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Health clinic announces change of command

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi will conduct a change of command ceremony aboard USS Lexington (CV 16) Museum by the Bay, Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m.

Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer since April 2013, will be relieved by Capt. Guido F. Valdes.

Rear Adm. Terry J. Moulton, commander, Navy Medicine East will be the presiding officer.

Valdes, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, has served as executive officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola since 2011.

This traditional naval ceremony, passing authority and responsibility to another fine officer, reflects the dedication of free men and women serving their nation proudly.

Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Corpus Christi's priority since its founding as hospital in 1941 is to heal the nation's heroes and their families. Over 13,000 military active duty, their family members, retirees and their family members are enrolled with a primary care manager and Medical Home Port team at one of its facilities. The command is comprised of its core facility, two branch health clinics located in Kingsville and Fort Worth, Texas, as well as a detachment in San Antonio that provides primary care services to Navy students at the Medical Education and Training Command at Fort Sam Houston, and case management services and medical board management to Navy and Marine Corps Wounded, Ill and Injured Warriors at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

NHC Corpus Christi is part of a global healthcare network of 63,000 Navy medical personnel around the world who provide high-quality



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health care to more than one million eligible beneficiaries. Navy Medicine's highly trained men and women deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ship, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.

The clinic will be closed on Aug. 27, and will resume normal operations on Friday, Aug. 28.

Helm of Training Squadron 31 'Wise Owls' to change

Training Squadron 31 will conduct a change of command ceremony Friday, Aug. 14, at 10:31 a.m., in Hangar 57 on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. Cmdr. Samuel D. Gage will relieve Cmdr. Matthew W. Foster as the commanding officer of the VT-31 "Wise Owls."

Foster, a 1995 graduate from National University was designated a Naval Aviator at NAS Corpus Christi in 1998 and has served both ashore and at sea. He has served as commanding officer of VT-31 since May 16, 2014. Under his command VT-31 has flown more than 19,000 flight hours, designated 308 new aviators, and was awarded the coveted Chief of Naval Operations' Safety Award for both 2013 and 2014.

Gage is a 1997 Naval Academy graduate and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1999. He has deployed to Iceland, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, as well as a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Capt. Mark Hamilton, attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Brazil, will be the guest speaker.

VT-31 is one of four aviation training squadrons attached to Training Air Wing FOUR and is one of two advanced multi-engine training squadrons in the Navy. The squadron has historically trained students in all phases of advanced multi-engine flight procedures.



Foster



Gage



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Captain's Column



Capt. Steve Banta
Commanding Officer



It's been a quiet hurricane season so far. However, we are approaching the peak of the season in South Texas - between mid-August and late October - so I hope you and your families are remaining ready should a storm approach the coast.

Hurricanes and tropical storms have the power to cause widespread devastation. Preparing now to protect yourself, your family, and your property will enable you to act quickly if the time comes.

These storms can cause loss of life and catastrophic damage to property along coastlines and can extend several hundred miles inland. The extent of damage varies according to the size and wind intensity of the storm, the amount and duration of rainfall,

the path of the storm, and other factors. Damaging effects can also include disruption of transportation, power, communications, and other services, as well as flooding from heavy rains and storm surge.

It's difficult to accurately predict the path of the storm in advance. The key to safety is to be prepared, and to stay informed.

The National Weather Service issues hurricane watches and hurricane warnings with the intention to provide adequate time for evacuation. If you wait for actual confirmation of a catastrophic storm, you may be trapped by high winds, flooding, or traffic.

Receiving timely information about weather conditions or other emergency events can make all the difference in knowing when to take action to be safe. We will be sharing messages from the National Weather Service and local media via Twitter at @NASCCEM, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NASCorpusChristi, via e-mails, and with other mass notification systems.

What you can do:

Monitor local and national weather reports. Consider buying a NOAA weather

radio/receiver, which receives broadcast alerts directly from NWS. Think about how you will stay informed if there is a power outage. Have extra batteries for a battery-operated radio and your cell phone. You may even want to consider having a hand-crank radio.

