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An MV-22 Osprey with Marine Tilt Rotor Squadron 163 flies over the Kansas plains as part of a simulated tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel (TRAP) mission, March 6, 2013. VMM-163 based in Miramar, Calif. visited NAS Fort Worth JRB to experience a new training environment and utilize "Texas' good flying weather" in preparation for a future combat deployment.

Marine Ospreys take to skies of North Texas

STORY BY RUSTY BAKER

Not seen here since it rolled off the assembly lines of Bell Textron in Hurst and Amarillo, Bell Boeing's famed tiltrotor aircraft, best known as the Osprey, returned to roost.

Eight MV-22 Ospreys carrying 130 Marines, assigned to San Diego-based Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, arrived on board NAS Fort Worth JRB from February 26 to March 13 for a two week deployment for training (DFT).

While here the 'Ridge Runners' of VMM-163 conducted training missions consisting of ground threat reaction, air-to-air refueling, tail

gunnery, tactical recovery of aircraft personnel, night raid, assault support and aerial evacuation. The DFT was the final step for the squadron in transitioning from flying the CH-46 Sea Stallion to the MV-22 Osprey and declaring fully operations capable prior to undergoing workups for upcoming deployments.

VMM-163 falls under Marine Aircraft Group 16 of 3rd Marine Air Wing based on board Marine Corps Air Station Miramar near San Diego, where the squadron does the majority of its flight operations. The squadron chose NAS Fort Worth JRB in order to train in unfamiliar terrain and flying

environments, and utilize the landing sites and drop zones located 150 miles south at the Army's Fort Hood, Texas, and 450 miles north at Smokey Hill Air National Guard Range near Salina, Kan.

"North Texas offers consistently beautiful flying weather that is difficult to find in most areas of the country during this time of year," said VMM-163 pilot 1st Lt. Jamie W. Bunce. "NAS Fort Worth JRB has gone above and beyond in accommodating us while we are here."

From their arrival, installation personnel and local squadrons co-

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER



BENNETT

Sequestration has begun. Given that reality and the associated impact of budgetary uncertainty imposed by an indefinite continuing resolution, Secretary Mabus has provided the Department of the Navy's intentions.

a. Shut down Carrier Air Wing Two in April and initiate preparations to gradually stand-down flying in at least three additional Air Wings and two being reduced to minimum safe flying levels by the end of the year.

b. Defer USNS Comfort Humanitarian support group deployments.

c. Cancel or defer the deployments of up to six other ships throughout April.

d. Lay up four Combat Logistics Force units in PACOM. ETC.

e. We will also begin negotiating contract modifications affecting major programs; Virginia-Class SSN Advance procurement, reactor power units and Joint High Speed Vessel.

f. Slow USMC Depot Maintenance activities, including reductions in non-permanent workforce.

g. Announce intent to cancel Blue Angel Shows.

h. ETC.

Within Commander Navy Installations Command, here are some of our proposed adjustments:

a. Air field: very limited or lack of maintenance funds for airfield equipment, and reduction of total operating hours.

b. Security: Anti-terrorism and Force Protection standards will be maintained, expect increased requirement for Auxiliary Security Forces and Reservists in the event of escalated Force Pro-

tection. Reduced Access Control maintenance (e.g., gates, bollards, turnstiles). Longer wait times and vetting of visitors, due to reduced contract staffing at visitor centers.



c. Fire and Emergency Services: CNIC lacks funding to hire planned 157 FTEs (\$18M).

d. Facility Management: unable to properly support Integrated Shore Management in identifying warfighter capability gaps. Inability to mitigate mission impact to operational areas (MTRs, SUAs, Ranges) Eliminate energy planning in support of SECNAV Energy Goals.

e. Transportation: reduce permanently assigned vehicles impacting daily production and operations.

f. Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization: Life/safety emergency responses only.

g. Facility Services: accelerate enterprise transition to reduced custodial and grounds maintenance, reduce all prestige areas (e.g., Flag, SES, CO, base gates, etc.) from service level 2 to 4.

h. Utilities: forced operating reductions to MWR, NEXCOM, administration (e.g., JAG, Chapel, PSD, etc.) and training facilities. Delay startup and early shutdown of heating/cooling systems by total of four (4) weeks (increase discomfort in the work place). Reduced interior/exterior lighting.

i. Galley: elimination of picnic and convenience meals. No cable TV.

j. MWR: limit gym hours to 90 hours per week. Limit Library hours to 40 hours per week. Limit Liberty Center hours to 50

hours per week. No more than one open pool per installation. No NAF grants from CNIC HQ for special events. 25% reduction of sports officials, lifeguards, and group exercise classes.

k. Bachelor Housing: defer the common area furnishing replacement, cease funding common area cable TV, cease funding washer/dryer repair.

General Philosophy: If it breaks, it will remain broken. This applies to facilities, air/port equipment, weapon ranges, BOQs, gyms, harbor security boats, furniture, office equipment, phones, etc. There will be no preventative maintenance performed. Only repairs will be for immediate life, health and safety. Emergent requirements, exceptions, changed circumstances will be judiciously managed and approved. Finally, the level of services discussed above will be predicated on the possible furlough implications and our ability/capacity to support respective. Currently, the only exempt employees include Fire Fighters, Police and Security Guards, Dispatchers, Regional Emergency Managers and Air Traffic Controllers where applicable.

These actions are being taken to preserve and support forces stationed overseas and currently forward-deployed. The Navy made these choices carefully, while trying to preserve our ability to reverse or quickly restore negative effects if and when funding is restored.

As discussed last month, we will incur some pain, challenges and have to modify our expectations, even close some facilities or curtail some services. We are currently reviewing our full spectrum of capabilities and capacity in order to prioritize; Mission First; People, Compatibility and Safety Always. However, I believe that

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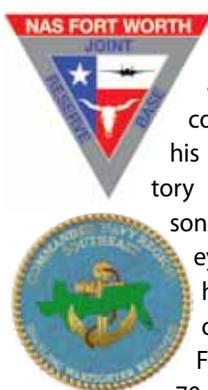
Texan World War II Vets Honored on Base with French Legion of Honor

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY RUSTY BAKER

Among a large assembly of active-duty service members and well wishers on board NAS Fort Worth JRB, four local World War II combat veterans were honored on February 26 with France's most prestigious national order for their participation in the campaigns of Normandy, Provence, Ardennes and Northern France in the country's liberation from Axis powers in 1945.

Recognized as Knights of the Legion of Honor, or Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, recipients of the day's award presentation were Ken Brower, 93, of Benbrook; Bruce Davis, 88, of Mansfield; James Drumwright Jr., 90, of Richardson; and Edward Samuelli, 89, of Dallas.

