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## Veterans Day: showing reverence for America's warriors

by Lt. j.g. Caleb Booher, Asst. Public Affairs Officer

With the Treaty of Versailles, The Great War ended on June 28, 1919. However, it was seven months earlier that combat action ceased. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the armistice signed by the Allied nations and Germany went into effect. The following year, Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th the first Armistice Day in commemoration of those who fought and died for their country in World War I.

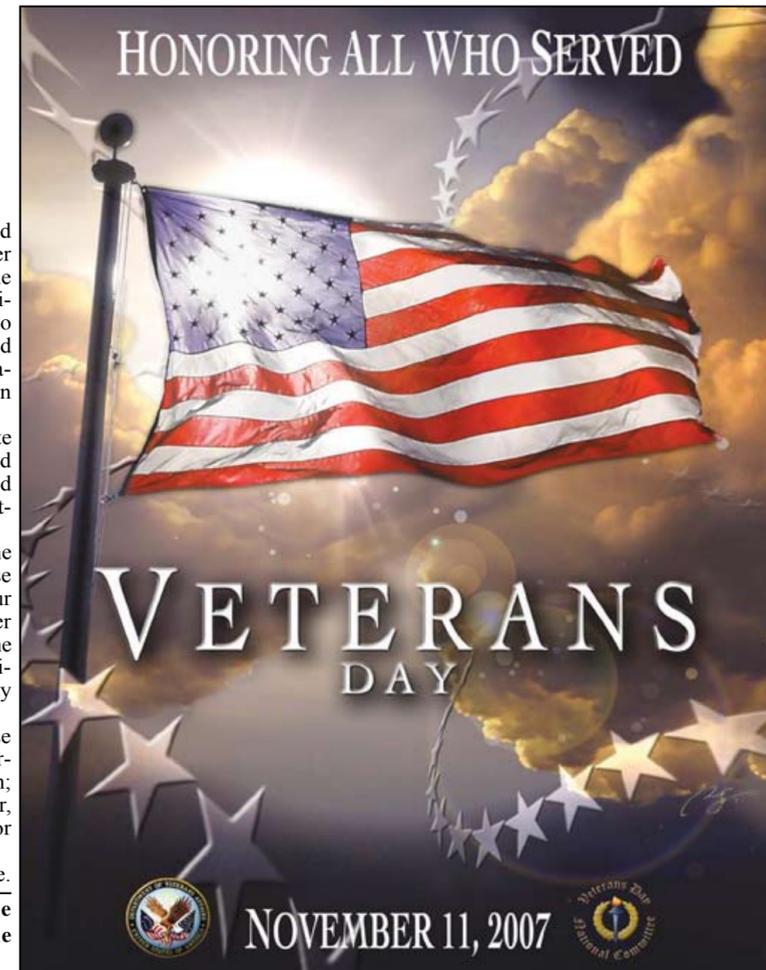
Some of the Allied nations of WWI still celebrate Armistice Day; however, in 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress of the US declared November 11th Veterans Day in honor of American veterans of all wars past and thereafter.

With 232 years of deep and noble military history, the fruit of our land grows from the blood and sweat of those who have served before us. Without them, not only our nation, but the entire world would surely have a gloomier look. Throughout history, our veterans have put down the darkest and most dire of threats and it is by their sacrifice that our world has continued to flourish and liberty continues to spread.

This November 11th, call that grandpa who tells those long war stories. If you know someone who served during WWII or even WWI, spend some time with them; their numbers are rapidly dwindling. Call your brother, sister or cousin who is currently serving. Take that Sailor friend of yours out for a beer.

Make this Veterans Day a true day of remembrance.

The Department of Veteran Affairs features the 2007 Veteran's Day poster. To get a copy of the poster, visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



## First unified Maritime Strategy developed by Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard

by Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations

A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower represents a historical first. Never before have the maritime forces of the United States—the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard—come together to create a unified maritime strategy.

This strategy represents a new vision for the 21st Century. It codifies longstanding challenges and reflects a commitment by the maritime services to work cooperatively with friends, partners and allies to realize a shared vision of mutual security, stability and prosperity.

This strategy stresses an approach that inte-

grates seapower with other elements of national power, as well as those of our friends and allies. It describes how seapower will be applied around the world to protect our way of life, as we join with other like-minded nations to protect and sustain the global, inter-connected system through which we prosper. Our commitment to protecting the homeland and winning our Nation's wars is matched by a corresponding commitment to preventing war.

