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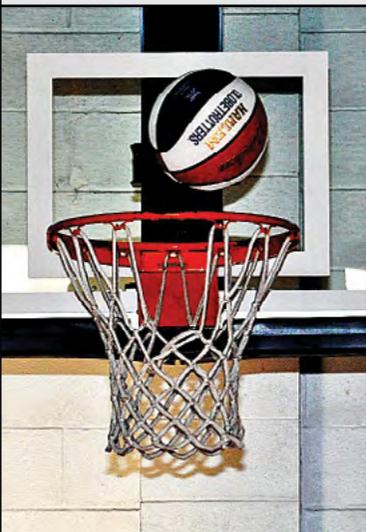
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Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield exercise coming late February



Security personnel begin to sweep and secure a building during an active shooter exercise on board Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in 2010. This kind of exercise simulates one or more persons have fired shots, requiring Security personnel to secure the scene and neutralize the shooter. Some Navy installations will be conducting active shooter exercises during Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2014.

Story & photo by Rod Hafemeister

The annual exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield will be held Feb. 24-28 across the Navy, including Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Although in the past the exercise has caused some traffic disruptions and significant delays at the Air Station gates, this year's plans should have a minimal impact on residents, workers and visitors to the Air Station who are not involved in the exercise, officials said.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access.

Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

Exercise SC-CS14 is a Force Protection exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command

(CNIC) on all Navy installations in the continental United States.

This annual exercise uses realistic scenarios to ensure U.S. Navy security forces maintain a high level of readiness to respond to changing and dynamic threats and is not in response to a specific threat to any particular installation.

The purpose of Exercise SC-CS14 is to ensure that each Navy installation is ready to respond to a threat at all times and to ensure the safety of Sailors and their families, as well as Navy civilians and contractors.

It is Navy policy to never to discuss the specifics of Force Protection to safeguard processes and procedures that enhance security; therefore, the details of this exercise will not be released.

In general, Navy installations will be conducting training such as waterfront events, active shooters and personnel attempting to gain unauthorized base access.

New Sergeant Major for Corpus Christi Army Depot

by Brigitte Rox, CCAD Public Affairs

A major change came to the Corpus Christi Army Depot Jan. 31 as the workforce welcomed their new Command Sergeant Major, Martin D. Dickinson.

Dickinson assumed responsibility of the CCAD colors in an Assumption of Responsibility ceremony – a symbol of his responsibility to the organization as the senior enlisted advisor to the commanding officer.

Depot Commander Col. Garner Pogue III swore him in.

"This is not the first time I've served with Sgt. Maj. Dickinson," Pogue said as he welcomed him to his new assignment.

As seasoned combat veterans, the two worked together earlier in their military career.

"There is no better soldier that I could have asked for," Pogue said.

"As the commander, I will be better with the sergeant major's

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Command Sergeant Major Martin Dickinson, center, receives the Corpus Christi Army Depot colors from the commanding officer, Col. Garner Pogue III, on Jan. 31, symbolizing Dickinson's assumption of responsibility for the colors and command enlisted personnel.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

On Jan. 30, we held a farewell luncheon for Ron Martinez, the Air Station's business manager.

Ron is retiring after 31 years of federal civilian service – and I, for one, will greatly miss him.

The Air Station has the greatest percentage of civilian workers of any organization I've served in during my career. And Ron's help has been invaluable in helping me understand how to manage, develop and reward the civilian employees.

Ron has proven to be an invaluable source of knowledge regarding civilian manpower; his advice has often been sought by Region managers and other installation business managers.

Others recognized his expertise and ability long ago.

Ron reported to NAS Corpus Christi in 1999 from overseas duty and became the focal point for establishing Navy Region South Texas, which ultimately became Navy Region South, and immediately began assisting commands in planning and managing business-related programs.

When Naval Station Ingleside was closed in 1999, Ron was instrumental in ensuring that every employee of the base was placed in another position.

I've seen Ron encourage and develop the personnel under his leadership. Two of his employees received Civilian of the Year honors and one was promoted to director of

Farewell, Ron Martinez

the Civilian Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

In fact, Ron was instrumental in invigorating the CMWR program and implementing a CMWR Health and Wellness program, which affords DoD civilians and their families opportunities to receive subsidized memberships at local community fitness centers.

Most recently, Ron was key to managing the mandatory civilian furloughs last summer and again during the government shutdown in October.

Ron is irreplaceable – and won't be, because the Navy is eliminating the installation business manager positions.

But I've already warned him that I'm keeping his phone number and will not hesitate to call him when I need his advice.

We wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas – and the best wishes in his new endeavors with the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Chaplain's Message

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

Valentine's is almost here and love is in the air.

I know that my opening line is a bit cheesy, but writing the opening line for this article is just about as hard as knowing how to begin writing that special sentiment in a card.

Knowing how to begin is often the hardest part of any process – and so goes life. But to avoid launching into too deep of a philosophical exposition, let's just keep it simple.

How do you tell the one that you have committed your life to, that you trust with your life, having brought children into the world with, and will hopefully grow very old that you care and feel more deeply about them than any other person or thing in this world?

Oh yes....I love you!

But the mere words printed on a piece of chocolate or written (and sung) in that special card for the worthwhile price of \$6.99 may

not be enough.

The real question becomes: how does that special someone KNOW that the words "I love you" are as meaningful as how they are intended?

The answer is rather simple! I like the way Bill Cosby would say it, "The proof is in the pudding."

In other words, if you can't back it up with action, it's shallow and meaningless.

This may sound rather harsh, but the reality of life is that people say just about everything and make promises galore without following through.

Of anything that can be said, 'I love you' carries the greatest weight of all; that of life and death itself.

OK, maybe I am getting a little deep but understanding how this small phrase can impact one's life is worth thinking about.

My favorite Scripture of the entire Bible

Chocolate or Flowers?

is found in the Gospel of John, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

I believe that the standard of love is life itself. When you say those words, 'I love you'; does the recipient really hear something like, 'I am willing to lay my life down for you?'

I am convinced that if our actions, our commitments, and our deepest feelings embodied this sentiment, that simple 'I love you' would be received as the greatest of gifts, even if it is printed a bit crooked on the small candy heart.



Warne

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

I'm talking about the sports seasons! When hope springs anew that this year, your team will win it all.

Football is over, climaxed by a Superbowl

stunner with the Seahawks beating Denver at their own high-scoring game.

Now, I bleed Packer green-and-gold during football season, and this has been a tough season.

But having lived in Tacoma several times, I've always had a soft spot for the Seahawks. Nice to see them finally get the big win.

Now, I can start paying attention, a little, to basketball. The Spurs are always fun to root for – and my old alma mater, Michigan State, seems to be a serious contender at the college level.

But the neat little app on my tablet keeps

counting down – and as we go to press, it is one week until pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

Baseball!

Changing Seasons

Six months of balls and strikes, runs and outs, glorious plays and disastrous errors.

Yes, I'm one of *those*... although I don't do fantasy leagues and often need to look up the name of players on teams outside the National League Central.

I follow the Cardinals. Obsessively. (At least, that's what my wife calls it.)

I had ignored baseball for years, but got interested again when I lived across the river from St. Louis.

And it stuck.

So freezing rain or heat wave, I'll endure whatever February brings to South Texas... because come March 22, the Dodgers and Diamondbacks start the season – in Australia.

Everyone else, March 30 and 31.

Play Ball!

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NASCC Business Manager Ron Martinez retires after 31 years civil service



Naval Air Station Corpus Christi threw a retirement Mass and a retirement luncheon for Ron Martinez, the installation business manager, who is retiring after 31 years of government service. Left, Capt. Dave Edgecomb, NASCC commanding officer,



presents Martinez with the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal. Right, Jennifer Rodela presents Martinez with a phot and frame signed by his co-workers.

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Petit turns over command of Training Air Wing Four SAU to Dearie



Capt. Robert Fryer, Chief of Naval Air Training (SAU) Commanding Officer presents Capt. John Petit, departing Commander, Training Air Wing Four (SAU), the Meritorious Service Medal during a change of command ceremony Jan. 24.



Capt. John Petit, left, departing Commander, Training Air Wing Four (SAU), shakes hands with Cmdr. Jerry Dearie as Dearie assumes command.

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However, the office is not able to prepare your tax returns for you.

There are free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) centers off base and they will prepare your tax return for you.

Please see attached flyer for more information.

The Air Station's Self-Service Tax Center is located in Navy Legal, Building 3, and is available Monday through Friday by appointment only.

Call 961-3595 or 961-1298 for available times.

The center will operate from Feb. 3 through April 15.

Individuals eligible to use the center include:

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WHAT TO BRING

- Government issued photo ID
- Valid Social Security cards or ITIN numbers for taxpayers, spouse and all dependents
- Birthdates of all primary, secondary and dependents on the tax return. If married and filing jointly, both spouses must be present.
- All wage and income statements for 2013 (e.g., W-2, W-2G, 1099-R forms).
- Interest and dividend statements from financial institutions (form 1099) if applicable.
- Proof of day-care expenses paid in 2013 including: provider's name, address and federal ID number.
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- If you would like any refunds directly deposited to your checking account, bring a check with you to verify the account and banking routing numbers.