Frédéric Bontems, Consul general of France for the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, was the officiator and presenter of his nation's Legion of Honor. Bontems himself distinguished by France's National Order of Merit or chevalier de l'Ordre National



du Mérite, describes an emotional connection as his nation's history becomes personified in the eyes of those he recognizes on behalf of France nearly 70 years later.

"Without any doubt, the most moving part of my job is to meet these incredible soldiers who fought during World War II and played a big role in the liberation of my country," said Bontems.

Army Air Force veteran Kenneth Brower was the navigator on the first aircraft to bomb heavily-fortified German positions at Pointe du Hoc off the Normandy coast during the Allied invasion best known as D-Day on June 6, 1944. Soaring over a massed armada in his B-26 Marauder medium bomber, Brower recalls watching the Battleship Texas (BB-35) pitch and roll from the power unleashed from its own main battery

of 14-inch gun fire as it delivered a punishing naval bombardment to deter a German counterattack. Later on his 48th combat mission, his plane was strafed by machine-gun fire from a Messerschmitt Me 410 heavy fighter causing his crew to bail out before crashing. Brower was rescued and medically treated by members of the French Résistance where he evaded capture until the end of the war. He retired from military service in 1968.

Army Air Force veteran Bruce Davis, piloted 47 combat missions in his B-26 Marauder with the famed Bridge Busters of the 394th Bombardment Group based in Cambrai, France. He and his bombing group laid havoc in destroying much of the Axis power's logistics chain, including scores of warehouses and bridges. Notable was the destruction of the Damburg Bridge, which resulted in the loss of 2,787 German vehicles.

After volunteering to join the National Guard at the age of 17, James Drumwright Jr. and his fellow Soldiers of the 29th Signal



French Consul general Frédéric Bontems shakes the hand of retired Army Col. Ed Samuelli after presenting him the French Legion of Honor for his participation in the liberation of France during World War II.

Company landed on Normandy on D-Day to liberate St. Lo, one of the key cities to opening of the Falaise Gap, ultimately allowing the Allies to expel German forces from northern France. Drumwright was injured on Omaha Beach early in the invasion, and was discovered and treated by two local Frenchmen until he could be picked up by Allied forces and transported to England. He later rejoined his company until hostilities ceased,

then returned to Norfolk, Va., after the war where he remained in the Army Reserve. He was called back into active duty to serve in the Korean War until 1953.

Ironically, retired Army Col. Ed Samuelli was graduating from West Point on the first day of the D-day invasion, but was soon thereafter deployed to Lorraine, France, with the 71st Infantry Di-

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Bravo Zulu for the Month of March

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

MC1 Eric Deatherage, PAO
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NCO of the Year: Tech Sgt. Joseph Edwards - 44th Maintenance Squadron

SNCO of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Graciela

Vargas - 301st Force Support Squadron

First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Anthony Garbarino - 301st Security Forces Squadron

Company-Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Benjamin Orsua - 44th Operations Support Flight

Field-Grade Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. Regina Sabric - 44th Fighter Group

Category One Civilian of the Year: Ms. Kristin Pahl - 44th Maintenance Squadron

Category Two Civilian of the Year: Mr. Jose Guajardo - 301st Civil Engineer Squadron

Category Three Civilian of the Year: Ms. Margaret Harlan - 301st Force Support Squadron

Henry D. Green Community Service Award: SRA Heather Beck - 301st Civil Engineer Squadron

Marine Corps, 14th Marine Regiment Award Winners

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Meet Your New Ombudsman, Mrs. Alicia Stewart

STORY AND PHOTO
BY RUSTY BAKER



Installation Commander Capt. R. A. Bennett and Command Master Chief Ron Eggert have named

Mrs. Alicia Stewart as the installation's new Navy Ombudsman.



STEWART

Her role is to serve as a liaison between families and the command, assisting and supporting family members that face challenges unique to the military while enhancing communication and notifying families of relevant programs and opportunities.

According to Bennett, Stewart is an experienced ombudsman and is eager to support families and help address some of the challenges in today's Navy. That's a big endorsement coming from someone who's endured more than his share of deployments away from his family. The following offers a peak into Stewart's experiences in order to better acquaint the families with our new Ombudsman.

Stewart is the proud wife of a Navy Chief Air Controller. They've been married for over 11 years. She is a former hospital corpsman of 10 years of service to her own. So far, she's endured five deployments, three earthquakes, two major hurricanes, seven typhoons and five emergency veterinarian visits with a sick schnauzer. The couple's last duty station was JRB Little Creek, Virginia Beach. Before that they were stationed in MCAS Kaneohe Hawaii.

"Duty stations are like friends, they all have their difference personalities," said Stewart on the subject of good or bad duty stations. "No matter where you go, it really

comes down to the people."

She fell into the ombudsman role while stationed in Hawaii. Then called the Key Volunteers Network, her KV Coordinator who lived down the street took every chance she could to attempt to recruit her. For three years they spent a good amount of time doing volunteer work and even putting together a successful "girl's night out" which not only included spouses but female service members as well.

She continued as the ombudsman to Little Creek, where her involvement flourished. Her husband was assigned to the USS Bataan, and was set to endure its longest deployment since 1972. In that time away, Stewart assisted with command functions like family days, Halloween parties and even worked with the local Navy Reserve to put together Christmas packages for deployed Individual Augmented Sailors.

"I truly believe that knowledge and understanding from the family can assist the service member with their career. I have seen in my time on both the active duty side and the family side that a family can make or break a career," said Stewart. "My job is to take some of the weight off the service members' shoulders so they can focus

