours.

Commissaries often invite installation child development centers to participate in a store tour. The tours focus on good nutrition available by consuming more fruits and vegetables. During the Month of the Military Child or any other month, commissaries are doing their part to help mix fun with an awareness of how commissary shoppers save on their grocery bills, said Chris Burns, DeCA's director of sales.

"The 'kids' zones' often provide takeaways that serve as the backdrop for explaining the many awareness events that teach children about healthy meals," he said.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

BY JOSE JASSO, 301 FW/SARC

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (or SAAM) occurs in April. The goal of SAAM is to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence.

This April, the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Navy and Marines at NAS Fort Worth JRB will be observing SAAM (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) through special events and educa-



tion in order to bring attention to DoD's continued commitment to improving prevention, treatment and support of victims, accountability and zero-tolerance of behavior and attitudes that promote sexual assault.

So mark your calendars, and join us and the whole nation in a joint NAS Fort Worth JRB effort to increase awareness and prevent

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Church Services

Regularly scheduled church services at the Robert P. Taylor Chapel, Bldg. 1838, are as follows:

CATHOLIC SCHEDULE

Sunday
8:15 a.m.: Confession
9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

Mondays
11:45 a.m.: Mass

Tuesdays
10 a.m.: Rosary of Our Lady of Fatima
11:45 a.m.: Mass

First Friday of each month
11:45 a.m.: Mass.

PROTESTANT SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:15 a.m.: Sunday school
10:30 a.m.: Church service

Tuesday
10:30 a.m.: Women's Bible study

Wednesday
Noon: Bible study

The following is a schedule of services leading up to, and including, Easter.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual JRB Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party is set for April 23 at the TexPlex from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hunt will start at 11. Tickets are on sale at ITT.

CATHOLIC SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

April 21: Holy Thursday service at 8 p.m.

April 22: Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.
Good Friday service at 7 p.m.

April 23: Easter Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

April 24: Easter Mass at 9 a.m.

PROTESTANT EASTER SERVICES

April 22: Good Friday service at noon

April 24: Easter Sunrise service by the lake at 7 a.m.

Easter service with water baptism at Aquatic Center at 10:30 a.m.

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vice in May of '88, and after closing NAS Dallas in '96, I transferred to NAS Fort Worth JRB," he added.

When asked what he likes best about his work, Bryan replied, "The people ... definitely the people."

His supervisor describes him as "always available to lend a helping hand where needed ... our shipping department had been short handed for a two-month span [because of] a fellow worker taking personal time off ... Dave continued to run the department with no drop off in productivity and service to customers. He is second to none, a real warrior and irreplaceable," Dwyer said.

"Dave Bryan is an outstanding worker, and we are proud to have him here at FISC JAX Det Fort Worth," Dwyer added.

CIVILIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We congratulate David Bryan on his selection as the FISC Jacksonville Employee of the Year (Wage Grade) for 2010 and are extremely proud of his most noteworthy accomplishment. Throughout 2010, Bryan continually provided exemplary supply support and unmatched customer service to more than 40 commands and squadrons stationed aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB.

While serving in the Packing and Crating Division, he meticulously built and repaired more than 1,200 shipping crates and packed and preserved approximately 5,000 aircraft parts, weapons racks and support equipment valued in excess of \$5 million.

Throughout the year, Bryan professionally assisted the Aviation Support Department through numerous repair and return shipments, and he aided in the overhaul of the FISCJ DET Fort Worth Shipping and Receiving process. Additionally, he provided FRC West with guidance on the proper transport of fragile and delicate equipment and afforded supreme support to the 301st Air Force by providing packing and shipping services during critical manning shortages.

When faced with an unexpected two-month absence of his only co-worker, Bryan's incredible diligence, amazing work ethic and total commitment to the FISC JAX mission alleviated a potential backlog of shipments and referrals for all commands aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB.

