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## Dunaway commands CCAD; Sassenrath retires to Boeing

by Jamey Giddens, CCAD Publicist



Dunaway

He and his wife always thought it would be neat to get an assignment near the beach.

"My wife (Anita) and I were joking the other day of how we used to wish for an assignment near the beach. Of course, we were 20 years younger then, so it's kind of ironic," said Colonel Joe Dunaway, incoming Commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot, with a laugh.

Dunaway assumes Command of Corpus

Christi Army Depot on July 6. He comes to CCAD from the Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) in Springfield, Va., where he served as Deputy Director for the Officer Personnel Management Directorate since 2005. Dunaway is a 1985 ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate from Northeastern Oklahoma University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. He holds a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy with a concentration in Supply Chain Management.

"This is really an amazing opportunity," said Dunaway. "I've worked in aviation maintenance my entire career. I've deployed as a part of an aviation unit and have otherwise had the opportunity to work throughout the spectrum of aviation maintenance, so I am definitely excited to be coming here to CCAD, the Army's only aviation depot."

Dunaway brings with him more than two decades of broad-range aviation maintenance experience to CCAD and hopes to utilize his unique training, education and skill set to maintain the stellar achievements of CCAD in recent years, while continuing to attain the next level of excellence.

"CCAD has had tremendous success in recent years," said Dunaway. "Tim Sassenrath has done a great job. I've known Tim for a while. He and the CCAD Team have done some amazing things. I want to continue in that vein. I want to maintain the level of support for the Joint Services Warfighter and do whatever it takes to get CCAD to the next level, making sure that CCAD's employees, as well as the community, are fully vested in our future."

Outgoing Commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath's vision for the depot has been to maintain its distinction as the premier facility for aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul within the DoD, while continuing to posture the depot to obtain private industry workload. Dunaway professed a strong commitment to ISO-focused quality management, Lean Six Sigma and continuing Col. Sassenrath's vision.

"CCAD has obviously been quite successful in focusing on certification into the ISO family of standards," said Dunaway. "I couldn't be more privileged than to come into a facility that has the distinction of being the first in the Department of Defense to be certified to the AS9110 Standard. Lean Six Sigma is a great tool as well. There is always more room for Lean. The challenge is finding where those opportunities for excellence are. A focus on quality and Lean Six Sigma has helped CCAD do a lot of great things and will continue to do so."

Dunaway said taking the helm of CCAD during wartime provides him with an organization, community and industrial base that are more highly attuned to the mission at hand.

"In wartime, the industrial base and everything we have supporting the war is pretty significant," said Dunaway. "There are a lot of moving pieces that aren't normally engaged in peacetime that are engaged now. There is a much more deliberate focus to supporting the forces abroad, the troops and the equipment, and make sure



Sassenrath

they have what they need to complete the mission. This is good for the troops we are supporting and for the men and women of CCAD. As a leader, I plan to focus on encouraging personal commitment, individual drive and team success in order to help CCAD continue to do its part for the Warfighter."

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## Cassidy bids farewell to VT-31; Shipley takes the helm in 'Wise-Owl' country

by Capt. Andy Smith, VT-31 Public Affairs Office



Cassidy

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Wise Owls of VT-31 bid farewell to their Skipper, Cmdr. C.J. Cassidy, as he relinquished the post to Cmdr. Joe Shipley. Cassidy became VT-31's 47<sup>th</sup> Commanding Of-

ficer on July 28, 2006 and will now travel to Washington D.C. There, he will attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

"This has been one of the best tours of my career" said Cassidy. "The students and instructors with whom I dealt every day are second to none and that made my job easy."

Cassidy is a native of Southern California. He attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, R.I., and entered the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., with the Class of 1987. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Science, he entered flight training in Pensacola, Fla. He received his "Wings of Gold" as a United States Naval Aviator in 1989.

His first squadron tour was with the "Batmen" of Patrol Squadron Twenty-Four (VP-24) stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. While in VP-24, Cassidy completed Cold War deployments to Sigonella, Sicily and Keflavik, Iceland. He also was Mission Commander for the crew chosen to participate in the UNITAS exercise in South America, and numerous detachments to Key West, Fla., to aid in the War on Drugs. After VP-24, Cassidy received orders to be the Aide to the Chief of Naval Technical Training in Millington, Tenn. He then went on

to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Acoustics. Following Postgraduate school, he received orders as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer ("Shooter") on board the USS George Washington (CVN-73). While on the George Washington he completed two Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployments.

Cassidy's next squadron tour was with the "Pelicans" of Patrol Squadron Forty-Five (VP-45) stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. While in VP-45, he completed a deployment to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico/Panama/Ecuador to support anti-drug operations and served as the squadron Operations Officer during their deployment to Sigonella, Sicily during the war in Bosnia. Cassidy then received orders to Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing One (CPRW-1)/Commander Task Force Seventy-Two/Commander Task Force Fifty Seven (CTF-72/57) in Kami Seya, Japan. While on this operational, forward-deployed staff, he served as the Wing Exercise Officer, and Wing Maintenance and Logistics Officer. As the Wing in command of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets in both Fifth and Seventh Fleets, Cassidy's area of responsibility took him throughout Pacific Command, and



Shipley

included direct involvement in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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## From The Skipper

### And the rocket's red glare...

by Capt. T.E. Coolidge

I know yesterday was a great day for all and I want to share a short story about some impressive Soldiers. They did something quite simple, but it made an impression on me.



