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Traveling Veterans' Wall Coming to Benbrook

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

The city of Benbrook will bring the American Veterans Traveling Tribute and The Traveling Wall to Dutch Branch Park from March 30 to April 3, and Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, will be one of the guest speakers.

"We have a lot of veterans in our community, and we thought it would be a great way to honor them," said Patty Bissey, marketing coordinator for the city of Benbrook. "We'll have a ceremony on Saturday, April 2 at 1:30."

Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England, who received his MBA from TCU, will be the keynote speaker. Smyers and England may be joined by U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger, Bissey said, although that had not been confirmed at press time.



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A wall rubbing is a common sight at the American Veterans Traveling Tribute by people who want to remember a relative or friend.

"We're trying to keep it short and sweet, because it's about the wall and honoring veterans," Bissey added.

"I always like speaking to veterans groups," Smyers said recently.

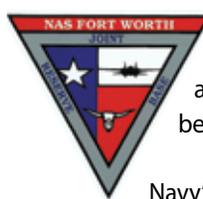
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Installation's Free Air Power Expo Just Weeks Away

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

Because 2011 marks the Centennial of Naval Aviation, NAS Fort Worth JRB's Air Power Expo on April 16-17 is expected to be spectacular.

"I'm excited about the all the demos," said Cmdr. Brian Parker, a Tactical Support Wing officer and the Air Show director. "It's really unheard of ... we'll have more than we've ever had, and more than we ever will ... the Centen-



nial is bringing out more than is usually allowed. It's going to be the biggest air show!"

The Blue Angels, the Navy's most prestigious pilots, will be just one of many demos that Parker, along with many others, can't wait to see first-hand.

"They are the culminating demonstration each day," he said of the Blue

Angels.

Last year, the VFA-204 River Rattlers from NAS Belle Chase, New Orleans, provided a six-aircraft show-of-force with pyrotechnics. Returning this year, they up their impressive demo by adding two more planes.

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

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Commemorative Flight



On March 25, Capt. T.D. Smyers, Air Force Brig. Gen. Bruce Miller, and Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief will fly in the only operational B-29 in existence to commemorate the first nonstop around-the-world flight.

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The Marines at MAG-41 were treated to a homemade breakfast by member of Shady Oaks Baptist Church.

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CAPTAIN'S LOG: A CENTURY IN RETROSPECT

BY CAPT. T.D. SMYERS

This year, Navy and Marine Corps flyers commemorate 100 years of flying with the worldwide Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) celebration. Of course, those of us on this joint base probably know, better than most, that the Army beat us all to the skies by two years when they stood up the Army Air Corps (now the U.S. Air Force)! CoNA gives us cause to reflect on how air power has changed the course of history, not only the history of our services, but also the history of our country and, consequently, the history of the world.

In order to help my kids get their heads around the history they're taught at school, I've found it useful to remind them that (in my opinion) human history is largely the history of conflict. Whether that conflict is between nations, religions, tribes, noblemen or species, conflict has shaped our globe since the dawn of recorded time. At key milestones along history's course, things have happened that



SMYERS

and the advent of naval warfare. In recent world history, it would be difficult to find something that impacted the course of human events than the arrival of flying machines as instruments of United States power projection, especially when those flying machines were capable of being brought within reach of enemy shores by enormous sea-going cities — America's carrier.

While it would seem that landlocked Fort Worth is a long way from the traditional coastlines we usually identify with naval force, NAS Fort Worth JRB will celebrate CoNA in a couple of BIG ways.

April will bring a Navy Week to Fort Worth for the first time in recent memory. Beginning April 11, this week will feature Navy

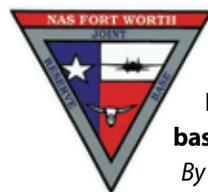
changed that course — things like the use of mounted soldiers, the casting of armor, the discovery of projectiles

Flag Officers speaking at events throughout the Metroplex; the Navy Band performing at venues in the Stock Yards and Sundance Square; and aviation-centered contests at our public schools, among other things. Navy Week will culminate in the largest airshow ever at our base, the 2011 Air Power Expo.

This year's Expo will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels for the first time in six years, as well as air-to-ground attack demonstrations, stunt pilots, the amazing F/A-18 E/F Superhornet flight demo, the AV-8B Harrier demo and many others, including more than 100 static display aircraft.

These events will be legendary, but another way we'll commemorate CoNA is more enduring. Sometime during the course of Navy Week, our new natatorium will be named in honor of Lt. j.g. Marshall Barnett, a North Texan and hero of the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Watch next month's *Sky Ranger* for more information.

There's never been a better time to be a Sailor or, for that matter, a Marine, Soldier, Airman or Guardsman, in North Texas! Hoo Yah! I can't wait!



CO's Suggestion Box

Install a credit union ATM on base.

By instruction, installations are authorized both a bank and a credit union.

We've dusted off this authorization and have included the pursuit of a credit union into our near term base services strategy. While it's still too early to tell what the footprint of the bank and credit union might look like, rest assured we're going to build it to provide optimum service to our war fighters — past, present and future.

Can we get a light mounted for the ensign?

For those of you in other services, the "ensign," in this context, is the U.S. Flag.

For years, it's been suggested that we light the ensign at night, rather than take it down at sunset and hoist it at 0800 each day. While the customs of our various services differ a bit, each service honors the flag in some similar observance as part of the daily routine, but many have begun lighting the flag so that it can be displayed at night, thus relieving the burden of performing morning and

evening "colors." While this would be an easy thing to do, and might even seem to make sense in this time of constrained human resources, we're just not going to do it.

There are some things that you just can't let go if the customs and traditions of our service are to continue to hold meaning. Colors is one of them.

I'll use the remainder of my space this month to let you know about something BEFORE it hits the Suggestion Box. You'll notice work at the front gate when you arrive in the morning. This work is the beginning of a project to modernize and renovate our main entry control point, both for function and appearance. I know you'll like the new sign and lighting. Let me know!





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Miller, Smyers Commemorate First Nonstop Around-the-World Flight

Flight that Departed from Fort Worth Made History

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

The notably rare WWII-era B-29 Superfortress bomber "Fifi" will take off from Carswell Field on March 25 to commemorate the first nonstop around-the-world flight in 1949, and Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, will be on board along with Air Force Brig. Gen. Bruce Miller, commander of the 301st Fighter Wing, and Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief.

That long-ago flight was meant to make an impression, and it did, said Bob Adams, president of the B-36 Peacemaker Museum and a retired USAF firefighter. Not only did that flight

improve American morale just years after the end of World War II, but it sent a clear message to the Soviet Union about America's capabilities at the beginning of the Cold War, Adams added.

With a crew of 14, Capt. James G. Gallagher took off from Fort Worth in a Boeing B-50 named *Lucky Lady II* – an updated version of the B-29.

This was actually the second plane to attempt the secret mission; the first, *Global Queen*, lost an engine and landed in the Azores. The next day, Feb. 26, *Lucky Lady II* took up the mission.

Lucky Lady II's flight, took 94 hours and one minute and cov-

ered 23,452 miles, while averaging a speed of about 250 m.p.h. *Lucky Lady II* was refueled in the air four times by tanker versions of the KB-29. *Lucky Lady II* returned to Carswell on March 2, 1949. It's historic flight, a secret no more.

Fifi, now stationed at Cavanaugh Flight Museum at Addison Airport, is the only operational B-29 in the world, Adams said.

"This is mainly to let the public know that something big happened here," Adams said of the commemoration flight by Smyers, Miller and Moncrief.

Fifi will arrive on base at 10 a.m. and will be parked in front



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB ADAMS

The only operational B-29 Superfortress bomber, *Fifi*, can now be seen at Cavanaugh Flight Museum at Addison Airport. She'll be on base on March 25 in celebration of the first nonstop around-the-world flight.

of Base Ops – close to the plaque that honors that first flight by *Lucky Lady II*, close to where the former air traffic control tower stood.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., Smyers, Miller and other dignitaries will speak about the historic

flight.