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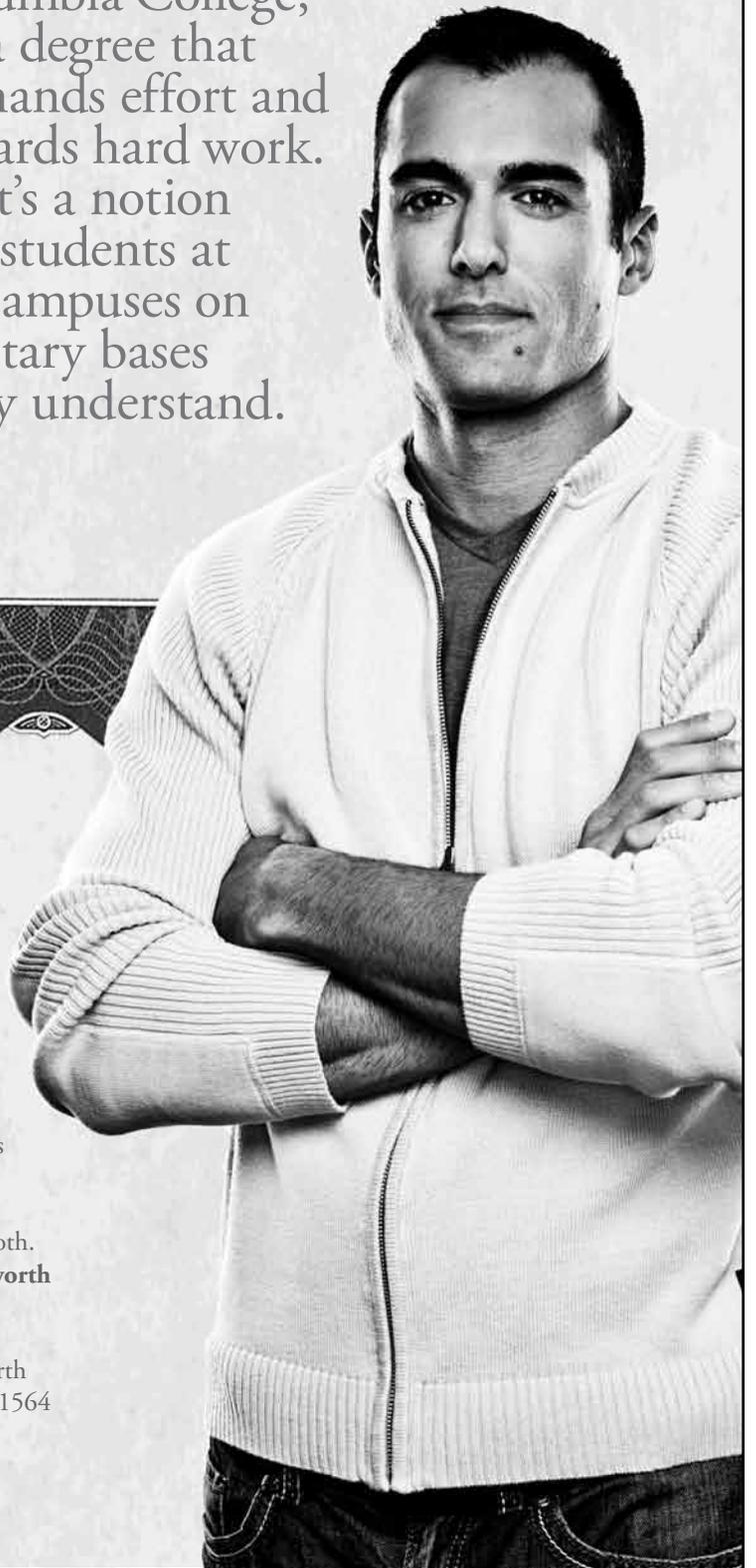


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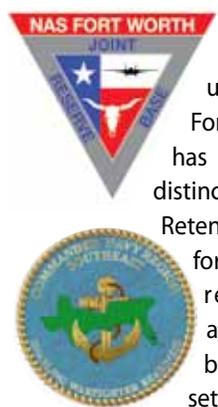
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Brilliance in the Basics While Taking Care of Sailors

STORY BY RUSTY BAKER



For the third consecutive year, NAS Fort Worth JRB has earned the distinction to fly the Retention Pennant for exceeding reenlistment and attrition benchmarks set by Com-

mander, Navy Installation Command's Retention Excellence Award.

Fort Worth's Command Career Counselor, Chief Navy Career Counselor Maria S. Sexton, surpassed the region's goal by 100 points on the Career Development Program for the fiscal year. The region's annual reenlistment rate benchmarks were set at 59-percent for Sailors within their first six years of service, 66-percent for those between six and 10 years of service, and 72-percent for those between 10 to 14 years of service. In addition, Fort Worth's attrition rate for those with less than six years of service was 2.0 percent,



Installation Commander Capt. R. A. Bennett 'swears in' more than 10 Sailors during a reenlistment ceremony at a Dallas Mavericks game at the American Airlines Center.

exceeding the region's attrition goals by 72 percent.

"I couldn't have done it without the excellent Sailors that work for this command, and the twelve career development team members, who are dedicated to their Sailors in their departments," said Sexton.

"Your dedication and commitment to career motivation and excellence not only exemplify your superb performance, but also attest to your concern for the personal and professional needs of our Sailors," said Vice Adm. William D. French. "Every member of your command can be justifiably proud of their achievements.

"I am very proud of the success of this command receiving this award three times in a row, due to the fact of the unique structure of the command where each department is scattered throughout the base," Sexton said. "My career development team was able to help me track the careers over 185-plus Sailors."

After a very successful tour on board NAS Fort Worth JRB, Chief Sexton has transferred to Reserve Component Command North West located in Everett, Wa. Chief Personnel Specialist Michael J. Jackson has assumed her duties while her successor is en route.

Base and CFLSW Honored for Supporting Local AL Post's Holiday Mission

STORY AND PHOTO BY RUSTY BAKER

Installation Commander Capt. R. A. Bennett, Commander, Fleet Logistics Support Wing Assistant Operations Officer Lt. Ethan Karp, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 58 (VR-58) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Rick Shettler, and VR-59 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Tim Veccia were the combined subject of appreciation from American Legion Post 624 on March 4 after supporting the airlift of more than 100 care packages to deployed service members over the holiday season.

American Legion Post 624 in Mansfield, Texas, has been sup-

porting deployed service members for the past eight years by collecting items for care packages and hosting fund raisers to send tens of thousands of those packages overseas. Taking care of veterans while promoting patriotism and honor in the local community, post members have volunteered countless hours to ensure comfort food, hygiene items, and even Christmas cards homemade from local elementary school students would be placed in the hands of service members on the front lines combat.

According to Karp, with the assistance of the Navy Air Logistics Office, CFLSW was able to

source a previously scheduled VR-59 mission leaving NAS Fort Worth JRB to NAS Jacksonville, and a previously scheduled VR-58 mission heading from Jacksonville to Kuwait with enough available capacity on their Navy C-40A Clipper airframe to transport the 2,250 pounds of goods.

"This whole thing started with the notion of what can one person do," said American Legion Post 624 Commander Eddie South, "this thing got bigger than me from the get go."

For more information on how you can get involved in the future, call (817) 999-7188 or visit www.alpost624.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENT CALENDAR

Nationwide, the month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of NAS Fort Worth JRB need your ongoing support to improve our prevention and response efforts. The crime of sexual assault remains a serious problem within our military and the community at large. Prevention and intervention are individual responsibilities, and each of us must take an active role in breaking the cycle of violence that threatens not only our members' lives but also our mission readiness. It is also up to us to ensure that victims of sexual assault are not left alone to suffer in silence, fear or without support; all Services are directed to provide assistance to their members and dependents (ages 18 and older). We stand ready to support them with any and all available resources, dignity, honor and respect.