Our citizens were involved in development of this strategy through a series of public forums

known as the "Conversations with the Country." Three themes dominated these discussions: our people want us to remain strong; they want us to protect them and our homeland; and they want us to work with partners around the world to prevent war. These themes, coupled with rigorous academic research, analysis and debate, led to a comprehensive strategy designed to meet the expectations and needs of the American people.

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# Skipper's Column

by Capt. Timothy Coolidge

I know we're into November, but I've got to tell you that this Halloween was fun! My boys are old enough now to really get into the trick-or-treat mode and some of their antics put a smile on my face.



Coolidge

But I do know that we spend plenty of money each year on candy and treats. I've heard it's the costumes where the money is spent. I'm

## Was that a goblin or a ghou?l?

not a costume kind of guy (I know, how boring) but I read that being a "pirate" was the big thing for boys and girls had a preference for being a "pumpkin girl" or fairy.

Doing a little research, I learned that Halloween came from the festival of All Saints, or All Saint's Day. Halloween is the day preceding it, and is so named because it is "The Eve of All Hallows."

In South Texas culture, many celebrate "Dia De Los Muertos," on Nov. 1 and 2, translated as "The Day of the Dead." The first day celebrates infants and children who have died and are referred to as "angelitos." The second day honors adults who have passed away.

Hispanic culture embraces death much more than most Americans who shy away from discussing the subject. On Dia De Los Muertos, people prepare a feast with many of the favorite dishes of lost loved ones. Pan de Muertos or "Bread of the Dead" is a traditional bread baked and eaten during this cel-

ebration. Mementos are set out of favorite things of loved ones who have passed away.

Visiting the cemetery is a popular tradition and the tomb or burial plot is decorated. For many here, the cemetery visit is like a picnic environment with the air filled with music from Mariachi bands and the scent of foods in the air, and fireworks sometimes making a nightly display. They can warm up a cool night.

Speaking of weather, I've got to tell you, I've really enjoyed the past few weeks! Everyone I talk with has enjoyed being outside, soaking up the sun and wearing light jackets. It's been a refreshing change. The wind isn't appreciated but I haven't heard too many folks complain about it. The cooler temperatures and blue skies are plenty to be thankful for!

I know some of you are used to cold weather, even snow, but to me, this is perfect

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# Chaplain's Message

by Chaplain Timothy Gault

The seasonal change of weather sure feels good. Along with the promise of the coming holidays, the weather also promises a welcomed end to the hurricane season and the arrival of more placid weather patterns. It is a "harbinger" of good things. Its presence foretells something that is not yet but that will one day be.

Unlike the weather, which no one can control, it appears that we do have input into our own future. Our own actions are harbingers of our future. Somebody once said that your future is the sum of your todays. Want to have financial abundance in the future? We have to make wise financial choices today. Want a country worth living in? We have to be a good citizen today. Want a successful marriage or loving family home? We have to invest time and energy in our family life today. Want a fulfilling spiritual life? We need to daily spend time in prayer, Scripture reading and meditation. Scripture says, "A man reaps what he sows (Galatians 6:7)."

## Today is the beginning of tomorrow

During my college years, my father noticed that I was overly fixated on the future. "One day," I was going to do this and do that. So, he bluntly pulled me into reality. He said, "Tim, there is no practice session for life. This is it. Get going and do it right today." That was good advice that I have tried to follow. As a dreamer with big expectations of life, I needed to be grounded in my thinking. I needed to convert the "dream" into daily actions before I would ever realize its potential. Since then, my "dream" has changed considerably, but the principle has not.

The other extreme—only focusing on today—is equally out of balance. If we look at a harbinger, but only see it for its contemporary meaning, we will miss its full significance for our lives or the lives of others. It is equally important to realize the impact that actions have upon the future. Failure to do this is sometimes called "short-sightedness."

I am reminded of my own short-

sightedness each time I remove my glasses. I can only read things up close naturally. Things far away are a real blur to me—even large, glowing orange exit signs! Putting on my glasses, however, I am able to see things much further away with clarity. It would be a mistake for me to assume that things were only as I can naturally see them. Indeed there is much more to life than I can naturally see. Without my glasses, I would have to rely on what others told me. With my glasses, I can see it for myself. This is true in our physical world *ad infinitum*, as we are discovering with the Hubble telescope. There is far more reality beyond our



Gault

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# Fleet and Family

Courtesy of FFSC

This November marks the 12th Annual celebration of Military Family Month. Sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA and endorsed by the President of the United States, this annual observance demonstrates the nation's support for, and commitment to, the families of military personnel. They are honored for their outstanding service, selflessness and commitment to our active-duty

forces. For servicemembers to be successful in their careers and meet their mission, it's important to have a family support system in place to deal with frequent moves and family separations.

