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Command of MATSG-22 changes hands

Col. John Rahe, USMC, relinquish command of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22 to Col. C. Wade Hasle, USMC, during a traditional ceremony on May 27. Col. Fritz Pfeiffer, USMC, chief of staff, Marine Corps' Training Command in Quantico, Va., was the guest speaker.

While at the helm of MATSG-22, Rahe trained and supported Marines across six geographically separated commands: Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph AFB, Goodfellow AFB, and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., producing more than 1,800 Marines ready for Fleet service. MATSG-22 is responsible for training Marines across 25 initial Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs).

Hasle's most recent assignment was on the Joint Staff, J7, Deployable Training Division in Suffolk, Va.

Hasle, is a native of Woodbridge, Va., and enlisted in the Marine Reserves in August 1986. He earned his degree from Virginia Tech and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1993. He was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1996, then continued training as an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot at Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 303, Camp Pendleton, Calif., until October 1996.

His duty assignments include: Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA)-167; Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 9, Detachment Patuxent River, Md., as an operational test director; Marine Aircraft Group-39, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HMLA-169 as operations officer and executive officer; executive officer of Officer Candidates School; commanding officer of HMLA-367; and then as a student at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School in Norfolk, Va.

Hasle's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Combat "V," 1 Gold numeral, and 9 Bronze numerals, Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is also a recipient of the Marine Corps Aviation Association 2007 Alfred A. Cunningham Aviator of the Year Award.

Rahe's next assignment is in Cherry Point, N.C., where he will be the assistant wing commander for, 2D Marine Aircraft Wing, responsible for training, maintenance and worldwide deployment of all active-duty Marines and Marine Aviation assets on the East Coast in support of 2D Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF).

Command of MATSG-22 changes hands from Col. John Rahe, USMC, (right) to Col. C. Wade Hasle, USMC, during a traditional ceremony held in Hangar 58. The passing of the flag from one Marine to the other signifies the transfer of command. (Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA)



Hurricane season is here – if you haven't already, prepare now

It probably already feels like hurricane season started months ago, rather than a few days ago.

South Texas has had heavy rains and flooding has destroyed parts of the state thanks to the rains in April and May.

The good news is that the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration predicts

a "near normal" hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30. That prediction indicates that there may be 10-to-16 named storms in the Atlantic this year. We've already had two – Alex and Bonnie.

If you do not already have one, you should prepare your emergency kit now.

You also should plan ahead. Think about

what you would do if a hurricane or another disaster struck near you. And think about what you would need to carry out that plan.

Some items to consider for your emergency kit are, but not limited to:

* Water and non-perishable food, enough to support each member of the family for up to 72

see *Prepare on page 4*

Captain's Column



Capt. Steve Banta
Commanding Officer



MEMORIAL DAY: This past Monday, we paused on Memorial Day to honor those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation. There were remembrance services held in the city and on board the USS Lexington "Museum on the Bay," and flags were placed at service members' graves at local cemeteries.

MIDWAY: During this time of reflection of those who have gone before us, it is fitting that tomorrow we will commemorate the 1942 Battle of Midway. This ceremony will be held on board USS Lexington on June 3, beginning at 10 a.m. Guest speakers will include Col. Wade Hasle, commanding officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22, and Rear Adm. Dell Bull, Chief

of Naval Air Training.

The Veterans Band of Corpus Christi will provide music, members of CNATRA, NAS Corpus Christi, MATSG-22, Navy Operational Support Center-Corpus Christi, and NOSC-Harlingen will provide support. The South Texas Navy Historical Committee is providing the commemorative wreath and USO of South Texas is providing the cake. It will truly be an All Hands event, with attendees from both Corpus Christi and Kingsville, the naval air stations, and veterans and community leaders from throughout the area.

The Battle of Midway is considered the turning point of World War II in the Pacific theater. Up to that point, the United States had suffered continuous setbacks since the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. By the end of the Battle of Midway, the loss of four Japanese aircraft carriers destroyed their navy as an offensive force.

Please join us on June 3 to remember the events surrounding this historic battle.