At about 1 p.m., Smyers, Miller and Moncrief will board *Fifi* and fly around Fort Worth.

Professional photographer Jay Miller will mark the event mid-air, taking aerial photo-

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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 coming April, the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard,

Navy and Marines at NAS Fort Worth JRB will be observing SAAM through special events and education in order to bring attention to

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

The theme for 2011 is a continuation of last year's theme: "Hurts One. Affects All ... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty." This theme reminds us of the negative consequences of sexual assault as having a ripple effect, starting with the victim and expanding outward to include families, friends, work colleagues, neighbors and increasingly larger parts of the population. The same can be said for the military. A sexual assault in the military not



only negatively impacts the victim and those around him/her, but it can also significantly diminish a unit's mission readiness.

So mark your calendars, and join us and the whole nation this coming April in a joint NAS Fort Worth JRB effort to increase awareness and prevent sexual assault. The whole base populace—civilian and military—are invited to participate in the following three special events:

GUEST SPEAKER

Alex C. Lewis, assistant U.S. attorney and federal prosecutor from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Fort Worth will talk about child sexual abuse and the Internet at the base theater on Wednesday,

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TEXADILLO CORNER: BASE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL



Aquatic Center Begins 'Baby & Me Water Awareness' Class

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

Aquatic Center Manager Luene "Lu" Rice will be teaching "Baby and Me: Water Awareness" classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of April.

The free classes, from 10 to 10:45 a.m., will focus on skills for children from 6 months old to 4 years old, Rice said. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

"The program is essential for water introduction and water safety," Rice said of the new class. "Studies have shown the older they are when they're introduced to water, the more difficult it is for them to get comfortable," Rice said.

Rice is a Lifeguard trainer, CPR trainer

and is also WSI [water safety instruction] certified by the American Red Cross. Rice, who has been on the job since mid-September, comes from a community-based, high school natatorium in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She's been involved in the swim-related industry for about 30 years.

The 313,687.5-gallon pool has two center-stripped lanes for swimming laps, a deep end reaching 12.5 feet, as well as a shallow area used for classes, water basketball or just floating.

The pool, heated to a constant 85 degrees, is open year-round, seven days a week and only closes for federally-recog-

nized holidays.

The pool operates from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for active-duty service members. Military cardholders have access to the pool Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on holidays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Depending on military status or activity, some pool visitors may be required to pay \$1 for pool use.

The pool is at Bldg. 3319, next to the childcare center, off Hensley Road.

For details on the Water Awareness class, or to register, call 817-782-1221 or 817-782-1220.



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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 new adult titles, books on CD and latest movies (rental is free).

March is National Women's Month: Materials are available about the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout the ages.

March 22: Texas Land Board Seminar at 11:30 a.m.

March 26: "Tribute to Abraham Lincoln" performed by Thomas Leach of the Civil War Center of Texas. The program will be about Lincoln the person, as told by one of his closest friends, and the marriage relationship of Lincoln and Mary Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Leach will be in period costume. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, and the Library has many new items about Lincoln, including a vintage six-volume set of Abraham Lincoln by Carl Sandburg, c. 1939. The program is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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Beginning March 1: Tickets now available for Fiesta Texas San Antonio, which opens March 5.

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.

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

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

March 12: Open House from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Don your green clothing and enjoy an evening of shenanigans with DJ Curly B. Complimentary snacks to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Door Prizes to lucky patrons.

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

VET CLINIC 1739 Eisenhower Ave. 817-782-5608

March 9, 23: The clinic will be open for the purchase of medications or to schedule appointments.

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

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

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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.

March 25: "Healthy Brown Bag Lunch & Nutrition Class" is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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.

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SAVE THE DATES

April 16-17: Air Power Expo 2011

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

April 22: Earth Day ... work with your command to help the environment. Recycling Manager Ron Estilow will announce events in next month's Sky Ranger.

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, canoeing and tricycle ride. Information and register at the Fitness Center (teams must have two males, one female or two females, one male)

Aquatics Center. Pick up a flyer at one of the above locations for additional information.

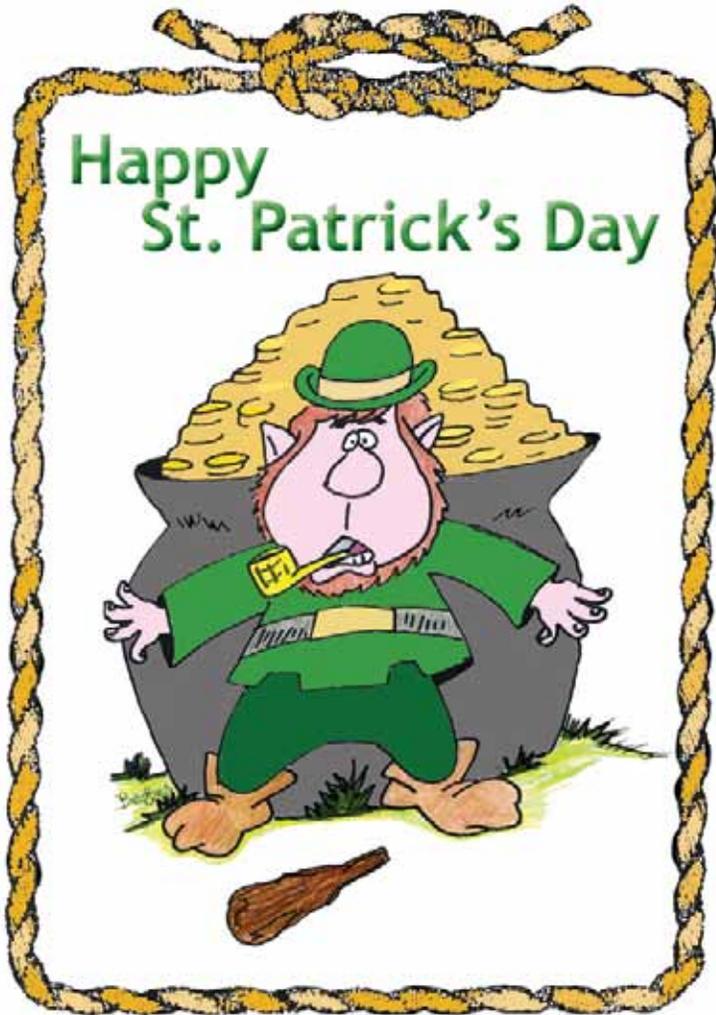
March 14: Putt Putt Tournament at Bldg. 1145 parking lot;

March 15: Basketball Shoot-out Tournament at court behind commissary;

March 16: Bike Ride along Trinity River; Meet at Bldg. 1145;

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Pool Party at Aquatics Center, Bldg. 3319; and

March 18: Bowling Party at TexPlex,, Bldg. 1815.



Chapel Prepares for Easter

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

Regularly scheduled church services will continue at the Robert P. Taylor Chapel, Bldg. 1838, for both Protestants and Catholics leading up to Holy Week, the week before Easter.

For Protestants, regular worship times include a Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. church service.

Tuesday's schedule includes a 10:30 a.m. Protestant Women's Bible Study.

Another Bible Study, open to everyone, is Wednesday at noon.

For Catholics, Confession is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. each Sun-

day; Roman Catholic Mass is at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

On Tuesdays, a 10 a.m. Rosary of Our Lady of Fatima is said.

Daily Mass is at 11:45 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and the first Friday of each month.

For people interested in Baptism, there will be a two week study preceding the Easter Service Baptism. The classes will be on Sunday, April 10 and 17 at 9:15 a.m. or Tuesday, April 12 and 19 from noon to 1 p.m. Both studies will be at the base Chapel.

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 will be on sale at ITT beginning April 4.

The following is a schedule ser-

vices leading up to, and including, Easter.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

March 9: Ash Wednesday service at 11:45 a.m.