Recognizing the sacrifices that military families make every day has never been more important as we sustain our momentum in the

War on Terror. As with previous generations, today's Military families are rising to the challenge of supporting their loved ones through multiple deployments and intensive training schedules. The dedication and pride exhibited by our families are an inspiration and reflect a true understanding

of what is at stake for our country and for future generations.

The legacy of all military branches is one of selfless service. Their colors have been passed, not only to this new generation of warfighter, but also to their families. We acknowledge the courage and sacrifice it takes to be strong at home as our service members take the fight to the enemy, and we recognize that the strength of our families is critical to the success of their mission.

The Month of the Military Family is an opportunity to recognize our families for the significant role they play in the readiness of all service members. Let us make a special effort this November to honor their bravery and resolve, and encourage them to stand firm.

To contact Fleet and Family Services, please call (361) 961-2372.



The CDC honored their military families with a breakfast on Nov. 1.

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# Confidence, leadership are main focuses in Dale Carnegie Program

by Ensign Katie Inde, Wingspan Contributor

The Dale Carnegie Training program was founded in 1912 from one man's belief in the power of self-improvement. Today, Dale Carnegie courses and training can be found around the globe.

Dale Carnegie Training is used by numerous large corporations and businesses around the country and the world. U.S. military service members have taken advantage of the Dale Carnegie program, including some of the enlisted here at NAS Corpus Christi.

Course participants learn to bring out the leader within themselves, as their creativity and intelligence is unleashed. They instill in themselves a sense of confidence and an ability to contribute to the team.

Former NAS Corpus Christi CMC Mike Cisneros learned about the Dale Carnegie program through Wes Atwood, the Dale Carnegie Regional Business Consultant for South Texas.

"I felt it would be worthwhile to send some of the base chiefs through the trainings so they could develop their interpersonal relations skill and gain confidence in their public speaking abilities," said Cisneros.

In addition to chiefs, Cisneros wanted to figure out a way to send the base Sailors of the Year through the Dale Carnegie Training. Atwood was able to provide scholarships to AC1 Kristen Walker, Sailor of the Year, and AC3 Jamie Wright, Junior Sailor of the Year for 2007.

Walker and Wright attended the course

titled "Effective Communications and Human Relations," which is the Dale Carnegie flagship course that helps individuals master the capabilities demanded in today's tough working environment. It teaches skills in stress management, strengthening interpersonal relationships and handling fast-changing workplace conditions.

Class was held one night a week for 12 weeks at the Dale Carnegie office building in downtown Corpus Christi. Each session focused on learning different Dale Carnegie principles and objectives. Over the 12 weeks, participants presented more than 20 short talks on numerous topics. These brief speeches helped the students develop their public speaking skills and learn how to convey a message in a short, concise manner.

Wright was grateful for the opportunity she was given to participate in the program. "I feel like it opened my eyes to my own personal weaknesses," said Wright. She enjoyed how the course stretched her outside of her comfort zone, something she would not have done on her own.

"The program had both personal and professional benefits," explained Wright. "I think the program has made me a better Sailor. I feel more caring towards my peers, subordinates, and superiors and am better able to see things from their point of view. I learned to listen to people in a whole new way." If she had the opportunity, Wright would like to participate in similar programs in the future.

Now that she knows her weaknesses, she wants to continue working on them so that, one day, they can become strengths.

"Dale Carnegie Training is a tool to help people tap into their unrealized potential" says Atwood. The course covers a wide range

of topics from communications, customer service, leadership, and sales. To find out more about training opportunities offered in the Corpus Christi area, visit the Dale Carnegie website at [www.dalecarnegie.com](http://www.dalecarnegie.com).



AC2 Jamie Wright (left) and AC1 Kristen Walker (right) hold their Certificates of Completion from the Dale Carnegie Institute. The 12-week program, led by Wes and Karen Atwood, focuses on building leadership, public speaking skills, and confidence.

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## Halloween Parade at the CDC

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Children from the Child Development Center participated in a Halloween parade on Oct. 31. Parents and teachers observed their short outing over to the Youth Activities building. (clockwise from top) Jacob McWilliams and Jaydon Marerro; Johnathan Barnes and Jaylah Carswell; Danielle Gonzales, Jordan Crisp, Valerie Herrera, Anatazia Gross, Nora Pyger, Sierra Watson, Cameron DeJong, Tia Wages, Jaxon Gage, Niko Parham; Conner Watson; Evelyn Hale.



