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**Celebrating a Centennial** -- Sector Corpus Christi celebrated 100 years of distinguished aviation service by the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard by hosting a 5k run followed by a presentation honoring pivotal historic events, a distinguished awards presentation, and a meal prepared by the Ingleside Council of the U.S.

Navy League. Pictured here, Capt. Tony Hahn, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi commander, talks to all gathered prior to the morning run on the seawall. Coast Guard and Navy aircraft lined the sea wall as runners enjoyed the Corpus Christi Bay as a backdrop for the early morning run. For more photos, turn to page 7. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Andy Kendrick)



**On Display** -- Bevan Benson, Flight Support supervisor with Air Operations, directs the placement of the T-34C Turbomotor on a display pad in front of the All Hands Catalina

Club. The T-34C was the Navy's primary training aircraft until it was replaced by the T-6 Texan II this past fall. Driving the tug pulling the aircraft is Mark Longoria, aircraft attendant, and in the passenger seat is SanJuan Badillo, also

aircraft attendant, both with Flight Support. The static display is the final T-34C at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. (U.S. Navy photo by Fifi Kieschnick)

## Captain's Column



Capt. Steve Banta  
Commanding Officer

Team NASCC!

A few topics worth discussing:

### \* Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS):

This year's NMCRS Fund Drive expires at the end of April. That leaves about only one week left to donate!

For 112 years, this organization has been taking care of our Sailors and Marines fleetwide. There have been millions of dollars used to assist tens of thousands of Sailors and Marines every year due to the generosity of donors who have given to this fantastic organization.

For 75 years, the local NMCRS branch has been providing assistance to local Sailors and Marines in need. Unfortunately, the incoming donations have decreased over the past few years while the need for assisting

Sailors and Marines has not. For example, in 2015 more than \$126,000 was provided in assistance, while only \$22,160 was received in donations.

The NMCRS simply can't function without your help! The real difference between NMCRS and many other charitable organizations is that every dollar you donate will directly assist Sailors and Marines in need, and many of them may be people right here in Corpus Christi that you work with! Did you know that your donated dollars support interest-free loans and grants, the visiting nurse services and direct assistance for families with newborns, to name a few?

Please contact your organization's NMCRS representative ASAP if you wish to donate. All donations are welcome from military and civilian sources! Thanks in advance!

### \* Security:

You have likely heard about the recent incidents of unauthorized access at NAS Lemoore and the shooting at Lackland AFB. These incidents, and others, have served to heighten security across the Department of Defense.

Specifically though, security measures have been increased here at NASCC. Some

of the measures you won't even notice – some you will. One of them you have likely noticed is the reduction to one lane inbound/outbound at the Main Gate after working hours. Another one you will notice is ongoing and future changes in the barrier structure approaching both the Main Gate and the North Gate.

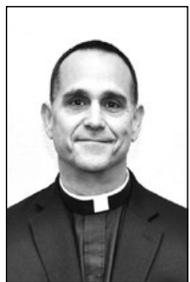
We appreciate your patience in advance while changes are made. Please know that any inconvenience you experience serves to further the safety and security of all personnel working and living on board NASCC.

### \* Be prepared:

It is never too early to get ready for Hurricane Season! If a hurricane is forecast to hit the South Texas area, that time is too late to start preparations. I encourage you now to go through your emergency preparedness kits and evacuation plans. Make sure your supplies are up-to-date and that your family is informed. More information will be coming in future *Wingspan* issues!

In closing, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to you all for everything you do each and every day to make NASCC a great place to live and work! It's an honor to work and serve with you!

## Chaplain's Message



Emotions  
play in our  
spirituality, faith

Father John Vidal

One of the marvelous things that God has given us is emotion.

However, we need to recognize that our emotions can be irrational and if we depend on them too much to guide our lives we will inevitably be led astray.

This is especially important when we are making life decisions or reacting to stressful, or even crisis, situations. For this reason, it's important that we train ourselves to understand that the experience of our spirituality is not rooted in our emotions, but rather in that place from which we gain strength.