Coolidge

First, I'd like to offer congratulations to my good friend, Col. Tim Sassenrath and his wife Linda. Tim is the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) Commander and will retire from the US Army this week after 26 years of faithful service. I offer congratulations, too, to another friend named Tim—Lt. Col. Tim Orner and his wife Robyn. Tim is the Commander of the Defense Depot, Corpus Christi and will retire from the US Army next week after 20 years

of faithful service. I appreciate both Tim's and their wives for the great work they've done in the Army and aboard NASCC and for serving this great country of ours!

Okay, now back to our regularly scheduled column. I heard this story from a Chaplain who had recently served in Iraq. There was to be a showing of "Superman 3" at LSA Anaconda, a large US base near Balad, Iraq. In the auditorium used for movies, memorial services, etc., a mostly Army crowd gathered. As you would expect at a military installation, all would rise and stand at attention for the playing of the National Anthem before the feature movie.

All began well and then the music stopped. From what I've experienced at the theaters on the few bases, if this were to occur, someone would laugh or make cat calls or some other type of noise in complaint...if the audience of youngsters and grownups stood at all during the music.

At LSA Anaconda, there was only quiet as

everyone remained proudly at attention. The music started again and then, at the same spot as before, it stopped. Then, a lone Soldier began to sing the remaining refrains, "and the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air..." and then a dozen voices joined in, "gave proof through the night," and then everyone sang, "that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave - o'er the land of the free - and the home of the brave."

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm amazed and impressed with the individuals we have serving in the military today. As I heard that simple story, my heart filled with pride for those Soldiers, their service and their respect for our National Anthem.

I'm proud of all of our Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen. Thanks for serving! I look forward to learning more "simple" stories of uncommon patriotism for my column in next year's 4th of July issue. In the mean time, I'll see ya on the beach!

## Chaplain's Column

### The Driver's Ten Commandments

by Chaplain Chin Van Dang

A little boy was usually driven to school in great haste by his father. But one day, his mother drove him. After a few peaceful minutes, the little boy asked, "Mom, where are all the bastards, idiots, damn fools, crazy nuts, and S.O.Bs.?"

"Oh," replied his mother, "they only come out when your father's driving!"

Every morning, I notice a company of NASCC personnel approaching the base in a hurry. I wondered if they were coming to work in peace or with war in their minds. Some of them were driving furiously. I know you have experienced this yourselves. Some people may indeed be late to work, some may have personal struggles on their minds, some may find another driver's habits to be very annoying, or it may be another reason that causes people to be less than safe in their driving habits.

The irony for me is that I have hardly ever met a rude person in all my face-to-face

interactions with people. Put some of these same people behind the wheel of a car or truck and they drive as though they think the car makes them invisible. They drive furiously. But, our interaction behind the wheel is not anonymous...

Two motorists met on a bridge too narrow for two cars to pass.

"I never back up for an idiot," shouted one driver.

"That's all right," said the other driver as he shifted into reverse, "I always do."

The Vatican has recently published "The Drivers' Ten Commandments for our driving behaviors: 1) You shall not kill. 2) The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm. 3) Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events. 4) Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents. 5) Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination,

and an occasion of sin. 6) Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.

7) Support the families of accident victims. 8) Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness. 9) On the road, protect the more vulnerable party. 10) Feel responsible toward others.

If those 10 Commandments for Drivers cannot restrain your furious driving, then maybe the following songs could slow you

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## Security Column

### Security is everyone's responsibility

by MACS (SW) Brad Volkmer, Security Leading Chief Petty Officer, Antiterrorism Officer

Hardly a day passes in which there is not some sort of story on the national newsfront related to terrorist activity within our own borders. What seems to be the most disturbing and developing trend in these stories, however, is an increase in "suspicious activity" and "persons of interest" that seem to be surfacing.

As members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel who work on a military installation, we've probably all heard the old adage "security is everyone's job" more times than we care to recall. I'm sure by now everyone has also heard of the "Fort Dix Six" and their foiled plans, but what we may not have picked up on is just how perfect an example of the old adage that situation truly is.

In January of 2006, an 8MM tape was delivered to a Circuit City store with a com-

mon request to have the tape converted to DVD. Circuit City alone processes thousands of such requests daily without any second thoughts. The clerk processing the request, probably bored out of his wits, noticed something on the video that caught his attention. It wasn't terrorist related rants, or even illegal activity, but rather a group of young men at a shooting range firing weapons. What the clerk found unusual was the paramilitary style of both the group's actions and the types of weapons they were using. Instead of ignoring it, fortunately this clerk spoke to family and friends and decided to report the incident to local police the following day. This triggered an investigation by the FBI that lasted for more than a year and led to the arrest of the "Fort Dix Six." If not for this one person acting on his instinct that something just wasn't quite right, this story could have taken a totally different direction and set the precedent for further stateside attacks against the military.