## Women's Ministry taking donations towards Thanksgiving baskets for needy



aboard NAS Corpus Christi has begun collecting items for their Thanksgiving baskets.

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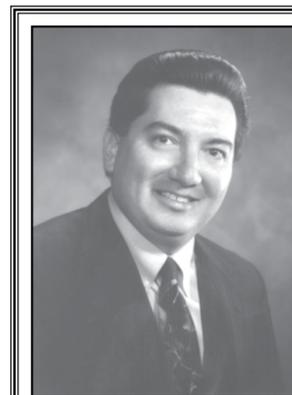
weather! You don't need a heavy jacket in the evenings and, when the winds are still, it's perfect for sitting outside enjoying the stars. Some friends had their chimenea fired up and the heat was welcomed. What a great time of the year!

Things have been moving fast around here lately. As most of you know, we recently celebrated the Navy's 232nd birthday. Many of you were there to celebrate it at the Omni Hotel. This weekend is the Marine Corps' Birthday Ball and another opportunity to celebrate! As some of you know, my father is a retired Marine Corps Officer. I hope that if you're invited, that you too will attend the

Marine Corps ball this weekend at the Omni. I'll see you there!

Well, I've gone from smiling at my boys' antics, to talking about honoring our dead, and onto our military birthdays. One more thought I'd like to leave you with is a reminder that we're heading into the holidays with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years right around the corner. Please think of the many things that we have - things that our parents didn't have - and consider sharing some of your good fortune with friends and neighbors.

If I don't see you at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, I'll see ya on the beach!



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## Flu shots at Naval Hospital CC

by Dale Yerger, Immunization Manager

Active duty personnel will receive their Flu shots/Flumist at their work space beginning in early November. The Immunization Clinic staff will coordinate with the section LCPOs to ensure the least disruption of work schedule.

Flu shots/Flumist will be given to Active duty dependents in the Immunization Clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13 through 16. A

current ID card is required to receive the Influenza vaccine.

Flu shots will be given to retirees and their dependents in the Wellness Conference room (Room 1525) from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13 through 16. Pneumococcal pneumonia and Adacel vaccine will also be available. A current ID card is required to receive the vaccine(s).

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by AO1 Richard Zule

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## Customs and Border Protection Corpus Christi rescues 5 from burning yacht in Eastern Pacific

by Gary Sudhoff, Supervisory Air Interdiction Agent

US Customs and Border Protection's Air Interdiction Agents of Corpus Christi successfully located and coordinated the rescue of five passengers from the Dorothea, a yacht 250 nautical miles from the Southwest coast of Costa Rica on Oct. 25.

While conducting a counter drug interdiction operation in the Eastern Pacific, the crew of a P-3 Airborne Early Warning Aircraft and a P-3 Long Range Tracker, both from the P-3 Operations Center Corpus Christi, received instructions to locate the source of two activated Emergency Locator Beacons and assist vessels that may be in distress.

Using its onboard communications equipment, the crew of the P-3AEW began transmitting on an emergency Marine radio channel in an effort to further identify the source of the beacons. After the first transmission, Air Interdiction Agents received a second, "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday...this is the crew of the Dorothea and we have abandoned ship!"

As the P-3LRT continued to race towards the ELB position, the P-3 AEW relayed to the Joint Interagency Task Force-South that they were in radio contact with survivors. JIATF-S immediately redirected a US Naval ship, the USS *Halyburton*, to proceed to the position of the survivors.

Maintaining contact with the Dorothea crew, air interdictions agents learned that the crew of three men and two women abandoned the 107-foot, multilevel, wooden

yacht after an engine room fire got out of control. The crew deployed two life rafts and a rigid hull inflatable boat, jumped into the water, swam to the rafts and moved approximately a half mile from the Dorothea, fearing an eventual explosion.

To the naked eye, the yacht was peacefully afloat with no visible signs of distress, but the sensitive heat-seeking camera onboard the P-3 detected a major inferno deep within its hull.

As information was being relayed to JIATF-S, the P-3 AEW also began searching for other vessels in the vicinity to assist in the rescue. The crew identified the Templario I, a Panamanian tuna boat, and a U.S. Navy ship to bring the crew to safety.

