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New Commanding Officer takes over CCAD

by Brigitte Rox, Corpus Christi Army Depot Public Affairs

Col. Billingsley Garner Pogue III on July 15 took command of Corpus Christi Army Depot, once again giving the Department of Defense's largest helicopter and component maintenance, repair, and overhaul facility a uniformed commander.

CCAD's last commander, Col. Christopher B. Carlile, was set to transfer command to Pogue in July but was spirited away in April to work directly for Army Materiel Command.

William (Bill) Braddy, CCAD's Deputy Commander for Production Operations, served as Executive Director in the interim.

Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command hosted the assumption of command ceremony in one of CCAD's hangars with AMCOM Commanding Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar presiding.

"I will tell you that Garner is ready for the command," Collyar said.

"We have had a succession of superior commanders in this depot and Garner is going to fit perfectly in that.

"He has all the right experiences, he has all the right knowledge, he has all the right background.

"We are getting a great leader... and he'll be the right person to take this depot on to the next level over the next couple of years."

Pogue seemed ready and eager to assume command.

"I've grown up knowing about CCAD," he said.

"I've grown up knowing about the depots as a maintenance officer and as a platoon leader, even when I was a second lieutenant.

"I was out on the flight line opening up cans of components and parts that we were putting on aircraft.

"You open up a can and see that CCAD sticker on that item."

Pogue has extensive experience as a maintenance officer and a maintenance commander.

"I've always had a great appreciation for the high quality of components and helicopters and anything that this organization touches," he said.

"It goes out to the field to our pilots and to our aviation soldiers, who are doing maintenance on our aircraft and keeping our aircraft in the fight.

"I've just always had a tremendous appreciation for this

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AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar presents the CCAD flag to Col. Billingsley Garner Pogue III as Pogue assumes command of the depot, July 15. Looking on is Bill Braddy, who led the depot as Executive Director for the nearly three-month gap between commanders. Photo by Kiana Allen

Here comes the 51st Annual Navy Regatta – August 3-4



The 51st Annual Navy Regatta will be held Aug. 3 and 4 – and everyone is invited.

Saturday begins with a race from the downtown marina to inside the breakwater at Sunfish Beach.

Anyone can volunteer to crew a boat or just sit and observe the fun from one of the competing boats.

That afternoon is Titanic Cup, as amateurs attempt to sail (or keep afloat) homemade vessels.

Saturday evening is a dinner at the new Catalina Club.

On Sunday, they race back to the city in the Military Challenge; every boat must have a military member at the helm to qualify.

Interested? Sign up with Senior Chief Ed Bennet at 361-961-3719.



(left) Yachts maneuver for the best wind in the race to NASCC during the 2012 Navy Regatta. (above) One of the homemade 'boats' in the annual Titanic Cup Race.

Photos by Bob Torres & Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

The recent heavy rainfall and days of strong winds are reminders that South Texas weather can be rather dramatic at times.

Forecasters have predicted an "active or extremely active" Atlantic Hurricane Season this year.

Two months into it, there have been three named storms and no hurricanes.

But it's early.

Historically, 79 percent of Atlantic

named tropical storms and hurricanes occur in August, September and October.

So it's a good time to take another look at how ready you are if one approaches Corpus Christi.

As a command, we periodically go through our hurricane plans and test what we can.

My suggestion is that you do the same: Sit down with your family and discuss what you would need to ride out a storm if you shelter in place.

Then have a discussion about what you would do if ordered to evacuate.

Experts recommend having a hurricane kit of supplies – food, water, medicine and other essentials – for at least three days.

More days would be better.

And you should know what documents and items would be essential to take in an

evacuation.

Out Emergency Management folks have some very good starting points on our public website: www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_corpus_christi/om/emergency_management.html

Some other good sites are:

- Ready Navy at www.ready.navy.mil.
- City Of Corpus Christi at www.ctexas.com/government/fire/readycc/index.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov.

And ensure your information is current and correct in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>.

We can all hope we never experience a devastating storm.

But we should all be prepared, just in case.

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Chaplain's Message Chapel Renovations

by Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

For several months, construction barricades and orange-vested workers have been present around the Protestant Chapel.

Many of you may remember that major construction and renovation was conducted over the past two years.

With renovations complete in the Fellowship Hall (the part closest to the golf course), it was apparent that the large windows in the Chapel sanctuary were in need of updating as well.