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USO director Nancy Allen and volunteers sort and package diapers and supplies Feb. 4. The USO did well this year in gathering diapers for our troops. Overall, more than \$10,000 worth of diapers was collected this year during the Annual Diaper Drive, conducted with the help of Kiii-TV and the Black Chamber of Commerce. Some parents have already come to collect diapers for their baby's needs. All sizes and different style were collected to make caring for needy children easier. If you're in need of diapers, see the USO to receive packages. *Photo by Bob Torres*

Ombudsman recognized on Channel 3's 'Military Matters' series



Jesika Streeter, command ombudsman for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Chief, Naval Air Training, explains her PTSD awareness program during a Jan. 30 interview by Kiii-TV for its weekly 'Military Matters' feature about area service members and people who support them. Streeter also was recently selected as the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi candidate for the annual 'Military Spouse of the Year' competition held by Military Spouse Magazine. *Photo by Rod Hafemeister*



Repairing a Blue Angel

Sailors restore the port exhaust on the Blue Angel F/A-18 Hornet in the CNATRA/NASCC Historic Airpark. The exhaust was blown off in a storm late last year, but there was no funding available to repair the display aircraft. The Chiefs' Mess came up with a repair that would not cost the government. From left, YN1 Kevin Bellew, right, CS2 Ciara Mahoney, and underneath, AOC Jeffrey Fitzpatrick reinstall the exhaust. In the coming weeks, the Chiefs' Mess in conjunction with Public Works will be working to restore the MIA/POW Flag Pole that has been missing for several months.

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Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, presents the Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Maria Lupita G. Garza-Goucher for meritorious service while serving as command evaluator and coordinator, Managers' Internal Control Program from February 2013 to January 2014, and for contributing to a successful inspection and full compliance of 43 programs with minimal requirements for improvement.



Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer, presents the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Arwin Martin G. Mejia for professional achievement while serving as an advanced lab technician, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi from October 2012 to February 2014.

Photos by Bill W. Love, NHCC PAO



Dickinson

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assistance as my battle buddy. It's as important now as it's ever been to have a senior noncommissioned officer of an aviation brigade here."

CCAD operated without a sergeant major for that past three years.

In his new role, Dickinson will help posture the depot for the future by working with the workforce to apply direct leadership with real problems.

It is the CCAD team, the sergeant major said, that makes his position so important.

"From the eyes of the apprentice aviation maintainer in the field, you are on the highest step of the podium," he told his CCAD audience.

"You have earned their trust, confidence and admiration.

"This is evident by CCAD's excellent readiness rates despite flying more than seven million combat hours in the last 12 years.

"No other army in the world can achieve that. You are relevant and vital to our national security."

As the depot's sergeant major, Dickinson will bring the workforce's ideas and concerns to the Command.

In the past, depot leaders have discovered that some of the best and most innovative ideas for positive change are taken from the skilled men and women working in their shops every day.

The sergeant major feels that a positive collaboration between Depot Command and the workforce is needed if the depot wants to maintain its posture as the cornerstone of Army aviation for helicopter support.

"By working together, we can sustain and improve our operation to provide the absolute best support to our Warfighters," Dickinson said.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dickinson has accumulated a wealth of helicopter maintenance knowledge since he began his Army career in 1983.

His deployments include Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom and Operations Desert Shield/Storm.

His awards include the Bronze Star and Army Meritorious Service Medal.

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'Horse' No Challenge for Globetrotter

Story and photos by Bob Torres

Three on one wouldn't ordinarily seem like a fair contest.

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Anthony "Buckets" Blake of the Harlem Globetrotters visited Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Jan. 21 during the team's tour in south Texas.

Buckets met with some of children at the Child Development Center before meeting the rest of the team in San Antonio. The Globetrotters played in Corpus Christi a few days later.

On his visit, Buckets also challenged the commanding officer, Capt. Dave Edgecomb, and a selected few to a game of "Horse," at the student gymnasium.

Children watched as Edgecomb, Fire Inspector Otis Terrell and AC3 Marquise Price from Air Ops (and a former All Navy Team member) faced off against Buckets.

In the game of Horse, the person with the basketball shoots from somewhere on the gym floor and, if he makes the basket, everyone

else must attempt the same shot and make the basket to score.

If the person following misses the basket, then he acquires a letter, for instance the first letter of Horse. If another person makes a basket, and that player misses again, a second letter "o" is added to his score.

The first person to miss and gain all the letters to "Horse" loses and drops out of the game.