SAFETY: This time of year also begins the "101 critical days of summer." This is a time when our Sailors and Marines are at a high risk of injury and death, based

on past accident trends. Please continue to use Operational Risk Management in all activities, whether in the workplace or during recreation.

When school lets out for the summer, many of us will be taking family vacations. When traveling, it's good to begin each road trip well-rested, to drive during daylight hours, and pull over if fatigued. Wearing a seat belt drastically reduces the risk of serious injury or death, as does limiting distractions. (NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING!)

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: June also starts hurricane season, which runs through November. It is never too late to make sure you and your family have a sound evacuation plan in case of a catastrophic weather event. Be prepared!

Thanks in advance for taking the time to ensure you, your co-workers and your families are safe this summer. I hope to see you at the Midway ceremony on June 3!

Chaplain's Message



Food drive, Vacation Bible School

Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Wame
Command Chaplain

'Feds Feed Families' Food Drive 2016

The summer months are upon us and it is that time of the year again to focus our attention on Feds Feed Families. Since 2009, nearly 56 million pounds have been collected for those in need. The intent of this program is to focus efforts on children during these critical summer months.

Many children in the Corpus Christi area

depend on school lunches for their nutrition, and summer is an especially difficult time. Once again, the NAS Corpus Christi Chaplain's Department will lead efforts in collecting food items by teaming up with the Commissary, NASCC tenant commands, and departments on board NAS Corpus Christi to collect non-perishable food items for the less fortunate. Last year, NAS Corpus Christi raised more than 45,000 pounds. I expect this year to be just as successful.

I encounter folks daily that are committed to making our community a better place, are concerned with helping the less fortunate, and have a heart as big as what one may expect to find in South Texas. I have witnessed firsthand how these gracious donations bring joy into the lives of others and I encourage each of you to consider how you can impact the life of someone in need.

Donation drop-off boxes will be located at the Commissary, in the Catholic and Protestant Chapel facilities, and throughout various work centers. If you have questions or would like more information on how you can donate, please contact RP2 Nicole Schuster at 961-3751.

NASCC Chapel Vacation Bible School

Each summer, thousands of churches across the U.S. host an event known as VBS -- Vacation Bible School. Although the themes, content and curriculum may vary, children gather each year to experience games, crafts, Bible stories and much more. This time-honored cultural phenomenon is upon us once again. This year NASCC Chapel communities (Catholic and Protestant) will host a three-day VBS from July 11-13 for children ages 4 through 5th grade.

Registration forms are located in the Chaplain Department and Chapels, or you can register online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/nascc. Space is limited, so don't wait until the last minute to register. Volunteers can also register online. Please contact our office at 961-3751, which is located on the fifth deck of Naval Health Clinic, for more details.

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TAKING CARE OF FAMILIES



This paper is published for people like ACAN Zeke Sanchez, a Corpus Christi native. Sanchez has been stationed at NASCC's Air Operations for about 2.5 years.

CCAD hosts anniversary celebration of USS Albemarle/USNS Corpus Christi Bay Association

Heavy rains on May 16, flooding and gate closures at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi) could not keep three busloads of old shipmates and their families that made up USS Albemarle – USNS Corpus Christi Bay Association -- for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to remember the ship that brought them all together.

The Corpus Christi Army Depot hosted the event as a special anniversary reunion and memorial service in Hangar 44, that morning.

Guests were not bothered by the one-hour set-back to the itinerary when bad weather delayed their event. They had traveled from all corners of the nation on Friday and had a full itinerary to reminisce of the last time

they docked on Corpus Christi shores.

The commemoration coincided with the ship's 75th Anniversary as USS Albemarle and its 50th Anniversary as USNS Corpus Christi Bay.