This most recent push was to replace those windows.

With the work complete and a major sanctuary cleaning performed by the congregation, the Chapel "almost" has that new car mystique.

Why all the effort?

Simply put – we must preserve our community and our history.

Dec 7, 1941, marked a pivotal event in our nation's history: the attack on Pearl Harbor.

But hours before that dreadful event, there was a different historic event for NAS Corpus Christi.

On that day, the NAS Protestant Chapel held its first service in the Chapel located on Lexington Blvd. Since that time, countless services, weddings, funerals, retirements, and many other significant events have transpired in the building.

Additional (and more importantly), the Chapel is home to a worshipping community of active duty and retired veterans, dependents and civilians, who assemble each Sunday

morning for Worship.

This is a community fundamental to society.

F a i t h communities have played a significant role in our nation's formation and will continue to do so.

On behalf of the worship communities at NAS Corpus Christi, I would like to invite you to experience a small part of history in the making – a Sunday Chapel Service.



Warne

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

uncovered.

With only good intentions, personnel officials decided to replace their aging personnel management system with a new one, and launched it with great fanfare.

A couple weeks later, I started getting calls and emails from Airmen who weren't getting paid, or paid for their promotions, or

More than a decade ago, I had a reporter's dream gig going: a bureaucratic mess that kept getting worse and worse the more you dug into it.

It meant a cover story every couple of weeks, as the latest disaster was

a lot of other problems.

The Air Force had a debacle on their hands – which only got worse when four-star generals began asking why some of their people were still not getting paid.

To their credit, the personnel folks came up with work-arounds to pay people while trying to figure out the underlying problems.

PAO had me on their speed dial.

But as we dug deep, it became clear that the Air Force was only part of the problem.

A bigger issue was DFAS – the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

While the personnel computer system had been old and inefficient, DFAS was using a one-transaction-at-a-time system running on COBOL, a computer language dating back to 1959.

Simply put, the two systems couldn't talk to each other. The Air Force pointed fingers at DFAS; DFAS pointed them back... and it took more than two years before something

'Deja Vu All Over Again'

approaching normalcy was achieved.

Fast forward and you find...

DFAS is still using the same obsolete technology.

The Reuters News Service recently ran a series about DFAS creating financial disasters for some service members.

The URL for the series is obnoxiously long – but if you do a search on "Reuters DFAS" it pops up as the first link.

I strongly suggest reading it.

But here's the two key take-aways:

If DFAS thinks you are over-paid, they will very aggressively come after the money, usually without notifying you first. You just find money missing from your pay.

But if you are underpaid, even if they find it – they won't bother to tell you, much less put it in your paycheck. You have to go after them.

So always – military or civilian – examine your LES each time.

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Temple Beth El at 857-8181

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Islamic Society of South Texas
(7341 McArdle Rd.)
Jumah Service – 1:30 p.m.
For other worship service times, call 992-8550



New Ombudsman for NASCC

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has a new command Ombudsman: Jesika Streeter, wife of MA2 Preston Streeter, a dog handler with the Air Station's Security Department.

According to Jesika, the couple met in the second grade, in the small town of Polk City in central Florida.

After high school, Jesika earned a nail technician and esthetician license.

The couple married in August 2009 in Kings Bay, Ga., and have a 3-year-old son.

The family transferred to NAS Corpus Christi in February and quickly settled in.

"I coach girl's volleyball, work for the MWR and volunteer with the USO and other organizations whenever I can," Jesika wrote.

"We love just spending time together as a family, whether that entails spending time at church, fishing, go-cart racing, spending the day on the beach, or a cookout at home.

"I have a huge passion for helping anyone and everyone in any way I can.

"In April, I organized a base family Easter egg hunt – with help from donations and amazing supporters we had more than 1,500 Easter eggs for four age divisions. It was such a blessing

"It's such a huge honor to be the NASCC Ombudsman and help those when needed."

For information on the Ombudsman program or to contact the Ombudsman, go to the Fleet & Family Support Center portion of the NASCC public website www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_corpus_christi/ffr/support_services/military_support/ombudsman.html

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CNRSE Family Readiness Program conducts emergency response exercise

Story & photo by MC1 Greg Johnson, NRSE PA JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Commander, Navy Region Southeast Family Readiness Program hosted phase II of an Emergency Family Assistance Center (EFAC) exercise on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville July 17.