Discuss preparations with your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Talking about preparedness with others will help you think through your plans, share information about alerts and warnings, and share tips for protecting property. Talking about potential severe weather, and helping others prepare, will make everyone safer.

For more information about Emergency Management, contact the NASCC Emergency Manager at (361) 961-1725. You can also get a wealth of information from various websites including: www.fema.gov, www.ready.navy.mil, www.hurricanes.gov, www.nhc.noaa.gov, www.ready.gov/hurricanes, www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart, and www.disastersafety.org/hurricane.

Be prepared and stay safe!

Chaplain's Message



Feds Feed Families update

Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Wame
Command Chaplain

The Navy Chaplain Corps leads efforts among Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard units, and Chaplains serve as primary points of contact at each Installation for the yearly effort.

Although much of the poundage is attributed to food items raised through the Commissary and other tenant command participation, both Catholic and Protestant worship communities on board NAS corpus Christi contribute heavily to the effort. We are credited with 5 pounds per every dollar given to local ministries focused on providing food to the needy.

Our local goal last year was to raise 20,000 pounds of food; NAS Corpus Christi raised an astounding 34,475 pounds. This combined effort almost doubled the amount

given from the previous year. I am proud to say that collections are on pace to surpass last year's record-breaking efforts.

There are donation drop boxes located in the Commissary, Catholic Chapel, and Protestant Chapel Fellowship Hall, as well as throughout departmental and tenant command spaces.

Keep up the good work!

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Capt. Steve Banta
Commanding Officer

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Public Affairs Officer



This paper is published for people like ET1(SW/AW/EXW) Joshua Jorns assigned to NASCC's Ground Electronics. Jorns is a native of LeRoy, Ill., and has 17 years of U.S. Navy service.

2015 Feds Feed Families Information

U.S. Department of Agriculture spearheads the annual Feds Feed Families campaign, which officially began last month and will run through Oct. 2.

Launched in 2009 as part of President Obama's United We Serve campaign, Feds Feed Families was designed to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during summer months when they traditionally see a decrease in donations and an increase in need. Through the amazing generosity of federal employees, since 2009 the food drive has collected nearly 39 million pounds of food for those in need. Last year alone, more than 14.8 million pounds were donated and provided to food banks and pantries.

Some of the most wanted items are high in fiber, and low in sugar and sodium, such as:

- canned fruits in light syrup or its own juices;
- canned tuna, salmon or chicken;
- pasta and rice;
- hot and cold cereal;
- canned or dry beans;
- pasta sauce;
- peanut butter; and
- low sodium canned vegetables.





Ready for the Navy Regatta?

The Navy Regatta is next week – kind of snuck up on you, huh?!

It's not too late to enter the Titanic Cup. Call MMCS Shane Eckhart at 961-3719, for information. The Titanic Cup race on Aug. 22, features your homemade vessels constructed of anything but boat or aircraft parts. Trophies will be presented during a dinner held at the

Catalina Club that evening.

Get your crew together and create your anything-that-can-float-but-a-boat!

Rules?

The vessel you build must float.

It must be powered by "wind."

The craft must be equipped for towing to the starting line.

It must be of unconventional construction -- NOT incorporating boats/aircraft or parts of boats/aircraft. Costs for its construction shall not exceed \$75, and should be built by "rational" beings (as opposed to engineers), the crew or other volunteers.

The craft must be commanded by an officer or mate capable of maintaining good order and discipline among the crew.

It should be capable of sailing 50 meters downwind without sinking other contesting crafts, and staying afloat at the same time.

Entries will be judged on originality, most devious interpretations of the rules, deportment of the crew, and adherence to the traditional values of mariners.

Judging will be conducted by a committee of Sailors, the NASCC commanding officer, and/or a nominated official.

The winning military organization will receive a suitable trophy for displaying until the next Regatta, at which time this "Auld Mug" will be again contested.

There must be at least one person per floating vessel to compete.

Power-assisted vessels may not assist or

impede the racers.

If your sailing vessel SINKS, you will be required to retrieve it from the waters!

The final rule for the Titanic Cup is ... HAVE FUN!