History has shown that while terrorists may frequently change their tactics, certain aspects of their operations remain constant. Investigations of past successful attacks re-

veal that attackers consistently engage in lengthy periods of surveillance and probing of the security that is in place prior to conducting their attacks. While we are constantly emphasizing the importance of a proactive approach in anti-terrorism efforts, our security forces are often too involved in day-to-day operations to take in all that is going on around them.

Our security force makes up less than ninety of the thousands of personnel who transit to and from, and work on the installation daily. Those thousands of eyes and ears are exactly what's needed to successfully detect and prevent a terrorist attack from occurring.

Just as in the case of the Circuit City clerk, if your gut instinct suggests that something just isn't quite right, it probably isn't, don't be afraid to report it. The 9/11 Commission Report suggests multiple points during the pre-attack planning stages of the September 11th attacks at which eyebrows were raised, but authorities were not notified. Hind-sight is 20/20, but it makes one wonder whether the towers could still be standing today.

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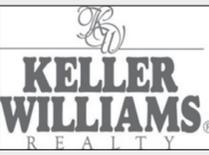
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## Reserve nurse pitches in at NHCC during deployment peak

by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs Officer

Last summer, 25 percent of Naval Hospital Corpus Christi's active duty staff was deployed. July and August 2006 were the busiest months for 44 members preparing to join 25 others who were already overseas, all in support of Global War on Terror missions. Despite this critical war fighting readiness, the remaining staff continued to deliver superior beneficiary service, due to naval reservists' help. According to the hospital's Director for Administration, Lt. Cmdr. Gerard J. Woelkers, MSC, the 23 reservists mobilized for duty during that time frame were invaluable in supplementing various NHCC departments and clinics.

"Without mobilized reservists," Woelkers acknowledged, "we would be unable to provide the continuity of quality health care that our beneficiaries are accustomed to receiving."

Each of the corpsmen, doctors or nurses, figured into the NHCC staff equation with a common denominator: contribute to the team effort. Lt. Cmdr. Jeffery Jack, USNR, was one of those nurses.

Activated for nearly a year, he left his intensive care unit duties at the Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center in Wichita, Kansas in Aug. 2006 to pitch in. Jack said he wanted to do whatever he could to help, so it is no wonder that he welcomed his Pediatrics assignment and immersed himself in carrying out clinic manager duties. From the start, he realized what an exceptional group of medical professionals he worked with. But what impressed him most was their unity, something he described as a "real sense of family, going beyond any team."

Jack's appreciation for and focus on harmony, and a family kind of atmosphere in his new Navy surroundings, is not difficult to understand. His dad is a Vietnam era Navy veteran, his twin brother is also a Navy Nurse, and his younger brother was a Navy Corpsman. But his wife, Heidi, and their two children provided the inspiration for him to absorb himself in active duty service. They packed up, left Clearwater, Kansas, and accompanied him to Texas for the duration, "without a second thought," he proclaimed.

"We homeschool our children and are a very close family. We weighed out all the options and it seemed like it would work financially," he said. And because he enjoys making rustic furniture in his spare time, he made all of the family's furniture after they arrived in Corpus Christi.

Jack's appreciation for his family's support is evident. He adds that Heidi's initial surprise gave way to gratitude for an assignment that kept him out of harm's way, and "the kids were excited when they found out that [Corpus Christi] was close to the ocean."

Besides boosting family support, Jack says, "[Heidi] is very soft spoken and thorough, and she has given me lots of insight on how to address people's needs." To a great extent, winning beneficiaries' confidence goes far in fulfilling those needs, and he adds, "from commanding officers to E-1s, they are all the same...kindness is the most important thing for a person coming through the door."

According to Jack, doctors and nurses teaming up help create an advantageous setting that benefits the patient and parent as well as the provider. That's why Jack believes it is important to be in the room with the provider. "While the doctor is focusing on the child, the nurse can interact with the parent and act as a buffer by creating a more comfortable atmosphere," he says. "There are more dynamics with [parents]...they need to know everything that is going on with their child."

Combining a good mix of care for the child and education for the parents about immunization, growth and development, and disease processes is also essential. Jack interjects that he does his utmost to ensure that parents clearly understand referrals and follow-ups, and that they leave the clinic feeling that they received the best health care possible.

Before he and his family left NHCC to return home to Kansas earlier this month, he commended the Pediatrics staff on their performance. One permanent staff member who shared office space in Pediatrics remarked that Jack was quite impressive. Appreciative about his professionalism and evident quality of performance, Ms. Erin Wilson, the staff nutritionist, stated, "I admired the way he worked with the staff, meeting with them several times a month to keep them up to date on changes or as a means to get their professional input. He was the kind of boss any employee would want to have."