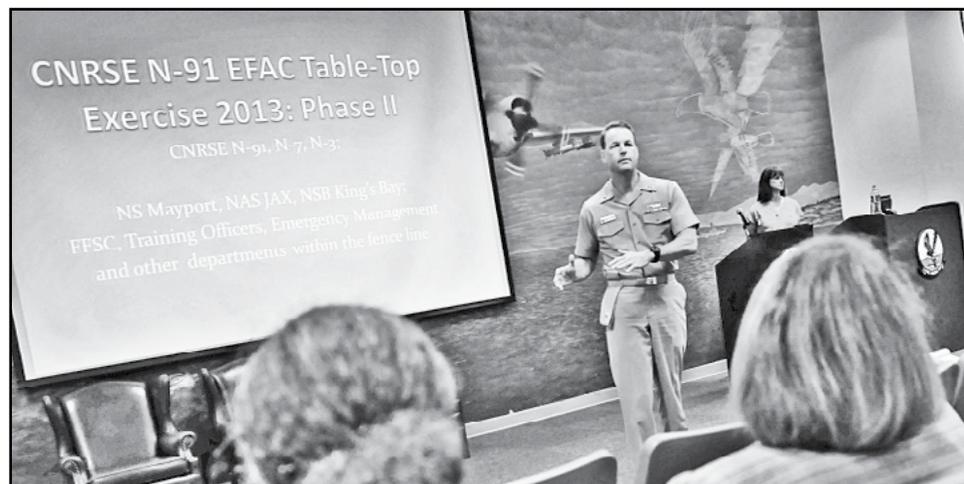
The training was the second installment of a three-phase exercise designed to test the region's ability to establish and sustain EFAC operations in the days and weeks following the landfall of a hurricane.

Phase I, conducted May 30, involved more than 30 Fleet and Family Support Center representatives from NAS Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, as well as installation and training officers and emergency management personnel from all three bases.

Phase II incorporated a variety of additional base organizations, such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Navy Legal Service Office, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, base housing and many others.

"This training is vital because it's not a matter of if one of our installations will be affected by a hurricane, it's a matter of when," said Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast.

"Our ability to bring together multiple organizations and people to work as a cohesive unit is crucial to our recovery efforts in this kind of scenario, and I think training like this has a huge impact on our ability to



Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast, makes opening remarks at phase II of the region's Family Readiness Program Emergency Family Assistance Center Exercise 2013.

respond when the real thing does happen."

The EFAC exercise is a continuation of the region's HURREX 2013, which tested the region's hurricane preparedness involving multiple, simulated storms that made landfall near installations throughout the Southeast Region.

The EFAC exercise was designed to focus on the recovery phase of disaster response.

In this scenario, NS Mayport and NSB Kings Bay residents were evacuated prior to landfall and each base suffered extensive flooding as the simulated storm passed.

will be working together in the event of a real disaster and establishing roles, responsibilities and relationships is crucial."

After a real disaster, the EFAC would function as a hub for FFSC case workers and emergency response personnel to provide a wide range of support services for affected family members.

Much of that support is managed through the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System.

"After a disaster, people can go into the 'Needs Assessment' portion of NFAAS and specify what they need, then our case managers can go in and see what those needs are. We will then call them back and get them the appropriate resources," Lucius said.

"They really need to know about NFAAS. They need to know that it is essential for them to have their personal contact information updated in NFAAS so that when a disaster strikes, they can be contacted and they know how to contact somebody for help."

Phase III of the exercise will include a number of civilian agencies and organizations, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Salvation Army and others.

Sailors, dependents and government civilians can log into NFAAS at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil> where they can update their contact information, report their status or submit a needs assessment.

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Navy Voluntary Education support hours decreased during furlough

by Susan D. Henson, Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) – The Virtual Education Center (VEC) and all Navy College Offices (NCOs) are closed each Friday during the Defense Department furlough of civilian employees this fiscal year, said officials at the Center for Personal and Professional Development July 18.

The VEC and NCOs worldwide are staffed by government civilians, who began furloughs of one day per week in early July for 11 weeks.

During this period, the VEC is open to serve customers Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time. NCOs are generally open Monday through Thursday with hours varying by location.