Bryan continually provides exceptional instruction and direction regarding proper procedures for packing of parts that contain hazardous and/or potentially hazardous fluids and always goes out of his way to ensure every customer shipping timeline is met or exceeded. His 100 percent commitment to all-around excellence has greatly enhanced FISCJ DET Fort Worth's performance and provided the absolute highest levels of supply support for training here at NAS Fort Worth JRB and operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and numerous other locations world-wide.

Bryan continues to set the bar at an almost unreachable level and is without a doubt most worthy of selection as the 2010 FISC Jacksonville WG Employee of the Year. Congratulations to Bryan on a job extremely well done!

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Volunteer for DEFY

BY AZZ CRYSTAL JANES, FRC WEST

Summer time is just around the corner, which means another year for DEFY Camp!

Drug Education For Youth is a self-esteem building program that provides local at-risk kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol.

The dates of this year's camp are still being considered, however, organizers need motivated Sailors and Marines to step up to the challenge of being a DEFY mentor.

The camp is a weeklong (Sunday through Saturday) during the summer (probably sometime in August).

Staff will be needed for day-check, mid-check and night-check.

Volunteers must complete an application, available at FRC WEST or by email.

This program is a great volunteer opportunity and makes for a very memorable week. For details on this program or for applications, contact YN1 John McKinley (817-782-5295) or CS1 Shon Coffie (817-782-7388).

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sexual assault. The whole base populace — civilian and military — are invited to participate in the following special events:

NOW HEAR THIS: Base Announcements

Interfaith Ministries presents: Narnia, Soup & Study: Part II at the base Chapel, Bldg. 1838. The free Bible study takes a comparative look at the movie Chronicles of Narnia, based on the series of books of the same name by C.S. Lewis. The study continues from the first Christmas series. Everyone is invited Wednesday, April 13 @ 5 p.m. The Chapel provides soup, bread and drinks, but people are welcome to bring side dishes or desserts for sharing.

Easter Egg Hunt: The annual JRB Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Party is set for April 23 at the TexPlex from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hunt will start at 11. Tickets are on sale at ITT. Call 817-782-6122 for details.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Budget for Baby class is the second Thursday of each month. B4B is for any service family who is expecting a new family member and is open to all ranks, branches of services and reservists. Sign up for the class by calling the NMCRS office at 817-782-6000.

FFSC presents Life Skills: Anger Management from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13. For information call 817-782-5287.

Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, is available at Fleet & Family Support Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 through Friday, April 29.

Self-Defense Clinic/Demonstration

This women-only workshop will be at the base fitness center on Wednesday, April 20 from 1 to 2 p.m.

5K Run/Walk

Look for sign-up sheets at the gym and

Work in Texas representative will be at Fleet & Family Support Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, Tuesday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 26.

FFSC presents Life Skills: Intro to Parenting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. Call 817-782-5287 for details.

FFSC presents Stewards of Children Training: Preventing sexual abuse on Wednesday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Texas VA representative will be at FFSC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 and Thursday, April 28.

Attention Fitness Center Enthusiasts: The parking lot normally used by most gym users, located directly across the street, will be cordoned off for several months to accommodate the construction of an addition to building 1730 nearby. Construction is to be completed at the end of November. Interim parking for the Fitness Center will be available by Bldg. 1720 and in the lot behind the Fitness Center. Think of these few extra steps as part of your physical fitness routine.

Catholic Lenten Studies: Every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. through April 19 at the base Chapel, Bldg. 1838.

Earth Day is April 22. Recycling Manager Ron Estilow will plant a Red Oak tree at the Recycling Center at 9:30 a.m.

The Jim Gibbons Annual Fort Worth Civic Leaders Association

BX for the 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Friday, 22 April 22, from 11 a.m. to noon. Event will start at fitness center. For questions, contact the SAAM events POC, 301 FW/SARC, at 817-782-3827.

