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# Bob Barker, Sara Evans help NASCC celebrate ‘Diamond Anniversary’

### NASCC Public Affairs Office

Lt. j.g. Robert William “Bob” Barker has agreed to serve once again – this time as the guest speaker at the NAS Corpus Christi 75th anniversary official ceremony, March 12. Bob Barker, perhaps best known for hosting “The Price Is Right” from 1972 to 2007, earned his Wings of Gold as a Navy fighter pilot at NASCC on Dec. 6, 1944.

Country Music Singer/Songwriter Sara Evans will perform a free concert following the day’s activities.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 12, is free and open to the public. NASCC’s Main (South) Gate will open at 10 a.m. The official ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a flyover of vintage and current naval aviation training aircraft.

Beginning at noon, a variety of static displays, activities and entertainment will be held on the NASCC Seawall, along with base

tours. Evans will perform a free concert, which will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a fireworks display.

“We are excited to be celebrating the air station’s 75th anniversary,” said Capt. Steve Banta, NASCC commanding officer. “We are grateful for our partnership with the city of Corpus Christi, and we’re happy to provide this free event that is open to the public. We are not only celebrating 75 years of the Navy in South Texas but also the strong support the military receives here in Corpus Christi and throughout South Texas.

“NAS Corpus Christi wouldn’t be here today without the support of the city and local community.”

Corpus Christi’s civic leaders gave the Navy an added incentive to build here in the late 1930s – 640 acres of undeveloped city land in addition to what the federal government would purchase. The city also gave



see Diamond on page 6 Lt. j.g. Robert William “Bob” Barker

## Security provides ‘Solid Curtain’ protection during active shooter exercise



### Story and photos by Eric Lobsinger NASCC Public Affairs Office

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi’s security forces teamed up with the Corpus Christi Police Department to tackle an active shooter during a training exercise held Feb. 2.

The event was part of the annual exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2016 held throughout all Naval institutions Feb. 1-12.

During the exercise, the notional active shooter was a disgruntled employee who had recently been fired from the job he held for 18 years. After gaining access to the base, he proceeded to his former work place where he confronted his former supervisor.

After entering the building with the firearm and wounding a couple of workers, he grabbed two hostages as the

MAC Brett Hinson, NASCC security forces, watches as a security forces team prepares to enter a building during an active-shooter exercise Feb. 2.

911 call went out for help.

“The way the world has changed, we now have to train for that ‘lone wolf’ – that unexpected attack,” said Kevin Gillum, police officer instructor, NASCC.

“Unfortunately, training events like this are necessary,” agreed MAC Brett Hinson, NASCC security forces. “It’s a more common occurrence in today’s society.”

The initial team of security forces personnel arrived on site and carefully entered the building, going door-to-door and searching each individual they found.

“Are you okay?” they asked. “Are you injured? Have you seen someone with a weapon? Do you know what type of weapon it is? What does the individual look like? Do you know where the individual is? Do you know who the individual is?”

The information is vital, said Hinson, in helping the security forces determine

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## Executive Officer's Column



Cmdr. Scott Wilmot  
Executive Officer



We celebrate Presidents' Day on Monday. For some, the natural tendency is to merely look at it as a day off from work. For those on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, it is an opportunity to honor the history and achievements of our nation's prominent leaders.

Presidents' Day is celebrated the third Monday each February. The holiday originally celebrated the birth of George Washington, Feb. 22, 1732; and then, in 1971, Presidents' Day was commonly accepted to also honor the birth of Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12, 1809.

Although almost four score of years (or eight decades) separated the birth of these two great Americans, both are remembered for their tenacity in fighting for their principles. For Washington, it was the founding of the nation; for Lincoln, it was saving the

"Union" and, perhaps, helping to readjust the nation's moral compass.

Washington's exploits as the leader of the Revolutionary Army are renowned to all as the fledging nation fought for its independence from Great Britain, then the world's predominant military force.

What many people may not know is that Lincoln served in a limited military capacity before becoming the commander in chief for the Union Army's desperate campaign against the Confederate Army.

As a volunteer in the Illinois Militia during the Black Hawk War, April 21-July 10, 1832, he never saw combat but was elected as the captain of his company. Among his duties following two of the war's battles involved helping to bury militia members who died in combat. His limited service proved to have a lasting impression on him later in life.

He served in the most divisive time in our nation's history – the Civil War, 1861-1865, which would eventually determine the path the nation would follow.