The Templario I arrived on-scene and quickly retrieved the survivors from their rafts and transported them back to the tuna boat. Once aboard, the captain provided the survivors with showers, dry clothing and hot meals while awaiting the arrival of the Naval ship. The crew of the Dorothea was transferred to the USS *Halyburton* and stayed onboard until the vessel reached its next port call in Panama.

"These five survivors will live to tell their story thanks to modern technology, the coordination of JIATF-S, the assistance of the Templario I, the hospitality of the USS *Halyburton* and the skill and professionalism displayed by the aircrews of our P-3s," said W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner U.S. Customs and Border Protection.



A screenshot from the rescue footage on Oct. 25 shows the Dorothea ablaze from an uncontrollable fire in the engine room. The crew safely abandoned ship and was rescued through the collaboration of the USS *Halyburton*, the Templario I, and air support from Customs and Border Protection.

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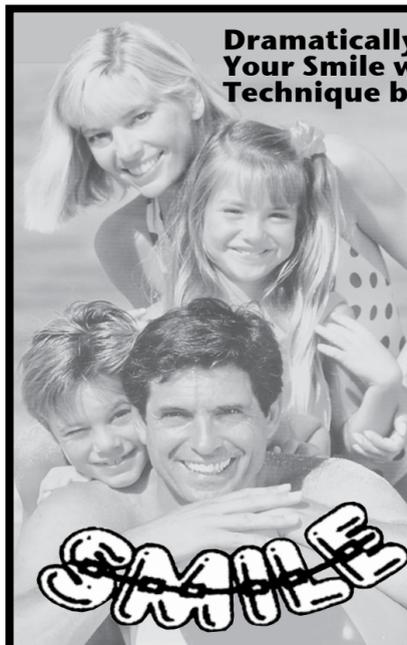
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## VITA volunteers needed for the 2008 tax preparation season

by Lt. j.g. Candice Albright, JAGC, USN

Beginning in January, NAS Corpus Christi will offer free tax preparation services to active duty, dependents, retirees, and reservists on active duty for more than 30 days. Through this program, service members can not only save hundreds of dollars on tax preparation fees, but also get their refund in just a couple of



Albright

weeks.

The only way to offer such a service free is to enlist the aid of volunteers through the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Through the VITA program, volunteers are trained by IRS em-

ployees using IRS-approved software. Volunteers will attend an intensive week-long course from December 3-7 and upon successful completion, volunteers will be certified tax preparers.

Volunteers are needed beginning January 8th until the middle of April. Volunteers should be given no-cost TAD orders. Part-time volunteers will be considered on a case-by-case basis due to a shortage of available seats in the VITA training course. All potential volunteers should check with their supervisors before volunteering.

Even if you do not wish to volunteer, come have your taxes prepared at the tax center! Location and hours of operation will be promulgated at a later date. If you want to sign up or have any questions please contact the Legal Assistance office at 961-3765 or DSN 861-3765.

### Maritime continued from page 1

vance the prosperity and security of our Nation. The demands of an uncertain world and the enduring interests of the American people require nothing less.

Development of the strategy included interactions with national and international leaders in business, military, civic organizations, think tanks and war colleges. It was unveiled to nearly 100 Chiefs of Navy, Coast Guard and Marines at the International Seapower Symposium.

Effective execution is founded on a collective responsibility to develop and expand trust, not only among leaders, but between young officers and Sailors who are next-generation leaders. They are the ones who will create the strategic relationships with our partners worldwide.

Through collective security efforts, maritime forces will build confidence and trust among nations while focusing on common threats and mutual interests in an open, multipolar and changing world environment.

The Maritime Strategy ensures execution of the global system at work everyday, where change is constant. Change means opportunity for our maritime forces to work more closely together to protect and extend security and prosperity, which depend on free use of the seas. Because strong markets require security, maritime forces are vital - prosperity rests on how well we do our jobs.

Clearly articulating that our sea services operate across the full spectrum of opera-

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ability to perceive it.

It is also true in the spiritual realm. This is why the Scriptures admonish us to keep on doing good. Though we cannot always see the results of right actions, we should know that the good we do will reap a harvest at the proper time (Galatians 6:9).

Today is our day. Let us live it to the utmost by putting into it what we would like to

have in our tomorrow. It will make this day more interesting and potentially more enjoyable. It will bring a sense of connection to the world. It will allow us to feel a measure of control for the future. It will be the right response to the day we have been given and a good investment in the future we want for ourselves and those we love.

tions, the strategy raises the prevention of war to a level equal to the conduct of war. We believe that preventing wars is as important as winning wars.