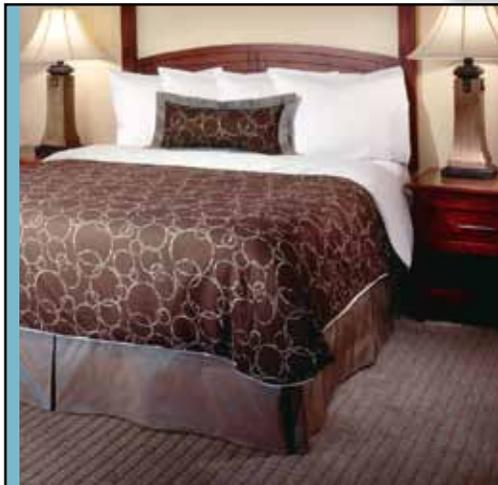
BBQ and Lunch will be May 6 at Hanger 1050, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to all military and civilian employees aboard the installation.

Moreland Hall, the base dining facility, is open every day to base civilians, military and retirees for lunch. This is a temporary change until the AAFES Food Court renovation is complete.

One-on-one computer coaching is now being offered by Martin Arredondo at the Fleet & Family Service Center (FFSC), Bldg. 3175. These sessions are for active duty, Guard and Reserve members, retired military and spouses. To schedule a class, call the FFSC at 817-782-5287. Classes being offered include: Word for Resumes; Microsoft Powerpoint; Basic Computer Skills; Do's and Don'ts of the Internet; Basic Computer Maintenance; Use the Internet for job searches; Email/Communication Services; Photo Editing with Photo Editor; College Seeking via the Internet; and Social Networking/Facebook.

The Child Development Center is looking for members interested in becoming CDH certified. This program allows more options to military parents looking for quality care for their children. Please contact the CDC at 817-782-7520 if interested.

Thinking about a PPM, or Personally Procured Move, or recently completed move? Formerly known as DITY moves, all military personnel are reminded that they must obtain certified weight tickets signed by a weighing official in order to be reimbursed for their PPM.



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Happy 118th Birthday Chief Petty Officers

BY CMC (SW) BILL MESTA

This article first appeared in the April 1 edition of The Guantanamo Bay Gazette, and was written by Chief Bill Mesta, who was on TAD here at NAS Fort Worth for several weeks.

April 1, 2011 was the 118th Birthday for U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers. After reading a recent article in a popular military tabloid (rhymes with Wavy Limes) I thought that this would be the perfect time to explain to everyone just what a Chief Petty Officer is.

To break the Navy's leadership structure down into its most basic fundamentals, commissioned officers make policy, junior enlisted Sailors (E-1 to E-6) carry the load of executing the policies. The Chief is kind of like a two-way funnel in the middle that makes the policies work.

Deckplate leadership is expected from a Chief Petty Officer both up and down the Navy's rank structure. The phrase "Ask the Chief" is much more than a T-shirt design or a cool challenge coin logo. A Chief is a wealth of knowledge because we have been around for a while and have the experience needed to get the job done.

As Chief Petty Officers we have cleaned toilets, stripped and waxed the decks, and washed dishes in the scolding hot scullery. We have also been separated from loved ones for long periods of time, suffered personal crisis and tragedy and stared down the barrel of that big fat zero in our bank accounts three days before payday.

Here is the key, while we have been through all the same challenges as our junior Sailors, a Chief has demonstrated the ability to overcome these challenges while still being able to excel professionally at a high level. This is why you "Ask the Chief."

One of the unique charges

that a Chief Petty Officer takes on when they accept the responsibilities that come with wearing the anchors is to train the Navy's junior officers and provide advice and counsel for our senior officers. I can almost hear cackles bristling as some officers read this. "No way is an enlisted service member going to tell me what is what."

If your cackles are bristling right now, remember that the Chief has been around for a while. If an officer's policy fails, the Sailors who have been charged with carrying out the mission are going to suffer. And if the Sailors are unsuccessful in carrying out a mission then it is the Chief who has failed. With this in mind the Chief knows their Sailors and the greatness they are capable of. As such the Chief is in the unique position to advise their officers as to the best avenue to reach their goals and carry out our mission successfully.