It was during this tumultuous time that Lincoln championed the concept of "all men were created with an equal right to liberty," and thus was a powerful advocate for the abolishment of slavery. In fact, he championed the cause long before becoming

President of the United States.

The following is an excerpt from speech he orated before more than 1,000 delegates at the Republican State Convention on June 16, 1858, which served to rattle quite a few cages in its time.

*"A house divided against itself cannot stand." I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved – I do not expect the house to fall – but I do expect it will cease to be divided.*

*It will become all one thing or all the other.*

*Either the opponents of slavery, will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become alike lawful in all the States, old as well as new – North as well as South. Have we no tendency to the latter condition?*

His message was a lasting one and helped to set forth in motion the concepts of equality our nation celebrates today.

This day of commemoration provides a great opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family – and to reflect on these great leaders of our past who, as our military does today, strove to accomplish the harder "right" rather than the easy "wrong."

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This paper is published for people like Perita Soto, a child home care provider at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. A native of Bataan, Philippines, she is married to Abram Soto, a retired Navy first class petty officer.

## Chaplain's Message



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Lt. Kevin Jackson

One of the strongest institutions ever been established does not have a business plan, a governing board or a ranking structure for promotional purposes. That institution is the family. Just think about it. The family has existed since the beginning of creation.

I'm proud to report that the family is still thriving and standing as a whole; however, there have been some challenges in our current day. Allow me to offer some key elements to ensure your family remains strong.

First, the family must have a genuine love for one another. Love is one of the most powerful forces in the world. People, in general, have a need to be loved and cared for regardless of demographics. Love has the ability to forgive past transgressions in anticipation of healing and renewed commitment. "Love" is an action word. It must be demonstrated, or its simple verbal articulation can be questionable. Always remember this simple statement: "Love the people who you love."

Secondly, to ensure the family is strong, communication is essential. How many of us actually sit down at the dinner table on a

regular basis and talk? I'm sure the answer to that question is not many of us. I believe a family that communicates is armed to dismantle confusion and outside forces that try to destroy the fabric of the family.

Here's another challenge; try sitting down and talking with everyone in the home at least once a week. Just go around to each family member and allow each person to share one thing that encouraged them during the week and one thing that was challenging. I'm sure a great deal of conversation will develop from that one "Family Talk." Simply put, talk and listen to each other.

Third, faith is essential for maintaining a strong family. A family that rests upon its faith tends to endure difficult times easier. Our faith sustains us even when the circumstances look dim and hopeless. Our faith causes us to rise to the occasion and believe that a better day is coming.

Whatever you do, ensure your family remains strong by practicing your faith. This commitment will improve your family's spiritual resiliency.

Lastly, a strong family knows how to have fun. When is the last time you and your family went somewhere and just had fun? How about a barbecue? How about a game of scrabble or even a video game on Xbox? Whatever activity you can think of that will create laughter, healthy competition and quality time will result in a phenomenal dose of strength and encouragement to the family unit. Nurture your family unit with planned and spontaneous fun.

Well, in closing I want to encourage all

active duty military and their dependents at NAS Corpus Christi to take advantage of an awesome opportunity for the family. Our Chaplain Religious Enrichment Development Operation also known by the acronym; CREDO, is hosting a Family Enrichment Retreat April 15-17 at Camp Zephyr.

Here's the exciting part, you and your family can spend those three days away having fun totally FREE. Yes, I said free! Your lodging, meals and refreshments are all free.

Registration is already underway and we fill spots quickly. If you are interested in registering please give us a call at 361-961-3786 or come by the Chaplain's office in building H-100; the Health Clinic, 5th Deck.

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## News Briefs

### Vehicle registration required on base

Base employees and residents are required to register all vehicles operated on the installation at the Pass and Tag Office. Although vehicle decals are no longer required, base registration is still required. For more information, contact Pass and Tag at 961-2376.

### JEA hosts Valentine's Day silent auction

The Junior Enlisted Association is hosting a JEA Valentine's Day Silent Auction Bake Sale at the commissary Feb. 11 starting at 8 a.m. Come submit your bid on the cakes and deserts. Winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. for more information, contact BMSN Edith Lemus at edith.lemus@navy.mil or 961-2331.

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### CREDO marriage enrichment retreat open for April 15-17

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Outreach Southeast will host a marriage enrichment retreat April 15-17 at Camp Zephyr alongside Lake Corpus Christi. All expenses are paid. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from retreat site. Registration closes April 1. To register, or for more information, contact Steven Arndt at steven.k.arndt.ctr@navy.mil or call 961-3786 or 961-5011.