The strategy addresses the balance of capabilities of our maritime forces and reaffirms our core capabilities of forward presence, deterrence, sea control and power projection. It also recognizes the need for expanded capabilities of maritime security and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Maritime forces are our first line of defense with ability to deploy quickly, reach difficult locations. Seventy percent of the world is covered by water, 80 percent of the world lives on or near the coastline and 90 percent of our commerce sails across our waterways. Any disruption to the global system caused by instability has a direct impact on the American quality of life. The unifying force and common denominator that enables global security, stability and prosperity is Seapower. The Maritime Strategy provides for the right balance of forces and capabilities. A key element of this strategy is trust which cannot be surged. Trust must be built over time so that our strategic interests and those of friends, partners and allies are continuously considered while mutual understanding, respect and cooperation are promoted. As it has always been, these critical tasks will be carried out by our people - the key to success in any military strategy - and they will make the difference in its implementation.

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from all over the world an opportunity to meet just as they would if they were a part of a traditional Navy command that deploys," said Johnson. "Virtual groups provide a sense of community and a venue to share and receive information."

Carrie, whose husband began his IA deployment just over a month ago, has missed the sense of community from the Navy on this deployment. In the past, she has attended all the pre-deployment briefings and workshops her husband's command offered; but for this IA deployment, those support mechanisms weren't in place.

She found that sense of community in the virtual meeting groups. "I've attended all of the virtual meetings. They have helped me understand the challenges my husband will face upon returning home – such as what it will be like for him, going from carrying an M16 everywhere he goes to suddenly not."

Carrie said she especially enjoyed the session, "Enjoying R&R Leave with Your Sailor." "After four regular Navy deployments, this will be our first R&R. The session provided tips on making the most of that time together," Carrie explained.

Participating is easy. Attendees log on to the Navy FFSP website and register in advance for the virtual meeting topic they would like to attend. FFSP sends the attendee a confirmation e-mail. At the time of the virtual meeting, attendees log on to the designated meeting website and call the toll-free phone number provided.

"Participants dial into a conference call, and at the same time log on to a website for those who like visuals," said Johnson. "Anyone without a computer can still participate via telephone as the bulk of the meeting is IA family members talking with each other."

Past virtual meeting topics have dealt with loneliness as well as listening to feedback from reserve Sailors who have returned from deployment to Iraq.

"I was struck by the number of people finding ways to take care of themselves [while their Sailor is on deployment] and how many realized how important that is," said Tricia.

She said this realization was a change from what she had experienced during previous deployments and she was impressed by the creativity of the ideas the virtual group was sharing.

Both spouses said they encourage other family members of IAs to attend the virtual meetings, especially young spouses. Carrie said she knows the comments participants make during the meetings are confidential and ideas generated will be carried back to people who will listen to them.

"I believe the Navy has recognized that there has not been a smooth transition for families going from a standard Navy deployment to an IA deployment," said Carrie. "IA deployments are different; and, through new outreach programs like the virtual meetings, they are working to improve the support they are providing IA families. I will be patient through the growing pains. I think they will get it right."

Information shared by virtual meeting attendees is considered private and will not be shared. For the complete schedule of IA Family Connection – Virtual Meetings, visit the Fleet and Family Support Program Web site, [www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil).

## IA families making a virtual connection

by **Zona Lewis, CNIC Public Affairs Specialist**

The Navy is now connecting with families of individual augmentee (IA) Sailors in cyberspace. Navy Fleet and Family Support Programs (FFSP) is offering IA Family Connections – virtual meetings several times a month for spouses and families of IAs to connect and share issues.

"IA families say the one thing they miss most about their Sailor deploying as an IA is the sense of community and connection that families have when a Navy command deploys as a unit," said Pat Johnson, a deployment support specialist with Commander, Navy Installations Command's (CNIC), FFSP.

"Virtual groups allow IA families, including reservists and extended families who do not live near a military installation, the opportunity to learn about resources available should a need arise," said Johnson.

The definition of Navy deployments has changed since the global war on terrorism began. Deployment no longer means "haze grey and underway" where Sailors go to sea for six months with their unit or command. Sailors are now serving individual augmentations in places like Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa for up to one year.

Reserve families, who are used to "one weekend a month and two weeks a year" are experiencing, for the first time, extended deployments, and the stresses and challenges that come with long deployments. These changes in the definition of deployment significantly impact Navy spouses and families. Previously, spouses and families had a built-in network of support during deployments – other spouses and families from the parent command who lived in the same community and a FFSP within driving distance.

