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Former Navy Hospital Corpsman to command NHCCC

by Bill Love, NHCCC PAO

Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley assumed command of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi on April 19, from outgoing CO Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, in a change of command and retirement ceremony honoring Jaeger's 30 years naval service.

A 1976 graduate of Jacksonville Senior High School, Jacksonville, N.C., Bradley enlisted in the Navy in 1976 and served as Hospital Corpsman until he was commissioned as an ensign in the Medical Service Corps in 1987.

During his naval career, Bradley graduated from New Hampshire College, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

He also holds a Master of Science degree in Adult and Continuing Education, and a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration with Cheyney University in Pennsylvania in West Chester, Pa., as well as his Doctorate in Educational Administration with



Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley exchanges salutes with Rear Admiral Elaine C. Wagner, commander of Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, while reporting for duty as commanding officer of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, during a ceremony at the Wings Auditorium April 19, in which he became the 37th commanding officer in the command's 72 year history.

Photo by Bill Love, NHCCC PAO

California Coast University, Santa Anna, Calif.

Bradley is a Fellow, and a Credentialed Healthcare Administrator in the American Academy of Medical Administrators, and his most recent assignment was serving as executive officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy.

The assumption of command signals achievement of an officer's career and the ultimate vote of confidence by one's superior officer.

Bradley's reporting senior, Rear Adm. Elaine C. Wagner, commander of Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, summed up her confidence in him during her keynote remarks at the ceremony.

"Today the mantle of responsibility for this exceptional command, its outstanding crew of dedicated men and women and its very important mission will be placed into your capable hands," she told Bradley.

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Civilian heads CCAD as Carlile moves to AMC

by Brigitte Rox, CCAD Public Affairs

For the first time in more than 50 years, a civilian took the lead at Corpus Christi Army Depot when Commander Col. Christopher B. Carlile passed Executive Authority to William Braddy on April 18.

Carlile and Braddy both joined CCAD in 2008. Col. Carlile served as Depot Commander. Braddy served as Deputy Commander, first in Support Operations and then in Production Operations.

The depot commander was originally slated to leave when Col. Garner Pogue III assumes command of CCAD in July.

Instead, Col. Carlile was pulled from his assignment early when higher headquarters announced that he would serve as Special Assistant of Organic Industrial Operations for Command General Dennis L. Via of Army Materiel Command.

This decision was largely influenced by the dramatic transformation CCAD underwent when Col. Carlile assumed command in 2008.

After forecasting rough seas ahead for Army materiel readiness, he drove a massive internal reorganization campaign to improve CCAD's chances of survival in an evolving operations environment.

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AMCOM Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar presents Col. Christopher B. Carlile with the Legion of Merit for his service to Army Aviation.

Photo by Kiana Allen

XO's Column

by Cmdr. Dave Dargan, NASCC XO



Dargan

I want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to check out our new All Hands Club.

As you may know, we opened it for Winging ceremonies in February – but it wasn't completely ready to offer full

services.

Since then, a lot of work has been completed and, on April 23, we had a ribbon

cutting formally opening the Club for business.

On April 26, the Club hosted the reception after the change of command for Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi.

The Bar and Lounge are now open, Monday – Friday, from 4 – 8 p.m.

The menu includes a variety of appetizers, wings, sandwiches and an entrée of Hangar Steak and Fries.

Thursdays include Chef's Choice, featuring dishes made in-house with seasonal ingredients.

And coming this month, the Club will be offering themed dinners on two Fridays each month, from 5 to 9 p.m.; those will be on Fridays that do not have Winging events.

Watch MWR's Facebook page for details

or call the Club at 961-2541.

That's also the number to use if you want to book the club for a special event.

There is, of course, a certain amount of nostalgia for the old Bay Club, which served the Air Station for almost 70 years.

But as the years went by, maintenance issues became more and more challenging.

Ultimately, the Bay Club had to stop providing food services and was able to support fewer and fewer functions.

Now, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has a real Club again, one which we hope will see enough demand to add even more services.

So check it out. - and let us know what you think.

All Hands Club open for business

Chaplain's Message

by Cmdr. Gabriel Mensah, Chaplain

One of the saddest things in the military is that, no matter how much you love your duty station, a time will come when you must say goodbye to the many friends and acquaintances you made during your tour.