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 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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- 1 large onion (sliced)
- 1 teaspoon of season salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Dash of red pepper flakes & black pepper
- 3 cups of beef broth (add enough water to cover beef/veggie mix)
- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 2 Tablespoons of cold water

DIRECTIONS

Add beef, beef broth, and seasonings in a deep dish pan. Add water if needed. Cover dish and place in a 250 degree oven. Cook for 4 hours. Place veggies in pan, cover again and continue to cook for another 3 hours. Combine flour and cold water to form a smooth mixture. Stir in beef mixture and cook for another 15 minutes at 375 degrees. Season to taste.

TexPlex employee Karen Lob serves up some beef stew made by Carrie Montelongo at the Texas Independence Day Parade. Montelongo's recipe appears at right.

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Navy Reserve Logistics Squadron Faces Possible Cut

BY CHRIS VAUGHN,
COURTESY OF THE STAR-TELEGRAM

Editor's Note: This article first appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Feb. 16. It is reprinted here by permission of the Star-Telegram.

Just two years after relocating to Naval Air Station Fort Worth, a Navy Reserve logistics squadron is threatened with shutdown by the Navy command and the president's budget.

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 46, as well as at least

two sister reserve squadrons in New Jersey and Maryland, are slated for decommissioning in the Defense Department's fiscal 2012 budget that was sent to Congress on Monday, Feb. 14.

Two squadrons fly the C-9 Skytrain, a 40-year-old version of the DC-9 airliner that is increasingly expensive to maintain and operate and has significant limitations. The president's budget calls for removing 10 C-9, five C-12 and two C-20 aircraft from the Navy Reserve's operations budget about

midway through the fiscal year.

"The Navy has led themselves down this road, where they think there is no alternative to decommissioning squadrons," said Ike Puzon, a retired Navy captain and the legislative director for the Association of the U.S. Navy in Virginia "They knew they needed to replace this airplane, but they had no roadmap to do it. We're now at a point where money is short, and the Navy has shortages in a lot of equipment."

With budget cuts looming across the entire federal government, the Defense Department

is facing its own shrinking funding. Numerous weapons programs are on the table for cancellation or reduction, including the Fort Worth-built F-35, and most of the services are trimming personnel from the ranks.

The Republican majority in the House, including U.S. Rep. Kay Granger of Fort Worth, may also find it hard to protect defense programs, given the pressure to cut spending and reduce the deficit.

LOSING EXPERTISE

VR-46, as the squadron is known within the military, has

about 150 full-time officers and sailors and 110 reservists who work part time. The squadron moved to Fort Worth in 2009 after Naval Air Station Atlanta was shuttered in the last round of base closures.

If the Navy does shut down VR-46 next year, it will leave one Navy flying squadron at the Fort Worth base, which already has a significantly greater number of Air Force and Marine aircraft.

Puzon said the Navy's recent decisions regarding its reserve forces are a legitimate threat to

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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 the month.

For details on the club or these events, contact Jean Bonner (817-246-9523) or Judy Corso (817-266-0167).

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al 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 detail, contact Jo Henry (817-283-0416).

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Interfaith Ministries presents: Narnia, Soup & Study: Part II in a two part-series 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 to the studies, Wednesday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 13, both at 5 p.m. The Chapel provides soup, bread and drinks, but people are welcome to bring side dishes or dessert for sharing.

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: Stress Management, Part II, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 14. 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, March 22 through Friday, March 25.

Work in Texas representative will be at Fleet & Family Support Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 22.

FFSC presents Life Skills: Anger Management from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16. Call 817-782-5287 for details.

Texas VA representative will be at FFSC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 and Thursday, March 24.

FFSC presents Life Skills: Money and Marriage for E1 through E4. Call 817-782-5287 for time and details.

FFSC presents Life Skills: Family Care from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 21. For information call 817-782-5287.

FFSC presents: Exception Family Member Program (GMT) Training on Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 3175. For information call 817-782-5287.

Attention Fitness Center Enthusiasts: The parking lot normally used by most gym users, the one 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. Parking for the Fitness Center will be available by building 1720 and in the lot behind the Fitness Center. Think of these few extra steps as part of your physical fitness routine.

The Traveling Wall, an 80 percent replica of the Vietnam Memorial, will come to Dutch Branch Park in Benbrook from March 30 to April 3. Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, will be one of the guest speakers on April 2. SEE STORY FOR DETAILS.

Catholic Lenten Studies: Every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning March 15 through April 19 at the base Chapel, Bldg. 1838.

Earth Day is April 22. Recycling Manager Ron Estilow will announce events in next month's *Sky Ranger*.

Moreland Hall, the base dining facility, is

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Celebrating Women's History Month

BY MC1 (AW/SW) MICHELLE SMITH

Editor's Note: This article originally appeared in the March 2010 issue of the Sky Ranger; it has been updated for this month.

This month marks the 31st Anniversary of Women's History Week, when then-President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the week into a month, which is National Women's History Month. This year marks the 24th annual observance of Women's History Month.

When you think about famous women throughout history do the following women come to mind: Margaret Corbin, Esther Voorhees

Hasson, Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa and Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester?

These women and countless others have served in the United States military from the time of the American Revolution to the present, but their accomplishments have either faded over time or have not been a part of history lessons.

"The history of women often seems to be written with invisible ink," according to a spokeswoman for the National Women's History Project. "Even when recognized in their own times, women are not included in the history books."

Still wondering about Corbin, Hasson, Piestewa, Hester and Hasson?

Wait no longer.

Margaret Corbin who became

known as "Captain Molly" was the first American woman to receive a military pension. During the defense of Fort Mifflin, her husband, John Corbin was killed at the cannon. Molly quickly took assumed his post and was wounded. The Continental Congress on July 6, 1779, granted her money equal to one-half pay drawn by a Soldier and one suit of clothes. She is buried at West Point Military Academy Post Cemetery.

Esther Voorhees Hasson, was one of more than 1,500 nurses who served with the Army in the Spanish-American War. Hasson was stationed on the hospital ship Relief during the war and became one of the first Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps in 1908.

Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa was one of the first woman deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom, after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Piestewa along with Spc. Shoshana Johnson and Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch became prisoners of war during the early days. Piestewa is the first servicewoman to be killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom and is also the first Native American servicewoman ever to die in battle.

In 2005, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, while serving in the Kentucky Army National Guard, became the first woman in history to be awarded the Silver Star for combat action. The other 12 recipients were nurses who were awarded for valor during World Wars I and II.

Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award Winners Named

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

The recipients of the Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Lodging Management for the calendar year 2010 have been announced, and NAS Fort Worth JRB's Navy Gateway Inn & Suites is among them.

Similar to hotel industry quality standard ratings, lodges are judged on facilities, service and finance to earn a 3-, 4- or 5-star rating. Management is accredited and evaluated sporadically on established performance standards.

From more than 70 national and international Navy Gateway Inn & Suites, 15 have been honored with the much-coveted 5-star rating.

"We just got notified, as a matter of fact, a few weeks ago," said Sherle Roberts, site manager of Gateway Inn, about winning the Zumwalt accreditation.

Roberts was ecstatic about winning the accreditation.

"It proves that all the work

we're doing isn't in vain," Roberts said.

"It's exciting ... this is our fourth Zumwalt accreditation," Roberts added. "It's very, very hard to get ... You earn points for certain sections (facilities, service and finance), but you can miss out with minor things, like being out of uniform or rooms not being up to standard."

To keep that from happening, Roberts said each housekeeper gets a 25-point check list to make sure standards are met.

"We also do a walk through and check," Roberts said. "We do the same for the front desk ... just kind of stand in the wings and make sure everyone is doing what they're suppose to be doing."

And the folks at Gateway are sure hitting the mark, because in addition to winning the Zumwalt accreditation, a housekeeper from here won the Housekeeper of the Year Award.