Photo by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs Officer

**Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey T. Jack, Nurse Corps, USNR, draws blood from a young patient at NHCC Pediatrics Clinic. A mobilized reservist from Clearwater, Kansas, Jack was assigned to the NHCC team during the peak of staff deployment.**

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**DHS takes 9/11 Commission's advice**  
Consults science-fiction writers' group for imagination and foresight in anti-terrorism

by Arlan Andrews, Sr., NASCC Environmental Program Manager

In 1992, I worked as an ASME Fellow in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, also called the White House Science Office. During this time, I attended many meetings regarding forecasting future technologies so the Federal government would have an idea about what types of projects to fund in the long run.

In several of these meetings, I observed responsible government office laughing out loud at suggestions from Dr. Joseph Bordogna, Deputy at the National Science Foundation, and Dr. Alan Bromley, Presidential Science advisor, when they said, respectively, that micromachines, nanotechnology, and virtual reality data visualization would be important by the year 2002. I had observed more reasonable futurism at many of the science-fiction conventions I attended as an author and panelist.

And so I founded SIGMA, a group of like-minded science fiction authors interested in helping the federal government in the national interest. At first, I required a Ph.D. or equivalent in a technical field as an entry requirement to present a field of proven professionals who were also speculative writers. Later I modified that, because many fertile imaginations lie with people who chose not to spend so much time in academia or who had developed their knowledge in other ways.

The incoming Clinton Administration did not take me up on the offer to use SIGMA, although several of the charter members, especially the local D.C.-area members, did participate in various futurism-related consultancies. In 1999, SIGMA met with the Advanced Concepts Group of Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to assess possible threats to the United States. We kept in loose contact afterwards at conventions, via email, and through professional and personal friendships.

In late 2006, the Department of Homeland Security, through its Acting Deputy Director for Communications, Capt. Chris Christopher (USNR, Ret.), invited science fiction writers to their annual Science & Technology Stakeholders Conference in the Reagan International Center in D.C.

In response, I volunteered SIGMA and DHS accepted. Six SIGMA members attended the DHS S&T conference: myself, Greg Bear (Seattle), Dr. Virginia Bush, M.D. (Albuquerque), Larry Niven (Los Angeles), Jerry Pournelle (Los Angeles), and Yoji Kondo of NASA (Maryland).

We were met and in-briefed by Dr. Rolf Dietrich (Capt., USN, Ret.), who is Deputy



Photo by H. Darr Beiser, USA Today

Clockwise from L: Jerry Pournelle, Arlan Andrews, Greg Bear, Larry Niven and Sage Walker attend a Homeland Security Conference May 21-24. The group has made national news with their fresh, innovative approach to anti-terrorism.

Director of Innovation/HSARPA and also Director of DHS Homeworks. He told us not to censor ourselves whatsoever, but to observe, interact, and then comment and propose solutions.

We met and spent time with Dr. Sharla Rusch, Head of the Human Factors Division of DHS S&T, with Dr. Susan Hallowell, of the Transportation Security Laboratory in New Jersey, Dr. Mary Ellen Hayes, Director of Research for the Infrastructure/Geophysical Division, Dr. Bob Burns, Program Manager of the Human Factors Division, Stephen Dennis, Program Manager of Innovation/HSARPA, and Dr. Randy Zeller, Director of Interagency Coordination for DHS S&T, and many others.

We heard plenary speeches by Adm. Jay Cohen (USN, Ret.), Undersecretary for S&T, and spoke with him during the conference. Secretary Michael Chertoff of DHS was among the speakers. We also attended daily breakout sessions that covered the particular topics that DHS was stressing their customers needed.

Throughout the conference we heard one speaker after another bemoan the lack of imagination and foresight that led to events such as 9/11 and would likely lead to future attacks on a larger scale. It was to address that lack of imagination, specifically mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report, that we in SIGMA were invited to participate with DHS, its contractors and other stakeholders.

The proof of any collaboration is in the deliverables. Each SIGMA member contributes ideas to DHS individually. Some of the areas of interest included: 1) Cell-All: a concept in which cell phones will be equipped with sensors to detect chemical, biological and nuclear materials, on a voluntary basis by millions of cell phone users across the country and the world. 2) Identifying Hostile Intent 3) Face Recognition 4) Preventing the Propagation of Fire Fronts 5) Infrastructure Sensing and Protection 6) Tunnel Detection and Mitigation and 7) Educating DHS and Other Personnel.

The media novelty, "science fiction in the national interest," will soon wear off, but SIGMA will continue to consult when asked.

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Cassidy then worked in the Pentagon in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC), Counter Narcotics. While in this billet, he served as the Colombia Desk Officer, Afghanistan Desk Officer, and culminated in his appointment as Acting Director for Policy and Support. In June 2005, Commander Cassidy reported to Training Squadron Thirty-One (VT-31) where he served as Executive Officer.

Commander Shipley entered the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland with the Class of 1989. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography, he entered flight training in Pensacola, Florida and received his "Wings of Gold" while assigned to VT-31 in 1991.