Since there was only one player who gets paid to play basketball, it could have been a quick and very short game.

However, Buckets missed some shots and other players made shots and played on.

The game lasted more than a half hour and was fun for the children to watch.

Inevitably, Buckets won the game, after producing some great shots that eventually took Edgecomb and the other players out of the game.

Buckets then took some moments to address the children and presented them with some Globetrotter basketballs to keep and posed for some photos before leaving for San Antonio.



The competitors before the contests. From left: Otis Terrell, 'Buckets' Blake, Capt. Dave Edgecomb and AC3 Marquise Price.



Awards and Achievements

Winging — January 24



Photo by Hugh Lieck Event Photography

Winging officials, from left: Alan Wilson, Chairman, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Cmdr. Bryan Begin, USCG, VT-31 Senior Coast Guard Representative; Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Col. Michael R. Orr, USMC, Commanding Officer, VMX-22; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: 1st Lt. Matthew William Cruse, USMC; Capt. Joshua Edward Daly, USMC; Ensign Eric Matthew Erdos; Ensign Daniel Roy Fahey; Lt. j.g. James Andrew Giancola; Ensign Paul Taylor Hill; Ensign Hugh Allen Mitchell III; Lt. Megan S. O'Connor, USCG; Ensign Michael James Toft; Ensign Mark Evan Trunzo; 1st Lt. Scott Paul Voigt, USMC; Ensign Brandon Michael Walker.

Fourth MSM for Wray

Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi commanding officer, presents the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award) to Cmdr. Michael M. Wray, Dental Corps, for serving as Dental Department Head and Senior Dental Executive, Naval Health Clinic New England, Newport, Rhode Island from September 2010 to September 2013. The citation accompanying Wray's award praised him for exceeding the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's benchmark of 95 percent Operational Dental Readiness, as well as increasing the clinic's Dental Health Index to an unprecedented high of 65.2 percent. It also acknowledged his exceptional professional ability, steadfast initiative, and selfless dedication to duty, and it included the recognition by the Community College of Rhode Island for Wray's outstanding public health service which earned him the Dr. Eleanor Vanable Community Outreach Award for 2013.

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Friday, February 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **ARTWALK EVENTS @ THE ART CENTER** - The Art Center of Corpus Christi has lots of exciting demonstrations planned for February's upcoming ArtWalk! For your viewing pleasures, the 41st All Membership Exhibit and a solo exhibit by Jordan Mendiola will be on display in our main galleries. Local artist, Rey Santiago will be hosting a printing demonstration called 'Artcycle' in the Meadows Gallery. Local photographer, David Olds will be giving ArtWalkers insight into the world of professional photography as well as talking about his upcoming 'Photosense' class. Interested participants can register for the class in person during ArtWalk. We will have various vendors in our courtyard along with SAMC students who will be performing excerpts from their current performances. In our Studio C Gift Gallery, Cindy Gentry will be hosting a demonstration and have some of her works on display for purchase. Mark your calendars and stop by the Art Center of Corpus Christi during Friday's ArtWalk and get ART CENTERED! 100 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi.

"Valentine Party for a Prince or Princess" - Join us at the Janet F. Harte Public Library on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day! Children are welcome to dress up as "royalty" for this fun event. We will provide a story, craft and refreshments, and the children will "parade" through the library. Free and open to the public. For all ages. The library is located at 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. For more information call 937-6579.

Now through February 15, 2014 ... 41st ALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW FEATURING SOLO EXHIBIT BY JORDAN MENDIOLA - The Art Center of Corpus Christi is honored to present our annual All Membership Exhibit featuring the best works by local and regional artists.

members of the Art Center are invited to submit works for this annual show. Each piece must be original works of art created within the past two years and not previously shown in a judged or juried exhibit at the Art Center. Artists can choose to enter pieces that fall within the following categories: Ceramics, Works on Canvas, Works on Paper, Sculpture, Photography, or Mixed Media. The artist awarded Best of Show is given the opportunity to have a solo exhibit the following year. Jordan Mendiola, Best of Show winner from 2013, currently has his very first solo exhibit on display in the Kucera Gallery at the Art Center. Mendiola's works are dark with a comical twist, and his inspiration comes from visuals he encounters in daily life. The Annual All Membership show is a great way to start the year and get Art Centered! The Art Center of Corpus Christi, 100 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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Saturday, February 8th starts at 9 a.m. -- FREE Child I D Event - (Public Invited) with Hot Dogs & Chips - The Aransas Pass Moose Lodge, 2540 Fm. Rd. 2725, Aransas Pass, is holding a Child ID event at the Lodge and is inviting ALL parents/grandparents to bring their children. The Child ID kit, owned by TMA allows you to take a child's picture, fingerprints, and gather demographic information. That information is put