### Library & Resource Center hosts 'Blind Date with a Book'

Stop by the Library & Resource Center, Bldg. 1872, during the month of February and enjoy a blind date with a book. The covers are hidden – so choose carefully. Read it, return it, and be entered to win a coffee. Drawings for free coffee will be held Feb. 12, 19 and 26. For more information, call the Library & Resource Center at 961-3574.

### Del Mar College offers continuing education courses

Del Mar College offers continuing education courses to meet industry, workforce needs Safety Training, Process Technology among spring 2016 class offerings. Looking for

noncredit course opportunities that can add to your marketable skills? Del Mar College Continuing Education is offering courses in the areas of safety training and process technology aimed at equipping individuals with tools they need to succeed in the workplace or to start their training for a career in industry fields. Among this spring's offerings is process technology. The next cohort for DMC Continuing Education's 18-week Process Technology Program begins Feb. 22. The noncredit program allows students to get hands-on experience to prepare for a career in industry. The program, which carries a \$3,000 enrollment cost, takes students through three modules highlighting aspects of the oil and gas industry. DMC Continuing Education is also offering free safety training during spring 2016 as part of their Safety Institute. Del Mar's free safety courses are being offered at no cost for a limited time only. To register for courses offered by DMC Continuing Education, visit in person the College's Center for Economic Development at 3209 S. Staples or call 361-698-2122. For more information about Continuing Education's Process Technology and Safety Institute, contact Joe Hayen at 361-698-1329 or jhayen@delmar.edu.

### CYP Online Services

A new service is now available for child youth services. NAS Corpus Christi Child and Your Program online services features online

payments, hourly care reservations and more. For more information, visit [http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas\\_corpus\\_christi/ffr/support\\_services/families/child\\_and\\_youth\\_programs.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_corpus_christi/ffr/support_services/families/child_and_youth_programs.html).

### Register for upcoming elections

Register now and request your absentee ballots at FVAP.gov. For those more information on registering to vote, visit FVAP.gov now to complete a registration application and request an absentee ballot for the presidential preference primaries and State primaries. February: New Hampshire, South Carolina and South Carolina; March: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. To register and request ballots, applicants must complete the Federal Post Card Application using the FPCA online assistant at [fvap.gov/military-voter/registration-ballots](http://fvap.gov/military-voter/registration-ballots), or fill out the PDF at [fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf](http://fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf) or pick up a hardcopy version from the unit voting assistance officer. For more information, visit FVAP.gov or call FVAP at (703) 588-1584, or (800) 438-VOTE or email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov). On NASCC, contact the unit voting assistance officer or visit the NASCC voting assistance office, located near the chaplain's department on the 5th deck of NHCCC.



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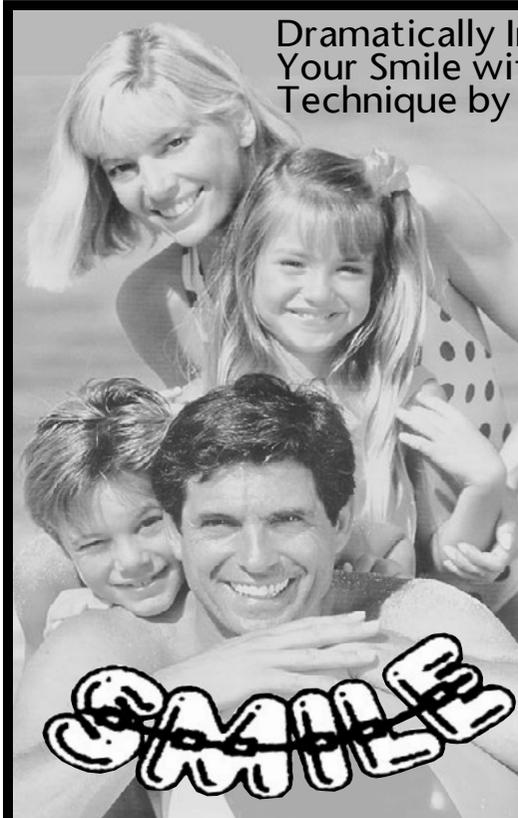
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**And if I wanted to become a pilot ...** Ensign Stephen Bennett (above), a student pilot at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, speaks with a student about what it is like to serve in the Navy and what is required to become a pilot. Meanwhile, fellow pilots (lower right) meet with another group of students as they shoot a series of questions at the female flight officer student. Next, the group headed up into the tower and listened with rapt attention (upper right) as Sailors briefed them on airfield operations. Thirty members of San Benito High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps visited Naval Air Station Corpus Christi's flight line Jan. 29 for an "up close and personal" look at Navy training aircraft and the flight tower. The NJROTC students enjoyed pizza for lunch at the Flight Deck before visiting various aircraft on the flight line, a briefing by air operations Sailors, a tour of the radar section and a visit to the tower. (Photos by Eric Lobsinger, NASCC Public Affairs Office)