After being at NAS Corpus Christi for three years, it is time for me to move on.

I can honestly say that I enjoyed my stay here at NASCC immensely, probably because it is just two hours away from Victoria where I was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest and where I served for several years before joining the Navy.

Being able to go and visit friends in Victoria on Sundays and holidays was a rare treat for me.

I have met some amazing people during my stay here and made a lot of friends.

It was so heartwarming and thoughtful to

have so many of you either call the Chaplain's office or email us about some article in the Wingspan or a prayer the Chaplains might have given as some command function.

The Chaplain Department has been extremely blessed to have both the Catholic and Protestant communities working very well together.

It may surprise a lot of people to know that this is not always the case in some installations. The kind of feud that sometimes goes on amongst various faith groups in some other places is downright appalling.

I will be remiss if I do not give a special shout-out to Chaplain Warne and his family – his wife Ginger and children Caleb, Hope and Nate.

Not only has Chaplain Warne been a confidant, he has also been a great friend.

Arrivederci/Au Revoir/Hasta Luego

He is a tremendous chaplain, a compassionate pastor and truly an officer and a gentleman.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him. My life has been greatly enriched for knowing him and his family.

If you find yourself in GITMO, please look me up.

May God's blessings and peace be upon you and your loved ones.

So long.



Mensah

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

It's that time of year again, time to give Mother Earth (and specifically Naval Air Station Corpus Christi) a spring cleaning.

Okay, I know – Earth Day officially was April 22.

But in the five years I've been here, we haven't held the clean-up on that date once.

Sometimes it is held the Monday after the biannual air show; but as we all know, there was no air show this year.

Otherwise, it's held when it can be conveniently arranged.

This year, the Annual Base Clean-up is

scheduled this year for Friday, May 10 May between 8 and 11 a.m.

As always, they are asking for volunteers to participate.

The clean-up is an annual project coordinated by the NAS Corpus Christi Public Works Department and Environmental Division.

The event is supported by Command, and has been highly successful in past years.

It's also legally required.

The NAS Corpus Christi Storm Water Discharge Permits mandate that the base perform at least one annual clean-up of trash and debris that might otherwise wind up being discharged to the waters that surround NASCC – Corpus Christi Bay, Laguna Madre, and Oso Bay.

Typically, volunteers pick up a ton or two of trash, sometimes including very strange items.

One year, the remnants of a boat had been

Earth Day Cleanup Time

uncovered by a storm along Ocean Drive.

Another year brought out forensics to analyze some unusual (and suspicious) bones along the shore.

Turned out to be animal, not human – but it caused a bit of excitement.

Yep, it's a little bit of work, but most volunteers seem to have fun as well.

(Of course, I do less work and more photography - someone has to document the clean-up!)

Volunteers will be assigned in teams and provided necessary equipment including gloves, safety vests, trash bags and grabbers. Please call Public Works Environmental at 361-961-3776 to sign up, or come to the Sunfish Pavilion on May 10 at 7:30 a.m.

Remember to wear a hat, suitable clothing, sunscreen and closed toed shoes.

Drinking water will be provided.

See you at the beach.

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New All Hands Club opens

A host of dignitaries were available for the ribbon-cutting of the new All Hands Club on Tuesday, April 23. From Left to right; Chief of Naval Air Training's Chief of Staff, Capt. Chuck Hollingsworth; Marine Air Training Support Group-22 Commanding Officer, Col. David Krebs; Marshall Company Contractor Lee Barnes, Public Works Officer, Cmdr. Amanda Brooks; NASCC Commanding Officer, Capt. Dave Edgecomb; Public Works Coordinator, Ensign Eric Negrón-Ruiz; Club Manager, Susan Hilliard; MWR Director, Dave Sullivan; Deputy MWR Director, Kass Varner and Marshall Companies, Mike Dodson. The All Hands Club replaces the venerable, 70-year-old Bay Club.

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CCAD wins 2012 Robert M. Leich Award

by Brigitte Rox, CCAD Public Affairs

To cap off an amazing year of record-breaking production, the Corpus Christi Army Depot received one of Army aviation's highest honors.