The 2015 Navy Regatta being held Aug. 22 and 23, is a weekend of fun, sailing, camaraderie and community partnership.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, CCYC and BYC vessels will race from downtown to the air station. Later that afternoon, the Titanic Cup will be held.

Sunday, military members will take the helm as the yachts race back to Corpus Christi in the Military Challenge. Trophies will be presented during a pool party at the CCYC.

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Richardson confirmed as next Chief of Naval Operations

By MC1 Elliott Fabrizio
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

Adm. John M. Richardson, director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, was confirmed by the Senate as the 31st Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Aug. 5.

Richardson will replace Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert who has been CNO since September 2011. Vice Adm. Frank Caldwell, who was also confirmed by the Senate today, will succeed Richardson later this month as the director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

"I am honored and humbled to have been nominated and confirmed to succeed Adm. Greenert as our Navy's next chief of naval operations," said Richardson. "Adm. Greenert and his wife Darleen have been tireless and superb advocates for our Sailors and their families. I am deeply grateful for their service to our Navy and nation. I am excited to lead the extraordinary men and women in the world's greatest Navy."

The change of office ceremony will be held in September at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Richardson, 55, hails from Petersburg, Va. He graduated with a degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982. Richardson also holds master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the National War College.

As one of the Navy's top leaders, Richardson has a broad-based record as an operational commander. Richardson commanded the nuclear attack submarine USS Honolulu (SSN 718), served as a naval aide to the president of the United States, as well as numerous other assignments through his career. Richardson received the prestigious Vice Adm. James Stockdale for inspirational leadership award in 2001, among a long list of personal and unit awards.

For biography on Richardson visit www.navy.mil/navydata/bios/navybio.asp?bioID=440.



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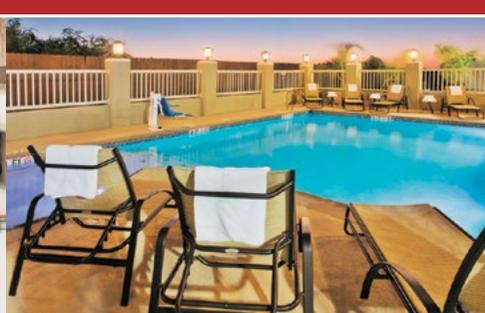
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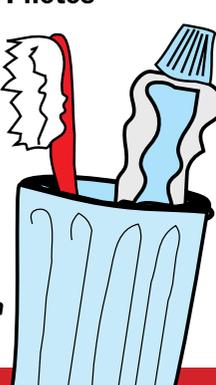
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Training Squadron 35 holds change of command

Cmdr. Jason Wood turned over command of Training Squadron 35 (VT-35) to Cmdr. Arthur Hodge during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 7.

Hodge reports to South Texas from Colorado Springs, Co., where he was lead planner for Civil Support, CBRN Response, International Disaster Response and Canada-U.S. Civil Assistance plans at U.S. Northern Command.

Hodge is a native of Port Carbon, Pa., and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in systems engineering. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in May 1999 and completed fleet replacement training with VAW-120 in October 1999.

Hodge's first sea tour was with the Black Eagles of VAW-113 in Point Mugu, Calif., flying the E-2C Hawkeye.

Hodge was designated a Naval Aviator in March 2005 and reported to VP-30 in Jacksonville, Fla., for Fleet Replacement Pilot training in the P-3C Orion. He completed FRS training in November 2005 and received follow-on orders to fly the EP-3E with the Rangers of VQ-2 in Whidbey Island, Wash.

Next, Hodge received orders to VQ-1 as a department head where he served as the administration officer and operations officer. He has also held the position of officer-in-charge Task Group 57.1 in U.S. Central Command executing combat reconnaissance missions in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

In August 2010, Hodge reported to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Fifth Fleet as the operations officer for Task Force 57 located in Manama, Bahrain. He directed a battle staff covering all maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations across 13 Task Groups throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

Hodge has logged more than 3,000 hours in various U.S. Navy aircraft and has more than 300 arrested landings. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, four Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, and various unit and campaign awards.