NAS Fort Worth JRB is planning to hold four events in April that you do not want to miss. All events are designed to create awareness of

the crime of sexual assault, increase prevention and intervention, and encourage reporting of any type of inappropriate, unwanted sexual behavior. Mark your calendars and join us for the following free events.

Mary Lauterbach will be the SAAM Guest Speaker on April 6 and 7 starting at 10 a.m. at the Base Theater (Bldg. 1845) Mrs. Lauterbach will be sharing the tragic story of her daughter, Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Frances Lauterbach, who was raped and killed by another fellow Marine. Anyone with access to the base is encouraged to attend.

SAAM Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk on April 12 starting at 11 a.m. at the Base Fitness Center (Bldg. 1810). This 5K is all about making noise and creating awareness about sexual assault prevention and response. Anyone who has

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'New Challenges, New Solutions' National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 21-27

The 2013 theme—New Challenges. New Solutions.—reflects the increasingly complex mission of victim advocates today. We face emerging challenges, such as globalization, changing demographics, immigration, human trafficking, terrorism, new types of crime, and the use of technology both to commit and solve crimes. We also confront enduring challenges. Victims' rights are not universal and often not enforced. Victims do not always receive the dignity and respect they deserve. Victims often absorb the physical, emotional, and financial costs of crime largely by themselves. Over the past year, a number of high-profile crimes have highlighted the scope of the challenges we face. The shooting massacres in Aurora, Colorado, and at the Sikh temple in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the child sex abuse scandal at Penn State last year showed the public what we see every day—the searing impact of crime on victims and the inadequacy of our tools to meet their needs. Our work to ensure the rights of child sexual abuse victims, prevent future violence, and reach all victims has never been more urgent. Meeting these challenges requires insight and ingenuity. That is why OVC has launched its new strategic initiative, Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services, to find "new solutions" to the "new challenges" we face. We applaud OVC's efforts to set a comprehensive course for the future, find smarter and better ways to serve victims, and reach every victim in need. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week, contact (817) 782-7282, 5287, or 7620.

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14th Marine Regiment Prepares for African Lion

STORY BY SGT. RAY LEWIS
- MARINE FORCES RESERVE
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Marines assigned to the 14th Marine Regiment needed a place to conduct a live-fire rehearsal to prepare for African Lion 2013, a multinational exercise in Morocco this April. Some Marines started their drill weekend on a bus in Fort Worth, Texas, while others were flown in from Buckley, AFB, Colo., on KC-130s. They all converged on Fort Sill, Okla., and made a lot of noise.

Quite a lot of work goes into building the backbone and architecture that supports the exercise, said Col. Roger A. Garay, commanding officer of the 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve.

"We wouldn't be able to pull off the preparation required for African Lion without having access to joint bases like the Army base here at Fort Sill," Garay said. "They have the expansive range network that helps us to repli-



U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY SGT. RAY LEWIS

Col. Roger A. Garay, commanding officer of the 14th Marine Regiment, greets his artillery Marines during the Mission Rehearsal Exercise for African Lion 2013. The troops, assigned to Marine Forces Reserve, performed various live-fire battle drills before the unit deploys to AL-13 in Morocco this spring. This will be the first time the unit will demonstrate both the High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System and M777 Howitzer capabilities for their Moroccan partners. African Lion is an annual multinational exercise executed under the supervision of Marine Forces Africa Command.

cate the great distances that we are going to have to command and control in African Lion in Morocco."

Fort Sill is a 95,000-acre artillery and missile base. The installation also includes Henry Post

Army Airfield, a 5,001 foot-long runway, which is ideal for transporting troops back and forth via KC-130 Hercules aircraft, he said.

"They have an airfield here

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USMC PHOTO BY CPL. JENNIFER S. MARTINEZ, 8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One of two MV-22 Ospreys with Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 163 releases flares meant to confuse anti-aircraft weapons systems, March 6, 2013. This four-hour flight, which started at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, simulated a tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel (TRAP) mission, as well as a ground refueling mission at Smokey Hill Range, Salina, Kan.

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ordinated to provide a great training environment for the squadron. Designation of hangar space suitable for the larger airframe as well as remarking of aircraft parking lanes were a welcomed site. Reestablishing the squadron's communications and providing access to computers on the NMCI network was just the icing on the cake.

Local tenant command MAG-41 and its organic squadrons Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 41 and Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron

234 offered continual support. VMGR-234's KC-130T Hercules aircraft conducted three aerial fueling missions and one aviation delivered ground refueling mission with the tiltrotor squadron during their training evolution.

"Base Operations has stopped by on multiple occasions to see how they could help. We could not have asked for a better reception while on the road," said Bunce. "It is also evident as we go out into Fort Worth in the evenings how much this city supports the military and its service men and women."

Business as 'Un'usual for Historical 822 CEF Activation Ceremony

BY MASTER SGT. JULIE BRIDEN-GARCIA, 301ST FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One Air Force Reserve civil engineer flight found a way to conduct a very historic ceremony without spending a penny more than their normal UTA business expenditures.

The 822nd Civil Engineer Fight held their activation ceremony Feb. 2 at 10th Air Force Headquarters located here with Col. Frank Meyers, 622nd Civil

Engineer Group, presiding via the telephone from Robins AFB, Ga. Since the budget wouldn't allow Col. Meyers to travel to attend the ceremony, Col. Gene Odom, 810th CEF commander, thought the next best thing would be to have him listen through a conference call. For official reasons, Lt. Col. Steve Mason, a traditional reservist with the 810th CEF, stood in as the presiding officer proxy.

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Women's History Month

The national observance of Women's History month is the month of March. The national and Department of Defense theme for this year's observance is "women inspiring Innovation through imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Uniform Seasonal Change

Sailors: the uniform shift from blues to whites in Texas is April 1.

Tin Can Sailors of North Texas

Veterans that served on destroyers, family members of living or deceased destroyer veterans, model builders, historians, or others who support the objectives of the National Association of Destroyer Veterans are welcomed to attend the Tin Can Sailors of North Texas meeting each second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Coors Hospitality Suite on 2550 McMillan Parkway (Meacham Blvd. northbound exit on I-35E). Point of contact is President Michael Hagin at (682) 472-0405.