CCAD won the 2012 Robert M. Leich Award at the 2013 U.S. Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) Professional Forum, held in Ft. Worth April 10-13.

The annual award is presented nationally to a unit for sustained and outstanding contributions to Army aviation during the calendar year.

Since 1961, CCAD has been Army aviation's answer to helicopter repair and maintenance and continues to serve as an industry leader of repair and overhaul for helicopters, engines and components. CCAD has adopted a creed to provide better, faster and cost-effective components to America's Warfighters.

During the last 10 years of war, the depot has expanded its capability, growing from \$250M in FY02 production to a record \$1.6B at the end of FY12. The depot restored and returned enough crash and battle damaged aircraft to support a full Combat Aviation Brigade.

They completed 798 recapitalization aircraft covering every mission assigned to the nation's joint Warfighters since 2002. The UH-60 Alpha-Lima project, alone, produced more than 14 battalions of UH-60L aircraft.

The depot converted six OH-58A aircraft to OH-58D Kiowa Wartime Replacement Aircraft with orders to build an additional 36 to bring the fleet back to authorized strength.

Since 2003, CCAD has saved the American taxpayer more than \$20B by cutting costs and making smarter choices in production.

"The Leich Award serves as a monument to the hard work done by the artisans of CCAD in supporting our joint Warfighters for the last 10 years of our Nation's wars," Col. Christopher Carlile said during CCAD's Change of Executive Authority event, April 18.

"CCAD joins the ranks of former winners to include the Nightstalkers of the Task Force 160, the 2011 winners."

LTG (Retired) Dan Petrosky presented the award to William L. Braddy, Deputy Commander for Production Operations, who accepted it on behalf of Carlile, Commander, and the CCAD workforce.

CCAD received their first Leich Award in 1978 when Col. Charles F. Drenz served as Depot Commander. At that time, it was only the third Leich Award in existence.

The Leich Award is named after Brig. Gen. Robert M. Leich, USAR, who was AAAA's first president and an Awards Committee Chairman for 23 years. Northrop Grumman Corporation sponsored the award.



Col. Christopher B. Carlile, CCAD Commander, presents the Robert M. Leich Award at a farewell dinner event the evening before transferring executive authority of the depot to Mr. William L. Braddy. Photo by Jose Rodriguez



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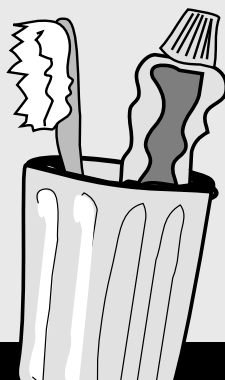
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Quick response and training limit effects of acid spill

by Rod Hafemeister

Shortly before noon April 18, NASCC Emergency Dispatcher Larry Garza received a 911 call reporting a leak of nitric acid from a truck carrying 504 gallons in the Corpus Christi Army Depot-Defense Logistics Agency area.

Security personnel quickly established a perimeter to keep people out of the contaminated area.

Emergency Management issued a "shelter in place" order for parts of CCAD and surrounding buildings.

Virtually every on-duty firefighter responded, temporarily suspending air operations on Truax Field. Responders found a failed transfer valve spewing acid – ultimately, slightly more than 200 gallons.

Dressed in hazardous material protective gear, four firefighters entered the contaminated area, supported by others also in protective gear.

The Incident Commander had four objectives:

- Protect people through a combination of initial isolation beginning at 150 feet and protection downwind 4/10 of a mile;
- Protect the drains to reduce or eliminate further spread of the nitric acid through the storm drain system;

- Surround the product with sodium bicarbonate to contain the spill; and
- Neutralize the entire spill.

Within three hours, the objectives had been met and control of the scene was transferred to NAVFAC environmental, who finished neutralizing acid in the sewer system and pumped it out.

No one was injured and none of the acid escaped into the bay.

The "shelter in place" order was lifted about 3 p.m.