So now you might be saying to yourself, "yeah the Chief knows a lot but he doesn't know everything." Well here is a tid-bit from the inside the Goat Locker, the Chief may not have all the answers, but the Chiefs' Mess does. Any day, anytime, anywhere there are fellow Chiefs that I can reach out to for assistance and information. The Chiefs' Mess is literally a global network that is UNIFIED under a common goal. What is this goal you might be wondering... The Chiefs' Mess is determined to do whatever it takes to insure your success both professionally and personally and ultimately that the Navy's mission is carried out in a efficiently and with honor. Additionally, [junior Sailors] you will replace us and become the Chief so it is in our best interest to mold you into strong and capable leaders as you will have 118 years or tradition and success to maintain. Happy Birthday, brothers and sisters.

Transportation Improvements Are Coming

BY RACHEL WIGGINS

Active duty military who live off base, as well as DOD employees, may have noticed that Westworth Village and Fort Worth recently improved the roadway surfaces on White Settlement Road and SH 183/Alta Mere just outside of NAS Fort Worth JRB's main gate.

The next phase of this project is to resurface Roaring Springs Road, from the QT south to the intersection of Roaring Springs Road and Carb Drive.

Work is scheduled to begin shortly after the Air Power Expo (April 16-17) and extend into the summer months. The road will remain open, but drivers should expect some delays as traffic lanes are shifted to make room for this improvement.

Commuters may also have noticed an improvement in traffic flow from the base toward Ridgmar Mall and the Farmers Market.

TxDOT and the City of Fort Worth have made some improve-

ments to the traffic signals along this corridor to ensure smoother traffic flow. There will be a few more tweaks to the system in the coming months to ensure that traffic signals are coordinated to maximize traffic flow on this busy corridor.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas about traffic in and around the base, contact Rachel Wiggins, Community Plans and Liaison officer at 817-782-7609 or rachel.s.wiggins@navy.mil.

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Navy Counselor Association Sets Annual Meeting

BY CNC (AW) MARIA S. TAPIA

The 23rd Annual Navy Counselor Association (NCA) Professional Development and Training Conference is scheduled from June 27 through July 1 at the Intercontinental Dallas Hotel in Addison.

This year's theme is "Total Force Career Development Training."

Everyone who attends can expect to receive training on the Navy's retention policies, policy changes, program updates and

best practices.

Participants get face-to-face contact with the program subject matter experts and the chance to make recommendations to make the programs we use more efficient and effective. The training is important, not just to the Navy counselor, but to the entire Navy.

Career development professionals Navy-wide attended this very important training event to



stay up-to-date on policies centering on improving retention and lowering attrition in both the Active and Reserve components of the Navy.

"It provides a forum for senior leaders and career counselors to get information and attack the career issues and options concerning today's Sailors," said AWFCS (AW/NAC) Billy Mason, maintenance Senior Chief VR-46.

The better trained Sailors are, the greater the career opportunities they have. In today's Navy, when we're competitive, it has never been more important to get out the right word out to our counselors and senior leadership, especially with Perform to Serve.

Participation by career development team members, especially command career counselors and command master chiefs, is imperative to the goals of the professional development and training. Recruiters, detailers and other military and civilian personnel involved in the professional development of Sailors are also encouraged to attend.

The annual NCA profes-

sional development and training conference is an important event for front-line Sailor advocates and leaders. Commanding officers and officers-in-charge are encouraged to support the participation of those involved with the development of Sailors.

The local Chapter Dallas/Fort Worth has begun the preparations to sponsor this event. Each year the local chapter becomes the key to assist the national officers in any matters pertaining to this event.

Registration is fully automated. To sign up for the conference, go to the Web site, www.usnca.org.

To read NAVADMIN 007/11, visit www.npc.navy.mil.

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gins their demonstration in the four-jet "Diamond Formation," where its members fly in concert with the high-performance maneuvers of its two solo pilots. The team will then demonstrate precision flying while performing maneuvers as a unit in the six-jet "Delta Formation."

The Blue Angels are the U.S. Navy's most prestigious pilots and will be one of many demonstrations offered to the audience and the Air Power Expo, said Cmdr. Brian Parker the NAS Fort Worth Air Show director. The performances by Fat

Albert and the F/A-18 Super Hornets will be the culmination of each day.