Wood's next assignment is on the staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training.

Pictured top right, Cmdr. Jason Wood (left) outgoing commander of Training Squadron 35 (VT-35) Shakes hands with Cmdr. Arthur Hodge, arriving commander, while Capt. John Kelsey, commodore, Training Air Wing Four looks on at the squadron's change of command ceremony on board USS Lexington Museum Aug. 7.

Pictured right, Cmdr. Jason Woods, outgoing commander of VT-35 receives his command pennant from Lt. Jose Bacio during the squadron's change of command ceremony. (U.S. Navy photos by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



Bravo Zulu



Fair Winds & Following Seas -- Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Harrell, site director for Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville detachment Corpus Christi, presents Purchasing Agent Lynda Gauntt a Letter of Appreciation as she retires July 30, with nearly 32 years of Federal service. (Courtesy photo).

Bravo Zulu -- Management Assistant Esther Haigood is presented a certificate describing her outstanding performance by Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Harrell, FLC site director. Haigood was selected as the Civilian of the Quarter for the second quarter of fiscal year 2015. (Courtesy photo)

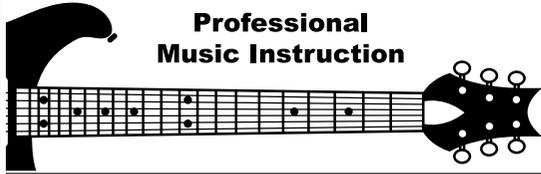


Collecting school supplies -- The “Back-to-School Brigade” opened its doors Aug. 6, welcoming military and retiree family members. Above, Jose and Laura Lejia review school supply list at the fifth-annual event that provided free school supplies for more than 250 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to college-age. Students received supplies needed to start the school year, a goody bag and gift cards. USO South Texas, in cooperation with various nonprofit organizations, community leaders and businesses, donated over 200 backpacks with assorted supplies collected by Operation Homefront from a national retailer. Laura North, NASCC librarian also provided books for all children in attendance. (Courtesy photo by Mary Jane Garza)

HM1 Desiree Uhl, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Behavioral Health, volunteers at the “Backpack Brigade” Aug. 6, helping local active-duty and retiree families collect school supplies for their school-aged children. Uhl has only been reunited with her family for three months since returning from a nine-month deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Courtesy photo by Melissa Bradley)

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Promoted -- Lt. Jon Hullihan, Chief of Naval Air Training's Staff Judge Advocate, has his new rank of Lt. Cmdr. pinned on by his wife Jennifer during a promotional ceremony held recently. (U.S. Navy photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA Public Affairs)



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Commanding Officer Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley flanked by Cmdr. Nora M. Perez, most mature Medical Service Corps (MSC) officer, and Lt.j.g. Steven J. Kahn, right, newest MSC officer, lead the staff in celebrating their Corps' 68th anniversary at the Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi quarterdeck Aug. 4. (U.S. Navy photo by Bill W. Love, NHCCC Public Affairs)

Celebrating 68 years of service in support of nation, Navy, Marine Corps

Staff from Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) observed the 68th birthday of the Navy Medical Service Corps (MSC) on the quarterdeck Aug. 4.

Commanding Officer Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley flanked by Cmdr. Nora M. Perez, most mature MSC officer, and Lt.j.g. Steven J. Kahn, right, newest MSC officer, led the staff in celebration with a cake cutting ceremony.

The Director of the Medical Service Corps, Rear Adm. Terry J. Moulton relayed his congratulations in a written message.

"Today, our Corps proudly celebrates our legacy of exceptional service to our nation and Navy medicine. I want to thank you for all that you do, every day, to provide high quality health care to our warfighters, their families, and all those we serve," Moulton said. "Our Corps has an incredibly rich history that dates back before our formal establishment."

During World War I, 65 pharmacists and chief pharmacists were given temporary commissions in the Medical Corps. Throughout World War II, 1,429 officers were given appointments in the Hospital Corps and 845 allied healthcare specialists and scientists were given appointments as Naval Reserve officers.