For me, and for many who have a Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other "God-centered" spirituality, the experience of faith, our relationship with God, is rooted not in our emotions but in a spiritual recognition that God is our Lord and he is worthy of our love, reverence and obedience. This recognition is not a one-time thing. It may begin with a powerful emotional "born-again" experience that involves not only our intellect and will, but also strong emotions and passions, or it may be a gradual warm comfortable realization that God is with us. In either case, it will likely be renewed periodically by powerful and emotionally charged experiences of

God's presence, or based on your personal spirituality, the presence of that source of your strength.

But eventually we will all reach one of those "dry times" when God takes away those gratifying emotional experiences for a period of time and it is then that we must realize that our experience of God's majesty and goodness does not depend solely on our emotional response to Him. It's during these times that God is teaching us to "walk by faith, not by sight." It's during these times that we reach to our spirituality rather than our emotions for the strength we need to be resilient.

When we recognize that our senses, instincts, passions, emotions and will often rebel against what our reason and faith shows us to be good and true, then we will recognize our need to train these emotions to be a healthy factor in our faith and/or spirituality.

This is particularly important in this age of consumerism.

Every day we are bombarded with images, words and songs designed to convince us to buy something. We are surrounded by it on the road, in radio and TV commercials, on the internet, in movies, spam e-mail and in mass mailings. It is impossible to get away from them.

These propositions are not well developed rational arguments of why you need a particular product and how it will add value to our present life experience. Instead they cut through to our decision making through our instincts and emotions. A sign on the side of the road doesn't have time for rational arguments; it has to bypass our reason and grab us by manipulating our emotions, often

subliminally. We therefore live in a culture saturated with experts in emotional manipulation and have come to be trained to equate emotional experience with true value.

Working hand-in-hand with this manipulation is the fact that in our modern-age technological developments have given us much more time on our hands that we devote to entertainment that stimulates mostly our emotions. We've come to expect an immediate emotional return from this entertainment and if we don't get it immediately we quickly dispose of it or disregard it. It's no surprise then, that it's so hard for most of us to spend 30 minutes in silence and prayer or meditation without distractions, and so easy to pay full attention to a two-hour Hollywood film.

When we consider this we can begin to recognize that to grow in spirituality, our faith and our relationship with God, we need to train ourselves to resist an over dependence on emotional experience. I'm not suggesting that we need to eliminate emotional experiences from our lives, but instead that we learn to govern our emotions so that we will have healthy relationships and activities based not only on how we feel, but according to what we know to be true on the level of our reason enlightened by our faith and spirituality.

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This paper is published for people like Samuel Ayala who recently began working in Public Work's Hazardous Waste Department. The Corpus Christi native formerly worked in the oil field industry.

# NMCRS plays special role in assisting service members, families

By 2nd Lt. B.E. French, USMC  
MATSG-22

In South Texas, shark encounters pose a threat to surfers and beach-goers. Though sightings have been rare, they can still pose a serious threat.

Have you ever noticed, though, that these aren't the predators you should be looking out for?

Every day, loan sharks prey on individuals across the nation, people simply looking to make ends meet. What starts as an agreement to pay off a loan at a higher interest rate can, in some cases, morph into dangerous cases of intimidation.

How do we protect our Sailors, Marines, and families from these risky predatory lenders, but also pay our rent, car loans, mortgages and bills?

With five easy letters: N-M-C-R-S.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a non-profit, volunteer service organization that provides an alternative, safe way for military members to get the assistance they need. Not only does the Society offer financial resources, but also educational and other need-based aid, without the fear and risks often associated with "pay day" loan agreements.

## NMCRS: A Brief History

In 1904, a small group of naval officers,



Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is a non-profit, volunteer service organization. It provides assistance to local Sailors, Marines and their families several ways, including providing free training to new and expecting parents. There is also a visiting nurse program to assist new mothers. (Courtesy photo)

their wives, and a few civilian friends met to discuss the need for a formal organization that could provide financial assistance to service members, veterans and their families. In January of that same year, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society was officially incorporated. Some of the profits of the 1903 Army-Navy Football Game provided the Society with the funds needed to start this non-profit organization. That first year, the NMCRS donated \$9,500 to widows and fam-

ily members of enlisted Sailors and Marines, what today equates to almost \$250,000.