The Blue Angels were established on April 24, 1946 by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz to demonstrate

to the public the levels of excellence and professionalism found throughout the U.S. Navy, according to the Blue Angels Public Affairs Department. Their mission remains the same, to demonstrate the superior skill set of U.S.

Navy aviators found throughout the fleet.

Air Power Expo 2011 is open to the public and is free of charge.

More information about the air show can be found at www.airpowerexpo.com.



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What does this mean to you? With a couple of exceptions, the resulting changes will have minimal impact on the majority of activities aboard this installation. Most of the military community here will experience no changes in their daily routines. MWR facilities, DeCA and AAFES will be unaffected by this initiative.

There are, however, two areas that will be significantly affected.

The first change will come to the Air Operations passenger terminal. The entire staff will be eliminated.

The anticipated impact to operations of the passenger terminal is that the facility will only open to manifest and screen passengers when active duty personnel are travelling on orders. This will particularly impact "Space A" travelers desiring transportation from and to NAS Fort Worth JRB, as the passenger terminal will no longer be continuously staffed.

The second and most significant change will be felt by members requiring ID card services. Because of mandated reductions, the ID card office located at the Installation Visitor Control Center (VCC) will experience a loss of all Navy Active Duty ID card staff. The total impact of the cuts is still under review. It is expected that a reduction to five-day per week operation, along with a corresponding drop in the number of available appointments is forthcoming.

The installation staff is dedicated to minimizing the impact on the military population in the DFW Metroplex, including active, reserve and retired service members and their dependents. Coordination is ongoing with the installation tenant commands, and headquarters staff to identify paths to minimize the impact of the budget crunch. As the full effect of these cutbacks is analyzed, anticipate further information being provided in future editions of *The Sky Ranger*.

Achieving Energy Efficiency at Home, Work

BY FIFI KIESCHNICK



Energy efficiency – seems like that’s a common theme at work. Reduce energy consumption. Turn off lights. Shut off computers. Conserve. Save. Reduce. Reduce. Reduce.

It’s a given, we are trying to reduce the amount of energy we use, as well as trim the amount required to provide products and services.

Most people do it at home without a second thought.

We insulate, caulk and weather strip our homes so that we use less heating and cooling energy to achieve and maintain a comfortable temperature. We install fluorescent lights or natural skylights to reduce the amount of energy required to illuminate our homes compared to using traditional incandescent light bulbs.

We turn up the thermostat in the summer and turn it down in the winter. We turn off lights when we leave a room. We use ceiling fans in our homes to help maintain a comfortable temperature.

So, why isn’t it automatic at work? Or is it? How can we tell if we’re saving energy at work?

“We get our monthly electric and natural gas consumption bills and compare them to last month, last year, etc.,” said Resource Efficiency Manager Nelson Wells in a recent email. “The target is based on our 2003 consumption as a baseline. But in general, to make it easier to wrap our head around, we simply try to achieve 3 percent less consumption than last year.”

Wells said, “Since BRAC 2005, NAS Fort Worth JRB has grown quite a bit, along with its consumption. Several commands from all services have realigned to this base since BRAC 2005. Therefore, if we measure our energy consumed per square foot, the growth of the base is accounted for in the metric,” he explained.

The U.S. government is working toward energy security, reducing the amount of energy we consume. Officials want us to lead the nation toward energy independence, to set the example for other companies, groups, organizations, to follow.

In keeping with this, the Secretary of the Navy has outlined five energy goals. They seek to enhance and better enable our combat capabilities, sustain the environment for future generations, and promote a clean energy economy.

The SecNav’s energy goals are:
Energy Efficient Acquisition - Evaluating energy factors will be mandatory when awarding contracts for systems and buildings.

Sail the “Great Green Fleet” – Department of the Navy will demonstrate a Green Strike Group in local operations by 2012 and sail it by 2016.

Reduce Non-Tactical Petroleum Use - By 2015, the Navy will reduce petroleum use in the commercial vehicle fleet by 50 percent.