"We had one person who won

the Housekeeper of the Year: Susana Azucena. Her supervisor put her in for the award ... and that's an accomplishment because each of the 15 sites submitted several employees for each section or category," Roberts said.

Azucena has been employed here since June of 2008, according to Roberts.

While Roberts is proud of each employee, she points out that everyone has to do their part to make it work.

"This is a really great accomplishment, and it took a team to do it," Roberts said.

Navy Gateway Inn & Suites is focused on teambuilding, she said, "because if you can get everyone to participate in a team building day, you can get them to work together."

For the first time, Fort Worth has been chosen as the host city for the Zumwalt Awards Banquet.

It is set for March 31 at the Omni hotel in downtown Fort Worth.

AWARD WINNERS

The recipients of the Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for Excellence in Lodging Management for Calendar Year 2010 include the following facilities. This year, 15 installations achieved five-star ratings in all areas.

1. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER GULFPORT, MS.
2. NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST, FL.
3. NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, FL.
4. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NEW ORLEANS, LA.
5. NAVAL AIR STATION FORT WORTH JOINT RESERVE BASE
6. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY, FL.
7. NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.
8. NAVAL STATION MAYPORT, FL.
9. NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER, MD.
10. COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES CHINHAE, KOREA.
11. COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES SASEBO, JAPAN.
12. COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.
13. NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, JAPAN.
14. NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISAWA, JAPAN.
15. NAVAL BASE GUAM.

"It's open to everyone, so folks can bring their family," Roberts said. "Eric Gaines at CNIC is overseeing the program, and people can contact him for tickets. They're about \$53," she said.

WOMEN'S HISTORY QUIZ

America wasn't only shaped by the Founding Fathers; she had a little help from strong women throughout history. We all know the names and deeds of women such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, but there are plenty of other women who made a difference. Test your women's history mettle with this quiz.

1. What woman was the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature?
2. Who was the first woman to run for president of the United States (1872)?
3. Who opened up social work as a profession for women, and also won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her anti-war organizing work?
4. Who was the first woman Poet Laureate of the United States?
5. Who was the first "First Lady" to have developed her own political and media identity?
6. Who wrote the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment, in 1923?
7. Who was the first Black woman elected to Congress?
8. What leading suffragist was arrested and convicted of attempting to vote in the 1872 election?
9. What journalist traveled around the world in 72 days in 1890?
10. What woman was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class and then became the first licensed woman doctor in the U.S.?
11. What former slave was a powerful speaker for the rights of women and Black people?
12. When was the Equal Rights Amendment first introduced into Congress?
13. Who drove a stagecoach across the roughest part of the West without anyone knowing until she died that she was a woman?
14. Who was chairwoman of the board and publisher of *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* magazine, and also oversaw six broadcasting stations?
15. What woman was invited to teach nuclear physics at Princeton University, even though no female students were allowed to study there?

SEE PAGE 16 FOR THE ANSWERS.

Marines Enjoy Home Cookin'

Community Gives Back to MAG-41 with Breakfast

BY SGT. CHRIS T. MANN, MAG-41

Community members from Fort Worth took time to show gratitude to a group of Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing.

These Marines, like other service members aboard NAS Fort Worth JRB, spend countless hours training and preparing for missions for upcoming combat deployments worldwide.

In the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 12, several friendly Fort Worth neighbors took time to show their appreciation for MAG-41 Marines and the jobs they take part in by serving up a home-cooked breakfast.

"We really just enjoy cooking for the Marines, and this is our way of giving back to



PHOTO BY SGT. CHRIS T. MANN

Neighbors of the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base served breakfast to Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 41, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, during the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 12. Marines arrived early to eat a meal prior to the day's training.

the Marines for all the things they do for us," said James Hensley, director for Fleet Marine Forces Association and local Fort Worth resident. "This lets Marines know that people care



about them and want to do something to show appreciation."

Members of the Fort Worth Willow Park Baptist Church arrived on base at about 3 a.m. to set up gas-powered grills and other cooking equipment to accommodate early training schedules. Additionally, several tents and tables were also set up as a makeshift dining facility outside of the MAG-41 Headquarters building.

"This is a huge honor for the community to come and support the 1,800 Marines we have here on the base," said Sgt. Maj. Blaine H. Jackson, MAG-41. "We always welcome Fort Worth to take part in what is going on with the base, and this shows that some volunteers want to say thank you to Marines."

Despite early morning freezing weather, Willow Park Attendees were determined to complete their mission of serving Marines before the training schedules began that day. The residents brought large quantities of their own supplies and food to feed hungry Marines



PHOTO BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, prepares to sign his allotment supporting the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

NMCRS Kicks Off Fundraising

BY KATHLEEN BYNUM

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is kicking off its fundraising this month with several activities, including a Jail-n-Bail event and a 5K Fun Run.

"The Jail-n-Bail is a program that is designed to be a good fundraiser," said MA2 (SW) Jason Pruitt, who is helping coordinate the event. "For the NMCRS, this is the first time that this event has been created ... it involves morale amongst the Chain

of Commands from each organization on the base. What we have planned is to have an individual who is of rank (i.e. E-7 and above) to be detained and taken out of the working environment to the Court House (Bldg. 1815) and face judgment. Once the judgment is cast upon the individual, they will either pay their fine or if they can't afford to pay their fine they will receive a penalty

JAIL-N-BAIL

To participate in the Jail-n-Bail, call the following numbers:

- 817-782-3713
- 817-782-7232
- 817-782-7006

from the judge (i.e. work at the Main Gate, Galley, 1st Lieutenant, etc.)."

The Jail-n-Bail program is slated for March 23-24, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"I hope that you are nice to your people, or we will see you on the gate," Pruitt joked.

In addition to the Jail-n-Bail program, the NMCRS is planning a 5K Fun Run.

"Running towards the Goal," is set to begin at 11 a.m. on March 25 at Bldg. 1810. Runners may register for the event on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the base gym from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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BASE HAPPENINGS



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Above, a Health Fair inside the NOSC drill hall on Feb. 17 included several demonstrations from MWR including pilates and yoga. Other groups from around base, including the Library, the Aquatic Center, Medical and Dental were also on hand to give out health tips and other useful information. Librarian aide Stepheney Pollard, seated, shares information with a couple of visitors.



COURTESY PHOTO

Above left, ESGR sponsored the ESPN tailgate party in Hanger 1048 on Super Bowl XLV Sunday morning, Feb. 6. Various commands and military personnel were invited guests. **Below left**, Pilots from four squadrons including VFA 131 Wildcats, VFA 103 Jolly Rogers, VFA Puking Dogs and VFA 083 Rampagers out of NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va., performed the fly-over at Super Bowl XLV in Arlington on Feb. 6. The planes operated out of NAS Fort Worth for the big game.



COURTESY PHOTO



PHOTO BY MCSC MARIA R. ESCAMILLA



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Above left, Firemen and emergency medical technicians from Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base lift Yeoman Seaman Paulyn Z. Santiago, of Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Fort Worth, on a litter for transfer to a gurney. Santiago is playing the role of a surviving victim in the aftermath of a simulated attack by a gunman during an active shooter exercise at the NOSC. **Above right**, Under the watchful eye of a safety observer, security force members of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base pursue the gunman who fired simulated shots during an active shooter exercise at the Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth.



PHOTO BY MC2 (AW) BRADLEY DAWSON

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society recently joined the Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce. Members visited the NMCRS for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Front row, from left: Chamber member Frank Riley, NMCRS volunteer and Chamber ambassador Gary Mock, NMCRS Executive Director Sharon Zacharias, Commanding Officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB Capt. T.D. Smyers and Chamber member Theresa Riley. Back row, from left: Chamber members Jimmy Patel, Malcolm Upton, Sandy Dawson, Anil Patel, Kathie Barnett, Lori Gleason, Cynthia Hall and Renee Kolar.