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The Blue Angels "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show, MAR 29-30, 2014 at NAS Kingsville - For the latest news on "Wings Over South Texas" 2014, visit the show's web site at <http://www.wost2014.com>

Seeking Contestants for the 2014 Ms. Coastal Bend Senior Pageant Application Deadline is May 2 The Corpus Christi Park & Recreation Department's Senior Community Services will be hosting the 19th Annual Ms. Coastal Bend Senior Pageant on Sunday, June 22, 2014 at the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Performing Arts Center at 3:00 p.m. Senior ladies can meet new friends, achieve new levels of confidence and have a great time! Women age 60 or older who are residents of the following counties are invited to participate in the pageant: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio. The contestant application deadline is May 2, 2014. **The goal of the pageant is to motivate and encourage senior women to utilize their full potential and to share a positive outlook on life with others. The pageant is based on the belief that "Seniors are the foundation of America...It is upon their knowledge, experience and resources that the younger generation has the opportunity to build a better society."** Contestants will participate in four events: interview, evening gown, talent presentation, and present a statement that conveys her "philosophy of life." The local winner will represent the Coastal Bend area in the Ms. Texas Senior America Pageant, and the statewide winner will compete for the national title. Ms. Katy Costello is the reigning Ms. Coastal Bend Senior 2014. Interested individuals may pick up an application at City Hall, Senior Community Services office or any City of Corpus Christi Senior Center. For more information, call 361-826-3150.

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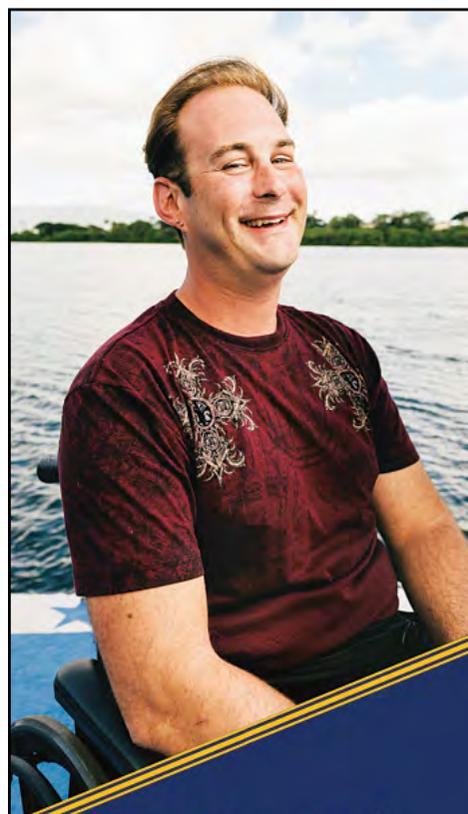
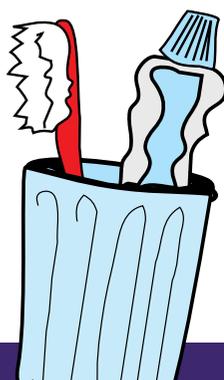
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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning cellphone users about a new scam that can result in unauthorized charges appearing on their monthly wireless statement

Consumers in several states report receiving calls on their mobile phones in which an unknown caller hangs up after one ring. When the cell owner returns the call, they are billed \$19.95 for the international call fee.

The Caribbean area codes that appear on the caller ID often have been reported to be from the Dominican Republic (809), Jamaica (876), British Virgin Islands (284), Grenada (473) and Dominica (767).

The practice of third parties placing unauthorized charges on wireless accounts is called "cramming."

If you have fallen for this scam, be sure to alert your cell phone carrier immediately and keep an eye on you cell phone bill.

