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NASCC celebrates Navy's 240th birthday

NASCC Public Affairs Office

Corpus Christi commemorated the Navy's 240th birthday Oct. 9 with a Navy Ball at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi's Catalina Club.

The evening featured speeches, dinner, birthday cake, dancing as well as a traditional raising of glasses in a salute expressing good wishes and drinking to the Commander-in-Chief, all the armed forces, our ships at sea, those serving in harm's way and our missing comrades.

For many Sailors, the Navy's birthday is a time to remember tradition and legacy as well as those who have lost their lives defending our country and those who have made the U.S. Navy the finest in the world.

The Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, established by the Continental Congress, Oct. 13, 1775, by authorizing the procurement, fitting out, manning and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British army in America.

"The Navy is now meeting our mission requirements, and a healthy budget into the future will ensure we continue to do so," said Rear Adm. Dell Bull, chief of Naval Air Training, who served as the guest speaker.

"Without a doubt, today's Navy and today's naval aviation training are different than they were 120 years ago – we work hard to ensure minimal waste, an on-going process, and maximum output of the highest quality of pilots and NFOs (naval flight officers) the world has



Retired Lt. Cmdr. Babe Crouch, the oldest Sailor present, along with Seaman Apprentice Alexander C. Difiore, the youngest Sailor present, conduct the traditional cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 240th birthday Oct. 2 at Navy Air Station Corpus Christi's Catalina Club. Difiore serves with Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi.

ever seen.

"As we speak, today, right now, our Navy remains ready," Bull added. "From the coast of Africa to the wide expanse of the Pacific, from the Arctic to the Antarctic, our Sailors continue to deploy to protect and defend the American people and our national interests.

"As President Theodore Roosevelt once said, 'A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace.'"



Capt. Steve Banta, left, commanding officer, NAS Corpus Christi, presents Rear Adm. Dell Bull, Chief of Naval Air Training, with a token of appreciation for being the guest speaker of the Navy Ball.

Combined Federal Campaign provides vital support to communities

By Eric Lobsinger
NASCC Public Affairs Office

The 2015 Coastal Bend Area Combined Federal Campaign is underway at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and runs through Nov. 20.

For those interested in making a charitable donation, CFC key person(s) are making their way through each working area and handing out 2015 charity guides and donation sheets.

"Give for Good" is the theme for the 2015 campaign, and donors have the ability to choose from more than 24,000 eligible charities. The CFC charity guide is broken down into



international, local and national/international organizations.

Due to the sheer number of eligible orga-

nizations, not all of them are listed in the local booklet. Those not listed can be found in an easily searchable database at: www.opm.gov/cfc/Search/Locator.asp.

Donors can make their charitable contributions through payroll deductions or through cash donations – or a combination of both. Donating, of course, is voluntary, and the goal for CFC key workers is to make 100-percent contact with personnel to ensure they are provided an opportunity to participate.

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Command Master Chief's Column



CMDCM(SW)
Jeffery Tidwell

Howdy! Happy 240th birthday to the United States Navy.

On Oct. 13, 1775, the United States Navy was born. Since its birth, the Navy has been involved in more than 10 major wars and countless battles in the effort to bring security, democracy, peace and prosperity to the American people and countless others around the world. A lot has changed over these past 240 years, but the one constant has been our forward presence as a deterrent against aggression.

On March 27, 1794, the U.S. Congress authorized the construction of six frigates, the first ships of the U.S. Navy. These six frigates were USS Constitution, USS Chesapeake, USS Constellation, USS President, USS United States and USS Congress; all were outfitted with cannons and manned by Sailors with cutlasses.

Back then, it was all about maneuvering for the broadside advantage in order to open fire with the cannons. Once enough damage

was inflicted on the enemy vessel, then Sailors would be sent over to conduct hand-to-hand combat.

Since those humble beginnings in the late 1700s, the Navy has evolved into the most modernized and feared Navy that has ever sailed the world's oceans. Presently, we have 271 deployable battle force ships, 3,700 plus aircraft, more than 320,000 active duty and 111,000 Ready Reserve spread out across the globe on a variety of missions, to include supporting "Operation Enduring Freedom," deterrent patrols in the South Pacific and anti-piracy patrols off the African Coast.