An Introduction to Compound Helicopters

On March 19 at 7 p.m., the B-36 Peacemaker Museum presents Mr. Erasmo Pinero's Introduction to Compound Helicopters, covering the technology and recent advances of all major compound helicopters built and flight tested to date, including the coaxial-rotor Sikorsky X2 and tractor-propelled Eurocopter X3 experimental aircraft. Pinero is currently employed at Bell Helicopter as a technical lead position as a Propulsion Flight Test Engineer. He is responsible for all engine flight test support for ongoing military and commercial programs such as the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey and AH-1Z Cobra Viper, as well as the Bell 407 civil utility helicopter.

Retired Military Wives Invited to Monthly Meetings

All wives and widows of career military men with a valid ID card are invited to participate in the twice-monthly assembly of the Retired Military Wives Club. The Retired Military Wives Club has its business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Elks Club, 3233 White Settlement Road. It begins at 11 a.m. The group's social event is on the fourth Thursday of every month. For details about the club or these events, contact Jean Bonner (817-246-9523) or Judy Corso (817-266-0167).

The Society of Military Widows

Chapter 32 of the National Organization meets at the chapel on base on the fourth

Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. for fellowship, lunch and a short business meeting. Widows of all military branches and ranks are welcome. For details, contact Jo Henry at (817-283-0416).

Carswell Retired Officer's Wives Club

The Carswell Retired Officer's Wives Club (CROWC) provides social, cultural and charitable activities that promote fellowship among its members. Membership is open to wives of all retired officers from all branches of the service, widows, widowers or ex-wives of retired or commissioned officers who have retained their military privileges; wives of retired or current civilian employees, GS-7 and above; retired civilian employees, GS-7 and above; wives of commissioned regular and reserve officers assigned to units in the area and current or retired female officers. The CROWC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Fort Worth Women's Club (1316 Pennsylvania Ave). For more information or to make a reservation please contact Ellen Petterson at 817-876-7932.

Thrift Shop

The CROWC also runs the base thrift shop. The thrift shop has Bag Day the 1st Saturday of each month. Selected items are just \$1 per bag. If you have questions, call 817-782-5240.

MOAA's Lone Star Officers Club

Our dinner meeting is normally on the third Wednesday of each month at Ridglea Country Club. However, on March 20, we will be at Trinity Terrace, a Retirement Community, in downtown Fort Worth, 1600 Texas St., Fort Worth 76102. Our speaker will be Lt Col William B. "Brad" O'Conner, USAF (Ret.), who is the author of *Stealth Fighter: A Year in the Life of an F-117 Pilot.* He amassed 6,077 jet flight hours flying eight different types of jets, including the F-16, as a fighter, test, and instructor pilot training program. For information on our monthly program, menu, reservations, and location, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.lsoc-inc.com" www.lsoc-inc.com and click our Parade newsletter link. All officers, MOAA auxiliary members, and their guests are welcome.

Purple Heart Chapter Meeting Announcement

Purple Heart Chapter 1849 meets at 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of every month at the Paul Mansir American Legion Post 297 located at 8201 Old Benbrook Road, Benbrook, TX 76126. All Purple Heart recipients are welcome. For further information, please contact Ron Krotty at 817-768-8613.

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Start College as a Junior

BY MICHAEL ARNETT, SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER (817) 825-6428

Did you know that many of the courses taken in high school are much the same as those that are required in the first two years

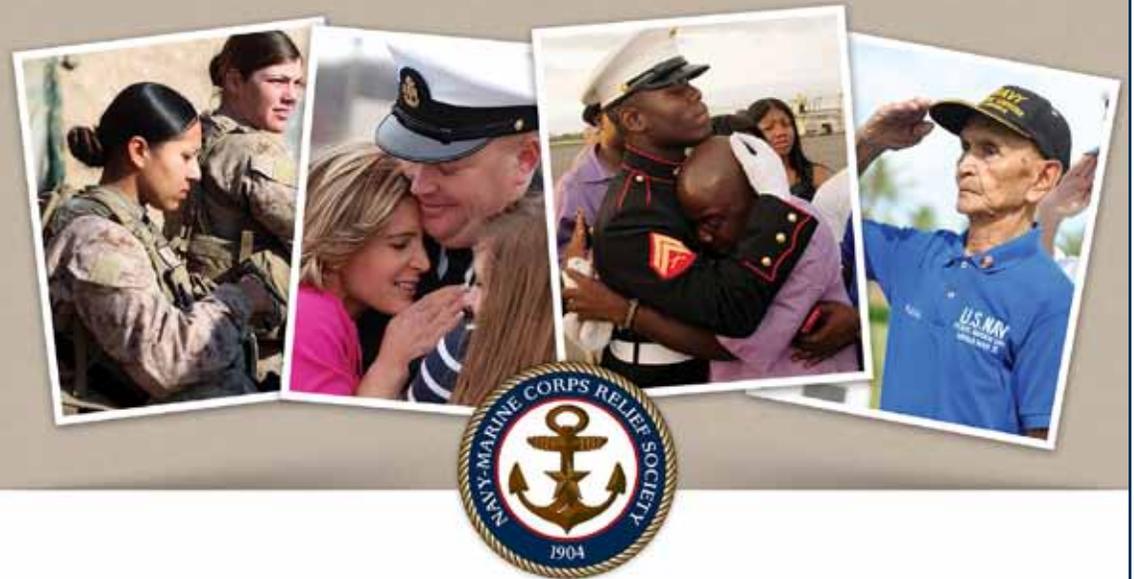
of college? College-board refers to those courses as the "Basics". Don't take the same courses twice!

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) by College-Board, owners of the SAT and

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that enables us to work with the wing; to fly a unit from Aurora, Colo., down to Fort Sill, land right here at the base, drop off, go right out to the field, get back on the plane and then fly back up to the airbase," Garay said. "A lot of other service installations were involved getting this exercise put together so that we could get the 'warm start' in Mo-

rocco."

The Marines used this unique opportunity to increase their proficiency on the M777 Howitzer and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. This was the first time the artillerymen utilized both weapon systems simultaneously in a mission rehearsal exercise.

"We want to test the combination of the 777's and the HIMARS, which is a capability that we haven't seen in the past," said

Sgt. Maj. Ryan C. Willhite, battalion sergeant major for 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines. "This is the rehearsal to prepare the Marines for their mission in Morocco and to show our capability and the precision of both weapons systems."

The training was a chance for HIMARS and traditional artillery Marines to strengthen their unit cohesion, esprit de corps and become better warriors by carrying out their war-fighting

mission, he said.

"Any type of training that we can do before deployment that can keep us mission-ready is always very valuable to me," said Cpl. Cody R. Richardson, a HIMARS crewman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines.