PHOTO BY BOB ADAMS



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Above left, Capt. T.D. Smyers, commanding officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, sits atop a bull during the celebration of Texas Independence, March 2. **Above middle**, Lions Club member and former Mayor of River Oaks Jack Adkison drives with YN2 Ora Sorrell, Stephanie Martin and Rachel Wiggins in the Texas Independence Parade on base on March 2. The flag flying on the back of his vintage Jeep is the original 1836 Texas flag, according to Adkison. **Above right**, Lt. j.g. Christopher Grady, a chaplain at the Robert P. Taylor Chapel on base, participates in the armadillo races after the parade. In addition to the races, parade participants and visitors were treated to some authentic Texas beef stew and a chance to sit on a live steer.

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arriving for duty from areas in Texas and surrounding states.

Feeding Marines is no small task, as the volunteers soon found out. There are approximately 1,800 Marines with the Aircraft Group comprised of multiple squadrons. Marines began arriving at about 5:30 a.m.

Hensley, a native Texan, recalled his time he spent on active duty as a Marine Corps artilleryman stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I know what it is like being a Marine, I was a Lance Cpl. at one time with M 5/11 (M Company, 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division). "We like hanging out with Marines that is what we do."

Hensley and other community members have been cooking for Marines over the past four years. They prepare food during family days and other events the base hosts throughout the year for its service members.

This event demonstrates how Fort Worth community members take part in outreach and work with its neighboring military, giving back to its own.

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or the day of the event, according to Pruitt. For individuals, the registration fee is \$13; for groups registering, each participant will pay \$8.

In addition to the Jail-n-Bail and Fun Run, annual allotments, or pledges, are also being sought.

"The Active Duty Fund Drive is totally handled by active duty service members taking care of their own, and it is primarily based on allotments set up by the service members," said Sharon Zacharias, director of the NMCRS on base. "Allotments are great as the service member sets it up, and then it runs on its own. We recommend \$10/month which turns out to be \$5/paycheck - a relatively small amount. It adds up to a \$120 do-

nation which is more substantial and would be more difficult for a service member to give as a one-time donation. Service members or anyone really can make a donation to the society as a one-time cash (or check) donation, and since we are a 501(c)3, all donations are tax deductible."

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, founded in 1904, is a private, nonprofit, charitable organization which exists solely to support the active and retired communities of the Naval service, according to its Web site, www.nmcrs.org.

"This organization has helped out many people including myself in the past, and I am happy to say that they are the best," Pruitt said. "When I first arrived at NAS Fort Worth JRB, I had an issue with

my BAH not being set up, and the NMCRS assisted with me, giving me advanced BAH for the first month that I was here! I was so happy about these guys! And the best part about it was, it was an interest free loan."

With 250 offices ashore and afloat throughout the world, the organization's work is accomplished mainly by its 3,500 volunteers, supported by a small cadre of paid employees, Zacharias said.

The Society's mission is to provide - in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps - financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Service of the United States, their eligible family members and survivors, when in need; and to manage funds to administer these programs, according to www.nmcrs.org.

New 301st Force Support Squadron Forged from Old Units

BY SRA MELISSA HARVEY

The 301st Mission Support Squadron and Services Flight merged to become the 301st Force Support Squadron with Lt. Col. Kathryn Smith as the new commander during an assumption of command ceremony Feb. 12 at the Lone Star Center here.

Col. Linda McCourt, 301st Mission Support Group commander, officiated the ceremony.

"Often times, deactivations are sad because you're closing a chapter in military history but that is not the case in today's ceremony because this historic

merger will create synergy where the whole is greater than the sum," McCourt said.

The respective missions of the MSS and SVS flight, although different in some respects, are really the same, McCourt said. From personnel



records to education and training, retention and retirements, to billeting, to Morale, Wellness and Recreation, and unfortunately, but sometimes inevitably mortality affairs, their combined mission is the same, taking care of our airmen and their families.

The merger will "Enable the new 301st FSS to streamline processes, increase efficiencies, maximize customer service, and cut costs associated with main-

taining two separate organizations," McCourt said.

"The road ahead is busy and demands competent, strong leadership," McCourt said. "Lieutenant Colonel Smith has a wealth and breadth of knowledge, she is the right person for the job."

As the new commander of the 301st FSS, Smith agrees about the importance of combining the units.

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Reservists Honored at Wing's Annual Awards Banquet

BY LT. COL. DAVID KURLE

Six Citizen Airmen from the 301st Fighter Wing received awards Feb. 19 at the wing's annual awards banquet, held at the Fort Worth Hilton hotel.

Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, 301 FW commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr., presented the awards in front of approximately 400 people who enjoyed a formal meal and a live band in the hotel's ballroom.

Staff Sgt. Viviana M. Molina, from the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron, was named the wing's Airmen of the Year. She had recently been promoted to her new rank and earned the distinction while a Senior Airman.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Gibson, from the 301st Operations Support Flight, took home the award for 2010 NCO of the Year.

Master Sgt. Mary E. Staffeld, a member of the 301st Force Support Squadron, won Senior NCO of the Year for 2010.

Capt. Charles R. Delongchamp III, currently deployed overseas, was named the wing's Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2010. The captain is a reservist in the 301st Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. Sean P. Gouge, 301st Maintenance Squadron, was awarded the First Sergeant of the Year Trophy.

And, for exceptional community service, Senior Master Sgt. Reginald Taylor took home the Senior Master Sgt. Henry D. Green Award. Taylor is also from the 301st Maintenance Squadron.

Photos: Top left, Staff Sgt. Viviana M. Molina, center, receives the 301st Fighter Wing's 2010 Airman of the Year Award at the wing's annual awards banquet. Presenting the award is Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, left, 301 FW commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr. Molina is from the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron. **Top right**, Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, second from left, presents Senior Master Sgt. Reginald Taylor with the 2010 Henry D. Green Award at the 301st Fighter Wing's annual awards banquet Feb. 19 at the Fort Worth Hilton hotel. Miller is the 301st Fighter Wing commander and Taylor is from the 301st Maintenance Squadron. The Henry D. Green Award is presented annually to a reservist in the wing who exemplifies the trait of serving his or her community. Also presenting the award is Chief Master Sgt. Mark E. Godfrey, left, and the 301 FW's command chief master sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr., right. The wing presented six awards at the banquet. **Middle left**, Master Sgt. Mary E. Staffeld, center, accepts the 301st Fighter Wing's Senior NCO of the Year Award, Feb. 19, at the wing's annual awards banquet at the Fort Worth Hilton. Presenting the award is Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, left, 301 FW commander; and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr. **Middle right**, Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Gibson, center, is presented the 301st Fighter Wing's 2010 NCO of the Year Award. Presenting the award is Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, left, 301 FW commander; and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr. Gibson is a reservist from the 301st Operations Support Flight. **Bottom left**, Senior Master Sgt. Sean P. Gouge, center, accepts his award as the 301st Fighter Wing's 2010 first sergeant of the year. Gouge is the first sergeant from the 301st Maintenance Squadron. Presenting the award are, left, Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, 301st Fighter Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr. Gouge was one of six award recipients. **Bottom right**, Maj. James Dickey, center, accepts the 301st Fighter Wing's 2010 Company Grade Officer of the Year Award on behalf of Capt. Charles Delongchamp III, who was deployed the night of Feb. 19 at the wing's annual awards banquet. Presenting the award is Brig. Gen. Ronald B. Miller, 301 FW commander, left; and Command Chief Master Sgt. Elroy Combs Jr. Delongchamp and Dickey are from the 301st Logistics Readiness Squadron. The wing's Chiefs' Group planned and carried out the event.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. CHRIS BOLENI

Remembering the Fire

Bob Adams is a retired USAF firefighter who was based at Carswell Air Force Base and is a frequent contributor to the Sky Ranger. He is the president of B-36 Peacemaker Museum Inc. and an accomplished professional photographer as well.