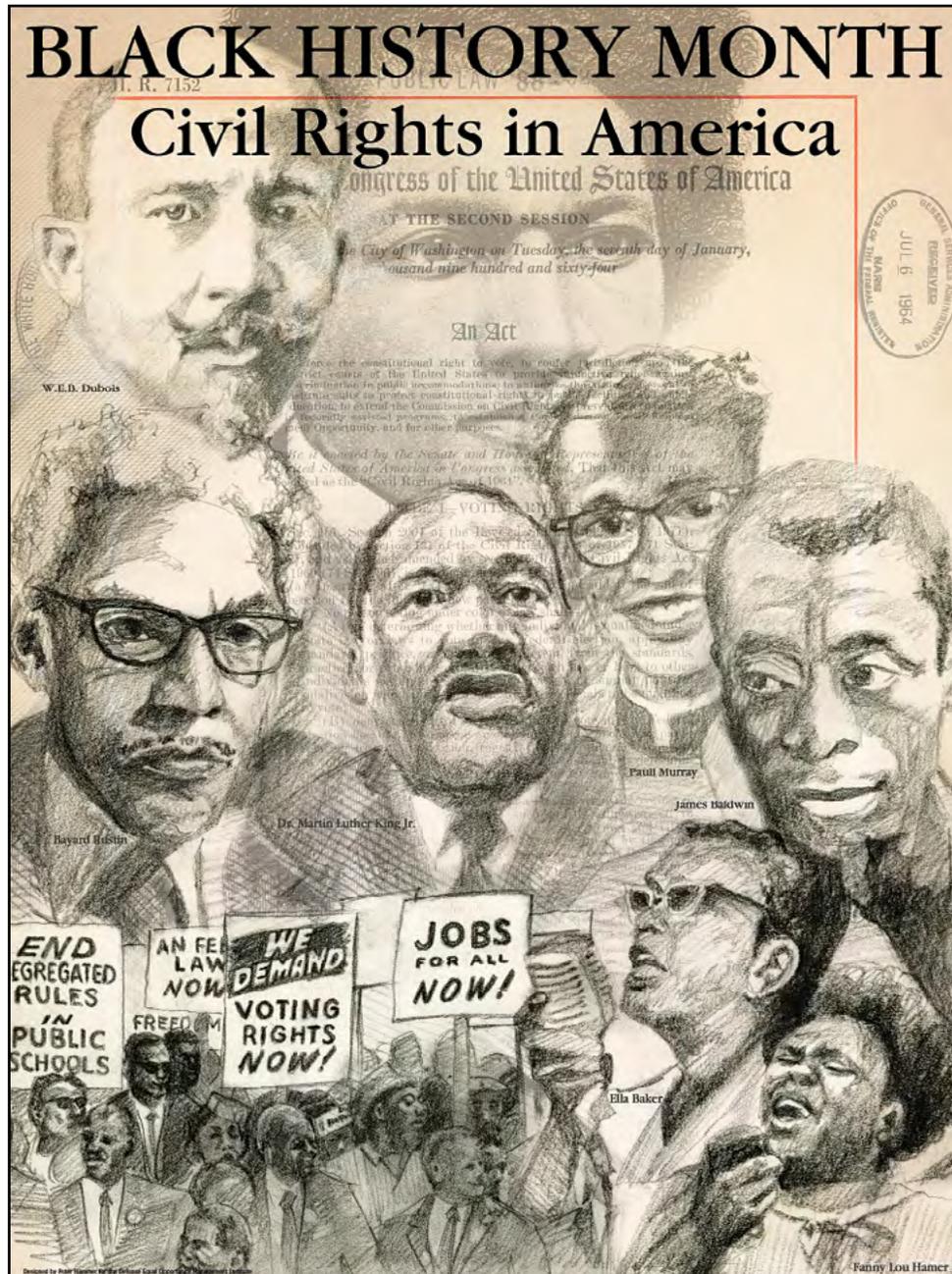
The earlier you document the fraud, the better your chances of having some or all of the charges removed.

To protect yourself from unauthorized charges on your cellphone bill, BBB offers the following tips:

- When in doubt, don't pick up or call back. If you don't recognize an out-of-state telephone number on your caller ID, ignore it.
- Understand your mobile bill. Be sure to keep track of what services you pay for, that way you will be able to determine if any charges are unauthorized.
- Keep a close eye on monthly statements. The sooner you spot any unexpected charges, the sooner you can stop them.
- Contact your service provider to see if you can restrict third-party billing on your account.
- Inform other users on your mobile phone plan. It's important to let other friends and family members on your cellphone plan know about this scam, and to ignore phone numbers they do not recognize.

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The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute creates posters and other information products for the various remembrances and honors throughout the year.

Above is the 2014 poster for Black History Month, which runs through the month of February.

“The idea for this year's poster came from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Call for Papers regarding their 2014 theme, ‘Civil Rights in America,’ which focuses on the 50th anniversary of the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act,” said Peter Hemmer, DEOMI Illustrator.

“It mentions advocates of social justice such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Fanny Lou Hamer, but also includes leaders who subordinated their roles to the general cause as women or members of the gay and lesbian community for the greater good like Pauli Murray, Bayard Rustin and James Baldwin.

“The background image is an etching of Frederick Douglass superimposed onto an image of the Civil Rights Act.”