“Closing NCOs on Friday has the least impact on Sailors and our support to the fleet,” said Jon Richardson, Voluntary Education Regional Director West.

“Many local commands schedule in-house activities for Fridays. Also, the majority of our academic institutions that provide on-base, instructor-led programs do not schedule classes on Friday.”

School representatives cannot be on base or offer instruction if an NCO representative isn't available unless specific permission is granted by the host command, he said. Visiting academic institutions and counselors/advisors have adjusted schedules and are available Monday through Thursday, matching NCO

work schedules.

The workload cannot be picked up by contractors, who are not allowed to advise Sailors on using tuition assistance, which allocates government resources for their education. And furlough guidance stipulates that government civilian workloads cannot be shifted to contractors.

While Richardson said it's too early to foresee all the impacts of these office closures on Sailors, one he anticipates is an increase in waiting time for customers.

“Since we've only been closed one Friday, the real business impact is unknown. It appears the number of Sailors visiting NCOs has increased during our open hours. That could be hiccup, but we won't know until we have more data.”

Wait times for VEC customers may also rise, according to Sharen Richardson, VEC supervisor.

“We encourage Sailors to do a few things to lessen the impact of the reduced hours,” she said. “First, ensure you submit your Tuition Assistance (TA) request up to 30 days prior to your class start date. Then track it to ensure your command approves and forwards it to the VEC with enough time for staff to review and authorize it.”

Sailors who wait too long to submit their TA request may not be able to begin a class on time.

“Don't start a class without an approved TA voucher in hand,” Richardson said. “We can't process a TA request after a school's advertised add/drop date, so it's the Sailor's responsibility to follow up with his or her command to track that TA request.”

VEC advisor high-volume call times are primarily between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

Another impact to Sailors is an increase in processing time for requests for Joint Services Transcripts (JSTs) and changes to JSTs, including updates and adding degrees from schools, according to VEC Evening Shift Manager Emmett Williams.

“We have a lot of requests and messages to go through each Monday, and we're doing our best to respond to each customer as quickly as possible,” he said.

“The best time for Sailors to contact the VEC for assistance is Monday through Thursday between 6 and 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Eastern Time.”

For Navy College Offices, Jon Richardson advises calling ahead to confirm hours of operation and possibly scheduling an appointment.

Capt. John Newcomer, CPPD's commanding officer, said that while voluntary education staff members are working to lessen the impact on Sailors as much as possible, there will be unavoidable effects.



For more information about the Navy College Program and the Virtual Education Center, contact the NASCC Navy College Office in Bldg 1731 at 961-3236, or visit: www.navycollege.navy.mil. For more information about CPPD, visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>. For more news from the Center for Personal and Professional Development, visit: www.navy.mil/local/voledpao/. Find CPPD on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-for-Personal-and-Professional-Development/100056459206> and on Twitter @CENPERSPROFDEV.

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great capacity. The fact that I was chosen to come out here and serve with you is just an honor.

"I'm really looking forward to learning more about the organization."

Pogue's first day as Commander coincided with CCAD's first day back from DoD's first furlough day.

"People have been telling me, almost apologizing to me, that I'm taking command the day after the first day of furlough," Pogue said.

"Don't apologize about that. I'm proud to be here.

"I'm not getting paid just to lead during the easy times. I'm getting paid to help lead through these difficult times as well."

CCAD, along with DoD, is in a period of transition but Pogue believes that this change is good news for America.

"It's not a bad thing that we're going to spend less money on military operations," he said.

"It's a great thing that we have been successful in military operations in the past 10 years.

"It's a great thing that our military has been able to provide the level of national security that we have and that we've been able to help those in other places get a taste of freedom.

"It's good news to enter a time of peace. It's good news to our taxpayers to not carry such a heavy burden. And it's going to cause us to focus in on being better, more careful managers of our national treasure."

Collyar told the audience of CCAD workers, partners and legislators that CCAD's future is secure.

"The mission the Corpus Christi Army

Depot has is too significant to not be executed effectively," he said. "It is too important for the Army."

But he also admitted, "Col. Pogue is probably going to have the most difficult two years of command tour here of any of the depot commanders of the last few years."

Pogue said leading the depot during sequestration was "...going to be tough."

"It's going to be hard...but we have to get through it," he said.

"I know that I'm with the organization that can get through it because this is a resilient workforce.