Increase Alternative Energy Ashore - By 2020, the Navy will pro-

duce at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources; 50 percent of Navy installations will be net-zero.

Increase Alternative Energy Use Navy-wide - By 2020, 50 percent of total Navy energy consumption will come from alternative sources.

WORKING TOGETHER

SecNav’s goals seem ambitious, don’t they? It will take all of us working as a team to reach these goals. We must continue to modify our daily routines and habits.

But the SecNav’s goals are attainable – we have been reducing our energy consumption per gross square foot.

Yes, we have. According to the Navy Office of Information, Navy and Marine Corps shore installations reduced energy consumption per gross square foot by 14 percent relative to the 2003 baseline, exceeding the 12 percent interim goal for the year per the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Our energy conservation has been measurable.

So, we need to continue to tweak what we do.

To help you become more energy efficient, here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of Energy:

- Appliances can drain power when not in use. To save energy and money, connect them to a power strip and turn the strip off when not in use.

- Refrigerators account for nearly 7 percent of an energy bill. Fridges made before 1980 cost \$150 more per year to operate than newer models.

- Used properly, a programmable thermostat can save an average of \$150 a year.

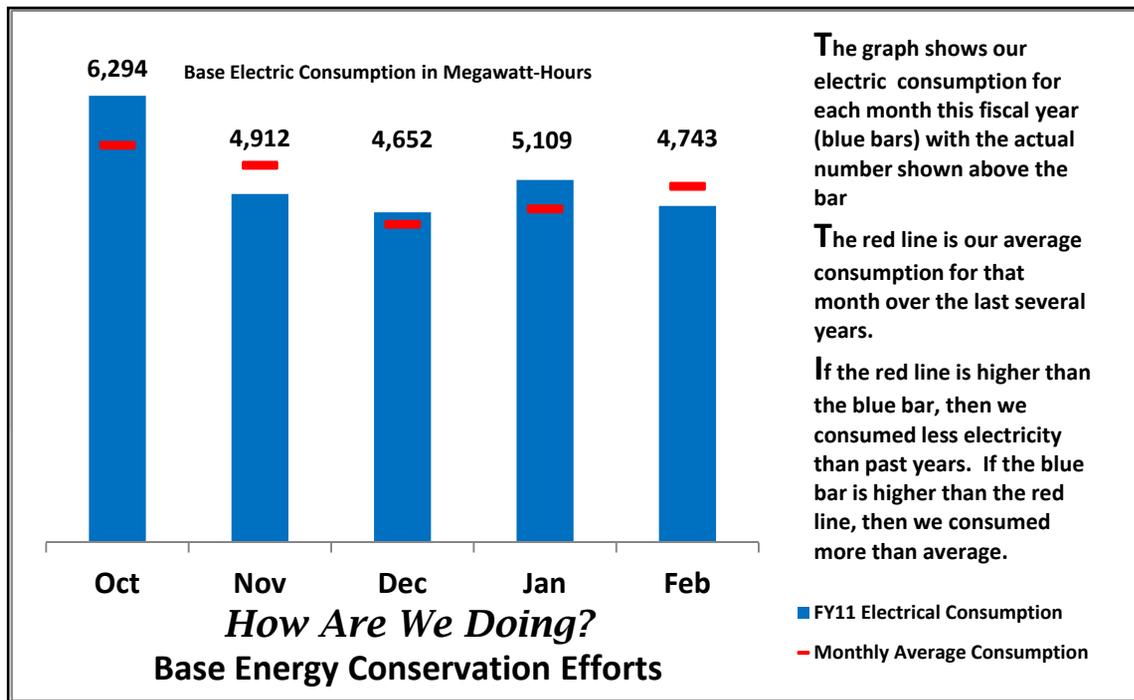
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs can turn 2 watt of electricity into 100 lumens of light, while “normal” light bulbs create only 15 lumens.