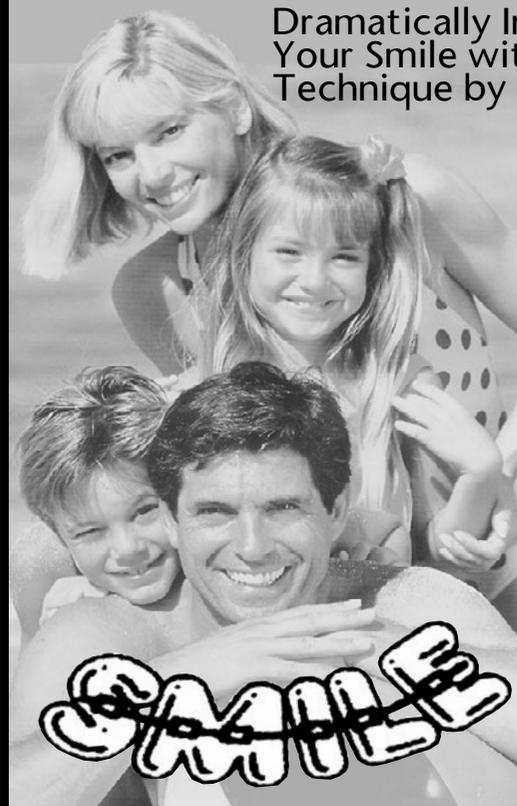
Over time, the Society has evolved to match the changing demands of Navy and Marine Corps personnel, as well as the impact of natural disasters and economic stressors.

In the 1920s, most of the requests the Society received were to cover medical expenses for family members of active-duty and Reserve personnel. The military dur-

ing this time only provided health care to active-duty personnel, so to assist with these expenses NMCRS employed its first registered nurse; she offered in-home assistance to new mothers and provided guidance for childcare. To this day, the Society's nurses continue this in-home support.

During World War I and World War II, the Society expanded its support to include an interest-free loan program, which helped

*see NMCRS on page 10*



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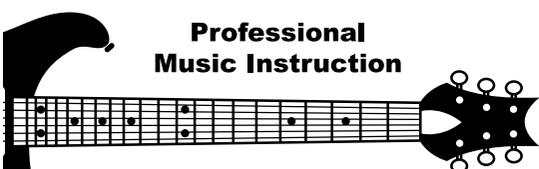
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**Upcoming Community Events**

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Texas Parks and Wildlife will host a Boater Education Class Saturday, April 23, 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 wind-blown vessel over 14 feet in length" Texas Water Safety Act - 2015

**Memorial Day Event**

Seaside Memorial Park and Funeral Home will host their annual Memorial Day Event at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 4357 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX. Police Chief Mark Markle will be the guest speaker and there will be a snow white dove release, as well as many local organizations in attendance. Food and beverages will be served after the ceremony. Seaside asks that all vehicles please enter at the gate on Airline. All are welcome as they honor all military heroes.

TO HAVE YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION, EMAIL AFRENCH@PLWAVE.COM. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT EVENTS IS 10 A.M. THE FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. UPCOMING EVENTS ARE PUBLISHED AS SPACE PERMITS THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES AS TO HOW MANY TIMES AN EVENT WILL RUN. QUESTIONS REGARDING EVENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ASHLEY AT 361-746-4341.



**No One Left Behind** – Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery officials “put out a call for assistance” recently: A U.S. Coast Guard veteran did not have family members in the local area to support his burial. According to cemetery staff, on average 45 people attend military burials, but after their call for support for this veteran, more than 400 attended the service. Not only did local veterans, active duty and community members attend the ceremony, organizations banded together to provide full military honors, a flag line, pall bearers, taps, a plaque, flowers and more. (Courtesy photo)

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## Corpus Christi office aboard NASCC one of 16 Navy College sites to close

Naval Education and Training Command announced 16 Navy College Offices (NCO) in the continental United States will close Oct. 1, as part of a restructuring effort to increase virtual and self-service options to Sailors.

“We are continuously looking to make changes and improvements that will enhance education opportunities to our Sailors,” said Rear Adm. Mike White, commander, NETC. “Our young Sailors today are more technologically advanced and adaptive to change. Our goal is to provide them the access to tools and information when and where they need it.”

The following NCOs will close Oct. 1: Bethesda, Maryland; New London, Connecticut; Little Creek, Virginia; Pensacola; Charleston, South Carolina; Gulfport, Mississippi; Kings Bay, Georgia; Ventura County, California; Coronado, California; Lemoore, California; Fallon, Nevada; Whidbey Island, Washington; Everett, Washington; Great Lakes; Millington, Tennessee; Corpus Christi, Texas.