BY BOB ADAMS

It was a cool night in March when I went out on ramp patrol at 7 p.m. I drove around the ramp for a boring three hours, not knowing that this would be a night that I'd always remember. I was sent over to stand by and watch a B-52 bomber while they uploaded nuclear bombs.

I was parked in front of the nose, but could not see in the Bombay because of security clearances. My job was to put out a fire with my patrol truck if one occurred. "Strategic Air Command" was very secretive, and everything was on a "need-to-know basis" and evidently someone did not think I needed to know.

Our job was to rescue B-52 crews, but we could not go into a B-52 bomber. (We learned where the crew members would be from a drawing in a book.) Because of heightened security while loading the bombs, they curtained off the loading area.

CURTAIN OF FOG

As the evening wore on, a heavy fog moved in. With an air policeman at my side, I went up to the curtain to stand fire guard. At 11 p.m., my relief radioed me that he could not find my location, so I turned my emergency lights on so he could locate my truck.

Once relieved, I headed back to the fire station, although finding it through the opaque veil of fog was a challenge. No sooner had I stowed my gear and shut

my eyes when the lights came on, signaling an emergency, but the bells did not sound. I figured the alarm man had hit the lights by mistake, which often happened.

However, a few seconds later, the bells went off again. The crew now on duty wasn't my regular crew, but they were one man short, so they assigned me to them. While putting on my bunkers in the truck I heard on the radio: "We have a report of a crash at the south end of the runway."

But no one knew where or what type of aircraft. We rolled out of the station, and I couldn't see a thing because of the thick fog. When we passed Building 1050 the big hangar, close to the active runway, I still couldn't see the fire. We turned onto the active runway heading south.

Even though I could smell JP-4 fuel burning, I still could not see a fire.

We drove off the end of the runway, then I heard the Chief say on the radio, "I have found the crash" and he called for mutual aid.

When that call goes out, all fire stations around the base will move at least one fire truck to the base to protect it while we fight the crash.

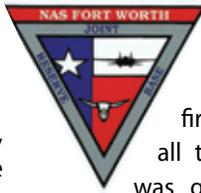
FIRE IN THE NIGHT

It was a few second later that I saw the aircraft. It was in large pieces scattered over the ground near the south end of the runway.

The debris could be found all the way back to Hwy. 183.

The aircraft was a KC-135. The tail had broken off and was sitting next to a large part of the fuselage with the wings attached, which was engulfed in flames. We were the last truck to the crash so the chief had us go to the rear of the aircraft by the tail to fight the fire and search for any people inside.

As my partner and I entered



the aircraft, the heat was intense and the fire was taking all the oxygen, so it was getting harder to breathe. We fought our way in about 15 feet. We knew that all we would find were bodies, as the aircraft had been burning for about 15 minutes even before we got there. No one could have survived in that part of aircraft.

I noticed that there was no foam coming off the top of the fuselage from our crash truck, so I thought it must be getting low on water and foam.

My partner and I were standing in hot debris, so I would stand like a chicken — one foot up at a time. Using hand signals, my partner and I decided to start backing out. But we were unable to do so because of the wires hanging down and all the debris.

I couldn't see very well out of the fire hood, so it was difficult to navigate our way out. I started to think we might be the ones that needed to be rescued.

Suddenly, I felt foam hitting my back and then a hand hit me on the back and someone was pulling me toward him. My regular crew chief and two buddies guided us out of the fire and debris of the aircraft.

After we got out of the fuselage, we were informed that everyone had gotten out of the aircraft and they were OK.

We continued to fight the fire for another hour from the outside. By the time we were done, the fog had lifted, and I could see the sky was full of stars.

PICTURE'S WORTH 1,000 WORDS

I'd become very tired and my nerves started taking charge. There was a piece of the tin roof from the building wrapped around the wing tip, so I used it to sit on, dropped my bunker jacket and fire hood next to me and put the fire hose over my lap. I started



PHOTOS COURTESY OF US AIR FORCE

Between the cockpit and the fuselage is where Bob Adams and his partner entered the fire. Although the Air Force lost an aircraft, the air crew sustained minor injuries and the crash crew had none. Photos of the burned out K-135 were taken the following day.

to shake from nerves, so I reached into my pants pocket, found a cigarette and lit it.

I was sitting there, relaxing, when a bright flash went off. It was a camera man shooting a photo of me. Then he said, "Should you be doing that? It could start a fire."

I guess I was tired and a little bit of a smart aleck, so I told him, "I just put the damn thing out. I can sure do it again."

He said, "OK and walked off."

He was from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Weeks later, they came by the fire station and tried to sell us the photos for \$5 each. But, that was a lot of money back then, so I passed. I sure wish I had some of those photos now.

My partner came over and said, "That was fun!"

I said, "Yeah!"

Then, I started thinking, where was our crew chief? I asked him if he had seen the crew chief, and he said, "no."

We put our gear back in the truck and headed back to the station. After cleaning the foam off the truck in the wash rack, it was ready to go again. I was ready for

the sack.

Back at the station, we didn't see the crew chief, so I asked if he got hurt. No one knew. It was 4 a.m. now, and I wanted to get some rest. I knew I could find out later. I hit the sack, but could not sleep.

I got up about 5 a.m., had breakfast, then went to the barracks.

RUMORS AROUND

The next shift, I was back on my own truck and I found out the crew chief had stayed in the truck and used the turrets. The driver would usually do that if the truck did not have a turret operator. Most trucks, during that time, did not have one because the Air Force was cutting personnel.

We found out later that the driver told the crew chief he should help us fight the fire, and he would operate the turrets. But, the crew chief stayed in the truck and turned off the turrets that were protecting us.

The driver told the crew chief to put the turrets back on the fuselage as our people were in

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PHOTO BY MC2 (AW) BRADELY DAWSON

Jan Collmer, who has flown in as many as 40 airshows, flies his German-built Extra 300L at last year's air show.

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

Extreme aerobatic pilot Jason Newburg will fly his Pitts Viper, and Tim Weber will be flying his



PHOTO BY MC2 JAMES R. STANLEY JR.

The U.S. Navy flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, fly over San Diego Harbor during the kick off of the Parade of Flight, an air show showcasing historic and current Naval aircraft in celebration of the Centennial of Naval Aviation. The Navy is observing the Centennial of Naval Aviation with a series of nationwide events celebrating 100 years of heritage, progress and achievement in naval aviation, including the Air Power Expo on board NAS Fort Worth JRB.

German-built Extra 300S.

Jan Collmer will fly his German-built Extra 300L, and the Trojan Phylers will demonstrate their vintage T-28B aircraft.

"It's four solid hours of air demonstrations, we couldn't add more if we wanted to," Parker joked.

Beyond the dramatic air demonstrations, static displays will also be on hand.

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

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).

The static aircraft on hand will include vintage aircraft such as the FG-1D Corsair, AD-5 Skyraider, N254 Stearman, FM-2 Wildcat, SB2C Helldiver, OE-1 Bird Dog, PV-2 Harpoon and SNJ Texan. That's really just the beginning.

Look for the Army's UH-60 Blackhawk, UH-47 Chinook, C-12 Huron and AH-64 Apache.

From the Navy, check out the 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 and SH-60 Seahawk.

"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 Air Force will show off its A-10 Thunderbolt II, C-130 Hercules, F-15C Eagle, F-15E Strike Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-135 Stratotanker, T-6 Texan II, F-22 Raptor, B-52 Stratofortress and T-38 Talon.

The Marines will show its F/A-18C Hornet, F/A-18D Hornet, AV-8 Harrier, C-130 Hercules, AH-1 Cobra and UH-1 Huey.

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

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

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April 6 from 1 to 2 p.m.

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 BX for the 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Friday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to noon. Event will start at the fitness center.

For any questions, contact the SAAM events POC, 301 FW/SARC, at 817-782-3827.