His first squadron tour was with the "Shadows" of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four (VQ-4) stationed at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. Shipley served in VQ-4 as Human Resource Officer, Ground Training Officer, Operations Flight Officer, and NATOPS Instructor Pilot. He qualified as an E-6A Mission Commander, Aircraft Commander, and Instructor Pilot.

Shipley moved back to NAS Whiting Field and flew from 1995 to 1998 as a "Doer Bird" in Training Squadron Two (VT-2). While instructing primary students in Familiarization, Night FAM, Basic Instruments, Airways Navigation, Visual Navigation, Formation and Tactical Formation, he held positions as International Military Student Liaison, Standardization Officer, and Student Control Department Head and was the squadron TACFORM and BI Stage Manager. Shipley was named VT-2's "Officer of the Year" for 1997.

In 1998, Shipley transferred back to VQ-4 in Oklahoma City and served as the assistant Safety Department Head until July of 1999. From 1999 until 2001 he served on the staff of Commander, Strategic Communications Wing One as the Director of Mobility Operations. Early 2001 saw transfer back to the "Shadows" and positions as Training Department Head, Safety/NATOPS Department Head and Maintenance Officer as well as the squadron's senior pilot. He qualified as Mission Commander Evaluator, Aircraft Commander, and Instructor Pilot in both the E-6A and E-6B.

After his Department Head tour, Commander Shipley spent 2003 to 2005 on the staff at Naval Air Systems Command. He worked as the Deputy Program Manager for Production and Deployment at the Airborne Strategic Command, Control and Communications Program Office (PMA-271).

Shipley has more than 4,000 flight hours in six different aircraft and has been awarded three Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medals, and several other personal and unit awards. In July 2006, Commander Shipley reported to Training Squadron Thirty-One (VT-31) where he served as Executive Officer. Commander Shipley is married to the former Alisa Carmack. They have two children, William and Katherine.

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down: At 55 miles per hour, sing: "Highways are happy ways." At 65 miles per hour, sing: "I'm but a stranger here, heaven is my home." At 75 miles per hour, sing: "Nearer my God to thee!" At 85 miles per hour, sing: "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." At 95 miles per hour, sing: "Lord, I'm coming home!"

**CCAD first military facility in the world certified to AS9110**

by Jamey Giddens, CCAD Publicist



Gen. Benjamin Griffin, Commanding General US Army Material Command; Comptroller Nelson Ford; CCAD Commander Col. Timothy Sassenrath (center), Quality Management Institute representative Harold Hodder; and CCAD Quality Director Bill Pearson unfurl the new AS9100/AS9110 banner on CCAD's Pavhawk Line during a Town Hall celebration of the depot's certification on June 14.

Corpus Christi Army Depot is the first military facility to be certified to the AS9110 standard for aerospace industry Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities. CCAD is one of only five organizations to be certified to the coveted standard.

AS9110 improves upon the depot's certification last October to the AS9100 standard for aerospace industry Original Equipment Manufacturers by adding specific requirements for organizations that perform MRO functions. The standard is based on the ISO 9001:2000 standard yet boasts 100 additional requirements specific to the aerospace industry. CCAD has been certified to ISO 9001:2000 since October 2005.

"In my three years as Commander of this depot, there hasn't been one thing the Army has asked CCAD to do that the workforce hasn't stepped up to the plate, accepted the challenge and excelled far beyond what anyone thought was possible," said Col. Timothy Sassenrath.

Certification to AS9110 has tri-fold significance for the men and women of CCAD, said Sassenrath. First and foremost it continues to confirm CCAD is providing its most significant customer—the Joint Services Warfighter—with the best quality aircraft and aircraft component parts imaginable. Secondly, by achieving certification to industry heralded standards such as AS9110, AS9100 and ISO 9001:2000, CCAD continues to secure its position and workload within the Department of Defense.

"The third reason certifications like

AS9110 are so imperative for the depot is that once the Global War on Terrorism begins to subside and our DoD workload begins to slow, as it has historically after a time of War, because of these certifications and more importantly what they signify, CCAD will be in the position to offset any lost DoD workload with additional workload from our private industry partners like Boeing and Sikorsky," said Sassenrath.

Corpus Christi Army Depot ensures aviation readiness for all service and foreign military sales programs. CCAD is currently the largest facility of its type and serves as a depot training base for active duty Army, National Guard, Reserve and foreign military personnel. In August 2001, CCAD was designated a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for rotary wing aircraft (less avionics). CCAD's depot field teams provide worldwide on-site maintenance services for units around the world, saving a considerable amount of time and money by repairing aircraft engines and components on site rather than having them transported to/from the depot for repair. CCAD provides overhaul, repair, modification, recapitalization, retrofit, testing and modernization of helicopters, engines and components for all service and foreign military sales. Our analytical investigation and chemical material process facilities provide aircraft crash analysis and oil and metallurgical analysis, respectively. CCAD's two blade balance stands have the capability of balancing H-60, AH-1 and CH-47 rotor blades.