To help with this transition, the Navy will keep four NCOs open for an additional year in the fleet concentration areas of Norfolk, San Diego, Jacksonville, Florida, and Kitsap, Washington. They will be open until Sept. 30, 2017.

There will be no effect on the 11 overseas NCOs in Atsugi, Japan; Guam; Misawa, Japan; Sasebo, Japan; Yokosuka, Japan; Bahrain; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Rota, Spain; Sigonella, Sicily; Naples, Italy; and Pearl Harbor.

This new structure will make counseling and tuition assistance accessible for all Sailors in the continental U.S. through a combination of virtual services that they can access at times and places of their choosing that is most convenient to them.

Additionally, Navy regional advisors will be established at four Navy regions to support and advise installation commanding officers, and facilitate access for academic institutions to operate on base.

“We are committed to providing the right resources for our Sailors,” said White. “This will not impact Tuition Assistance or impact any Sailor who wishes to advance their education.”

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit <http://www.netc.navy.mil>. (From Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs)

## \$25 million contract to enhance support of enabling pilot training

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast awarded a nearly \$25 million contract recently, to Head, Inc./Ballew, a Joint Venture small business out of Columbus, Ohio, for airfield repairs to be completed at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

The contract provides for major electrical vault repair, electrical infrastructure work, grade correction, pavement mill and overlay, airfield lighting, signage and marking for up to two taxiways, and reconfiguration of the main airfield apron. Site clearing and demolition and all other associated work necessary to accomplish the project are to be included in the award.

“This phase of the major Airfield Improvement Project will enhance our ability to provide the best possible environment to support our primary mission of enabling pilot training,” said Cmdr. Al Lima, air operations officer. “The overall project includes renovations to runway, taxiways, aprons, lights, signs, and paint which prepare Truax field for decades of continued Naval Aviation support.”

Work is expected to be completed by March 2018.

Small business (which includes 8(a) firms) play a vital role in the American economy – employing half of our country’s workforce, creating nearly two out of every three new American jobs.

“Small Business is the backbone to our economy,” said Mark Brock, NAVFAC Southeast small business deputy. “NAVFAC Southeast is committed to providing small business opportunities. This is a win for the taxpayer, the nation, and the Navy.”

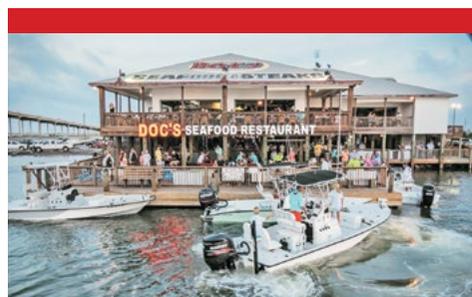
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July 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd - 9:00P to 1:00P (W,TH,F)

## Bravo Zulu

**Unique Ceremony** -- During the Wings Over South Texas Air Show held aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville on April 9, four NAS Kingsville pilots received their wings of gold amid the backdrop of the Blue Angels on the flightline. Pictured from left to right are 1st Lt. Kyle Gentry, USMC, Lt.j. Sean Lemire, 1st Lt. William Malona, USMC, and Lt.j.g. Daniel Thacker.



**Special Olympiads** -- Rear Adm. Dell Bull, Chief of Naval Air Training, greets some of the athletes competing in the 2016 Special Olympics Spring Games held earlier this month at Flour Bluff High School. Representatives from CNATRA and NAS Corpus Christi escorted teams of Special Olympiads onto the field at the beginning of the games and later cheered competitors on their achievements. (Courtesy photo)



**CNAF Visit** -- Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, Chief of Naval Air Forces, addresses instructor pilots during his recent visit to NAS Corpus Christi. Shoemaker discussed advancing aircraft and pilot capabilities and necessary training to accommodate a changing battlefield, and took questions from those gathered regarding career paths and advancement.