The 14th Marine Regiment will contribute about 600 of the 1,455 personnel who will participate in African Lion. Air, ground and Navy medical personnel from all over the United States, Europe and Africa will also be working in support of African Lion throughout the month of April.

"The Utah National Guard will provide humanitarian civil assistance," Garay said. "National Guard units throughout the United States are paired with nations around the world, and Utah National Guard is paired with Morocco, so they have a long-standing relationship. As a result of that, they are a big player in this and provide a lot of continuity as a lot of Marine units come and go."

In addition, the Maritime Prepositioning Force, or MPF, will also participate this year. The program has been employed to support Marine Corps equipment requirements for combat and exercise-needs, such as for exercise African Lion.

"MPF is a national, strategic asset that can be readily deployed to any region of the world, disembark, be used for training, or for contingency operations and then re-embark on the back end," Garay said.

The Marines see their upcoming deployment to Morocco as an opportunity to enrich their relationship with their overseas allies. It will be a joint-training event that will include several different, disparate training exercises within one exercise, Garay said.

"The evolution will include a field-training exercise, humanitarian and civil affairs efforts, and partner building that enables both sides to work with each other to develop better capabilities, and intelligence building capacity workshops that enable our intelligence community to work with theirs," he said. "It improves our inter-operations both in personnel, systems and equipment."

The Marines will also work with Moroccans to do peace-support operations such as riot control to improve their ability to manage complex events involving civilian population in times of internal crisis.

AL-13 is a U.S. African Command-sponsored, MFA-led exercise that involves various types of training that will also include command post, live-fire and maneuver training, amphibious operations, as well as aerial refueling/low-level flight training. Formerly a bi-lateral exercise between joint U.S. services and the Kingdom of Morocco Royal Armed Forces, African Lion is opening its doors internationally to military representatives from more than 14 different partner nations in 2013.

mand spouses and has started a newsletter that she intends to publish on a quarterly basis. If you'd like to contact your ombudsman, e-mail her at nasftworthombudsman@gmail.com

Said Stewart, "I am grateful for this opportunity to serve our service members and their families. I am looking forward to being your ombudsman."

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on their job."

With NAS Fort Worth JRB's ombudsman position vacant for some time, she's found the need to rebuild the program from the ground up. She's currently attempting to create an e-mail and phone distribution list of com-

Security Crime Prevention Tips – Protecting Your Identity at Tax Time

BY MA2 DALIA NEVAREZ

Don't let yourself become an identity theft victim, especially during tax time. Here are some tips.

Start a Tax Folder. Keep all of your tax forms, files and related documents together in a folder or binder. Keep the folder safe and secured at all times.

Throwing away old records? Use a shredder before discarding.

Watch out for phishing e-mail scams. These fraudulent emails might look like they are coming from a financial or government institution (IRS) but are really scammers trying to get your personal or financial information.

Tax Returns

A tax return gives criminals even more information than a W2. These completed documents contain personal information, such as Social Security numbers for both the filers and their dependents. Also, lists of financial data, such as the bank account numbers of consumers who use direct deposit for their tax refunds.

Protective Measures

- If you're mailing your tax documents to your tax preparer or mailing your tax return, use certified mail.
- Don't leave a completed tax return unattended at home, especially if you have visitors, roommates or employees working in your home, or unattended in your car, briefcase or desk after picking it up from your tax preparer.
- Choose your tax preparer or accountant carefully and ask how the office plans to store and protect your private information.
- If the IRS rejects your return because it has already accepted one in your name, act quickly. You may be a victim of tax identity theft. Contact the IRS Identity Protection

Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490.

• Keep all of your old tax returns in a locked safe at home that only trustworthy adults can access.

E-File Returns

E-filing can put all of the same personal and financial information at risk as a standard tax return, but in a different way. The protective measures unique to e-filing encompass standard computer security that should be a year-round priority.

Protective Measures

- Always keep your operating system and all of your protection software up to date. Check for updates to your firewall, virus protection and anti-spyware software before beginning your taxes.
 - Use your own computer to e-file rather than a public or work one. If your tax preparer is e-filing for you, ask about the computer security measures within the office.
 - Create strong passwords using letters, numbers and symbols for any software, online accounts, folders or files relating to your taxes and personal information.
 - Be careful disposing of or donating an old computer that you've used to store personal information or conduct financial transactions. Even after reformatting the hard drive, your information is often still retrievable.
 - If you use your smart phone for tax-related or financial transactions, be sure to password protect your apps and your overall phone. Also download software or enable your phone's feature to remotely wipe all information from your phone if it's lost or stolen.
- Remember to be extra cautious around tax time, when a significant amount of your personal information is compiled and circulated. Also remember that the IRS will only contact you by mail with

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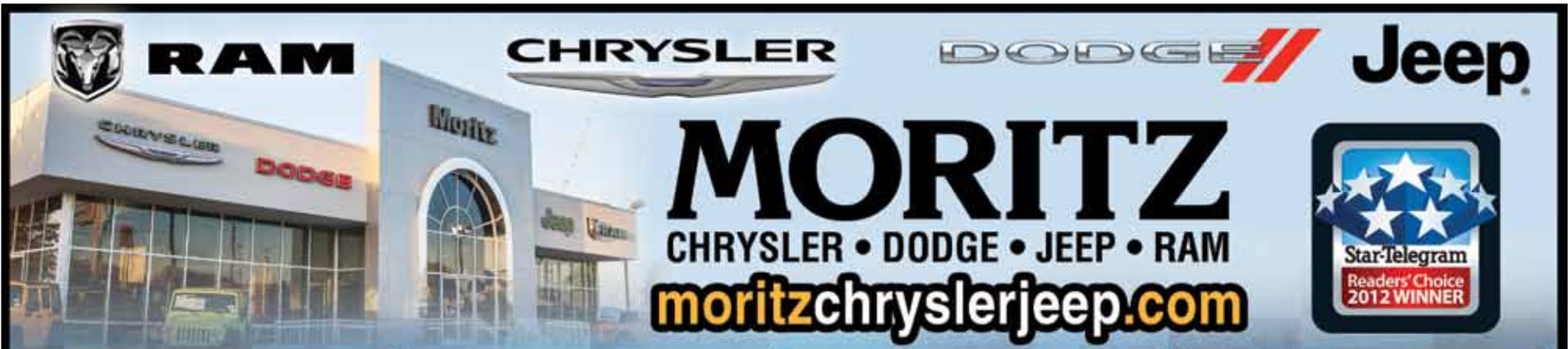
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Lt. Gen. Robin Rand, 12th Air Force commander, toured the 301st Fighter Wing and various areas of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, visiting with Airmen and listening to their questions about the current state of affairs. General Rand was also given a personal tour of the Branch Health Clinic Fort Worth by LCDR Gregory Patterson, Officer in Charge, to get a first-hand look at the superior working relationship between the Navy and the Air Force Reserve.