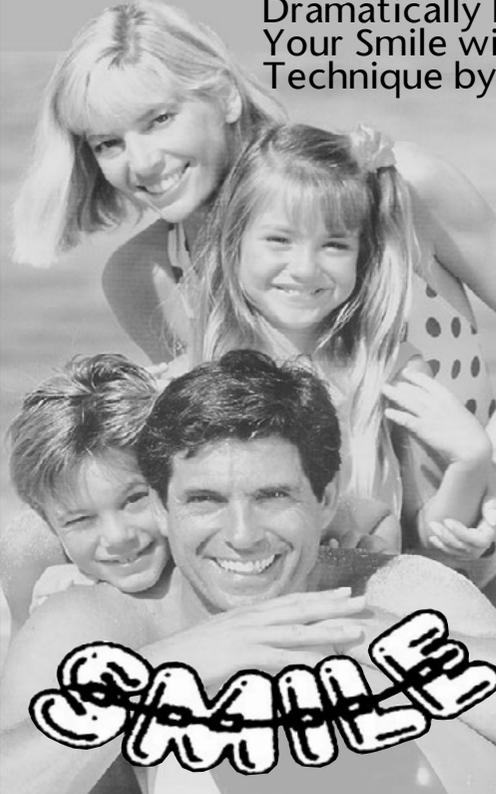
At the event, Col. Billingsley G. Pogue III shared CCAD's mission from its earliest

days to its current operations, assuring the crews of USS Albemarle and USNS Corpus Christi Bay that, like the missions they served in the 20th century, aviation readiness lives on through the depot.

Approximately 101 association members *see Anniversary on page 4*



USS Albemarle - USNS Corpus Christi Bay Association members pose with CCAD Commander, Col. Billingsley G. Pogue III. From left are Ron Reid, chaplain; Pogue; Tom Townley, bell ringer; Art Earl, association president; Les Weinstein, new member. (Photo by Ervey Martinez, CCAD Visual Information)



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were in attendance. Of those in attendance, 50 of them served on the ship during World War II, when it was known as USS Albemarle, or during the Vietnam War, as USNS Corpus Christi Bay.

USS Albemarle (AV 5) served a number of missions between 1940 and 1960 before it was decommissioned and later renovated and then recommissioned as a floating main-

tenance depot for the Army in 1965.

Serving as an extension of CCAD, then called Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), the ship brought nearly every depot maintenance and repair process to the shores of Vietnam.

This proximity to the combat zone was a game-changer in Army aviation. Damaged and inoperable aircraft were sent to the

maintenance ship for a quick eight-day repair and return that would have taken 18 days to complete had they sent it overseas to ARADMAC.

After the service, the former servicemen and their families toured the CCAD and NASCC grounds and shared memories over lunch at the base's Catalina Club.



The 75th USS Albemarle-50th USNS CC Bay anniversary wreath is proudly displayed before the guests gathered to pay tribute. (U.S. Army photo)

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Clinic Patient Admin staff honor fallen vets

Sailors at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi joined in a Memorial Day ceremony in Corpus Christi,

Texas May 30.

At the Rose Hill Cemetery, staff honored veterans by placing flags at each of their graves.

The annual event, in its sixth year, is sponsored by the NHCCC Patient Administration department.

"In preparation for Memorial Day 2010, our patient admin staff embarked on a unique community relations project that involved sprucing up the graves of our veterans," said CMDCM (SW/FMF) Rikki L. Brown. "To pay tribute to our fallen men and women who served the nation, each Memorial Day we assemble at Rose Hill."

The ceremony began with morning colors followed by the playing of Taps as onlookers stood reverently in silence instilled with a sense of deep gratitude and appreciation for the fallen.

NHCCC Director for Administration, Cmdr. Francis V. Mclean, addressed the staff and group of family members, briefly highlighting the history of the Navy graves at Rose Hill and their significance to Memorial Day observances.

Staff then fell out of formation and began placing each of the 400 miniature flags at

the final resting place of nation's heroes.

"Doing this is a huge honor for me to honor our fallen comrades," said HM2 Adrian Velasquez, a medical records technician.

Velasquez is a native of Sacramento, Calif., and a 7.5 year Navy veteran. This was his second year to participate.

"I will make it a point to do something like this every year," Velasquez said.

Memorial Day, previously Decoration Day, became an official U.S. holiday in 1971. It is observed on the last Monday of May to pay reverence to service men and women who serve in the United States military.