Our weapons and aircraft make it so that there is not one place in the world that we cannot reach out and touch. We are truly a "Global Force."

Here are some significant dates in the Navy:

Aug. 1, 1801: Schooner Enterprise engaged and soundly defeated the Tripolitan ship Tripoli off the coast of Malta during the first Barbary War.

Aug. 15, 1895: USS Texas became the first commissioned battleship in the fleet.

Oct. 12, 1900: USS Holland became the first commissioned submarine in the fleet.

Nov. 14, 1910: First successful launch of an aircraft from a ship. Civilian pilot Eugene Ely took off from the stationary cruiser USS Birmingham in a Curtiss Model D biplane.

March 3, 1915: The Navy Reserve was established by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels.

Nov. 5, 1915: First catapult launch of an aircraft from a ship, USS North Carolina.

March 17, 1917: Loretta Perfectus Walsh became the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

April 11, 1920: USS Langley became the first commissioned carrier in the fleet. She was previously the collier USS Jupiter (AC-3) and converted into a carrier.

January 1939: USS New York went to sea with the first operational radio detection and ranging (radar) set in the U.S. fleet.

March 12, 1941: NAS Corpus Christi was commissioned by its first commanding officer, Capt. Alva Bernhard.

March 5, 1942: The Seabees were officially named.

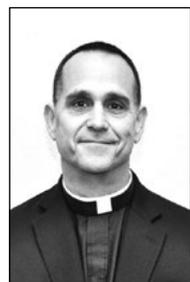
Jan. 1, 1962: United States Navy Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) teams were founded.

Nov. 25, 1961: USS Enterprise became the first commissioned nuclear carrier in the fleet.

July 1, 2014: VCNO Michelle J. Howard became the first female to obtain the rank of admiral.

As always, thank you for your service and for what you do each day to make NAS Corpus Christi the best installation it can be. Always be an asset and not a liability. Be proud of our installation.

Chaplain's Message



Chaplains
from the
past

Father John Vidal
Catholic Priest

Last week, Juan Aguilar, the clinic housekeeping aide who cleans the chaplain's office on the fifth deck of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, came by and showed me his newly acquired 1941 "Slipstream" yearbook for NASCC.

In it, I found a lot of information and was thrilled to read about the chaplains and the chapel. The following is a reproduction of the text on the page entitled "The Chaplains and the Chapel:"

The duty of a Navy chaplain, as thousands of officers, cadets and enlisted men have learned during their stay at N.A.S., goes far beyond the primary obligation of conducting religious services. For upon his shoulders falls the responsibility of prompt and understanding action to help personnel in times of trouble.

In addition it is part of the department's duty to supervise the library, publish the station newspaper and produce radio programs, deliver helpful lectures to all incoming cadets and recruits, write govern-

ment life insurance policies, and supervise all family relief and welfare work.

More than 20,000 books have been catalogued and prepared for circulation at the library during the past year, with an estimated 10,000 checked out each month. The newspaper, the eight-page "Beam," serves as a useful aid to morale with its pictures and stories on station activities and personalities.

Pipe organ music and vocal and instrumental groups are broadcast from the station chapel six times a week, with Sunday morning and vesper services also going out on the air.

Six or more Protestant and Catholic services are held in the ivory and mahogany decorated chapel on the main station each Sunday, with Catholic services said daily. Jewish and Christian Science services are conducted once a week, and one or more wedding services are said in the chapel nearly every day.

Under a picture of Capt. J.H. Brooks, the command chaplain, is the following caption:

"Senior chaplain of the vast training center at Corpus Christi is Captain Joseph H. Brooks, recently promoted from the rank of Commander and veteran of more than 20 years of naval service. He has been in charge of this department and directed its many widespread activities since the commissioning of the station in March, 1941."

The page also has a picture of his seven supporting chaplains and some pictures of what is now the Protestant chapel and outdoor services in front of one of the Hangars.