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**COL. TIMOTHY SASSENATH**

Col. Timothy Sassenath has served as commander of CCAD for three years. Most would agree, he is leaving the aviation depot on firm footing.

Since assuming command of CCAD, Sassenath guided the depot through the unique challenges of being the Department of Defense's premiere facility for rotor wing maintenance, repair and overhaul during Wartime. Under his direction, CCAD has successfully obtained certification to ISO 9001:2000, AS9100 and AS9110. CCAD continued to implement Lean Six Sigma throughout the installation and recently submitted its Pavhawk line for a Shingo Public Sector Prize.

"All of the steps that we have taken are first and foremost to provide the Warfighter with what he or she needs to do the job this country has asked them to do," said Sassenath. "But also, from a business perspective, achieving these certifications and leaning out our processes has helped to ensure that CCAD's workload should remain at capacity for years to come."

Sassenath assumed command of CCAD in July 2004. He received his Regular Army Commission as a Transportation Officer and Distinguished Graduate from the ROTC Program at Northeast Missouri State University in May 1981. Upon completion of the Transportation Officer Basic Course and earning the Army aviator Badge, Sassenath was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. where he served as Platoon Leader, Company Operations Officer, and Company Executive Officer in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Following the advanced course, Sassenath reported for duty in Germany in 1986 where his assignments included Commander of the 244<sup>th</sup> General Support Aviation Company and S-3 of Task Force Phoenix in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. In 1990, he reported to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. Service with the Big Red One included Commander, Service Company, 1-1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment (Attack) and deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Additional assignments include service as Operations Officer at the U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL; Command, K Company, 4-159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Hunter AAF, GA; and Aviation Brigade Executive Officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Hunter AAF; Professor of Military Science at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri; Commander of 8-101 (AVIM BN) and Division G4 of the 101 ABN. Sassenath's last assignment was as the Deputy Director of Army Safety at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Sassenath is a graduate of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Naval War College. He has two master's degrees, a MA in Administration from Central Michigan State University, and a MS in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. His awards include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint and Army Achievement Medals, and Southwest Asia Campaign and Service Medals. His qualification badges include the Senior Aviator Badge, the Army Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Badge. He is a veteran of Grenada and Desert Storm.

Upon retirement from CCAD and the Army, Sassenath, his wife Linda and their youngest daughter, Kimberly, will head to Mesa, Arizona, where he has accepted a position with The Boeing Company. The family's eldest daughter, Kelly, will remain in the Coastal Bend where she attends Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Middle daughter, Kari, a recent graduate of Flour Bluff High, will attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

**College Graduates continued from page 10**

Lauchie of SCRMC; ENC Scott Shaw, ATG; and DCCS Monette Walker, from NAS Corpus Christi (also a degree in Marketing and Sales).

Receiving their associate's degrees in Business Administration were: HM2 Cory Nackos, of NOSC Houston; SK2 Robert Rose, of SCRMC (also a degree in Health Science Technology); and SK2 Maggi Wilczek, of SCRMC.

Receiving their associate's degrees in Food Service Management were: CS1 Dante Lewis, of Afloat Training Group (ATG) and CS1 David Johnson, also of ATG.

Receiving their associate's degrees in Electrical Mechanical Technology were: IC1 Dwayne Washington of HSV-2 Swift; EMC Walter Granaas of ATG (also in Management); OSC Jeffrey Hawthorn, of MCM Squadron Two; EMC Avery Jones, of CNE, Naval Station Ingleside; EMC Clay Riner of SCRMC (also in General Studies); ICC Jeffery Rowell, of SCRMC; and IC1 William Silcox, of MHC Crew Gallant (also in General Studies).

Receiving their associate's degrees in Electronics Technology were: Cmdr. Frank Bulges, from Naval Station Ingleside (also in Management and Vocational Technical Education); ET2 Derek Jackson of SCRMC; and FC2 Hung Van Tran of NAS Kingsville.

Receiving their associate's degrees in Vocational Technical Education were: MNCS Warren Reese of CMWC, NAS Corpus Christi; and QM1 Jesus Gaytan Jr., ATG (also in Oceanography Technology).

Receiving their associate's degrees in Counseling & Applied Psychology were: NCCS Curtis Blunt of HM-15, NAS Corpus Christi; and NCC Michael Howard of NAS Corpus Christi. For more information, call the college office at 244-1522.

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Plowden said the companies entice people to invest, reportedly in foreign currency, by promising a 10 percent monthly return on their investment after 91 days. They also can choose to pay a fee and have the mortgage of their home paid off after 16 months; have credit cards paid off after 12 months; or have a car loan paid off after 12 months. Generally the investments were in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range, but at least one person in the court document was said to have given the companies more than \$50,000. "Everyone knows each other. They sign up some respected leaders, and it makes it easier to recruit others," Plowden said. "And the lure of easy money enables the typical pyramid scheme to gain inroads into communities."