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## CBP Air and Marine Operations P-3 crew stops \$172 million worth of cocaine from reaching USA

Recently, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations agents detected a cocaine smuggling venture resulting in the interdiction and arrest of three individuals and the seizure of more than 2,300 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$172 million.

On Jan. 31, a crew aboard a P-3 Airborne Early Warning Aircraft detected a suspicious 45-foot center console vessel heading north-bound towards the continental United States.

Upon detecting the fast-moving vessel, the AMO crew immediately contacted Joint

Interagency Task Force South to coordinate an interdiction with a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in the area. The AMO crew maintained constant visual surveillance of the suspect vessel. Upon interdiction, the U.S. Coast Guard arrested three individuals and recovered the drugs.

Director John Wassong at the National Air Security Operations Center - Corpus Christi said, "Thanks to the dedication of our AMO crews, JIATF South, and our U.S. Coast Guard partners, we were able to halt another large cocaine smuggling attempt."

CBP Air and Marine Operations P-3s are an integral part of the successful counter-narcotic missions operating in coordination with JIATF South. AMO crews patrol within a 42-million-square-mile area which includes more than 41 nations and the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, and seaboard approaches to the United States.

In Fiscal Year 2015, AMO's air crews contributed to 198 seizure, disruption, or interdiction events in the transit zone, resulting in the interdiction of 213,000 pounds of cocaine.

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\$2 million to help with the cost of construction.

“Corpus Christi civic leaders and community members have had open arms to naval air training ever since!” Banta added.

Bob Barker, the guest speaker for the ceremony, was born to modest circumstances in Darrington, Wash. He spent most of his youth on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on the outbreak of World War II. The Navy ordered him to remain at Drury College in Mo., his sophomore year. He had to have completed two years of college to qualify to become a naval aviation cadet. He reported for active duty on June 9, 1943.

Over the course of 18 months, he trained at eight different wartime locations and flew eight different aircraft.

After Barker earned his wings in December 1944 and then was assigned to Cabaniss Field for basic flight training which concentrated more on flying.

He then reported to the field at Beeville for instrument training. Next he trained at Waldron Field, which included dogfighting.

Barker continued his fighter-pilot training at several other locations, but with the war ending, he decided to get out of the Navy.

Country Music Star Sara Evans will perform in concert at 5 p.m. She was raised on a farm in Missouri, the oldest girl of seven children. By age five, she was singing weekends in her family’s band.

When she was 16, she began performing at a nightclub near Columbia, Mo., and then later moved to Nashville, Tenn., to be a country music artist.

Evans released her debut album in 1997 and was voted Best County New Artist Video of the Year at the Billboard Music Video Awards. She has also received numerous other awards including Female Vocalist of the Year and Top Female Vocalist in 2006.

More details about the day’s events are forthcoming. Please follow us on Facebook, NASCC Anniversary or call the Public Affairs Office at 961-3420, for more information.

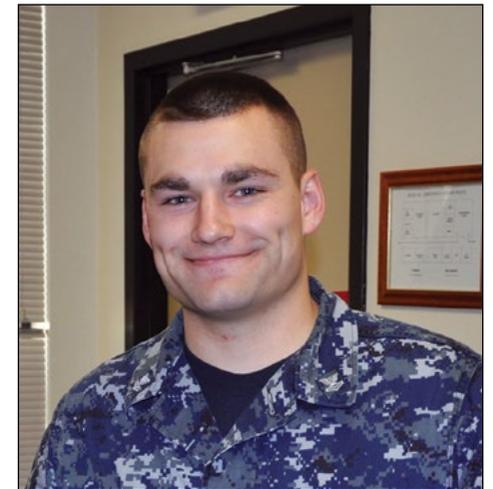


**Fare thee well** – Naval Air Station Corpus Christi bid farewell to fire fighter Ricardo (Rick) Mercado during his retirement ceremony Jan. 29 at the Fire Station. Rick has four children: Ricardo Jr., Ross, Ruel and Requel, in addition to nine grandchildren. He entered federal service May 21, 1984. (Photos by Eric Lobsinger, NASCC Public Affairs Office)