"As I walk around, I don't see people looking at their toes and kicking the dust. I see people getting after their jobs. I see people getting after aircraft maintenance – getting after what they do here."

Pogue said it was clear that CCAD was filled with dedicated artisans, mechanics, and support people – who come together to support the warfighter and the aviation fleet.

"We still have a critical mission," he said. "All the aircraft are going to be coming back from theater.

"We're still going to have a significant demand to continue to fly those aircraft. We're not getting rid of aircraft so they are going to have to be maintained.

"We're still going to have to provide component repair. We're still going to have to provide all the functions of our mission to those units.

"We're just going to have to figure out how we're going to get through this period of sequestration and maintain good morale.

"We will work everything we can to make sure everyone's job is as secure as it can be and that we have the capability to do the work to support the Army."

Braddy honored for time as CCAD Leader

by Daphne Martin and Brigitte Rox, CCAD PA

When Col. Billingsley Garner Pogue III assumed command of CCAD on July 15, it closed the first period in the Depot's history where a civilian was in charge.

William Braddy, Deputy Commander for Production Operations, served as the Executive Director for nearly three months after Col. Christopher B. Carlile in April left early for a new assignment.

At the change of command ceremony, Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commanding general of U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Life Cycle Command, awarded Braddy the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award.

"We [AMCOM] put Bill in and he did a magnificent job just like we expected him to," Collyar said as Braddy passed the colors to Pogue.

"Now he'll step down and really be the true advisor and deputy for Garner which will be very valuable for him over the next few years.

"It is people like that who continue to serve, that make our Army as good as we are today. We don't have the uniformed personnel to do all of those jobs and this depot is a great example of that."



AMCOM Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar awarded Bill Braddy the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award for service as CCAD leader for nearly three months. Photo by Kiana Allen

Pogue thanked Braddy for his support and guidance during his transition to leadership, referring to Braddy as "a legend in the aviation branch."

Real teeth for handling debt collectors

by Ken Thorne, Work and Family Life Specialist, FFSC

We are regularly asked about what debt collectors can and cannot legally do, usually as the result of a really nasty encounter with one.

We now have another tool at our disposal and it is a really good one.

One of the outcomes of our recent financial crisis was the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

So far our experiences with them have been outstanding. They accept and investigate complaints regarding bank accounts or services, credit cards, credit reporting, money transfers, mortgages, student loans, vehicle or other consumer loans, and now, debt collections.

As for debt collectors, CFPB recently announced, "We've put companies on

notice through bulletins advising that all companies under Bureau jurisdiction will be held accountable for unlawful conduct in collecting a consumer's debts.

"We also announced that we are now accepting debt collection complaints and will publish action letters for consumers to consider using in corresponding with debt collectors."

The CFPB is the federal agency that holds primary responsibility for regulating consumer protection with regard to financial products and services in the United States.

The jurisdiction of the bureau includes banks, credit unions, securities firms, payday lenders, mortgage-servicing operations,

foreclosure relief services, debt collectors and other financial companies, and its most pressing concerns are mortgages, credit cards and student loans, and now debt collectors.

It was designed to consolidate employees and responsibilities from a number of other federal regulatory bodies, including the Federal Reserve, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration and even the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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If you feel like you have been abused by a financial institution, this is your best defense.

Break the Cycle

from Naval Criminal Investigative Service

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service has introduced its latest crime reduction program targeting child abuse and exploitation.

In partnership with the Commander, Navy Installations Command and the Family Advocacy Program, the joint message of the awareness campaign is "Break the Cycle."

Child abuse and exploitation takes many forms and includes verbal and emotional attacks, physical and sexual assaults, neglect, and child pornography.

According to the Department of the Navy Annual Crime Report 2012, there were 397 DON Child Sexual Abuse offenses reported

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Please help us reduce this number by reporting suspected incidents of child abuse or exploitation to DON law enforcement authorities.

If you perceive that it would be unsafe to report such incidents to DON law enforcement authorities, you may do so anonymously through the NCIS Text & Web Tip Line.

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DLA Distribution Family Day



It was fun for kids and adults alike July 11, as DLA Distribution Corpus Christi threw its annual Family Day in the park at the Child Development Center. Events included kickball, face painting, water balloon tosses and carries – and, of course, food.