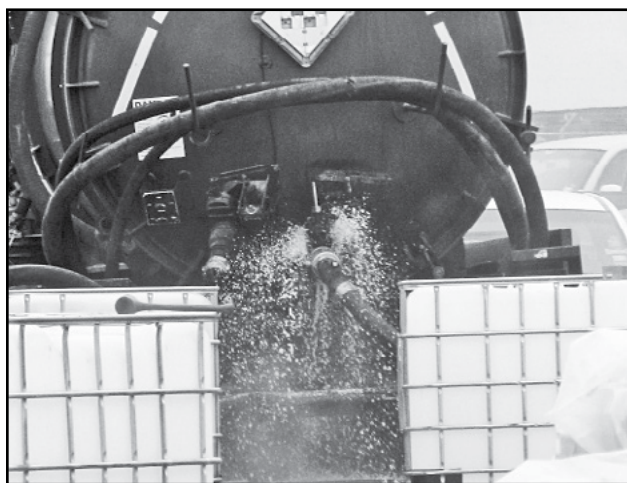
Capt. Dave Edgecomb, NASCC commanding officer, praised Security, Fire and Public Works for their quick, professional responses to the emergency.

"Thanks to everyone involved in the incident," he wrote. "I could not have been more pleased with your performance."

His comments were echoed by Bill Braddy, who had just assumed Executive Authority for CCAD that morning.

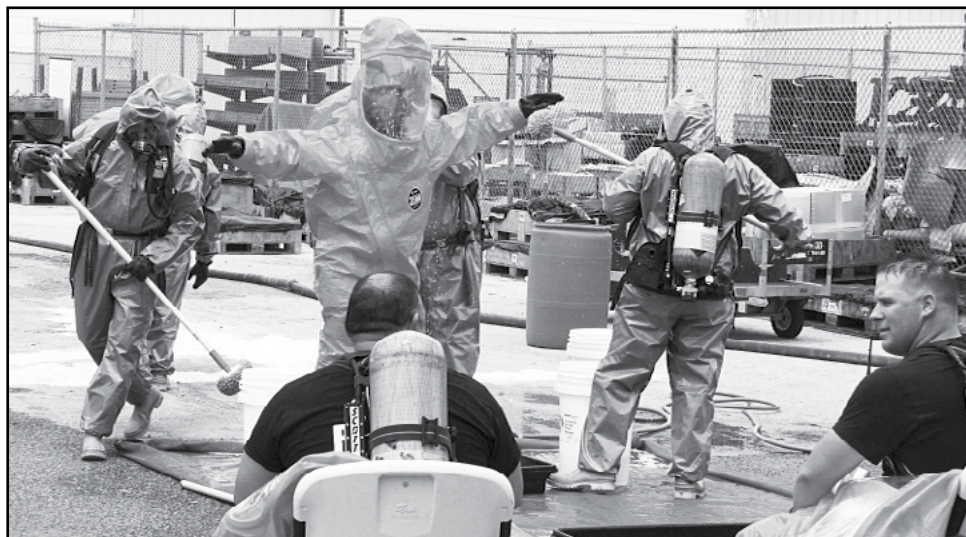
"(We had a) very professional response from the Naval Air Station Fire Department and the environmental response team," he wrote.

"Everyone did a great job and performed very well. Their quick and professional response ensured that all of our [CCAD] employees were appropriately protected."



left: a failed valve on a tanker truck spews dangerous nitric acid on the ground. below: Firefighters are decontaminated after entering the spill area in Hazmat suits. Ultimately, the spill was contained within three hours without injury or significant environmental impact.

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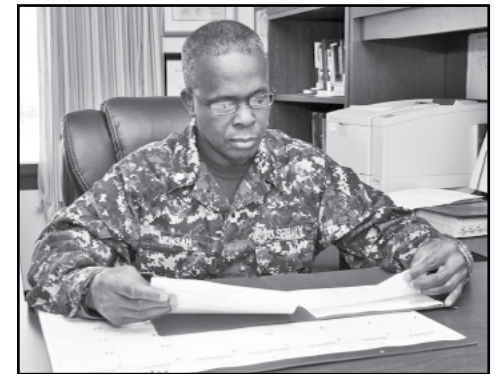
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Chaplain Mensah leaving NASCC for GITMO



Cmdr. Mensah checks paperwork, the 'not fun' part of Command Chaplain

Story & photo by Rod Hafemeister

In the next week or so, Chaplain (Cmdr.) Gabriel Mensah will be leaving Naval Air Station Corpus Christi for another "beach" assignment: Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

It's a second tour there for him; this time, his promotion last year means he will be the senior chaplain.