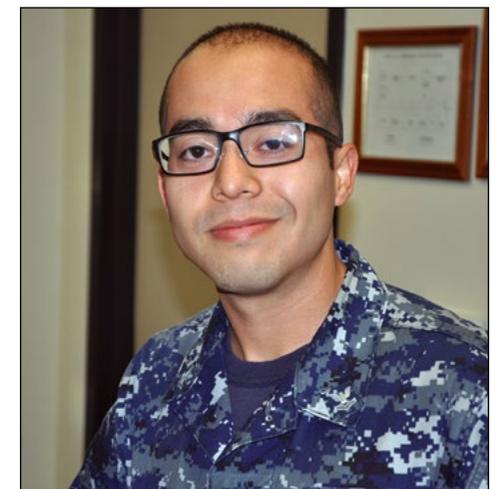


Lt. Robert Long (center) watches on as MA2 Jason Youngquist (left) signs his enlistment contract after reenlisting for six more years with the Navy Feb. 5. Long, NASCC security officer, served as the presiding officer.

# Around NASCC



The Navy Achievement Medal (second award) was awarded to AC2 Calston Byrd for his professional achievement while serving as Navy outlying field facility watch supervisor, Air Operations Department, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, from May 2014 to February 2016. He performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His exceptional knowledge and leadership were instrumental in the safe execution of 59,331 flight operations in support of 1,207 student naval aviation qualifications. He meticulously tracked 10,524 training hours and more than 11,000 academic hours for 23 controllers.



The Navy Achievement Medal (second award) was awarded to AC2 Juan Mireles for his professional achievement as facility watch supervisor, Air Operations Department, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, from October 2014 to September 2015. His leadership and exceptional knowledge of air traffic control procedures were a driving force in the safe execution of 160,437 flight operations in one of the Navy’s most complex ATC training environments. His selection as NASCC Junior Sailor of the Year FY15 is a testament to his superior performance and Sailor-first leadership.



MA2 Sherrod Jackson, the on site incident commander, provides a Corpus Christi policeman a situation report on what his team faces inside the building during an active-shooter exercise Feb. 2.



Firefighter Jerry Krause shares his observations of the situation with Corpus Christi police during an active-shooter exercise Feb. 2.

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what the threat is and the best way in dealing with the threat while safeguarding those in the building.

“Once we respond,” he said, “we ask that you be 100-percent compliant and to offer any vital information you may think we would need to help take care of the threat.”

After asking the brief questions and securing the area, they cuffed the individuals, which helped to ensure the responders safety as they moved on to the next room.

“Their actual entry into the building was tactically sound,” said Hinson, reference the initial response team. “They used proper tactics and techniques, and their communication was ‘on point’ all the way through to the end.”

“Training like this is 100-percent necessary across the board – for civilians, military personnel and businesses – you just never know what’s going to happen.”

Training events such as this also provides important feedback.

“Our team is looking at how our guys move and our training,” said Gillum. “Are we doing what is going to help them stay alive should something like an active shooter occur? These opportunities to evaluate our training are vitally important.”

Once the Navy team finished securing the area and evacuating personnel safely from the building, Corpus Christi’s SWAT team sprang into action. The local police force rendezvoused at NASCC’s on-scene incident command post, where they were briefed by Navy personnel on the situation and the steps already taken in securing the area.

“One of the biggest advantages in working together is being able to see their tactics, and how we can integrate ours with theirs,” said Lt. William Boyles, CCPD hostage negotiator. “Training with these guys and seeing how they work and seeing how they have been trained really helps us. And, at the same time, we give them pointers on how we can come together in case something does happen on the base.”

During the exercise, the prolonged negotiations eventually broke down, and he SWAT team forced its way through the doorway and captured the assailant and freed the captives.

It is only through training events such as this that base personnel can be prepared for an attack. And although the primary focus may have been at the attack site, the base’s emergency operations center also sprang into action, which provided the command team’s representatives the opportunity to practice the command and control procedures as well as practice some of the post warning capabilities, such as the “Giant Voice,” text messages and phone calls to direct people to stay away from the dangerous area.