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For military veterans, retirees and those still serving in the military, the Web sites listed below provide information on Veteran's benefits and how to ask for them. These sites have been reviewed by Navy Legal and have been cleared for publication. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to

every Veteran you know. Nearly 100 percent of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

WEBSITES:

Appeals

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc

Board of Veteran's Appeals

www.va.gov/vbs/bva/

CARES Commission

www.va.gov/vbs/bva/

CARES Draft National Plan

www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105

Center for Minority Veterans

www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/

Center for Veterans Enterprise

www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm

Center for Women Veterans

www1.va.gov/womenvet/

Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans

www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html

Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Association

www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html

Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6%20/ch07.doc

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03

www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page

www.va.gov/

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations

www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp

www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm

Due Process

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc

Duty to Assist

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/

Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care

www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf

Environmental Agents

www1.va.gov/enviroagents/

Environmental Agents M10

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315

EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU)

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC and www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158

See also, Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc

EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR NON-GULF

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc

WAR VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU)

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook130340304.DOC

Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005

www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf OR www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm

Forms and Records Request

www.va.gov/vaforms/

General Compensation Provisions

www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchapteri_.html

Geriatrics and Extended Care

www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/

Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG

www.oqpmc.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm

Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHlgulfwar.pdf

Gulf War Subject Index

www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A

Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As

www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandA1B1041.pdf

Hearings

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Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings

www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC

Mental Health Program Guidelines

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094

Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers

www.mirecc.med.va.gov/

MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence

www.va.gov/ms/about.asp

My Health e Vet

www.myhealth.va.gov/

NASDVA.COM

<http://nasdva.com/>

National Association of State Directors

www.nasdva.com/

National Center for Health Promotion

www.nchdpd.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp

Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings

www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc

OMI (Office of Medical Inspector)

www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/

Online VA Form 10-10EZ

www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/

Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders

www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf and www1.va.gov/padrecc/

Peacetime Disability Compensation

http://www.frwegate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131

Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death

www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteri_.html and www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapterii_.html and www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteriii_.html

Persian Gulf Registry

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003

This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005:

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232

Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress

www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress

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Phase I PGR

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Phase II PGR

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www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm

Power of Attorney

www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc

Project 112 (Including Project SHAD)

www1.va.gov/shad/

Prosthetics Eligibility

www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337

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www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/

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Publications Manuals

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REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS
www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-form.xft
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002
www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc
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Research and Development
www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm
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www.vetapp.gov/
VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20

final%206.pdf
VA Fact Sheet
www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html
VA Health Care Eligibility
www.va.gov/healtheligibility/home/hecmain.asp
VA INSTITUTING GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTION (GAF)
www.avapl.org/gaf/gaf.html
VA Life Insurance Handbook A--" Chapter 3 www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLLhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#310
VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans
http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm
VA MS Research
www.va.gov/ms/about.asp
VA National Hepatitis C Program
www.hepatitis.va.gov/
VA Office of Research and Development
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VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War
www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp
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Vet Center Eligibility - Readjustment Counseling Service
www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm
Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page
www.vba.va.gov/
Veterans Legal and Benefits Information
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VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals
<http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/>
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VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page
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VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans A--(tm) Health http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp
Vocational Rehabilitation
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www.illegion.org/va1.html

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the base during the next round of closings and realignments. In 2007, the Navy decommissioned the Fort Worth-based Strike Fighter Squadron 201, an F/A-18 Hornet unit that was widely considered one of the jewels of the Navy Reserve.

"There is a lot of aviation and military experience in Dallas-Fort Worth, and instead of keeping that expertise, the Navy wants to decommission squadrons there," he said. "Once you lose that manpower and equipment, you'll never get it back. Honestly, the Navy can't seem to decide whether it wants a reserve air force component or not."

The commander of VR-46, Cmdr. Joe Marinello, a Delta Air Lines pilot and longtime Navy reservist, said that he has informed his sailors and officers that it is a distinct possibility they will cease

missions next spring.

"I continue to talk with them about continuing to focus on safely flying and operating our aircraft," Marinello said. "We can't let this process affect the way we do business. We need to let the decision-makers do what they do, and we need to do what we do, which is fly critical manpower and material around the world."

SLOW TO CHANGE

A spokesman with the Navy Air Forces command in San Diego said the Navy "is committed to working more efficiently and cost-effectively in this resource-constrained environment."

The C-9 is being replaced by the Boeing C-40 Clipper, which is a military version of the Boeing 737. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 59, also based in Fort Worth, flies C-40s.

But observers of the Navy have said that the service has been buying them so slowly —

one every year or two — that it became the fastest and cheapest route to just shut down C-9 squadrons. No C-40s are in the budget until 2014.

"It's always been an easy area to cut from the budget," said retired Capt. Richard Tedmon, who recently commanded the Navy's logistics squadrons.

Tedmon, who commanded the wing from Fort Worth, consistently pushed for the Navy to make VR-46 a C-130 Hercules squadron, which he said the Navy needs badly. The base has a Hercules simulator school, he said.

"It doesn't make a whole lot of sense to have a C-40 squadron and a C-9 squadron co-located," Tedmon said. "It makes much more sense to have a C-130 squadron in Fort Worth. The Navy needs more 130s. They need to keep VR-46 because if they shut it down, they'll never be able to re-establish the squadron, not in our lifetime anyway."

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graphs from another aircraft.

Adams has been instrumental in bringing the history of aviation to Fort Worth residents. In January, he and many other flight enthusiasts from the B-36 Peacemaker Museum, the Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation and the OV-10 Bronco Association, gath-

ered near Montgomery Plaza, the site of city's first flight back in 1911. It was in that field where the Plaza is now that a French pilot named Roland Garros gave Fort Worth residents a first-hand view of his Bleriot monoplane in flight.

Residents and service members alike can expect more events as the several aviation museums continue to celebrate the centennial of Naval aviation.



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A plaque mounted behind Ops, close to where the former Air Traffic Control Tower stood, describes the historic flight of Lucky Lady II, the first aircraft to fly nonstop around-the-world in 1949. In the background, the new Air Traffic Control Tower can be seen.

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| 1. Toni Morrison (b. 1931) | name Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman |
| 2. Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927) | 10. Elizabeth Blackwell |
| 3. Jane Addams (1860-1935) | 11. Sojourner Truth |
| 4. Rita Dove (b. 1952) | 12. 1923 |
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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.

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NAS Fort Worth Fire, ESD Responds to Nearly Overturned Grater



NAS Fort Worth Fire crews responded to a call for what was dispatched as a head injury on taxiway Fox-trot on Feb. 21.

NAS Engine 2 and Medic 1 responded to the medical emergency.

Upon the arrival of the Engine and ambulance, firefighter/paramedic Douglas Wooden and firefighter/EMT Brent Blackmon realized that they would need additional assistance when they found the 56-year-old operator of the asphalt grater lying in an unknown fluid that was coming from the grater.

Additional Fire Department resources were called out to assist in the stabilization of the asphalt grater while the patient

was being removed. Other construction workers on the scene said that the fluid on the ground was water. Assistant Chief Samson De Sessa was the overall scene commander.

Witnesses state that the operator of the asphalt grater was in the process of moving the boom and encountered some difficulty.

Witnesses said another worker had disconnected a hydraulic hose in order to move the boom manually when the entire grater lost hydraulic power, nearly tipping over and throwing the operator approximately 16 feet. The operator landed on his head.

The patient was transported to a local trauma receiving facility where the patient was listed in stable condition.

—Staff Report

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The Traveling Wall, an 80 percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., spans 380 feet and contains all 58,253 names of American military service members who lost their lives in the conflict.

"I've seen the original in D.C., and it's an awesome thing to behold ... the tragic way it's so large in scope," Smyers said of the Wall.

Bissey said about 15 city employees will help AVTT employees to get the displays ready for the public. The Wall usually visits about 25 cities throughout the U.S. annually.