Photos by Rod Hafemeister



Awards and Achievements

Winging — July 19



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Kresten Cook, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Cmdr. Christopher Archer, Former Commanding Officer, VT-28; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 1st Lt. Thomas Edward Aten, USMC; 1st Lt. David Michael Bick, USMC; Ensign Richard Daniel Carter; Ensign Glenn Marcus Costa; 1st Lt. Evan Alexander Farley, USMC; Ensign Kyle Blair Fishburn; Lt. j.g. Patrick Daniel Flynn; Lt. j.g. Louis Tyler George; 1st Lt. Ryan Hunt Homire, USMC; Lt. j.g. Daniel John Hunziker; 1st Lt. Michael J. Rivers, USMC; Ensign Matthew Tyler Schwall; Lt. j.g. Eric Andrew Scott; 1st Lt. Jeffrey Michael Simonson, USMC.

NHCCC Sailor recognized for quarterdeck display creativity

Story & photo by Bill Love, NHCCC PAO

Capt. Jimmy Bradley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presented a command coin to Hospitalman Latasha N. Barnes recently for creatively designing the quarterdeck display now on exhibit.

“I was surprised that he knew who I was,” said Barnes, a member of Medical Home Port Team Comfort, “even more so when he presented me with a coin.”

Following her recognition, the Houston, Texas Sailor expressed her satisfaction, adding that although she regularly manages various diversity heritage exhibits at the clinic’s main entrance, Independence Day inspired an extra surge of devotion.

“I felt it was my duty as a corpsman to have a patriotic display for the month of our nation’s birthday,” she said, adding credit to her fellow corpsmen for their contributions.

“In roughly an hour I was able to highlight a few of our exemplary staff members and the history I knew they carried.”

Barnes was referring to various borrowed artifacts including vintage Pharmacist’s Mate crowns belonging to Chief Hospital Corpsman Orlando Widow, and WWII era Gunner’s Mate rating badges provided by “Gunner” Robert

Johnson.

But probably the most interesting item in the collection is a pair of weathered combat boots that show a seasoned character of their own.

Sitting in the bottom right-hand corner of the cabinet, they belong to Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Jeric T. Martin, Staff Education & Training.

“I used them in theater when I was deployed with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division,” said Martin.

“They were in Afghanistan on two separate occasions; November 2008 to June 2009 in the Southern Helmand Province of Afghanistan (Golestan & Delaram) and again from August 2010 to May 2011 in the Southern Helmand Province of Afghanistan (Sangin & Lashkar Gah).

There is also a picture of Martin and his team mates deployed to those locations, and if you have not visited the quarterdeck recently, you will want to stop by to admire Barnes’ handiwork.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to show my support for this great Nation and those who serve,” she said.



Capt. Jimmy Bradley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, presents a command coin to Hospitalman Latasha N. Barnes for creatively designing the quarterdeck display case with an Independence Day inspired patriotic flair.



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First United Methodist Church Mixes the Secular and the Sacred with August Worship Series—Broadway lovers will get a treat each Sunday in August when First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline Blvd., presents "The Bible and Broadway," a series of worship services utilizing the themes from four well-known Broadway productions.

Rev. Greg Hackett, Senior Pastor, will be preaching on subject matter related to each of the productions, and the Chancel Choir will present some of each show's music at both worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, August 4, will take its material from Annie (music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and the book by Thomas Meehan). Rev. Hackett's sermon, "Tomorrow," will be taken from the text of Colossians 3:1-11.

Sunday, August 11, Rev. Hackett will be preaching from the text of Revelations 21:1-7 in his sermon "I Dreamed a Dream" derived from Les Misérables (music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, original French lyrics by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel, with an English-language libretto by Herbert Kretzmer).

"Popular," with text Romans 8:38-39, will be August 18's title, taken from Wicked (music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Winnie Holzman).

Finally on August 25, Rev. Hackett will preach "Circle of Life," based on the text Isaiah 42:5-9 with themes and music for The Lion King (music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice, along with the musical score composed by Hans Zimmer with choral arrangements by Lebo M., based on the movie by Irene Mecchi, Jonathan Roberts and Linda Woolverton).