“Being prepared, even at a minimal level, is better than no preparedness,” said Hinson, in commenting on the value of the training.

And although the participants know it is a training event, it is one they all take seriously, added Gillum.

As for the security of the base, Boyles said the NASCC community is in good hands with the Navy security forces.

“They [security forces] have the best trained military personnel on this base,” said Boyles. “They are a great group of people – very highly trained.”

“The base is in great hands.”



Members of the Corpus Christi SWAT prepare to enter a building during an active-shooter exercise Feb. 2.



The notional disgruntled employee peers down the barrel of his weapon as he takes aim at NASCC security forces as they make their way down the hallway during the annual exercise held Feb. 2.

# NASCC supports assault survivors, victims

By Ms. Brigitte Rox  
Army Materiel Command

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response teams at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi came together to support survivors and victims of sexual assault recently.

The SAPR teams from NASCC and two of their tenants, Corpus Christi Army Depot and Marine Aviation Training Support Group-22 began their 2016 campaign by displaying bedsheets on the installation to represent sexual assault.

Called the Steps Towards Recovery Sheet, people are encouraged to show their support to the survivors and victims of assault by writing notes of encouragement, hope and strength on the bedsheets.

Sheets will be available throughout the military base. People are welcome to write on the Steps Towards Recovery Sheets in CCAD's Building 8 Subway Hall, the NASCC Health Clinic, or in MATSG-22.

NAS Kingsville will also have a recovery sheet on display. Messages should be kept anonymous and remain respectful to the project.

Notes will be displayed on the morning of the inaugural Joint Services Sexual Assault Awareness Run, held on the NASCC installation, scheduled for April.

For more information on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response teams or the services they offer, contact the NAS Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 961-1670, the MATSG-22 SARC at 961-1360, or the CCAD Victim Advocates at 961-6570/5464.

## STEPS TOWARDS RECOVERY SHEET

✚ Please join us in sending a supportive message to victims of Sexual Assault. Whether you are a survivor, or know someone who is, take a moment and offer your support by posting a note.

✚ Keep messages anonymous and be respectful of this awareness project.

✚ Notes will be displayed on the morning of the inaugural Joint Services Sexual Assault Awareness Run: April 1, 2016.



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President Barack Obama, January 24, 2014

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#### Boater Education Class

TPWD will host a Boater Education Class Saturday, February 20, 2016, or Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The class will be held at Padre Balli Park Admin Bldg. - Bob Hall Pier and Park Road 22. Preregistration required- Call (361) 443-4426 or Email windlinetexas@gmail.com. Contact - Chuck Pendlyshok, Area Chief and TPWD Senior Instructor #020177

"TPWD Certified Boater Education Course and Photo ID is required for any person born on or after September 1, 1993, to operate a (1) PWC or a boat with a rating of more than 15 hp; or a windblown vessel over 14 feet in length" Texas Water Safety Act - 2015

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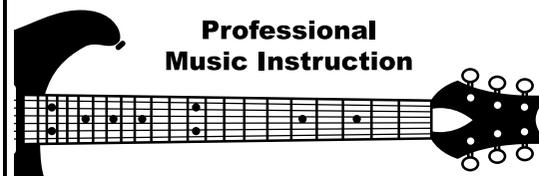
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Jennifer Rodela was selected as the Civilian of the Year; Kass Varner, Senior Civilian of the Year, and John Morris, Manager of the Year.



Meliza Torres (left) was recognized as the Civilian of the Quarter and Chris Cordova as the Senior Civilian of the Quarter.



Recognized with the Fire & Emergency Certificate of Achievement were Station Chief Andres Simmons (left) and Asst. Chief Ward Hawkins.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has notified the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter based on locational running annual average and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2015 of 0.083 mg/L for DBP2-02 and 0.085 mg/L for DBP2-01.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous systems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

To address this issue, we are taking the corrective action of increasing the frequency of flushing in selected areas of the base. This will decrease the amount of time the water resides in the drinking water distribution system and improve water quality.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, contact Antonio Rodriguez at (361) 961-2995.



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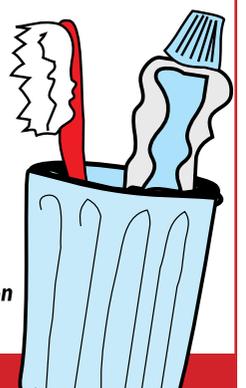
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