During his Gettysburg Address, President Abraham Lincoln stated, "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."



HN Antonio Chavez, a lab technician at NHCCC from Dallas, Texas, honors fallen veterans at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Corpus Christi on Memorial Day by placing flags at each of their graves. (U.S. Navy photo by HM2 Kara Merkwan)

It seemed evident that each person gathered for the Rose Hill ceremony shared President Lincoln's spirit of remembrance for fallen comrades, and realized though they may no longer be in our presence, they will not be forgotten.

HN Antonio Chavez, a lab technician at NHCCC from Dallas, Texas, expressed his appreciation.

"While I was placing flags on graves I felt grateful. It was a great opportunity to reflect on their sacrifices," he said.



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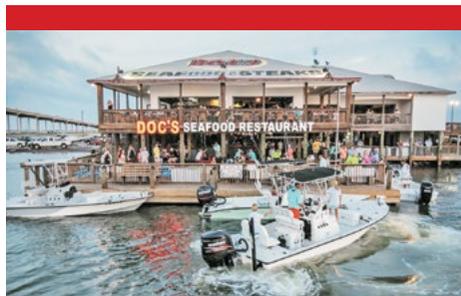
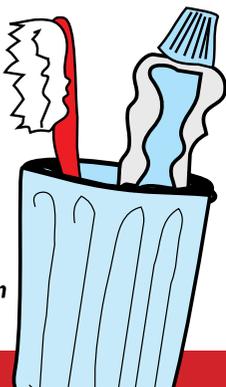
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Battle of Midway Commemoration

June 3—10 a.m.

USS Lexington Museum on the Bay



A ceremony commemorating the Battle of Midway will be held June 3, at 10 a.m. on board USS Lexington Museum on the Bay.

The ceremony honors World War II veterans and the battle that is considered the first major U.S. victory in the Pacific after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The result was a decisive defeat against the Japanese fleet.

Guest speakers for the event are Col. C. Wade Hasle, USMC, commanding officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22; and Rear Adm. Dell Bull, chief of Naval Air Training. There will also be a wreath laying in honor of fallen heroes.

The Veterans Band of Corpus Christi will provide music.

Units supporting the ceremony include CNATRA, MATSG-22, NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Kingsville, Navy Operational Support Centers Corpus Christi and Harlingen, South Texas Navy Historical Committee and USO of South Texas.

Uniform for Navy personnel is summer whites for E-7 and above. E-6 and below may wear Navy service uniform. For more information, call 961-0033.

Bravo Zulu



Silver bars -- Lt.j.g. Elaine Zhong received her silver bars in a recent ceremony held at Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, NAS Corpus Christi. Officiating officer was Cmdr. Shannon Harrell, site director, who also administered the Oath of Office. Zhong's bars were pinned on by her husband, Lt.j.g. David J. Principato, and Harrell. (Photo by Pete Lutz)



Bravo Zulu -- Rear Adm. Dell Bull, chief of Naval Aviation Training Command, recognizes Jo Ann Owens as CNATRA's Civilian of the Quarter. (Photo by Anne Booher, CNATRA photographer)

Fallen Heroes 5K

Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a 5K run on May 27, in honor of fallen members of the armed forces. Nearly 100 people took part in the event that kicked off the Memorial Day weekend. The run began and ended at the Chapel. Pictured below, right, ABH3 Tremaine Jelks was just one of many who wrote a message in honor of a fallen member on a banner set up for all to sign. (Courtesy photos by Paul Tubridy)



Navy medicine releases updated Zika virus infection guidance

Navy Medicine released updated Zika Virus Infection guidance in NAVADMIN 121/16, May 26, communicating current information, travel precautions, and risk reduction measures to Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"The updated NAVADMIN includes the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for the prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus; it also highlights recommendations for couples who are considering conception," said Cmdr. Alan Lam, deputy associate director, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery public health, emergency preparedness and response.

The updated NAVADMIN also directs installation commanders to implement the secretary of defense guidance to control Zika virus-transmitting mosquitoes at Navy installations and in housing areas. Installation commanding officers will ensure public health emergency officers and installation vector control staff coordinate their efforts with state and local counterparts.