During IA deployments, spouses and fami-

lies may not have that network immediately available. Active-duty IAs may not be deploying with their command, but on their own, leaving families without the traditional support group. Reserve Sailors are deploying from America's heartland, leaving behind families who are hundreds of miles away from a military base where typical support services are offered.

Tricia, the wife of a Sailor serving a year-long IA deployment in the support of the global war on terrorism, said, "The unknown and the worry – no one can really tell you what that is going to be like – boots on the ground in a foreign country during war."

Tricia said the reality of the significance of this deployment hit home when she was told her husband was to wear the Army combat uniform.

"My husband said [Sailors] wear the [digitalized camouflage] to avoid becoming targets," said Tricia. "Before, my only worry was about his safety on the flight deck of a carrier."

Navy FFSP realized that they had to expand the definition and delivery of deployment support programs for the Navy family. "IA families have unique challenges," said Johnson. "Virtual meetings are a unique way for IA families to network, share information and provide mutual support with others who aren't in the same 'boat,' but who are having similar experiences."

Virtual meetings allow Navy spouses and families scattered across the globe to participate in discussions where they can talk and share files – all in real time. No special software is needed. All the participants need is a telephone and a broadband internet connection.

"Virtual groups allow IA family members

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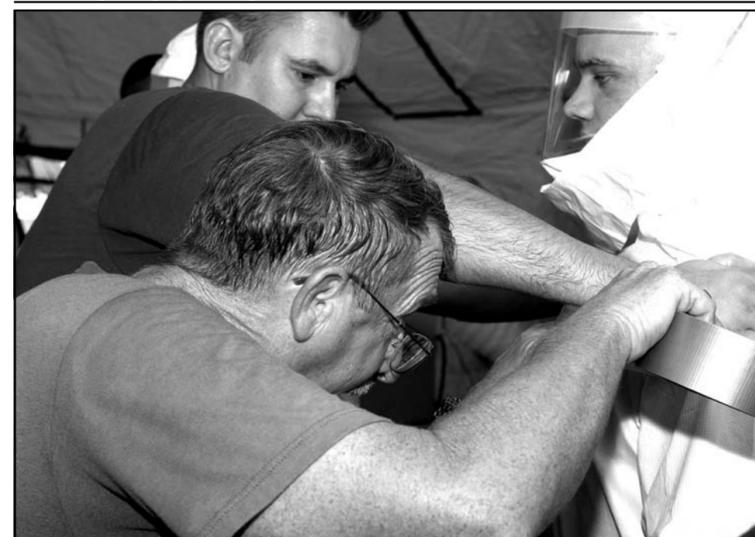


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Naval Hospital Corpus Christi Disaster Preparedness team members simulated mass casualty decontamination (DECON) scenarios during a drill in a survival tent outside the hospital on Oct. 18. HTC (SW) Fred L. Thomas (foreground), the disaster preparedness officer at NHCC, and STS1 Jeremy Vest secure HN Jerrod Lee Hersey's white DECON suit hood with duct tape. Thomas reminded his team that during the real thing, mistakes cost lives.

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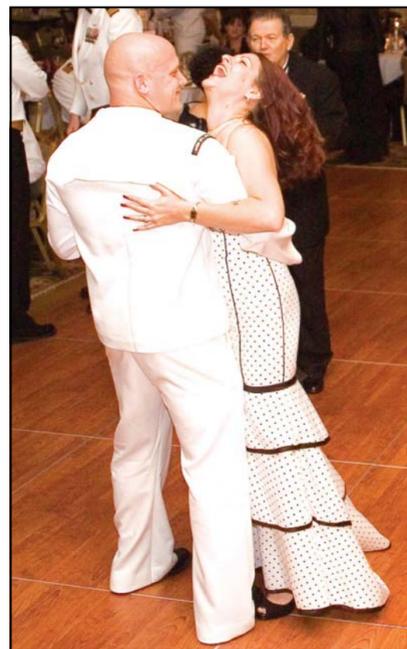
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# AROUND THE BASE IN 2007

## Navy Ball • Omni Bayfront Hotel



HM3 Joshua Watson of Naval Hospital Corpus Christi and his wife, Ladonna, dance at the Navy Ball.



Capt. R.B. Sorenson, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Corpus Christi and Ensign Derek Rinaldo of Naval Station Ingleside represented the oldest and youngest Sailors present at the Navy Ball. As with tradition, they had the honors of cutting the cake.