Plowden said it is unknown how long the companies have been operating or how widespread their reach is. "I've heard inquiries from people up and down the eastern seaboard, mostly North Carolina and Maryland," he said. "The best news is we learned about it relatively early, and were able to stop \$17 million from leaving the state."

Troops at Fort Benning who have invested in these companies should contact their staff judge advocate office immediately at (706) 545-3285 to get more information about their rights. Service members and family members can call the legal office at their installation, or military investigative agencies. Plowden encourages anyone with information to call the South Carolina attorney general's office at (803) 734-3970.



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Graduates from the Coastline Community College stand with retired Navy Captain Ed McKenney, Dean of Military Programs (far right).

June 22 marked a first at Naval Station Ingleside—and Texas for that matter. It was the first formal graduation ceremony for students completing their courses of studies for associate degrees from Coastline Community College, headquartered in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Presiding over the ceremony was Retired Navy Capt. Ed McKenney, Dean of Military Programs at Coastline Community College. Students receiving their associate's degrees in Applied

Marine Engineering were: Melissa Barber, a former Second Class Petty Officer serving aboard Naval Station Ingleside; EN1 Matthew Cotter, of NAS Kingsville; ENC Mark Cromer of Naval Station Ingleside; NDC Keith Cunningham, of South Central Regional Maintenance Center (SCRCM). He also received his degree in Business Administration. HT2 Kim Davis of SCRCM; HT1 Roberto Diesta of MCM Squadron Two; MM2 Christopher Kelly of NAS Kingsville; EN2 Domonica

## Investment scam targets troops and church groups

by Karen Jowers, Better Business Bureau Writer

An allegedly fraudulent investment scheme targeting military members and church congregations has apparently spread its tentacles to 23 states and to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said.

South Carolina officials have frozen \$17 million in bank accounts belonging to Capital Consortium Group, Inc. and 3 Hebrew Boys, LLC, after obtaining a court order, said Mark Plowden, spokesman for the office of South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster.

"But we hear the total investments could be as high as \$50 million," Plowden said. Although the companies are based in that state, officials believe most of the alleged victims were in North Carolina and other states. The two companies share the same address and phone number in Columbia, S.C. The information has been referred for possible criminal prosecution in South Carolina, he said.

The attorney general alleges that the companies have violated state securities laws "by engaging in fraudulent sales practices" and by selling securities without properly registering them. None of the funds have been invested as investors were promised, authorities said. Instead, bank records indicate the money has gone into the pockets of the three company officials: Tony Pough, Tim McQueen and Joseph Brunson, who are named in court documents. Their representative, Sakima Bey, said, "I have nothing to say," before hanging up the phone.

At Fort Benning, Ga., the installation commander has placed the two businesses off limits to service members in the Columbus, Ga., area, by authority of the installation's Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board. The staff judge advocate's office has initiated an investigation with the Army Criminal Investigation Division, said Capt. Timothy Sers, an attorney with the administrative law section of the staff judge advocate's office. Plowden said complaints are not limited to the Army; service members of other branches are also affected.

He said in addition to the Army CID, the S.C. attorney general's office is working with the Department of Justice, the U.S. attorney's office, and the IRS. Officials are investigating whether the investment programs offered by the companies' officials are a "Ponzi" or "pyramid" scheme, in which investors are promised big payoffs when the company invests the money. Instead of investing the money, the company uses it for other purposes, and to pay back people who gave money earlier in the scheme. Only those who get in early profit; the scam usually collapses in on itself when new investors can no longer be found to sustain the "pyramid."

Court documents indicate the company solicits business primarily through seminars, which are held in hotel conference rooms or in homes. To attend meetings, potential investors can be "invited" only by a current investor. "We have information that these groups are holding meetings in Iraq and Afghanistan." He said a soldier's wife called the staff judge advocate's office to complain that another soldier in her husband's unit was soliciting for the company. The soldier who was soliciting had recently moved from Fort Bragg, N.C., where a number of such solicitations have been going on.

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# AROUND THE BASE IN 2007



(left) Rear Adm. John Christenson, Commander Naval Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare Command Corpus Christi, tosses the first pitch for the opening game of the Double-A Corpus Christi Hooks' second-half season on June 19 at Whataburger field. Before the game, Christenson was named "Champion of the Home Stand" by Hooks teammates.

Photo by Ed Mickleley, NMAWC Public Affairs Officer



(left) Command Master Chief Mike Cisneros stands with his wife, Maria, during his retirement ceremony on June 22. The ceremony honored his 32 years of service in the Navy and also a great appreciation for his wife's work as base Ombudsman, among her many other contributions.

Photo by Richard Stewart, Base Photographer



(right) Cmdr. Thomas Tharp, Supply Officer, salutes the flag presented to him during a retirement ceremony aboard the USS Lexington, June 22. Tharp retires after more than 23 years of Naval service. His parents, relatives and friends gathered for his ceremony aboard one of the Navy's most storied ships, "the Lady Lex."