BUMED has instructed Navy Medicine providers to follow clinical guidelines issued by the CDC. In addition, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center issued an updated information sheet and trifold pamphlet on their public website for personnel.

"Navy Medicine implements the latest CDC guidelines and supports installation vector surveillance and control efforts; however, each member of the Navy and Marine Corps family must also do their part to ensure they are protected from the Zika virus," Lam said.

Zika is a viral infection primarily spread by a bite from an infected mosquito. The virus is also spread by a mother to her fetus during pregnancy, through blood transfusion, and by a man infected with Zika to his partner during sex. Typical symptoms include fever, conjunctivitis, muscle pain, rash, headache, and joint pain.

Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause microcephaly and other birth defects.

Currently, Zika outbreaks are occurring in Pacific Islands, the Caribbean, and throughout Central America and South America.

Navy and Marine Corps personnel are at risk when travelling to areas experiencing active Zika virus transmission. Infection risk is reduced by taking measures to avoid mosquito bites.

No vaccine or drug is currently available to prevent Zika virus infection, and there is currently no specific antiviral treatment for the disease. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid mosquito bites while in areas of active transmission and avoid unprotected sex with a man who may have been exposed to Zika. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime, but bites should be avoided day and night.

The CDC recommends pregnant women postpone travel to any area with active Zika virus transmission. Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their Navy Medicine health care provider before traveling and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites.

The CDC also recommends that, for the duration of pregnancy, pregnant women avoid unprotected sex with any man who lives in or travels to an area of active Zika virus transmission.

The following steps are recommended for those traveling to an area with ongoing Zika virus transmission:

- * Choose a hotel or lodging with air conditioning or with screens on windows and doors.
- * Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are outside or in a room that is not well-screened.
- * Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- * Use EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or IR3535. These are safe for pregnant women when used as directed.
- * Use permethrin-treated clothing and equipment.
- * Avoid unprotected sex with potentially exposed men.
- * Use condoms the right way, every time you have sex. (From U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs)

Sign up for NASCC's library summer reading program

By Francie North
NASCC Librarian

MWR's Library and Resource Center urges families to get ready, get set, go ... to the library and sign up for "Read-For the Win!"

The Library and Resource Center kicks off its Read-For the Win! summer reading program on June 18. During the next two months, the library will host a range of free activities for children, teens and adults to encourage and support a love of reading. Participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals.

Themed events include a Live Clue game and a Minute to Win it Family Challenge. For reaching reading goals, readers of all ages can earn a variety of prizes, such as puzzle balls, foam fingers, water bottles or bags. Those who complete the reading goal of 1,500 minutes will receive a special summer reading challenge coin.

There's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss, or "summer slide."

Early registration begins June 6 and continues through June 30. To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, call 361-961-3574 or check out the library's website www.navylibrarycorpuschristi.org



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Fathers celebrated June 13-19 aboard the air station

By Jane Ramsey
Fleet and Family Support Center

A father's influence on any child is very important and lasts a lifetime.

When Father's Day approaches, I remember my own father and how much he impacted me and my siblings.

Research has shown the role and influence of having an involved father is equally as important to a child's development as the influence and role of the mother. Having a secure attachment with a father can bring confidence to a child to explore their environment, develop social skills and have a higher self-esteem. As the child gets older, a father's guidance may lead to fewer behavior issues.

This year Father's Day is on June 19. The New Parent Support Team, USO, MWR, Fire Department, Commissary, and the Chaplain's Office have collaborated to make this a very special Father's Day for all NASCC fathers and their children. We have come up with a challenge for all fathers aboard the Naval Air Station!

Objective: Each family will pick up a card. These will be available starting the week of June 6-10. On this card there will be events and activities for fathers to do with their children. Upon completing the fun activity or attending the event there will be someone to punch (or stamp) the card. The

father with the most activities completed will win a prize! All Fathers will be given a certificate of appreciation and of course the real prize is the time spent with your child.

Eligible to Participate – Anyone with base access and children of all ages with their fathers.