Of interest, although not mentioned in the "Slipstream," the first services in the chapel were concluding as the attack on Pearl Harbor began on Dec. 7, 1941.

There is a framed front-page article from the Corpus Christi newspaper about those events in the chapel. I invite you all to stop by and look for it.

Additionally, Juan has been kind enough to lend us the book for a few days for our lobby. You are cordially invited to stop by and browse through it while you enjoy some coffee with us.

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This paper is published for people like Kenneth Gambetta, who is a librarian technician at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Library. He has worked for the Navy for ten years – the last six years with the library. A Navy family member, he calls Corpus Christi home but says he is really from all over.

Navy announces rollout and wear dates for upcoming uniform changes

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The Chief of Naval Personnel released NAVADMIN 236/15 Oct. 9, which announces several key uniform changes.

The Navy has been working to meet Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' plans to redesign several uniform elements for Sailors that improve uniformity across the force as well as improve the function and fit of their uniforms. Several wear-tests have been conducted and the Navy has incorporated Sailors' feedback into the final uniform and cover designs announced Friday.

NAVADMIN 236/15 provides detailed information on the upcoming uniform changes and rollout plans, including:

Unisex covers:

o Effective immediately, the Alternative Combination Cover and current male combination cover for officers and CPOs can now be worn by both men and women in service dress uniforms.

o The ACC is now available in Navy Exchange Uniform Stores and through the call center.

o All Officers and Chiefs will be required to wear either the ACC or current male Combination Cover Oct. 31, 2016.

o The enlisted white hat, or Dixie Cup, is available for wear by E-6 and below April 2016, and must be worn in service dress whites (Oct. 31, 2016) and service dress blue (Jan. 1, 2020).

o Recruit Training Command will begin issuing the Dixie Cup to all recruits beginning April 2016.

Redesigned E-6 & below Service Dress Blue:

o Beginning Oct. 1, 2016, Recruit Training Command (RTC) will begin issuing the redesigned SDBs for E6 and below.

o Jumper style for both men and women.
o The jumper will incorporate a side zipper and the slacks will have a front zipper to help with changing in and out of uniform.

o Both men's and women's uniform pants will have the traditional 13 buttons, though they will not be functional.

o Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, the enlisted white hat, or Dixie Cup, must be worn by both men and women in the E-6 and below Service Dress Blue uniform.

o The redesigned uniform for men will be added to existing stock until the old style inventory is gone.

Redesigned E-6 Service Dress White with Navy Blue Piping:

o New SDW for E6 and below with navy blue piping will be issued at RTC beginning Oct 1, 2017.

o Jumper style for both men and women.

o The jumper will incorporate a side zipper and the slacks will have a front zipper to help with changing in and out of the uniform.

o Mandatory wear date for SDW is Oct. 31, 2021.

o Beginning Oct. 31, 2016, the enlisted white hat, or Dixie Cup, must be worn by both men and women in the E-6 and below Service Dress Blue uniform.

Choker style women's Officer and Chief Petty Officer:

Service Dress White Coat will be worn by both men and women

o It will be available through Navy Exchange uniform stores and call center beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

o Mandatory wear date is Jan. 1, 2020.

o The ACC or current male combination cover will be worn with the new choker coat.

Lightweight NWU Type I for Officers and Sailors:

o Will be available April 2016 at NEX Uniform Centers in Guam and Hawaii, and through the call center for Diego Garcia and Singapore.

o Beginning Oct. 1, 2016 RTC will issue to recruits.

o Sailors can wear these lighter NWU uniform items with all current NWU Type I uniform components.

o Gray-tinted garment label will be used to identify the lighter version of the NWU Type I.

o Current NWU Type I will no longer be manufactured and the lightweight NWU Type I will become the standard uniform.

o The current NWU Type I will be phased out as stock is depleted.

New Navy Fitness Suit for all Officers and Sailors:

o Navy Fitness Suit has dark blue jacket and pants with gold Navy logos and silver reflective piping. It is 100 percent nylon.

o May be worn off duty

o Will be issued to recruits at Great Lakes Beginning Oct. 1, 2016.

o The fitness suit will be available for purchase in NEX uniform stores and call center beginning January 2017.

o Mandatory wear date is Jan. 1, 2020.