He'll also be the only Roman Catholic priest chaplain, which is why he got the 18-month assignment – one he admits he wasn't enthusiastic about taking.

"It's because I've been there before," he said. "It's not that GITMO is a bad assignment. But I was looking for a new challenge."

It's been a long journey for a kid from Ghana who still has a strong accent – in all the other languages he speaks.

Mensah said he became interested in the priesthood thanks to a "wily Irish priest, Father Vincent Murphy."

"I admired him so much," Mensah said, "for him to leave his country to come to where I was born and raised, to minister to us.

"That was probably the beginning of my vocation to the priesthood."

Mensah came to the U.S. in 1979, after finishing college in Ghana. He attended two seminaries in New York State, completing his studies in spring 1983, then reported to the Diocese of Victoria and was ordained as a priest in October, 1983.

That was the start of 11 years in Victoria, first as associate pastor and then as pastor.

"For some reason I had this hairbrained idea to join the Navy – which I did in 1994," he said. "As they say, the rest is history."

The Air Station was something like coming home for him.

"I still have friends in Victoria; South Texas is home to me," he said.

By the time the GITMO tour is over, Mensah will be eligible to retire – but he doesn't know if he will.

"It depends on what is out there," he said. "I'd like another challenge.

"If I could maybe teach in a high school or be chaplain for a VA hospital, I would like that," he said.

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by Pete Lutz, Personal Property Processing Office

The "Peak Season" for Household Goods (HHG) moves is just around the corner; your local Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) offers several services to make your transition a little smoother.

NASCC, as a flight training facility, has a higher personnel turnover rate than other stations of comparable size, and in most cases the students do not have much time to plan their PCS moves.

Regardless of available time, it is always a good idea to visit the NASCC PPPO in Building 10 to find out what your options are in advance of receiving your orders.

The PPPO staff will inform you of the steps to take, and provide assistance in registering for the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) website, which is used to submit all HHG applications.

They will also accept on-line applications in advance of orders, so the vital data will already be in DPS if your orders come in at the last minute. Your application can be easily updated to reflect the orders information.

If you are performing your first PCS move, and/or if you have not used DPS before, please come see us for counseling and guidance. If you are comfortable with DPS and would like to submit your on-line application from home or work, we ask only that you submit all required documents after completing your applications.

For HHG (pack-out) moves, you must submit your orders, plus signed and dated copies of the DD-1299 and DD-1797 forms, printable from the "Submit" page of your application.

If you are performing a Personally Procured Move (PPM, formerly known as DITY), your orders only are required.

Remember to submit a separate application for each type of move you want done, and ensure that you have not added a new shipment to a previous set of orders.

NASCC PPPO expects to offer weekly lab sessions this year, wherein up to eight customers at a time can create shipments under a counselor's guidance.

They also offer a "cheat sheet" for those who want to complete their applications from home or office, which can be obtained in person at NASCC Building 10, or by e-mail at hgg_corpuschristi@navy.mil.

This e-mail address can also be used to submit the required shipment documents mentioned above.

Hours of operation for NASCC PPPO are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact phone numbers are 361-961-3728/3729/3742. Fax your documents if you like to 361-961-3366.

Remember, the earlier you start, the better chance you will have of getting the shipment dates you desire.

As we move farther into the summer season, lead times for shipment dates will extend as far as six weeks in advance, so contact or visit your local PPPO and... get a move on!

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Food will be served after the ceremony.



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“You are inheriting an experienced and highly motivated crew with a proven track record of success. I have every confidence that with your outstanding leadership skills, your passion for patient-centered initiatives, and your own stellar track record, you will be able to take Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi to the next level.

“While Captain Jaeger has left big high heels for you to fill, she has also set you up for success - so the sky’s the limit!”

When Bradley approached the podium he spoke about his aspirations while leading NHCCC and its staff.

“I am deeply humbled and honored to be your new skipper. We have great responsibilities to the Sailors, service members and other beneficiaries we care for,” he said.