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American Red Cross Launches New App to Recruit Volunteers - Once users download the app, they create an account. Then they learn about different jobs, such as working in a warehouse, handing out supplies or assisting with feeding. When the Red Cross has a need for volunteers, the Team Red Cross App will notify users based on their location. Potential volunteers can instantly accept or decline the volunteer opportunity. The Red Cross is encouraging the public to download the app before a disaster strikes the Texas Coast so volunteers can help immediately. The app is free and designed for iPhone and Android smart phones and tablets. Additional features include:

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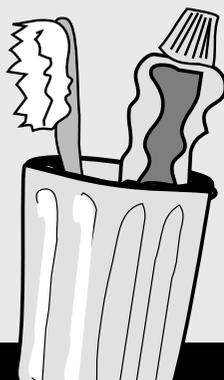
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In Memorium: Cmdr. Carl Andrew Armstrong, Jr.

Cmdr. Carl Andrew Armstrong, Jr., MSC, USN (Ret) was born on June 14, 1939 in Sandersville, Georgia.

He was baptized while on tour in Okinawa in 1962 and went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 4, 2013.

He met the love of his life, Connie Leverett, in their home town of Augusta, Georgia during middle school. They were married in 1959.

After graduating from Richmond Academy, Carl enlisted in the United States Navy.

During his years of service he earned his Bachelor of Science in Medical Administration and his Master of Arts Degree in Management and Human Relations.

His duty stations included: Virginia, Okinawa, California, Illinois, Maryland, Washington D.C., Florida and Texas.

Carl retired in 1984 after honorably serving for 26 years.

He then worked for the State of Texas for 10 years.

He was proud to be an active member of the Corpus Christi Citizen's Police Academy.

His favorite pastime was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; his daughters, Debbie Shea (Dan) and Sara Kuhn (Eric); his grandchildren, Dan Shea (Lauren), Drew Shea, Katie Shea, Mary Jane Shea, Patrick Shea, Hanna Kuhn, Martha Sue Kuhn, Samuel Kuhn, and Benjamin Kuhn; his great grandchildren, Mary Kate and Daniel Shea.

The family would like to express their special gratitude to Dr. Jonathan Martin and Dr. William Shaffer for the many years of compassionate care they gave to Carl.

Lt. (Chaplain) Stephen Warne said Carl was a regular attendee at Sunday services on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi

A memorial service will be held at the Naval Air Station Protestant Chapel on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 10am, conducted by Chaplain Warne.

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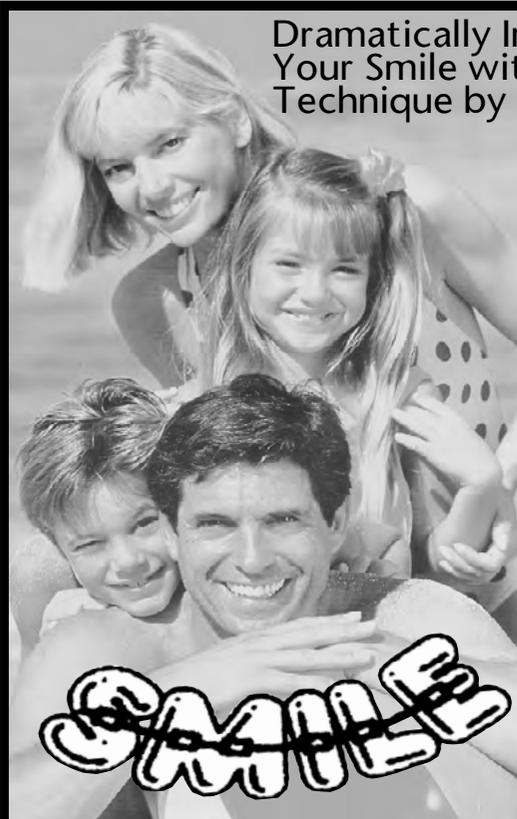
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Support from family and friends plays key role in redesigned competition

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H-E-B will select 15 people from around the state to compete in the 14-week contest. Applications, rules and FAQs can be found online at Heb.com/slimdown.

Contestants will be notified in December and announced publicly in January 2014. Winners will be crowned in April 2014.

Now in its third year, H-E-B has redesigned the competition to encourage more robust support networks of family, friends and mentors to help contestants stay the course and make lasting lifestyle changes.

When the Showdown begins, all contestants will travel to San Antonio to participate in an intensive, five-and-a-half day wellness program with experts from H-E-B, Gold's Gym and Cooper Aerobics Center. Family members and friends will be invited to come learn more about how they can support their loved ones through the journey.