Expansion of the allowable styles of purses that women may carry in uniform. Highlights include:

o Purses must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches wide, 5 1/2 to 14 inches high and 2 to 6 inches deep.

o Must match shoes in black, brown or white in leather or synthetic leather.

o Must match shoes in plain black, brown or white in leather or synthetic leather.

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Cyber attackers have evolved

Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The cyber threat is real. Cyber attackers have evolved from pranksters, lone wolves and organized gangs to nation-states and hacktivist groups. While the damage used to be limited to simple disruptions in service, today’s cyber-attacks are leading to global, political and commercial uncertainty. These increasing attacks have resulted in significant losses of intellectual property, private data and national secrets.

Early attacks of viruses and worms, malware and Trojans have grown in complexity and sophistication to cross over into the physical world as hackers try to infiltrate and control computers within cars, generators, energy grids and other everyday systems.

Personal information is more susceptible than ever to hacking as more personal information is stored digitally.

This vulnerability was most exposed when the Office of Personnel Management suffered a breach compromising millions of government employees’ personal information.

The Department of Defense alone experiences 41 million scans, probes and attacks per month.

“The Navy Networking Environment consists of more than 500,000 end user

devices; an estimated 75,000 network devices (servers, domain controllers); and approximately 45,000 applications and systems across three security enclaves,” said Vice Adm. Jan Tighe, commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, in a statement provided earlier this year to Congress.

Vice Adm. Tighe explained that the greater the attack surface or vulnerabilities in our systems, then the greater the risk to the mission.

Recent real world events and attacks on Navy systems, such as the 2013 hack into the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet that resulted in a significant Navy-wide effort to close vulnerabilities (Operation Rolling Tide), make clear that the cyber threat is increasing.

The reliance on connected capabilities has significantly increased the potential consequences of a cyber compromise.

Once independent or isolated systems



Vice Adm. Walter E. Carter, superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, observes a team of midshipmen April 15 during the 15th annual Cyber Defense Exercise hosted by the National Security Agency. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Class Tyler Caswell)

now rely on each other to link together our warfighters, ships, submarines, aircraft, land-based command centers and distant satellites.

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serve their country in a different manner – through supporting programs, such as breast cancer awareness, AIDS research, cancer research, women’s shelters, children’s shelters and orphanages.

It covers a huge variety of organizations, said EN1 Derrick Scranton, who, along with ADC Piero Centeno, serves as the NASCC CFC coordinators.

“I think it is important for everyone to participate,” said Scranton, “whether it’s a monetary donation – a dollar or ten dollars – or through a payroll deduction. For some, it may be just grabbing spare change and putting it into the envelope. All donations are important.”

Last year, Coastal Bend federal employees generously donated more than \$830,000, said Scranton. Of course, community members are also invited to contribute through the various approved fundraisers.

“The Combined Federal Campaign is underway right now and provides Naval Air Station Corpus Christi personnel,

along with other Coastal Bend federal employees, with a great opportunity to provide financial support to a truly impressive variety of organizations,” said Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer. “CFC provides the opportunity to donate to any organization or charity that is heavy on your heart and to give back to the community.

“I encourage everyone to look through the CFC charity guide and to see if there is an organization you would like to support.”

2015 Donor Recognition:

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Military: \$50 per month = \$600 total gift

Travel Mug:
Civilian: \$10 per pay period = \$260 total gift
Military: \$20 per month = \$240 total gift

Editor’s Note: In the Oct. 8 issue of Wingspan, many names were listed in “As the bell rings, Navy honors its fallen,” as being honored during the ceremony. Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronchester Santiago, of Kingsville, who lost his life during the USS Cole bombing, was not mentioned. Santiago is a local fallen Sailor who we honor.

Upcoming Community Events

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Paws up! NASCC volunteers meet with students at job fair

Story & photos by Eric Lobsinger
NASCC Public Affairs office

As they prepare to enter the building, they realize it is not necessarily a mission that their training has prepared them for – but it is one they look forward to nonetheless.