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Tarrant County Veteran Services

The Tarrant County Veterans Service Office assists separating and retiring veterans with filing for VA and State of Texas benefits FREE OF CHARGE. The main VA benefit they assist veterans with is filing a disability compensation claim. A representative from their office is at the NAS Fort Worth Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist veterans with filing their claims and to provide information about the often-complex VA claims process. If you are separating or retiring within 30 days or less, call the FFSC at 817-782-5287 and ask to be scheduled to see one of their representatives. You will receive a one-hour appointment. If you require more time than this, then an appointment can be scheduled with a counselor in their office. They also assist survivors of veterans with filing VA claims they may be eligible for. For more information, call 817-531-5645.

Disabled American Veterans Arlington Chapter 57

Disabled American Veterans Arlington Chapter 57 meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Arlington Police Service Center (1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, TX 76015) at 7 p.m. in the community room. Veterans are welcome to bring a guest and a light meal is available.

VITA Tax Office

The VITA office will be open for tax returns every Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 15. The office is located in the chapel.

Education Corner

Active duty and Reserve service members looking for SAT/ACT/GED/college courses proctors or GMAT/GRE reimbursement approval are encouraged to call the Navy College Office at (817)782-7843 or 782-1816. The ASVAB is available every other Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. at the NOSC. Call (817) 782-1812 or 782-1810 for details. For DLAB/DLPT call (817) 782-6976, or 782-6977. DANTES exams are scheduled every other Thursday at 1 p.m. Call Columbia College at (817) 377-3276 for details on DANTES; preregistration required.

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vision's Cavalry Reconnaissance (Mechanized) Troop. There he volunteered to lead the successful attack and capture of the German town of Pirmasens. Later that year, Samuell and his unit liberated approximately 7,000 Hungarian Jews from a concentration camp at Gunzkrchen Lager. He later played a pivotal role in securing the surrender of the 800,000-man-strong German Army Group South on the Russian Front. After the war, he married Kathryn Josephine Moran, an Army nurse who had taken care of him during combat. The two have remained inseparable to this day.

Said Bontems to the awardees, "I have the honor to recognize the courage you displayed, so many years ago, on a land that was so foreign to you and yet for which you were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice."

"The men and women of World War II, who fought so bravely and sacrificed so much for us, are one of our nation's most prized treasures. They literally turned back the tide of tyranny and positioned America as the world's super power," said Installation Commander Capt. R. A. Bennett. "We cannot thank them



Above, Installation Commander Capt. R. A. Bennett congratulates James Drumwright Jr. after he was presented the French Legion of Honor medal. Right, Army Air Force veterans Kenneth Brower (left) and Bruce Davis visit with service members and well wishers after the French Legion of Honor award ceremony held on board NAS Fort Worth JRB.



enough, show them enough gratitude, or fully grasp what our life would be like today if they had failed. God Bless them, one and all."

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- Universal Orlando Military Salute – Free 3-day park-to-park ticket for active duty and retired service members. Plus for all base personnel; buy a 2-day park-to-park ticket & get a 3rd day free! Stop by ITT or call for more information.

- Disneyland & Disney World Tickets - Plan your holiday vacations today!

- Armed Forces Vacation Club: A “space available” program that offers military and other DoD–affiliated personnel the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world, for incredibly low prices. Check it out at www.afvclub.com. Be sure to mention our base code: 310.

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spend \$5 or more and receive a FREE game of bowling. (FREE game must be used same day between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Does not include shoe rental)

- Friday Happy Hour at the Bowling Center – Half Off Shoe Rental from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- The Bowling Center is under renovation and hours or subject to change. Hours will be posted at the facility and on the MWR Facebook page: NASFWMMWR

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adults (12 and above), \$2 for children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. Admission prices for 3-D movies are \$5 active duty and adults, \$4 for children (6-11) and free for children 5 and under. We provide glasses for 3-D movies.

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access to the base is encouraged to participate. Children in strollers welcomed, but no bikes, skates or pets. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, both males and females. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Sign up now by e-mail at 301FW.SARC@us.af.mil or look for sign-up sheets at the Fitness Center.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Self-Defense Class for Women on April 15 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Air Force Bldg. 1780, Room 123 (class limited to 25). RAD is a

comprehensive and physical, eight-hour class designed for women only, ages 16 and up. It covers awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and the basics of hands-on defense training. The fun part . . . you get to beat up the guy in the red suit! Sign up by e-mail at 301FW.SARC@us.af.mil or look for sign-up sheets at the Gym.

Candle Light Vigil for National Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 24 starting at 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel (Bldg. 1838). There will have a Candle Light Vigil and guest speaker at the base chapel to focus on the challenges endured by victims of crime and how we can ensure their rights, prevent future violence,

and serve them better.

If you have any questions about any of the events or need help with reporting a sexual assault, you may contact the following POCs:

- **USAF:** José Jasso, SARC, 817-782-3827, 301FW.SARC@us.af.mil
- **Navy:** Marcia Marshall, SARC, 817-782-7796, marcia.r.marshall.ctr@navy.mil
- **ANG:** Lt Col James Castleman, SARC, 817-852-3203, James.Castleman@ang.af.mil

It's never too late to get help. You may also contact the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-995-5247 or go to www.SafeHelpline.org. It's confidential and available worldwide 24/7.

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1802 Doolittle Ave.; 817-782-7735
Library hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.; closed Sundays & holidays.
- Celebrate President Lincoln's Birthday at the Library, Feb. 12 starting at 1 p.m. Learn about Abraham Lincoln through stories and crafts.
- Storytime. Join the Library for Storytime every Wednesday starting at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy stories and related activities.

Lone * Star Center

2570 Desert Storm Rd.; 817-782-5293/7237
Beginning March 1, 2013 the Lone Star will no longer take reservations for social function until further notice. Official functions are by appointment only. For more information, please call (817) 782-5293/7237.

Fitness Center

1810 Tuskegee Airmen Dr.; 817-782-7770
Monday – Thursday, 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- **Certified Fitness Leader Course (CFL)**, April 1 – 5. For more information contact either Derek Arden – (817) 782-1270, Donna Johnston – (817) 782-5760/7770, or Chief Johnson (817) 584-0611.
- **Personal Trainers** – Trainers are available Monday through Saturday by appointment. Only \$20 per month! Military are FREE! Call for more information and schedule your appointment today!
- **Cardio Classes** – The fitness center offers a variety of cardiovascular classes: Step Aerobics, Pilates, Yoga, Spinning, Zumba, Pump-it-up, Karate and Personal Training. Stop by the center to pick up their class schedule.
- **New! Kick Boxing** – Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Mix up your routine with flexibility and strength-building moves in kick boxing classes. A cardiovascular workout consisting of jabs, hooks, uppercuts and kicks designed to get up on your way to a leaner body and a healthier state of mind.
- **New! Boot Camp** – Fridays, 7 – 8 p.m. Group exercise class that mixes traditional callisthenic and body weight exercise with interval training and strength training. A high

intensity class.