Recognizing a need for an officer Corps of professional administrators, clinicians and scientists, Congress enacted the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act of 1947, formally establishing the Corps.

The Medical Service Corps now has over 3,000 active and Reserve officers in 31 specialties serving at sea, on deployments and humanitarian missions, in clinics, inpatient facilities, research and operational commands around the world.

"Our Medical Service Corps continues to lead from the front as highly skilled and professional naval officers that selflessly support Navy Medicine's mission," Moulton said.

At NHCCC, its Naval Branch Health Clinics located in Kingsville and Fort Worth, Texas, and at the San Antonio Detachment, MSC officers display incredible skill and talent while providing services and care to over 13,000 enrolled beneficiaries comprised of military active duty, their family members, retirees and their family members.

One of those skilled officers, NHCCC Comptroller Lt. Cherie Chenault from Fairborn, Ohio, verbalized her approval about being in the Corps for eight years.

"It's very satisfying that you can touch
see MSC on page 10

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Construction Update -- Naval Facilities Command/Public Works Department personnel will be working to provide some much needed asphalt repair to some of our parking lots and perimeter roads. The repairs will include the demolition of the asphalt material and base material, the installation of new base material and then resurfacing the areas. The parking lots that will be repaired will also receive new space markings and some will receive additional wheel stops. The first area to be affected by this work will be Patrol Road located between Buildings 1714 and 1725. For your safety please remain clear of the construction site and equipment. (Courtesy photo)

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so many echelons within health care. MSCs are quite versatile and can be found in every directorate here. You can be an administrator, you can be a clinician, you can even run a military treatment facility. Look at our CO (Bradley), he pretty much runs all of Navy medicine in the state of Texas," Chenault said.

Navywide, Moulton issued a challenge for all MSC officers to assist in recruiting

the best and brightest, train and mentor the Corps' officers, and continue to develop as professional and proficient naval officers.

"As we have throughout our history, the Medical Service Corps will rise to any challenges the future may bring and will continue to provide the exceptional service to our Nation that is a hallmark of our Corps," Moulton said.

NASCC Commissary Store Hours
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday, CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Early Bird Hours are Tuesday to Friday, from 9 to 10 a.m.
For more information, call (361) 961-2545.

Library & Resource Center Back to School Bash Friday, August 21, 2015

1:00 pm until 3:00 pm

Parents and Students are invited to tour the Library and learn about the many resources that are offered.

Everyone will go home with a Free Book!

Scavenger Hunt and Crafts for Kids!

Library Tours will take place every 15 minutes!

Digital Resource Presentation
1:30 pm & 2:30 pm
Learn how to access:

- E- Books
- E-Magazines
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- and More



For more information, please call 961-3574
The Library is located in building 1872 - Midway Street

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NAS Corpus Christi & NAS Kingsville

End of Summer Lock-In

Friday, August 14, 2015 - 7:00 pm until

Saturday, August 15, 2015 - 8:00 am

At NAS Corpus Christi Youth Center



- Teens ages 10 to 18 are invited to attend.
- Registration deadline is Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Youth Activities Center in building 1756.
- Teens are encouraged to bring a bathing suit (one piece for girls), a towel, a change of clothes, a pillow and a sleeping bag.
- Dinner, breakfast and "midnight snacks" will be provided.



For more information,
please call 961-2355.



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Request a Volunteer Packet Today!

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End of Summer Bash

Saturday, August 15, 2015 - 1 pm until 6 pm

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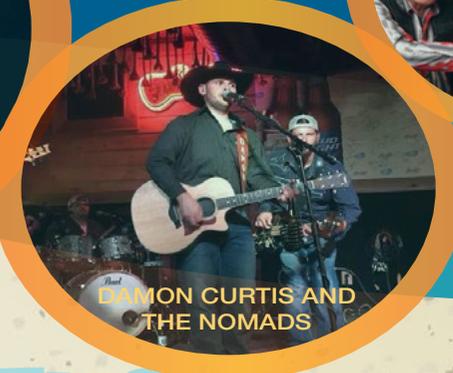
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