Three local Sailors, Lt. Scott Beck, MA3 Kasey Kasper, SN Juan Ortiz – and Fergina, a K-9 working dog – took part in career day for first graders Oct. 9 at Windsor Park Elementary School in Corpus Christi.

They were among a select group of 20 volunteers who engaged in dialogue with the young, inquisitive students as they made their way through the presenter areas during four-minute round-robin sessions at each station.

At the station manned by Naval Air Station Corpus Christi's Kasper and Ortiz, both K-9 working dog handlers, the clear star of the show proved to be Fergina, a 9-year old German Shepherd K-9 working dog.

The children were mesmerized as Kasper talked to them about his and Ortiz' jobs and explained what the variety of gear on display was used for in training their K-9 partners.

"A lot of kids had really interesting questions," said Kasper. "They were really interested in touching the gear and asked about what it is that we do and what our main job is.

"It's good that the community gets to see a different side of us – especially being police – and they get to see what we are like on the military side. Of course, they especially liked seeing Fergina."

Community engagements such as this are important, added Lt. Scott Beck, administration officer, NASCC, because it provides an opportunity to meet with the students and to share what it is that the Navy, and its Sailors, does for the nation.

Beck, who served as a pilot with his previous command, spoke with his visitors about what flying for the Navy was

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MA3 Kasey Kasper listens intently as a student asks a question about some of the equipment used to train K-9 working dogs during a job fair 9 Oct. at Windsor Park Elementary School in Corpus Christi. Kasper, along with SN Juan Ortiz, told the students about what it is like to work as K-9 working dog handlers at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.



(Top) Young children point and happily greet Fergina, a 9-year old German Shepherd K-9 working dog, and her handler, SN Juan Ortiz, as they enter a job fair at Windsor Park Elementary School in Corpus Christi. (Right) A group of volunteer presenters relax and enjoy a quiet moment after volunteering their time during a career day.



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like and spoke of some of the training and education opportunities the Navy provides.

“It’s good to meet with them and tell them a little bit about what it’s like to be a pilot,” said Beck. “Who knows – perhaps one of them has dreams of being a pilot in the Navy one day and doing great things for their country.”

Having an opportunity to meet with the volunteer presenters is fantastic for the students, said Dr. Kimberly Bissell, the school’s principle.

“We want to encourage our students to see the Navy as a place to get the training they might want if they are looking at a technical field,” she said, “or to get the experience they might want. We’ve got many kids who are interested in science and math particularly, and we know that the Navy values those strengths in students, so it’s a natural fit for some of the kids to want to look at the Navy as a career.”

And getting out and meeting with the children, the school members, and the fellow volunteers, in addition to being an enjoyable experience, is also a fulfilling one, said Kasper.

“I love it,” said Kasper, about meeting with his fellow community members. “You always get a feeling of ‘thank you’ and an understanding of how people appreciate military members for what we do.

“It was a lot of fun,” added Ortiz. “It was very amusing, seeing their reactions with the military working dog. A lot of them asked if she was the dog from the movie Max – and the oohs and the aahs.

“They get to see what we do for the community, and they get to see what some of their options are growing up – whether it be a doctor, the police force, the military or going to school. There are a bunch of options for them so it was really nice to be here, to meet them and tell them about what we do.”



Lt. Scott Beck listens as a first-grade student asks a question about flying during a job fair 9 Oct. at Windsor Park Elementary School in Corpus Christi. Beck, who served as a pilot with his previous command, spoke with his visitors about what flying for the Navy was like. He serves as an admin officer with Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.



A Navy hospital corpsman at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi administers an injectable flu vaccine to active-duty Sailors. By getting the flu vaccine, Sailors may protect themselves from influenza and may also avoid spreading it to others. (NHCCC PAO file photo)

NHC announces seasonal influenza prevention, vaccination plan

Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Public Affairs

Flu season is here and your Navy medical professionals at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi would like to inform you of our vaccination plan for this year.