DEOMI has a wealth of information on their website about Black history and about other special observances throughout the year.

They are online at www.deomi.org.

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will hold a Black History Month celebration on Feb. 24 at the Catalina Club from 1 - 2 p.m.

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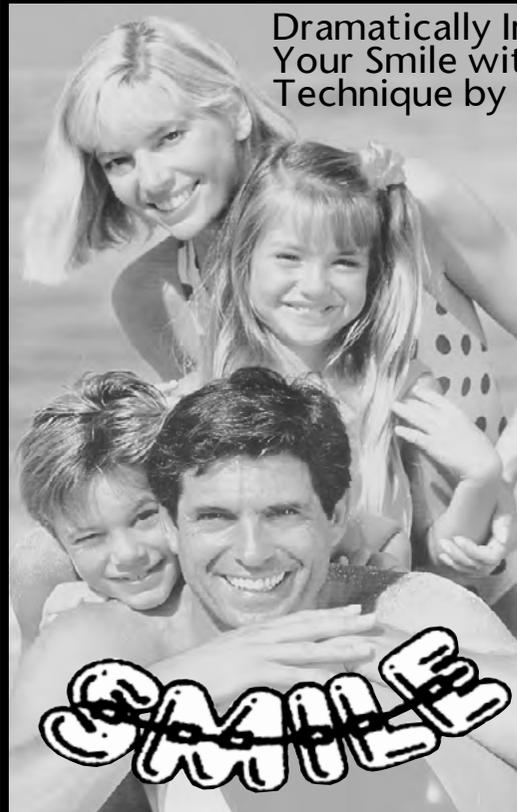
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Wings Over South Texas bringing in the 'Big Dawgs'

by Jon Gagné, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs

It's been nearly two years since the Navy has hosted an air show in South Texas, and air show enthusiasts have missed the annual visit by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the nation's top civilian aerobatic performers.

That drought is about to end as NAS Kingsville moves into the final planning stages for the 2014 'Wings Over South Texas' show scheduled for March 29-30.

After a year of budgetary restraints throughout the Department of Defense that cancelled a large number of Community Outreach events across the country – including participation at air shows by military flight demonstration teams – South Texans are looking forward to the Blues returning to Kingsville.

"We view our biannual air show as a base-community event, celebrating not only NAS Kingsville's role in training naval aviators for the fleet, but also the unmatched support this air station has received from the local community for more than 70 years," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Misner.

"The City of Kingsville, Kleberg County, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the King Ranch and a host of local businesses from throughout South Texas are standing behind us as we promote our 2014 show, proving once again that Kingsville and Kleberg County do, indeed, 'love jet noise.'"

To ensure the air show meets Misner's goals, NAS Kingsville is bringing in the "Big Dawgs."

The US Navy Blue Angels will headline with 2014 show, showcasing their usual high-octane performance that has thrilled millions of fans around the world for more than six decades.

Also on the card is the reigning World Aerobatic Freestyle Champion Rob Holland, the world famous Shockwave Jet Truck, and eight additional aerial acts.

"Our show card is now complete," said NAS Kingsville Air Show Marketing Director Eric Nikkel.

"We're going to have about five solid hours of air show performances that includes some of the best acts on the air show circuit today. We're feeling pretty confident that this is going to be a great show."

Nikkel has also brought in one of the best air show announcers around to call the shots for the 2014 show.

"Matt Jolley is one of the most respected air show announcers in the country," Nikkel said.

"He knows how to keep the audience in the action throughout the show. He's an experienced entertainer, a former television news anchor and current host of the world's only daily talk radio show for military aviation fans – Warbird Radio LIVE.

"He's going to do a great job of calling the shots for our 2014 show."

Along with his work in the media, Matt also enjoys flying vintage military airplanes.



Matt Jolly

He recently completed a 7,000 mile solo flight across the US and Canada in a former Royal Air Force DHC-1.

Speaking of calling the shots, NAS Kingsville has also added one of the top Air Bosses in the country to manage air traffic for the Wings Over South Texas Air Show.

Wayne Boggs will be coming to Wings Over South Texas shortly after calling the shots for air traffic over New York City and New Jersey for Super Bowl XLVIII.

Boggs, and his team made up mostly of former air traffic controllers, are hired to coordinate air traffic coming and going for big time events around the country like the Super Bowl. For the Super Bowl XLVIII, Boggs and his team coordinated traffic flow at five airports in the New York City area.

Boggs, who resides in Tampa, Fla., is also one of the focal points for a new reality television show that will premiere on affiliates of Discovery Channel International in June.