**Bravo Zulu** -- From left Capt. John Kelsey, commander, Training Air Wing Four; Rear Adm. Dell Bull, Chief of Naval Air Training; are pictured with Navy Achievement Medal recipients, presented by Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, Chief of Naval Air Forces, far right, during CNAF's recent visit to South Texas. Medal recipients are: Lt. Matthew Pillon, who administered CPR and used a defibrillator to a community member who suffered a cardiac arrest. Pillon was able to establish a pulse and monitored the victim's vital signs until a medical crew arrived. LT. Dave Todd, Capt. David Gonzalez, and Lt. Cmdr. Chad Kirk all showed bold leadership and decisive action among their respective platforms, ensuring the safety of fellow personnel. (Courtesy photos by Anne Booher, CNATRA photographer)



## Medical Home Port Sailor to deploy supporting Pacific Partnership 2016

HM3 Brandon Orvis assigned to Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Medical Home Port will join the medical team aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) April 25, to begin a six-month deployment supporting Pacific Partnership 2016.

Now in its 11th year, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. This year's mission will be led by Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, embarked on USNS Mercy, and will include more than 600 military and civilian personnel from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and Japan.

Pacific Partnership 2016 will include mission stops in five partner nations throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Orvis, from Jonesborough, Tenn., enlisted in the U.S. Navy four years ago.

There are six NHCCC staff currently deployed.

Lt. Cmdr. David S. Weldon, San Antonio Detachment (SA Det.), deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

HMC (FMF/SWCC) Faron M. Uebelacker, deployed to Bahrain.

HM1 (FMF/SW) Terrance Mayes, SA Det., deployed to Marine Forces North (MARFORNORTH).



HM3 Brandon Orvis

HM2 (SW) Victor S. McDaniel, deployed to MARFORNORTH.

HM3 Bryant A. Seeley, deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

HM3 Jason J. Wigdorski, deployed to MARFORNORTH. (From Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi public affairs)



**Recognizing Excellence --** Personal Property Counselor Melissa Brooks was named Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville NASCC Civilian Employee of the Quarter recently. Previous Employee of the Quarter Maximo Perez, supply specialist with FLC's HAZMIN Center, presents Brooks with her certificate. (Courtesy photo)



**Congratulations --** Sector Corpus Christi celebrated 100 years of distinguished aviation service by the men and women of the United States Coast Guard by hosting a 5k run followed by a presentation honoring pivotal historic events, a distinguished awards presentation (pictured above), and a meal prepared by the Ingleside Council of the U.S. Navy League. Twenty aviation members from Air Station Corpus Christi were presented their Air Crew Wings. Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Olsovsky and Petty Officer 3rd Class Cole Johnson (pictured right) received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal. Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremiah Schiessel received a distinguished award from the Naval Helicopter Association, Region 5. The Navy League presented the Junior Sailor of the Year award to Petty Officer 3rd Class Timothy Piquette, the Sailor of the Year award to Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Lotter, and the Junior Officer of the Year award to Lt. Ashley Vryheid. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Andy Kendrick)



## Annual dental exams can help detect other health concerns

With its emphasis on diagnostic and preventive care, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program can help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Did you know that more than 120 different diseases are first detected in the mouth? And that going for your annual dental exams can actually help in detecting heart disease, diabetes, pancreatic cancer and more? In fact, swollen gums, mouth ulcers, dry mouth and excessive gum problems can often be signs of bigger health problems. The good news is that most dental diseases are actually preventable.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) was created and designed with this in mind. When seeing a network dentist, TRDP enrollees have the peace of mind of knowing that they get two annual exams, two cleanings (or three for Type 1/Type 2 diabetics) and an x-ray covered at 100%--with no out-of-pocket costs. This allows enrollees to recoup almost all of their annual premiums and ensures their dental and overall health is being well cared for.

Here are some other reasons why more than 1.5 million current enrollees find the TRDP to be such a good value and an important partner in their health:

\* As soon as your enrollment takes effect, you're covered for routine services, fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and

dental accidents. After 12 months of continuous enrollment, you'll get crowns, dentures, dental implants, braces and more.

\* The TRDP offers a large nationwide network of dentists to help you save money on your covered dental care. To find a network dentist near you, use the "Find a Dentist" link at [trdp.org](http://trdp.org).

\* Network dentists have agreed to accept reduced fees for covered services -- there are no surprise costs beyond the expected cost share and deductible, where applicable.

\* Each enrollee gets a generous \$1,300 annual maximum, a \$1,200 annual dental accident maximum, and a \$1,750 lifetime maximum for braces.

\* The TRDP coordinates benefits with other dental plans, allowing you to maximize your coverage under both plans and reduce or even eliminate your out-of-pocket dental costs.