We have received most of our injectable flu vaccines but we have not yet received our flu mist.

All active-duty personnel and their families, healthcare workers, beneficiaries, and retirees are eligible to receive

their flu shot at this time in Preventive Medicine, room 1183, on the first floor near the pharmacy.

In addition, everyone is encouraged to take the following steps to prevent getting and spreading the flu this season:

Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently with soap and warm water.

Anti-bacterial liquid hand gels are useful if soap and water are unavailable.

Cover your mouth when you cough.

Stay home when you are sick, and keep children home from school and

daycare when they are sick.

Stay healthy: get plenty of rest, healthy foods, fluids and exercise.

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CNP hosts worldwide all hands call

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Sailors got answers to their personnel questions directly from the Chief of Naval Personnel and Fleet Master Chief for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education during a worldwide All Hands Call Oct. 6.

Sailors from around the Fleet asked Vice Adm. Bill Moran and Fleet Master Chief April Beldo a variety of personnel questions during a live broadcast at Defense Media Activity at Fort Meade, Maryland. Sailors asked questions via satellite, Facebook, Twitter and from the in studio audience. Topics focused on current and future personnel policies affecting the fleet including: retirement, PFA policy changes, uniform updates and tuition assistance.

A Sailor on Facebook asked why BCA standards changed. Master Chief Beldo said the changes were designed to

encourage a culture of fitness in the Navy.

“It’s about the education,” said Beldo. “We’re talking about looking at galleys and some of our food courts on bases. Things like that where you are going to eat healthier, and that’s what it’s about. It’s about a culture of fitness and health.”

On a pre-recorded video, Cmdr. Anthony Toriello from USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) asked about changes to retirement and the likelihood for a reform to be passed by Congress.

CNP said the reform is being discussed and is still a work in progress.

“We’re all grandfathered in on the current retirement program,” said Moran. “Any new Sailors who joined the Navy after that implementation date in 2018 will be subject to the new retirement program.”

If you missed the live broadcast, you can view the full video at: <http://www.navy.mil/viewVideo.asp?id=20823>.

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Wings Over South Texas Air Show - April 18-19
Blue Angels return to NAS Corpus Christi for spring air show
 from NASCC Public Affairs
 Naval Air Station Corpus Christi is gearing up for its first air show in four years - and everyone is invited!
 The Navy's Blue Angels and "Fal Albert Airlines" are headlining the "Wings Over South Texas" air show on Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19.
 Other highlights of the two-day event, include demonstrations by the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army Parachute Team.
 Military and civilian acts are filling out the card to include: the U.S. Air Force's F-22 Raptor; Rob Holland in his MXS-810; Randy Bell in his MG-17; Paul Fata in his Great Lakes Bi-plane, and more - plus static displays of aircraft.
 The Navy's Blue Angels performs at the 2011 air show on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. They will be headlining the 2015 show on April 18-19.
 Photo by Rod Hoffmeister

Solid Curtain - Citadel Shield 2015 exercise tests responses to active shooters, gate runners and more
 by Rod Hoffmeister
 Gunshots shattered the workday routine in the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi headquarters building Feb. 3.
 Other workers dashed to exits, hid under desks or barricaded their doors as the gunman stalked the halls, brandishing an assault rifle and shouting, "Where's that captain?"
 But not an actual threat - it was a red rubber assault rifle and blanks from a pistol.
 It was all part of an extensive "active shooter" exercise that tested everything from the immediate reactions of workers to security and emergency medical responses and even the post-event counseling for victims and emergency personnel.
 Red cloths indicated wounded victims as the gunman's wake as security forces responded to emergency calls and conducted the dangerous job of searching for gunmen and clearing the building.
 Security forces search the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi headquarters building for an "active shooter" during an exercise Feb. 3. The exercise was part of the Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2015 exercise, an annual exercise conducted on naval installations throughout the United States to test anti-terrorism and force protection procedures Feb. 2-11.
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Bravo Zulu



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, presents a military outstanding volunteer service medal to MA1 John Hoffmann during an All-Hands Award Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Catalina Club. (Photos by Eric Lobsinger, NASCC Public Affairs Office)



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, congratulates Kass Varner (left) for being named the Senior Civilian of the Quarter, and Wallace Bell (right) for being named the Civilian of the Quarter during an All-Hands Award Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Catalina Club. The two earned honors for the 3rd quarter.