Cards – Cards will be distributed at FFSC, USO, Commissary, CDC, Youth Center and Housing

Cards can be dropped off no later than Monday, June 20 at the CDC, FFSC or USO.

On Tuesday, June 21, an ice cream social will be held at the USO beginning at 4 p.m., where prizes and certificates will be awarded. Don't forget to bring your children!

Here are some of the activities planned. Activities are free, except where noted. MWR-sponsored pre-registration required at the Youth Center for some events:

Monday – June 13

USO Donuts and Coffee – 9 a.m. – Kick-off Father's Day Week with coffee and donuts.

Game Night at the FFSC – 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center, fifth deck of the Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi. Play board games with your children and enjoy some popcorn and drinks.

Golf Course (pre-registration required)
see Fathers on page 10



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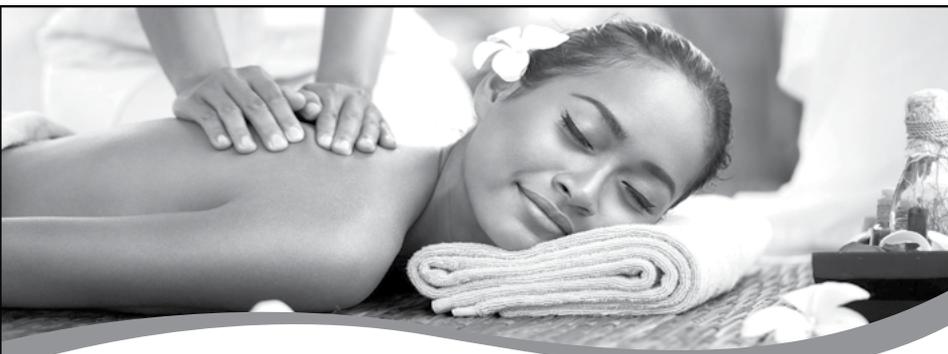
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Fathers from page 9

– All-day free buckets of balls to hit with your children. There are clubs for adults and children available to borrow. If you can't make it Monday, then golf balls are \$2 a bucket Tuesday.

Tuesday – June 14
Fire Department Open House – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bldg. 7 – Hot dogs and chips will be served, a tour of the fire trucks and fire station.
Father vs. Child Dodge Ball Game (pre-registration required) – 5-7 p.m. at the Youth Center Gym.

Wednesday – June 15
Bowling (pre-registration required) – 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Free game for all fathers who bring their child.
USO Lunch – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bring your child to the USO for lunch.

Thursday – June 16
Fishing at the Marina (pre-registration required) – 9 a.m.-noon – Adult and children's fishing poles available.
Cookies for Dad – 2-6 p.m., Commissary – Come make a special treat for dad!
Movie at Wings Auditorium – Doors open at 6p.m., concessions provided by First Class Petty Officers Association.

Friday – June 17
Coffee and Donuts at the CDC – 2 p.m. Only for parents of children attending the CDC or the Youth Center.
Father Daughter Dance at the Catalina Club sponsored by MWR (pre-registration required) – 6:30-9:30 p.m. Price TBD – Please purchase your ticket in advance at the Youth Center.

Sunday – June 19
Base chapel services – 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass services. 10 a.m. Protestant service

Anytime Activities:
Read a story at the Library
Paddle Boats at the Marina
Visit Army Navy Credit Union (get a kid's give-away)
Walk the Track at the Gym

We realize there are some children who do not have a father present. These children may bring a father figure or their mother can participate. No family will be left out!

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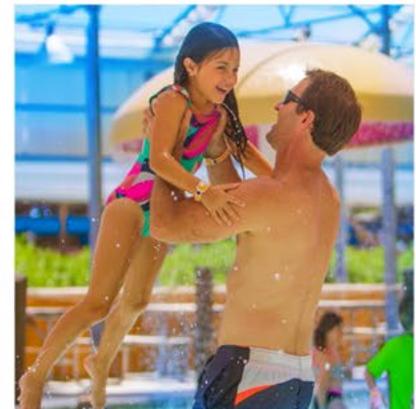
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