In addition to the Traveling Wall, other exhibits include Vietnam era artwork, the Walk of Heroes Collection, a WWII Tribute Collection, a Korean Tribute Collection, a 9/11 Tribute Collection and a Gold Dog Tag Collection, Bissey said.

The Gold Tag Collection is a "one-of-a-kind tribute honoring those who have fallen

and to which there is not currently a memorial for their honor and remembrance," according to the AVTT Web site. Each of the gold tags is inscribed with a service member's full name, branch of service, rank and date and location of casualty. This tribute is constantly updated so it is accurate at each event.

Additionally, copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence will be exhibited, as will a compilation of all U.S. presidents, from founding father George Washington to sitting President Barack Obama.

Visitors will also see a presentation honoring firefighters and law enforcement.

Dutch Branch Park, 1899 Winscott Road, will host the Benbrook event. "It's right off of 377," Bissey said, "so it's easy to find."

AVTT is funded through donations, sponsorship fees and the sale of merchandise at event. The event is free and open to the public. For details, see www.avtt.org/2011/benbrooktx.html.



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A Solider's Field Cross is shown at one of the public tours of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute. The Tribute tours all across America, giving those who can't get to Washington, D.C., a chance to see the 80 percent replica of the Vietnam Memorial.



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"Air Force-wide, they put things together that made sense," Smith said.

Challenges the new squadron will face include bringing both groups together so it feels like a team, consolidating functions and streamlining additional processes, Smith said.

"To the men and women of the 301st FSS, I charge you with providing quality customer service while striving for continuous improvement in your specialized area of expertise," she said. "Our focus for the next 18 months is to polish our war fighting skills to demonstrate our operational readiness."

Smith is not new to the challenge the position brings, she



PHOTO BY SRA MELISSA HARVEY

Col. Linda McCourt, left, 301st Mission Support Group commander, and Lt. Col. Kathryn Smith, 301st Force Support Squadron commander, officially activate the 301st FSS during an assumption of command ceremony Feb. 12 at NAS Fort Worth JRB. The 301st FSS is comprised of both the 301st Mission Support Squadron and Services Flight.

previously led the 610th Services Flight as their commander.

"This is the birth of the 301st

FSS, and I am proud to lead its men and women into the fight,"

Smith added.

....REMEMBER THE FIRE
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there. He still would not, and told the driver that they were wasting foam. The driver kicked him out of the truck, literally, with his foot and started foaming the aircraft again to keep the fire off us.

We never saw the crew chief again, but we heard later that he had been transferred to England and cross-trained into another career field. I don't know if that is what happened, but we never heard of him again.

We found out later that the aircraft was the last of seven KC-135s to land, but the fog moved in and he did not have enough fuel to go anywhere else. He came in on instruments, (GCA) but he decided Hwy. 183 was the runway, and told control he

was going to touchdown. Then, he saw the power lines and tried to pull up, but it was too late. His left wing tore the roof off a Highway Patrol building, and then he crashed and never made it to the south end of the active runway.

A couple of months after the crash, they let us hear the aircraft recording.

One crew member broke his ankle and one had a small degree of burns, but fortunately everyone else got out with little harm.

Later, we went out to the crash site to standby while they blew the wings off the aircraft, so it could be moved for further investigation. When it blew, a local radio station (KXOL) came on the air with an inaccurate report: "Another aircraft had just crashed at Carswell AFB."



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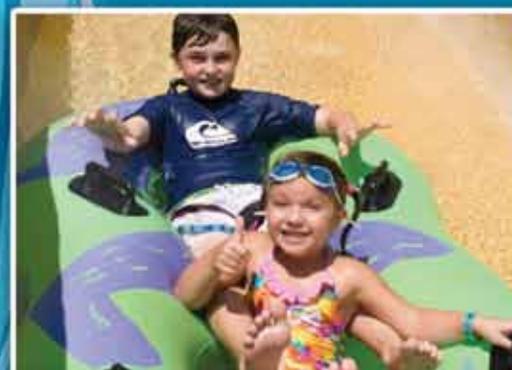
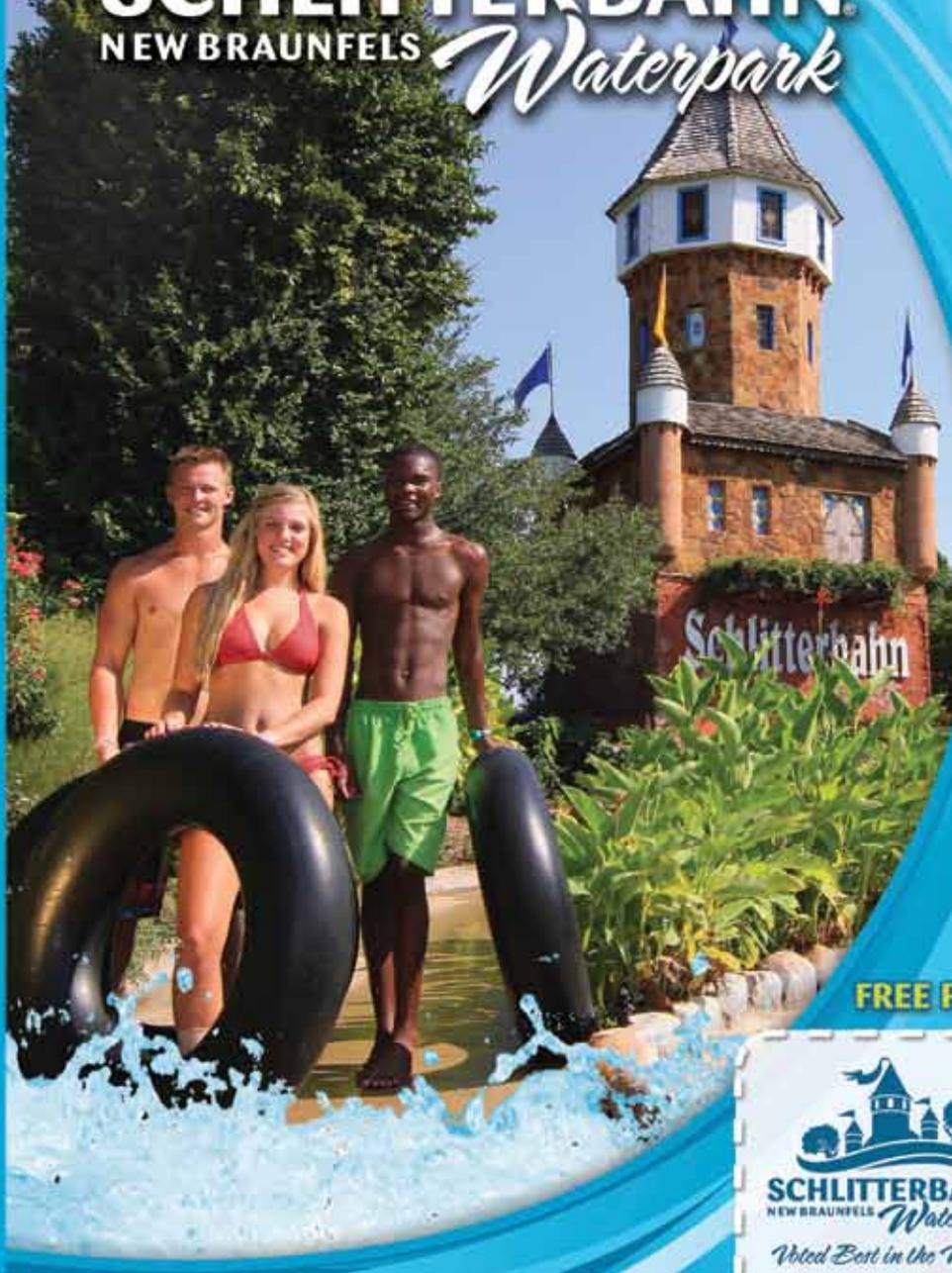
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