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, congratulates Lt. Arturo Garza (upper left), EMT Phil Lalla, EMT Ronald Vickers (lower left) and EMT Weston Beseda after presenting them the Certificates of Life Saving for their actions on Sept. 8 in which they saved the life of an individual in cardiac arrest. The four were recognized during an All-Hands Award Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Catalina Club.



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, congratulates Capt. Jeremy Massey, Asst. Chief David Flores and Lt. Eric Trujillo after presenting them Certificates of Significant Achievement for their actions on Sept. 8 in which the life of an individual in cardiac arrest was saved. The three were recognized during an All-Hands Award Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Catalina Club.



Capt. Steve Banta, commanding officer, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, congratulates SN Corintha Wilder (left) for being named the Bluejacket of the Quarter, AC2 John Bradley (center) for being named the Junior Sailor of the Quarter, and NC1 Elon McDuell-Batiste (right) for being named the Senior Sailor of the Quarter during an All-Hands Award Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Catalina Club. The Sailors all earned honors for the 4th quarter.



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News Briefs

Marine Corps birthday luncheon

The Marine Corps League, Coastal Bend Detachment #430, will host and celebrate the United States Marine Corps' 240th birthday during a luncheon Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Corpus Christi Country Club.

Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes full-service meal and birthday cake. The dress is appropriate dress uniform for military personnel and business casual attire for civilian participants. Military veterans are encouraged to wear their personal military medals, ribbons, badges or other decorations.

For more information, please call retired Master Gunnery Sgt. G. Sandoval at (361) 949-3222 or Tony Infante at (361) 855-5263.

Combat wounded veterans 586-mile bike journey

Could you imagine completing a 586 mile bicycle ride in six days? What if you did not have full use of your arms or legs?

This November, a group of men and women, some of whom are combat wounded veterans will begin their nearly 600-mile trek from Wichita Falls to Corpus Christi. On Nov. 11, at approximately 3 p.m., the amazing group of riders is projected to cross the finish line at Brewster's Street Ice House on 1724 N. Tanchahua Street.

The Corpus Christi community is highly encouraged to be there to support the efforts of these incredible men and women as they complete the final mile of their six day journey. For more information about the event, contact Maj. Anthony Navarrette at (850) 384-1051.

Mental health fair Nov. 14

The Psychology Club at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will conduct a Mental Health Fair Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at TAMUCC's Lonestar Ballroom A & B. The event is open and free to the public. Among the features will be a poster presentation by TAMUCC students about a variety of mental health issues and the misconceptions portrayed by movies and the media. A variety of businesses and organizations involved in the mental health field will be at this event.

For more information, contact Kelsey Hall: khall@islander.tamucc.edu.

Texas Renaissance Festival

MWR is selling tickets for The Texas Renaissance Festival. The festival occurs Oct. 24. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available for active and retired DoD civilians, military personnel and dependents. The prices include transportation and gate admittance.

Transportation will leave Wings Auditorium at 5 a.m. and is scheduled to return 11 p.m. For more information, call the Civilian MWR office at 961-2655 or visit Bldg. 2, Room 116.

Annual Padre Island Art Walk

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the Annual Padre Island Art Walk on Nov. 1,

noon to 4 p.m., at Billish Park (on Gypsy Street, Padre Island). The event is free and highlights local artists and craftsmen, who display their crafts at no charge.

Those NASCC personnel interested in showing their art or craft are asked to call JoAnn at (361) 949-7114 for more information. This event is designed to improve all aspects of the art community and to provide an opportunity for the public to meet the local artists and craftsmen.

Adult Halloween party

The Catalina Club is hosting "a night of dance and Halloween fun Oct. 30, 8 p.m. to midnight, for adults, ages 18 years and older. The event will feature a costume contest, DJ, Monster Mash dance contest, cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and party favors.