“I look forward to linking arms with you and moving lock step forward in support of our mission, delivering healthcare to health for the world’s most deserving patients, exploring jointness, value and readiness; all while being part of a Global Force for Good.”

As commanding officer, Bradley is now responsible for 497 officers, enlisted, contractors and civilian employees who staff NHCCC and its branch health clinics located at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas and Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas,

providing ambulatory care services to 12,837 enrolled military beneficiaries.

In addition, he will oversee the Command’s detachment in San Antonio that provides primary care services to Navy students at the Medical Education and Training Command at Fort Sam Houston, and case management services and medical board management to Navy and Marine Corps wounded warriors at Brook Army Medical Center.

“Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi has a remarkable history, and a superb reputation,” Bradley said.

“You have many impressive achievements to your name, and are held in high esteem for your incredible efforts. This I pledge to you; I will do my very best to care for our patients, meet our mission head on, and serve you. I will do that with all of my energy, focus and dedication.

“Ladies and gentlemen, make no mistake about it I am ‘All in!’”

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above, Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley's wife, Melissa, pins his Command Ashore insignia during a pre-reception at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi. right, from top: With his two sons nearby, Bradley acknowledges his wife’s continuing support. Navy Nurse Cmd. Sherri R. Coleman (right), exchanges greetings with Bradley during a change of command reception. From left, Rear Adm. Elaine



C. Wagner, commander of Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; Bradley, Capt. Gina M. Jaeger, MSC (Ret.); and Rear Adm. Eleanor Valentin, director of the Military Health System (MHS) Governance Implementation Planning Executive Secretariat.

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CCAD Change of Executive Authority



above, officials bow for the benediction before the formal Change of Executive Authority. left, AMCOM Maj. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar presents the CCAD flag to new Executive Director William L. Braddy.

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Command structure changed, a balanced business approach replaced 50 years of “how it’s always been done,” and processes and programs were put to the test for their efficiency and value.

As a result, wasteful processes and legacy aircraft programs like the UH-1N Huey helicopter were retired and replaced with programs that would maximize CCAD’s repair, modification and overhaul capabilities on helicopters, engines and their components.

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AMCOM Major General Lynn A. Collyar led the official ceremony, appropriately held in Hangar 44 at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

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Southeast Region decentralizes Human Resources

By MC1 Greg Johnson, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Rear Adm. John C. Scorby Jr., Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), presented five Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards and 44 letters of appreciation to members of the CNRSE Human Resources (HR) Program during a ceremony on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville April 17.

The ceremony was held four days prior to the decentralization of the HR Program, which re-assigned the majority of CNRSE HR specialists from region headquarters to major commands on board installations throughout the region.

“Our CNRSE team is proud of the outstanding services the HR Program has provided over many years across the Southeast Region,” Scorby said.

“Meeting our Navy mission would not be possible if it were not for the strong support we’ve received from each member, especially in the areas of labor employee relations, equal employment opportunity, worker’s compensation, and staffing and classification for more than 4,000 customers in theater.”

Prior to decentralization, approximately 75 HR specialists throughout the region fell under CNRSE responsibility.

As of April 21, 57 of them were transitioned to other major Commands, such as Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Fleet Forces Command and Naval Education and Training Command.

The new, Navy-wide model positions HR specialists at each major command, whereas CNRSE had previously been servicing about 75 percent of all civilian employees in the region.

The decentralization plan was created last year by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs with the goal of delivering more streamlined and customer-focused support.

According to Sarah Overstreet, regional CNRSE Human Resources director, the transition comes with distinct benefits.

“One of the major advantages to this change in HR servicing is that HR professionals will be able to focus only on the

major command to which they are assigned and will not be required to focus on several different commands at the same time,” she said.

“This focus provides the opportunity for better customer service through specific, command-focused HR servicing and better partnerships with customers.”

The new model may have advantages over a centralized approach, but the transition itself presented some logistical challenges. It required extensive planning and preparation to pack and organize hundreds of files and casework, Overstreet said.

During the ceremony, Scorby expressed his appreciation for each of the program member’s efforts throughout the process.

“This was obviously no easy feat, as you completed the transition while still serving customers and providing the services required with your everyday workload,” Scorby said.