- **Kenpo Karate Class** – Every Monday & Wednesday – kids, 6-7 p.m. and adults, 7-8 p.m. \$20 per month. Purchase your class fee at the front.

- **TRX Equipment** is available for daily check out. TRX is a type of training that uses your own body weight and gravity to build strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core and joint stability, all while preventing injuries.

Aquatic Center

3319 Hensley Ave.; 817-782-1220
Closed indefinitely due to a maintenance issue. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will post on Facebook as soon as we have a re-opening date.

Child Development Center

3320 Sesame St. Drive; 817-782-7520
Parents Night Out – March 28 from 6– 10 p.m. Need a couple hours to enjoy a movie, dinner or just to run some errands without the kids? The CDC offers a monthly "Give Parents A Break" childcare service. Open to all eligible families with children ages 5 weeks – 12 years of age. \$4/hour or portion of hour. One time registration packet needed if your child does not attend the CDC. Space is limited, call today to make your reservation at (817) 782-7520.

- **Home Care Providers needed!** – Interested in providing childcare from your home? Attend a meeting to receive more information and answer any questions. Feb. 23, 6 p.m. at the Lone Star Center. For more information call the CDC at (817) 782-7520.

- **Openings in toddlers and preschool rooms.** Visit www.navymwr.org to get on the waitlist and someone will contact you. Call the CDC to schedule a tour of the facility.

- **Hourly care available** at for all eligible patrons from 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. \$4/hour or portion of hour. A one-time registration packet needs to be completed. Reservations are encouraged and can be accepted up to 30 days in advance. Walk-ins are accommodated on a space available basis.

Action Zone (School Age)

1145 Hercules Dr.; 817-782-7566 or CDC 817-782-7520

- **Spring Break Camp** – Mar. 11 through

Mar. 15 – Action Zone is open to school age children from kindergarten up with Military Sponsor. Fee based on total family income. Sign-up for the week or by the hour. Register at the Child Development Center. Sign-up early, space is limited. For more information, contact the CDC 817-782-7520.

Auto Skills/Outdoor Recreation RV/Boat Storage Boat Rentals

1145 Hercules Dr.; 817-782-6375
Auto Skills/Outdoor Recreation:
Sunday – Closed, Monday – 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday – By Appointment Only (Camper/Trailer/Boat RETURNS), Wednesday – Closed, Thursday – By Appointment Only Camper/Trailer/Boat PICK-UP and RETURNS), Friday – 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday – Closed*Hours are subject to change - ODR has campers, camping equipment and fishing boats available for rent. Call or stop by to make your reservations today.

- **Property Storage** – RV/Boat/Vehicle storage is available by appointment, please call (817) 782-6375

- **Car Wash** – Two car wash bays and 1 vacuum located at Bldg 1145. Bays do not have lights.

MWR is adjusting hours as we work through these trying times and budget constraints. Our customers are important to us and we hope our adjustments are a minimal impact to your day to day needs.

MWR as always is here to support our Military and their families! Up to date hours of operation for all MWR facilities at NAS Fort Worth JRB are posted on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/NASFWMWR. For more information, please contact the facility in question.

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basic classes in high school can then CLEP out by passing the examinations. College-board offers study guides for \$10, and they claim a 95% passing rate for those who use them. Note: 50% of the questions right will pass most exams.

The cost of a CLEP exam is \$80 plus an onsite testing fee of around \$22. Two years college credit can be earned for a total cost of around \$2000 through CLEP and DANTES, which is a Department of Defense version. There are 38 of those DANTES exams, many of which are upper

level courses.

There are eleven local testing centers in this area. Here are examples of two.

Texas Christian University

2825 Stadium Drive, Brown-Lupton Health Center-West Entrance, Fort Worth, TX 76129 (817) 257-7863

University of Texas at Arlington

701 S. Nedderman, 201 Davis Hall, Arlington, TX 76019 (817) 272-2362

Call to schedule an exam or for more detailed information about CLEP, visit their website: www.collegeboard.org.

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"It is a dynamic time for the 822nd CEF. We joined the 622nd CEG in Oct. 2012 which brought many changes and the great opportunity to be aligned with the Air Force Civil Engineer Community," said Odom, new 822nd CEF commander.

The teleconference ceremony began when the flight's longest standing member, Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Camargo, who represented the 810th heritage and history, retired the 810th CEF's colors. The flag was furled and cased in a matter of seconds signifying the end of one era and a new beginning.

The 810th CEF heritage started with 10th AF back in

Nov. 15, 1978, as the 10th Civil Engineering Flight in Bergstrom AFB, Texas. Then Oct. 1, 1994, it was re-designated as the 810th CEF and moved to Carswell Air Reserve Station, Texas, on Sept. 1996. In 2002, the 810th CEF moved to its permanent facilities collocated with Headquarters 10th AF here.

Capt. Mark Hope unfurled and posted the new colors to signify the activation and future of the 822nd CEF.

Some ceremonies must be accomplished and are mandatory by various governing DOD regulations. By conducting this type of historical ceremony that lasted less than 10 minutes via teleconference, the 822nd Civic Engineering Flight saved the Air Force Reserve Command more than \$2,000.



The recent historical activation ceremony for the 822nd Civil Engineer Flight was conducted in an unusual manner. The presiding officer was at Robins AFB, Ga., on speaker phone while the rest of the ceremony was being held at NAS Fort Worth JRB. Lt. Col. Frank Mason (left), proxy presiding officer hands the guidon flag to Col. Gene Odom, new 822nd CEF commander.

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our team will continue to provide the needed services and support for our Warriors, DoD Civilians and their families. We will apply judicious program administration aligned with our prioritization, and hope that this is a temporary situation that will make us leaner and stronger in the end.

The lack of a legislative solution to avoid sequestration is

deeply regrettable. That said, we must endeavor to deal with the situation as we face it, not as we wish it could otherwise be. We will continue to keep the safety and well-being of our people foremost in mind, even as we try hard to keep whole the force structure which supports them. We will also continue to keep the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force fully informed as follow-on decisions are made.

God Bless,
Skipper

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