Ticket prices are \$19.95 (advanced purchase) and \$24.95 at the door. Child care is available through the CYP Program Friday's "Give Parents a Break" Program. The cost is \$4 per hour per child. Childcare reservations must be made by Oct. 27, 1 pm.

For more information about the party, call the Catalina Club at 961-2541 or 961-1155.

Spooktober is family fun

MWR's Spooktober is coming! Spooktober is a Halloween and family – and a dog-friendly – event. Join MWR Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1756, and the large field directly across the street. Children will have their choice of inflatables, rides, free food, activities, crafts, music, costumes contests, haunted house and of course candy. Don't miss out on our Trunk or Treat from 3 to 4 p.m. on the day of the event.

For more information – or for those interested in volunteering – call the Youth Activities Center at 961-2355.

SAPR looking for a few good advocates

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program is seeking victim advocates. The perspective advocates undergo a 40-hour training program that is required for all SAPR victim advocates.

Interested personnel must have their command approval to attend. The form can be provided by SARC.

Once approved, contact the SARC at (361) 961-1670 to register and schedule a short interview.

Basic Requirements:

Must be able to handle sensitive information and be dedicated to SAPR duty;

Support the SAPR Watchbill (one week duty every 6-8 weeks);

Must have at least one year remaining at your command;

Complete all training requirements (40 hour initial training and 32 hours of continuing education over a two-year period)

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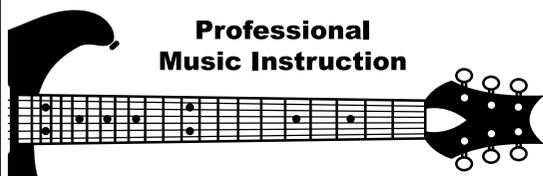
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NOSCCC welcomes new commander – Cmdr. Carmen Ehret relieves Cmdr. Reinaldo Morillo of command of Navy Operational Support Center Corpus Christi during a traditional ceremony held Oct. 17. Center is Capt. Andrew Mueller, deputy Reserve Component Command, Region Southeast, Fort Worth, who served as the guest speaker and presiding official of the ceremony. Morillo’s next assignment is on the staff of Training Air Wing FOUR. (Photo by Fifi Kieschnick, NASCC PAO)



At the car wash – For SN Juan Ortiz and AO2 Ryan Stubel (upper left), along with YN3 Mary Ramey (upper right), SN Edith Lemus, ABH2 Lesnar Loudior, and CS2 Lakedra Williams, their mission was clear – attack the dirt at its source. The Sailors took their task to a parking lot next to the south entrance and began cleaning vehicles as part of a Junior Enlisted Association car wash fund raiser. Their efforts resulted in approximately \$300 in donations. “We do a lot of volunteer work whenever people need help,” said Lemus. “We’re trying to just represent the junior enlisted Sailors, and we’re trying to grow as a team.” (Photos by Eric Lobsinger, NASCC Public Affairs Office)



Fire Safety Week – Fire Inspector Otis Terrell speaks with students from the Seashore Middle Academy about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and to make sure they understand that smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month. Four members of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Fire and Emergency Services brought a fire engine and a fire safety house with them as they visited with the Corpus Christi School students Oct. 8, during Fire Prevention Week. NASCC F&ES has been an active community partner and continues to strive to improve the effectiveness of its fire safety public education outreach with the community. This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme was: “Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom” and to help “sound the alarm” that working smoke alarms save lives. (Photo courtesy of NASCC Fire and Emergency Services)



Storming the flightline – Three dozen members of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps from Nimitz Senior High School in Houston visited Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Oct. 16 to learn about the base’s operations. During their visit, the students observed air operations (above) as sailors provided a tour of the tower, the simulation center, and the radar section (lower left). Next, the students witnessed a winging ceremony at the Catalina Club and ended the tour with briefings at the fire station (lower right). Upon completion of the tour, they headed into Corpus Christi for a NJROTC competition. (Photos by Eric Lobsinger, NASCC Public Affairs Office)





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