Photos by Richard Stewart, Base Photographer



CS1 (SW) Norman Teague dances with his fiancée, Amy Greene.

## Halloween Celebrations



Photo by January Zerneno

PPV Housing hosted a Halloween coloring contest for children on base. The winners are (from left to right) Bobby Beckman, 4, Seth Rigney, 5, Noah Brunson, 7, and Kaya Coombs, 10.



Photo by Ensign Katie Inde, Wingspan Contributor

(right) The CDC celebrated Halloween with a colorful parade of costumes in front of their building. The Stingrays, three- and four-year olds, show off their costumes.

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## Winging Ceremony • October 18



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Official Party (back row from left to right): Cmdr. Joe Shipley, VT-31 CO; Lt. Col. Charles Bagnato, MATSG-22 XO; Lt. Col. Jon Ullmann, VT-35 CO; and Commodore David Maynard, Commanding Officer of Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees listed alphabetically: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Atherton; 2nd Lt. Mitch Brantner; 2nd Lt. Erik Bulger; 2nd Lt. Nathan Cook; 1st Lt. Gregory Eichmann; 1st Lt. Timothy Fast; 1st Lt. William Hurst; 1st Lt. Shane Mann; 1st Lt. Andrew Marshall; 1st Lt. Elizabeth Music; 1st Lt. Steven Olin; 1st Lt. Christopher Reveiz; Capt. Sergio Saenz; 1st Lt. Brian Schmidt; 1st Lt. William Walker; and 2nd Lt. Nicholas Wheeler.



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## Reenlistments

(above) Capt. Timothy Coolidge, Commanding Officer of NASCC, presents UTC Matt Kaffenberger with a certificate of reenlistment in a ceremony on Oct. 12 at Building 2. Kaffenberger is joined by his girlfriend, Lori Parker.

(right) AO1 Richard Zule reenlisted aboard the USS Lexington on Oct. 26. He is joined by his family, Marlene (wife), Richard (son), and Marissa (daughter).

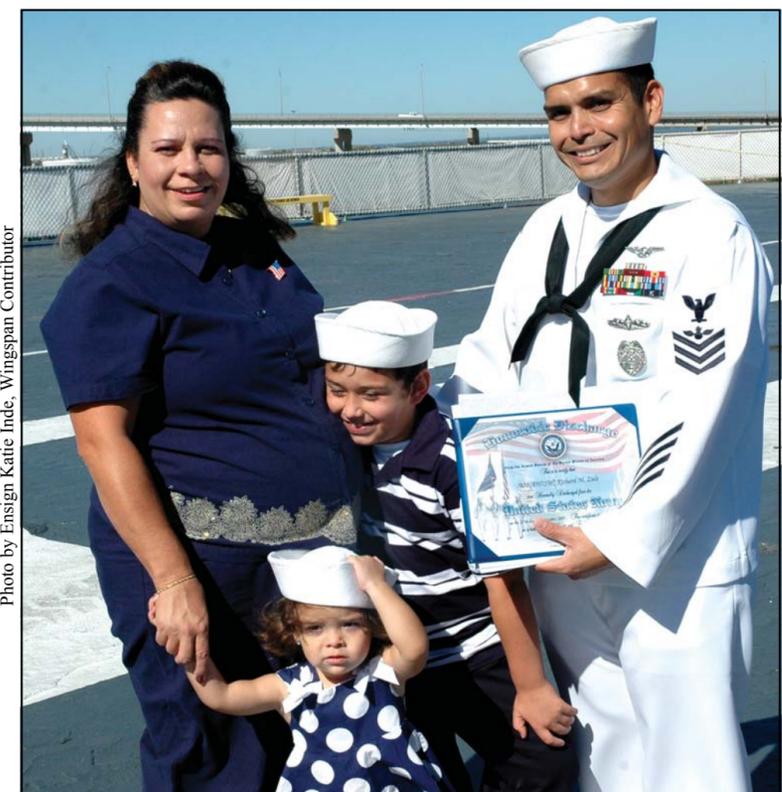


Photo by Anne Booher, Editor

## All Officers' Spouses' Club: Trade Show!

On Nov. 12 the AOSC will host a Trade Show from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gulf Stream Recreation Center. Local vendors will sell a wide array of items including jewelry, kitchen tools, children's books, spa and beauty products, candles and baby gifts, just to name a few. Drop by and get some Christmas shopping done early for your family and friends. For more information, please visit [hub.cinhouse.com/aosnasc](http://hub.cinhouse.com/aosnasc).