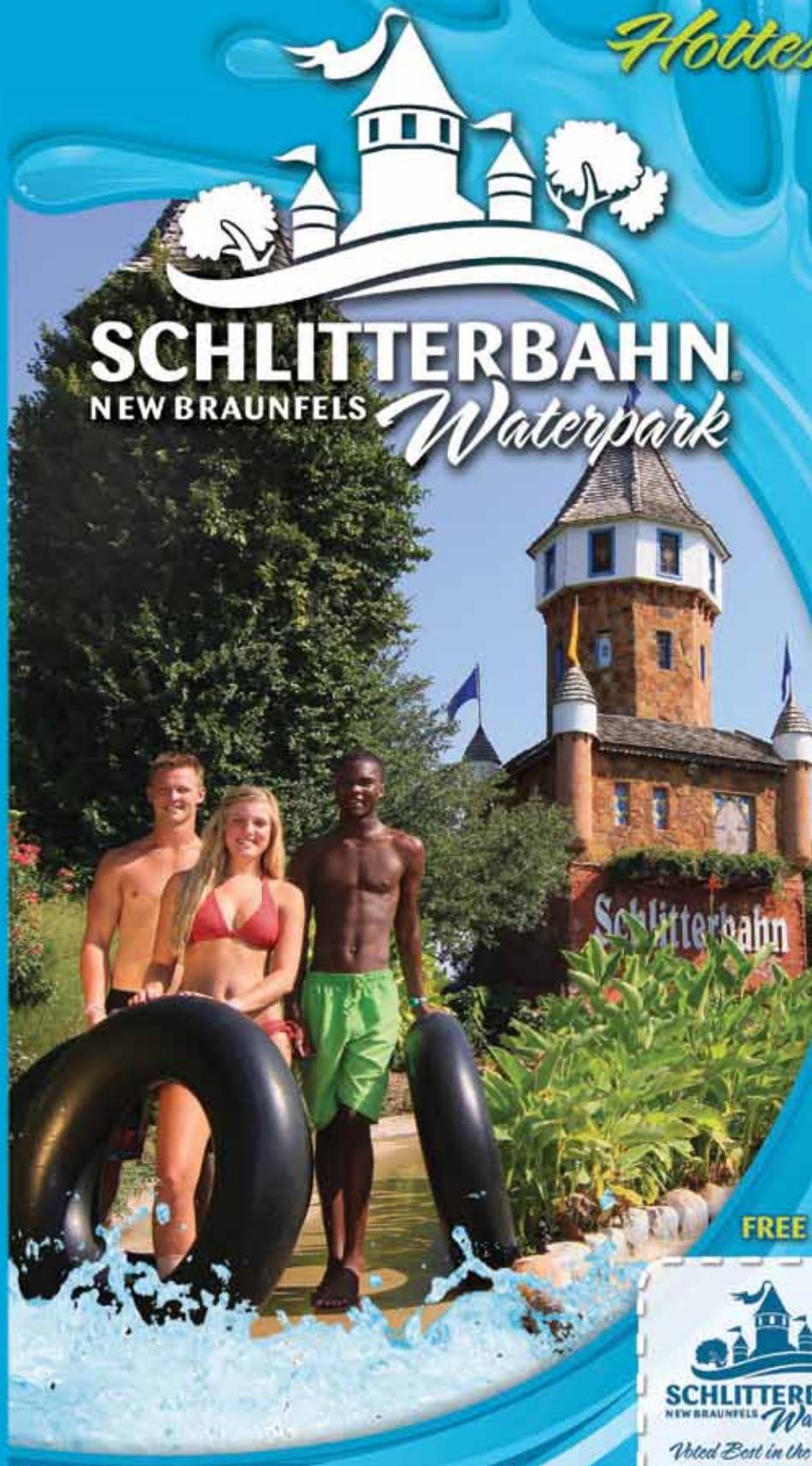
- Compact fluorescent bulbs can last as much as 10 times longer than normal bulbs.

- Energy Star washing machines will save you an average of \$50 a year and save an average of 7,000 gallons of water a year.

For more tips and information, visit the Department of Energy’s Web site at www.energy.gov/.

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