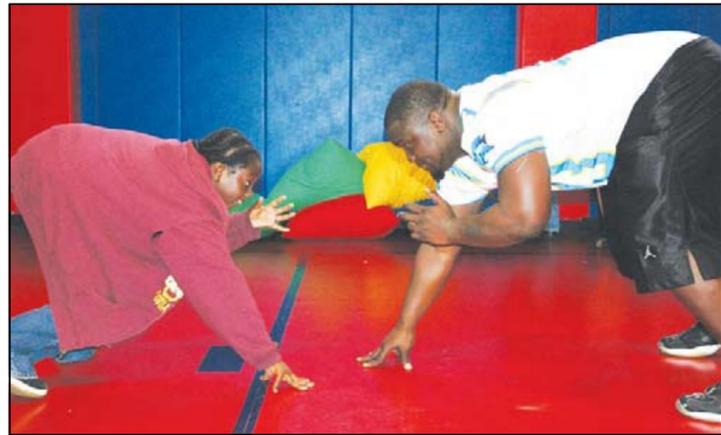
Photo by Bob Torres, Public Affairs Officer

## Battalion Chief Promotions



In a Pinning Ceremony held at the fire station on June 22, Captain Jason Krause and Captain Andreas Simmons were promoted to Battalion Chiefs in the presence of their families and coworkers. From L to R: Kimberly Krause, Battalion Chief Jason Krause, Jim Barbeau, Battalion Chief Andreas Simmons, Rosemary Barbeau, Cory Simmons, Coleen Simmons, and Kyle Simmons.

## Corpus Christi Sharks' Football Clinic



Armani Brooks, 10 years old, faces off with Will Martin, Offensive Lineman for the Corpus Christi Sharks. Students at the Youth Activities Summer Program were treated to a football clinic on June 21 with the arena football team and learned exercises in agility, defensive line, throwing and speed. Every Saturday, April through July, the Sharks play at the American Bank Center. For tickets or more information, please visit [www.ccs sharks.com](http://www.ccs sharks.com).

Photo by Anne Booher, Editor

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## Winging Ceremony • June 15



The Official Party from L to R: Cmdr. Joe Shipley, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. Mark Springer, Executive Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Chin Van Dang, Training Wing Four Chaplain; Lynn Young, State Regent, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, Chief of Naval Air Training; Capt. David Maynard, Commodore, Training Wing Four; Maj. Randy Janssen, Senior Air Force Liaison Officer, Training Wing Four.

Photo by Hugh Liecek Photography

Wingees are listed alphabetically: 2nd Lt. Peter Ament; Lt. j.g. Alexander Angelo; Ensign Andrea Bruni; Lt. j.g. James Bowling; Ensign Daniele Cavallaro; 2nd Lt. Jason Christensen; 2nd Lt. Casey Clark; 1st Lt. Matthew Deardorff; 1st Lt. Jonathan Esses; Ensign Fabio Di Giovanni; Lt. j.g. Gabriele Giannico; Ensign Stephen Guenzler; 1st Lt. David Henderson; 1st Lt. Scott Hersh; Lt. j.g. Steven Iezzi; 1st Lt. Matthew Jones; Lt. j.g. Kimberly Kostrikin; 1st Lt. Christopher Martinez; 2nd Lt. Noah Michael; 1st Lt. James Mockalis; Ensign Cristiano Romeo; 1st Lt. Michael Rose; 1st Lt. Jared Williams; 1st Lt. Branden Witt; Ensign Ilaria Zamarian

## US Navy Recruit Training Command Graduates



From L to R: Seaman Patricia Del Rio, Rear Admiral John Christenson, Fireman William Stocker, and Constructionman Garett Birnbaum.

Three local Sailors embarking on their new Navy careers graduated with honors during a ceremony on June 1 at the US Navy Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Rear Admiral John N. Christenson, Commander NMAWC was the guest speaker and met with the new sailors afterward during a reception recognizing their achievement.

Seaman Patricia Del Rio of Aransas Pass, who will attend Cryptologic Technician Interpretive "A" School, was presented the Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit. It is awarded to the graduating recruit whose meritorious performance in recruit training demonstrated motivation and dedication to duty.

Constructionman Garett Birnbaum of Corpus Christi and Fireman William Stocker, Jr. of Aransas Pass were selected by their fellow recruits as Honor Recruits for their division. Birnbaum will head to Electrical Systems Apprentice "A" School and Stocker will attend Navy Nuclear Power "A" School.

Photo by Ed Mickleley, NMAWC Public Affairs

## Texas Society D.A.R. presents awards to highest-scoring pilots



The Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented awards to the top scoring student pilots of the past year from each military branch on June 15 at the Winging Ceremony. Capt. David Maynard, Commodore, Training Wing 4 (left) and Mrs. Lynn Foley Young, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent (center) join the award recipients (from L to R) Lt. j.g. Randall A. Black, USCG; 1st Lt. Steven K. Campbell, USMC; 1st Lt. Anthony T. Scheidel, USAF; and Lt. Emanuel M. Tsikalas, USNR.

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