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ity; review your benefits, coverage levels, and remaining maximums and deductibles; check on the status of your processed claims and claim payments; and sign up for paperless (electronic) Explanation of Benefits statements.

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**April 23**  
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Baldwin, free.

If you have or know of an event to  
list, e-mail [nascc-pao@navy.mil](mailto:nascc-pao@navy.mil).

## Get a move on!

### Submit moving application early to beat peak season rush

By Pete Lutz  
FLCJ NAS-CC Personal Property Processing Office

The "Peak Season" for Household Goods (HHG) moves is just around the corner. If you are slated for a PCS move any time between May and September, your local Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) offers several services to make your transition a little smoother.

Roughly 65 percent of all HHG moves performed with the DoD happen during these months. The transportation industry continually warns that equipment and personnel may not be available to handle such a surge over the short period of time. In order to get the move date(s) you desire (or as close as possible), it is imperative that you Plan Accordingly and Be Flexible With Your Dates. Since NAS Corpus Christi is a training facility, we experience a higher turnover rate than other stations of comparable size. Generally, students do not have much time to plan their move so it is recommended they visit the PPPO to discover what options are available in advance of receiving orders. This service is not reserved only for students, the PPPO counselors are available to any member transferring into or out of the area.

The PPPO staff will inform you of the steps to take and provide assistance in registering for the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) website used to manage and process all HHG move applications. Additionally, on-line applications are accepted in advance of orders to ensure vital data is already entered into the system in the event your orders arrive at the last minute.

For first-time PCS moves or if you have never used DPS before, please come see us so we can ensure you are comfortable with DPS and can submit your on-line application with confidence. Once you are familiar with the system, your account can be accessed from home or work.

As a helpful tool, we offer a "cheat sheet" for those who wish to complete the application from home (or office) which can be obtained from the PPPO in Building 10 (3rd deck) aboard NASCC or can be requested via e-mail at [hhg\\_corpuschristi@navy.mil](mailto:hhg_corpuschristi@navy.mil). This e-mail address can be used to submit documents or ask questions. If you prefer fax, our fax number is to 361-961-3366. Please remember our hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just have a quick question? Our phone numbers are 361-961-3728/3729/3742.

What forms will you need?

HHG moves you'll need your orders, copies of the DD-1299 and DD-1797 forms (signed and dated).

Personally Procured Moves (PPM -formerly a DITY move), a copy of your orders is all you'll need.

If you're performing both, please remember you will be required to submit a separate application for each type of move and ensure you do not add a new shipment to a previous set of orders.

(All required forms can be printed from the "Submit" page of the online application).

Have your orders already?

Remember, the earlier you start, the better chance you have to get the dates you desire. As we move farther into the summer season, carriers get booked and lead times get extended (as much as six weeks) so don't wait. Come see us or submit your application and GET A MOVE ON!

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For more information, please call 361-961-2355.



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NAS Corpus Christi NAF Personnel office in building 2.  
For more information, please call 961-3441.

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counteract the unpredictability of military pay days. In 1942, it established its Reserve Fund, allowing for continued financial support during times of economic slumps and few donations. The 1960s saw the development of an education assistance program, and the '80s saw the creation of a financial counseling program. In 2006, the Society's visiting nurses embraced a new program: Combat Casualty Assisting Visiting Nurse program, which assists those with traumatic stress disorders and physical injuries.

**Mutual Support**

The Society collects donations through the generosity of its service members. Over the course of its campaign each spring, individuals may donate using one of three methods: a one-time donation using cash or a check, a monthly allotment/payroll donation, or a credit card donation. These donations go to support more than our active-duty and Reserve personnel in the Navy and Marine Corps. Family members may be eligible; family members of personnel who died in an active-duty or retired status may qualify; deceased service members' widows and mothers (65 years or older) with limited resources and no family to provide for their well-being are eligible; and Reservists on extended active-duty for 30 days or more may apply for financial assistance.

**Personal Testimonies**

The NMCRS strives to provide anonymity to its recipients, however Melissa Bradley, local NMCRS director, shares some examples of support provided:

The local office has coordinated with the housing office to help service members' families adjust to unexpected rent payments. When service members move into their on-base housing during the middle of the month,

they pay their pro-rated rent upon signing their lease, only to discover that the next month's rent, in full, will be withdrawn from the end-of-the-month pay so as to catch up the payments.