The show, entitled "Air Boss," will focus on the hectic schedule Boggs and air show announcing legend Rob Reider have during an air show season.

"Having an Air Boss for our air show with the reputation and skill of Wayne Boggs is awesome," said Cmdr. Scott Gunderson, air show director.

"Boggs will work hand-and-hand with our NAS Kingsville air traffic controllers in coordinating the movement of all aircraft on the tarmac, the flight line and in the sky. That's a pretty tough job."

NAS Kingsville is also bringing in one of the premier sound companies in the air show industry to handle the sound requirements on the flight line and Midway.

Wise Production Services, based in Jefferson City, Mo., has been providing high-fidelity sound for air shows across the country for more than a decade.

With less than 50 days until the 2014 show, NAS Kingsville and the local community are pushing forward with their plans for air show weekend. And, they'll be plenty of events planned for adults and children of all ages.

No pets, however. We've already got the Big Dawgs.



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Changes to Article 32 Hearings and other victims' rights: What you need to know

by Rear Adm. Sean Buck, Director, 21st Century Sailor Office

If you've been reading my blogs, you know my role as Director of the 21st Century Sailor Office includes responsibility for the sexual assault prevention and response program for our Navy.

I want to share with you some recent key improvements to our military justice system – changes which make it safer and easier for victims of sexual assault to report incidents, and hopefully, more likely that they will remain in the investigative process, all the way to final resolution.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of FY2014 contained some key provisions to improve Article 32 hearings – some coming later this year, and some effective now.

What is an Article 32 hearing?

These are “preliminary hearing” investigative proceedings, which have been compared to civilian grand juries.

The purpose of these hearings is to provide a recommendation to the convening authority of whether a case should be referred to court-martial or other appropriate disposition.

An Article 32 hearing is held before charges can be referred to a general court-martial.

And soon, the purpose of the preliminary hearing will be limited to determining the following: whether there is probable cause to believe an offense was committed, jurisdiction of the offense, proper charges, and recommended disposition.

The most important change coming for these hearings, in my opinion, is that alleged military victims will no longer have to testify or even be present at them, if they so desire.

All victims – military and civilian – of all crimes, not just sexual assault, will have the right to decline to testify at the Article 32 preliminary hearing if desired.

If a victim desires not to physically testify at this hearing, their sworn statement will be considered as evidence instead.

Examination of witnesses is restricted to matters relevant to the charges.

No longer will a purpose of the hearing be for the defense to obtain discovery in their case.

Attorneys will no longer be able to publicly and officially dive into personal matters unrelated to the incident at hand at these hearings.

Second, the legislation provides that, whenever practical, only judge advocates will be Hearing Officers in Article 32s.

We've done this in practice in the Navy for a long time and by policy, Hearing Officers in sexual assault cases will always be judge advocates.

Third, the Hearing Officer, whenever practicable, will be senior to both the defense counsel and the prosecutor.

These new Article 32 provisions will take effect in December of this year.

However, another important change in the legislation concerning victims is effective immediately:

When a defense counsel wishes to interview a victim of an alleged sex-related offense, he or she must request the interview through the prosecutor, once the victim has been identified as a witness who will testify in the case.

Additionally, two victims' rights that were in the civilian federal statute are now added in military law:

First, the victim has the right to be heard at certain hearings, including pretrial confinement, sentencing, and clemency and parole.

Second, victims have a right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.

The statute also requires the military to create regulations providing an enforcement mechanism for victims' rights.

Finally, one more change in the law provides victims the right to participate in the clemency phase of the court-martial process.

Effective this June, victims will be provided an opportunity to submit matters to the convening authority to consider in post-trial action, even after an accused has been convicted and sentenced at court-martial.

If we are to continue to gain the trust of service members to report any incident of sexual assault, we must ensure that our process of investigation and adjudication fully respects victims' rights – that the victim be protected from the accused, accorded every means of privacy, and treated with dignity and respect.

All of these new provisions are designed to build critical trust: trust of victims in our response, investigative and adjudicative systems; trust in our chains of command that each and every report can be made safely, and trust earned by our Navy that victims may report sexual assaults without fear of reprisal.

The overarching goal is a fair process for all involved – victim and accused.

If you are the victim of a sexual assault and have legal questions, call a Victims' Legal Counsel to discuss your rights.

I know those were a lot of legal references, but these changes are important to understand.

They are even more important to talk about, with your shipmates, your Chiefs, and your commanders.

If you have any questions, seek out your nearest JAG officer.

No one should serve in fear. Don't be afraid to report if you've been a victim of sexual assault.

Together, we will work to protect victims of sexual assault and hold perpetrators appropriately accountable.

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