“Were it not for your willingness to work long hours and pay attention to a host of details, this decentralization process would not be possible, and for that, our Navy owes each of you a debt of gratitude.”

While decentralization is a major transition for HR specialists throughout the region, civilian employees should not expect to see many changes in the way they receive services, Overstreet said.

“HR services will continue regardless of the change in the delivery model. There may be a change in the HR professional who currently provides HR services to them, but the new servicing model will include a primary and a secondary HR professional for each functional area,” she said.

Most services under the new system will be provided from NAS Jacksonville, but HR professionals will be responsive to phone calls and e-mails and are available to meet via video teleconference, she added.

Additional information regarding the specific processes and procedures of regional delivery of HR services will be published in the near future.

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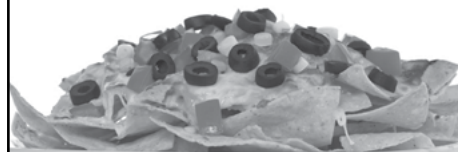
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South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind's Annual Rubber Duck Round-Up - May 25th Grab the kiddos and waddle on over to Cole Park for South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind's Rubber Duck Round-Up. "Quacktivities" will be held on Saturday, May 25th beginning at 10 a.m. Moonwalks, a petting zoo, pony rides, games, live music and food are just the beginning of the fun! At 12:30, you'll want to find yourself in a front row seat for the big Rubber Duck Race! Those adorable yellow ducks can be "adopted" up to the time of the race. Every adoptive parent receives an adoption certificate and will get to name their ducks! Lucky Ducks finishing the race in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place will win Visa gift cards in the amount of \$150, \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively. All proceeds from Rubber Duck Round-Up will benefit the programs and services of South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, a not-for-profit organization in Corpus Christi. The mission of the organization is to employ, educate, and empower our neighbors who are blind or visually impaired. For more information about South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, its programs and service, or Rubber Duck Round-Up, contact Alana Marrow at 361.693.6183 or visit us on the web at www.stlb.net.

Veterans and Active Military Personnel and Spouses Dinner Kingsville Elks Lodge 1926 will be hosting a dinner for veterans and active military personnel and spouses on May 26th, 2013 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please come and enjoy the complimentary dinner in our appreciation of your service. RSVP by May 17th to rswan4558@sbcglobal.net or call 361-522-4482. Hope to see you!!

CORPUS CHRISTI PARKS & RECREATION'S Summer 2013 Youth Basketball League Register Online Today! The Corpus Christi

by Tina Konwerski

Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting registration for its **Summer 2013 Youth Basketball League**. Girls and boys ages 6 to 18 (as of June 1, 2013) are eligible to participate in this league. The nine-game season will run from June 3 through the week of July 9, 2013. Registration fee is \$65.00 per person. Late registration fee, during April 29-May 1, 2013, is \$80.00 per person. Twenty-five scholarships are available for qualifying participants.

REGISTRATION will be offered as follows:

A) **WEEKDAYS** Monday-Friday now through April 26, 2013 from 9am-4pm at City Hall (1201 Leopard Street), 3rd floor, Parks & Recreation Department; and

B) **WEEKEND** on Saturdays, April 13 & 20, 2013 from 12:30am-4:30pm at the Corpus Christi Gym (3202 Cabaniss Parkway).

C) **ONLINE REGISTRATION** will be offered to customers for 24-hour convenience now through April 28, 2013—simply go to www.ccparkandrec.com (click 'Online Registration').

D) **NIGHT REGISTRATION** will be offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 2013 from 6pm-8pm at the Corpus Christi Gym.

E) **LATE REGISTRATION** will be offered April 29-May 1, 2013 from 9:30am-4pm at City Hall, 3rd floor, Parks & Recreation Department. The late registration fee will be in effect then.

Participants will obtain a full understanding and importance of the basketball rules and the concept of teamwork. While this program provides structure and knowledge of the sport of basketball, it also promotes positive attitudes and the importance of adapting a lifestyle with recreational activities.

For more information, please contact the Athletics Office at 361-826-3478 or visit www.ccparkandrec.com (click 'Sports'). We invite you to **Live. Learn. Play!**

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Registration Schedule

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Once the camps start, call for availability.



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