When Officers of the Deck and Command Master Chiefs receive Red Cross Messages requesting that a service member be present for a seriously ill or deceased family member, they usually send the service members directly to NMCRS. The Society helps them arrange flights home or finance travel expenses.

Recently winged student pilots may receive orders to their next duty station with little time to request dislocation allowance or advance pay before they are expected to detach. NMCRS works with these pilots and their spouses to set up a financial plan, allowing the Society to provide what is called a "bridge loan," thereby guaranteeing payback for the loan as well as a smooth move for their family.

**Triumph in Texas**

Today, the Society celebrates over a centennial of continued support to our military members and their families. Last year, it provided almost \$49 million in financial assistance to more than 61,000 Sailors and Marines and their families, almost 200 times its first donation in 1904.

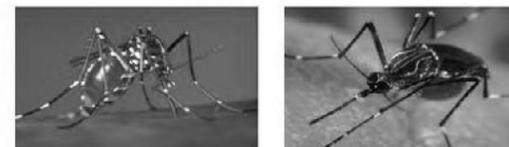
During the 2015 Active-Duty Fund Drive, NASCC raised approximately \$22,159, and the Society donated \$139,246 back to its sailors and Marines, in the form of interest-free grants and loans.

If you would like to play a special role in assisting your fellow service-members, speak to your local NMCRS representative and help pay it forward.

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# First female recruits issued 'Dixie cup' covers at RTC

Story & photo by Susan Krawczyk  
RTC Great Lakes Public Affairs

The first female recruits at Recruit Training Command were issued their new enlisted white hats, or Dixie cups, as part of the Navy's efforts for uniformity in service members' uniform, April 4.

While the rest of the enlisted female E1-E6 Sailors have until Oct. 31 to begin

wearing their Dixie cups, the recruits at the Navy's only boot camp have already begun to do so as per NAVADMIN 236/15.

The Navy redesigned several uniform elements for Sailors that improve uniformity across the force as well as improve the function and fit of their uniforms. The changes will eventually make uniforms and covers more gender neutral.

"This feels incredible as we are making

a part of history," said Seaman Recruit Madeleine Bohnert, of St. Louis, Missouri, as she tried on her cover. "It's really awesome how something as simple as our cover is so symbolic in regards to equality and the uniformity in the military. It's a sense of pride knowing that we are a part of getting the first Dixie cups."

During uniform issue, the female recruits lined up wearing their new covers as their Recruit Division Commanders ensured they were being properly worn.

As EN2 Shanice Floyd, RDC, helped adjust her recruits' covers for proper fitting, she instructed those with longer hair in braids or buns how to make correct adjustments to accommodate the Dixie cup.

"We're already part of a team and this just promotes it in a better way," said Floyd. "Junior enlisted males and females already wear the same dress

white uniform so this way when we get into the same dress blues uniform we'll look more as a unit."

The Alternative Combination Cover (ACC) and current male combination cover for officers and chief petty officers can now be worn by both men and women in service dress uniforms. All officers and chiefs will be required to wear the ACC Oct. 31.

"I am very excited to be one of the first females to be given the opportunity to wear the Dixie cup, and I believe we've come really far as a country and as a service," said Seaman Recruit Maria Frazier, of Springfield, Ohio. "I think it's really beneficial because as we work side by side, we have to work as a team. For me, it's important that as we're working together, we look uniform so we can work in uniform."

The Dixie cup will match the recently redesigned Service Dress Blue uniforms in jumper style for both men and women, beginning Oct. 1.

The jumper will incorporate a side zipper and the slacks will have a front zipper to help with changing in and out of uniform. This will be the eventual end of the female version of the "crackerjack" uniform with a jacket and tie for female petty officers and junior Sailors.

"I feel that females have been performing to the standard equal to their male counterparts, and right now, with these new covers, we look more as a team," said Floyd.



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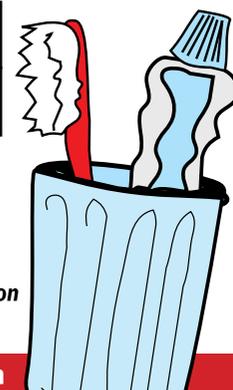
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