Upon returning home, contestants will receive coaching and support from past contestants and H-E-B Partners who have successfully adopted a healthy lifestyle and can act as mentors and cheerleaders. H-E-B will also select 15 Partners to compete in the company's internal version of the Slim Down Showdown alongside the community competition, giving both sets of contestants an opportunity to meet and "team up" to strengthen their network of support.

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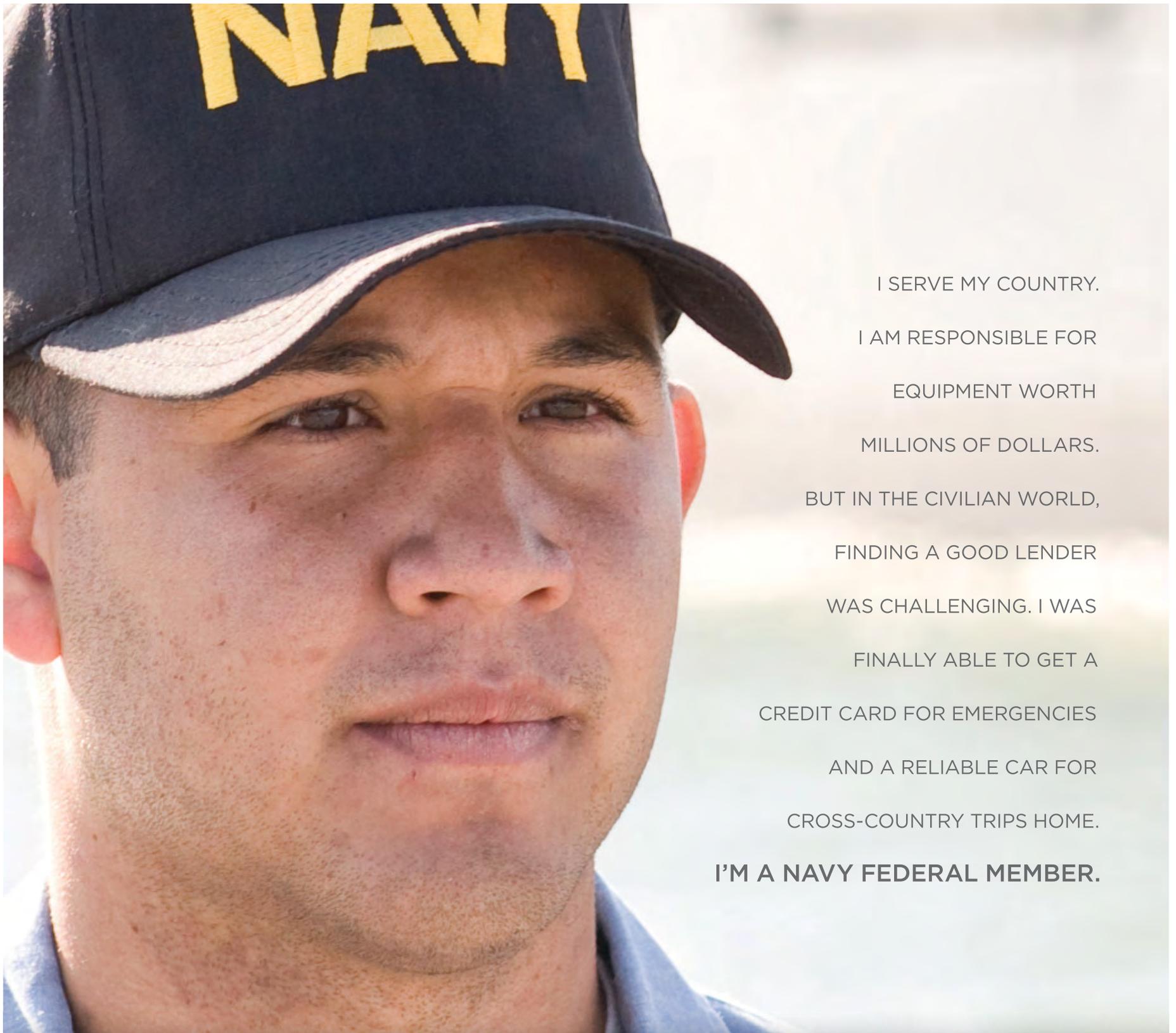
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