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Who called for snow?

A rare sight indeed, as a T-44 training aircraft is blanketed in snow following an overnight winter storm throughout South Texas, Dec. 8. Though the base's Texas Snow Party Christmas celebration was cancelled the previous night due to the impending weather, local residents were treated with up to 7 inches of snow the next morning in some areas of Corpus Christi. (Courtesy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Caleb Booher, VT-35)

NMCRS opens new thrift store in time for holidays

A ribbon cutting was held at the new Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store on Tuesday. The Thrift Store was relocated to Bldg. 1740, on the left as you drive onto the base through the South Gate.

Teresa Hawkinson, who manages the thrift store was -- and is -- all smiles when talking about the volunteers who make it possible to keep things running.

The store is open to customers Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. But much more goes into it behind the scenes, such as set up, organizing, and sorting and pricing donations.

"We have wonderful volunteers," says Jimmie Driver, chairman of volunteers. Driver has been with the local NMCRS for more than two years, but began volunteering with the Society in 1968. "Navy Relief came to our aid when my husband was a young ensign without the money needed to get home due to a family emergency."

She has been volunteering for the Society ever since.

Both Driver and Hawkinson agree that it's the customers that keep them volunteering. Hawkinson has followed her husband's career across the globe and has been volunteering at every duty station. "I become attached to the customers. And, I'm glad I'm able to support them."

Even though the Thrift Shop is only open Mondays and Thursday, donations may be made anytime through

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Monday morning to open the new Thrift Store at its new location in Bldg. 1740. From left, Jimmie Driver, chairman of volunteers; Capt. Phil Brock, NASCC commanding officer; and Teresa Hawkinson, thrift shop manager, cut the ribbon opening the NMCRS Thrift Shop, held by two volunteers (not pictured). (Photos by Fifi Kieschnick)

Housing Director 'set to retire'

For more than 15 years, Navy personnel have been greeted at the Installation Housing Office by Gale Dyckman, Housing Installation Program Manager.

Dyckman, a Corpus Christi native, is retiring soon with nearly 30 years of federal service; all with Housing Departments both here and at Naval Station Ingleside. She says has seen a lot of change throughout her tenure serving the military and their families.

"I started my career aboard NASCC as a trouble clerk for housing in 1989," she said. "I interfaced with our residents a considerable amount, handling all of their maintenance requests."

She said she also filled the role of administrative assistant, helping her to learn correspondence procedures.

"Back then we had one computer in the office and no one wanted to use it. I asked my boss if I could put it in my office so I could feel more comfortable using it more," Dyckman said. "He let me do that, so I began building electronic records of various reports that had to be completed. That made it easier for our staff to track their actions."

In 1992, Dyckman made a career move not very far away to the then-new NAVSTA Ingleside as a Housing Referral Assistant.

She said that her intention was to only be at Ingleside for a couple of years, but she enjoyed her work and the base so

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Dyckman.

Captain's Column



Capt. Philip Brock
Commanding Officer

For many of us, the holiday season is the “merriest time of the year.”

There are a lot of family gatherings and holiday parties; it’s a great time of the year to see many people you don’t necessarily see throughout the year.

But with these gatherings, there is also alcohol consumption. So, it’s also a time of year to be extra careful on the roads.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2015, there were 10,265 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers with BACs of .08 or higher. This totaled 29 percent of all traffic fatalities for the year or an average of 1 alcohol-impaired driving fatality occurring every 51 minutes.

Alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in 2015 were highest in Texas, 1,323, followed by California, 914, and Florida, 797. Also, the rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes was 3.5 higher at night rather than during the day.

I can continue to throw statistics at you, but the bottom line is that we can make a difference in preventing these tragic losses.

During December, we observe National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, which is supported by all of us. We are all too familiar with the consequences of drunk or drugged driving. And, we are also becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of driving with distractions such as text messaging or talking on the phone while driving.

I know you’ve heard it before, but you can help prevent drunk or drugged driving. Offer to be a designated driver. Have someone in your group appointed as a designated driver to take all car keys. Call a cab to take you home from a social engagement if you need a ride, or even stay overnight.

There is no way to get all the alcohol or other drugs out of the circulatory system in

order to become sober quickly. Coffee, fresh air or eating will not help remove the alcohol or other drug combination from your system. Time is the only medically-proven method.

We know it’s our responsibility as a driver to operate our vehicle safely. And, we know it’s our responsibility as a shipmate and friend not to let others drive under the influence. Driving requires our attentiveness and the ability to make quick decisions on the road and react to changes in the environment. When drinking alcohol, using drugs or being distracted for any reason, driving becomes dangerous – and potentially lethal.

Just a reminder, that even though “’tis the season to be jolly,” it should be in moderation.



Chaplain's Word



Lessons through
23 years of
marriage

Lt. Kevin Jackson
Command Chaplain

One of the greatest expressions of love for me is my marriage.

Marriage is that powerful commitment that my wife and I made to love each other regardless of what we face in life.

After 23 years of marriage, we have learned some important lessons about making a marriage last. A few include, deciding to love, date often, forgive, respect always and know your spouse’s “love languages.”

Love should not be limited to simply a feeling, because they change over time and circumstances. But when you make a decision to love on a daily basis, that is true commitment. Each day that I am granted by God to live, I make a decision to express to my wife how much I love her. In fact, I have never left the house without saying, “I love you.” I want the last words my wife ever hears from me to be, “I love you.” I had decided to make that commitment which goes beyond my mere feelings and emotion.

My wife decides to love me through thick and thin. So if you want to strengthen your marriage, make a decision to love always.

Secondly, you have to date often. Sometimes, once we get married we stop the “pursuit” of our spouse. My wife and I have learned you cannot stop the pursuit. In fact, once there are children in the household, you have to pursue one another even harder, due to competition for your time by so many other things. We try to go on a date at least once a month. It can be to the movies, a restaurant, or a walk. The whole point is to spend that quality time together whenever you can.

Third, forgive and forgive some more. Make it a point to never go to bed angry with your spouse. We have learned to communicate, communicate, and communicate more, so that even when we disagree, we can agree to forgive each other. Realistically, forgiveness can be challenging depending on the issue. Based on our faith values we have found the power of grace that heals both the forgiver and the forgiven. So, my wife forgives me when I leave the tooth paste top off, she forgives me when I walk on the carpet with my shoes on, she forgives me when I snore too loudly. Don’t forget to strengthen your marriage, learn to forgive.

Fourth, respect your spouse. As a man, it

is important for me to ensure that my wife does not carry heavy groceries when I am around. She should not have to open her own door when I am around. My expression of respect to her is to place greater value on her by demonstrating it in practical ways. My wife certainly extends respect to me as she supports my leadership in the household. My wife just lets me lead, pushes me forward when I think I cannot do something, encourages me to succeed in whatever I seek to do because that is who she is authentically. For me, those actions really speak to her leadership in the family as well. Leadership is the ability to influence others to do what is needed to be done.

Finally, if you really want to grow in your marriage and communication, learn what

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This paper is published for people like Ensign Jessie Fromularo, assigned to VT-27, aspiring to become a helicopter pilot. She is a native of Gulf Breeze, Florida.

After first 120 days on the job, Brock assesses command of NASCC

Story and photos by Jason Kucera

A Navy commanding officer has ultimate authority and significant responsibilities to the unit that he or she is assigned, according to Navy Regulations Chapter 8.

After 120 days on the job as NAS Corpus Christi commanding officer, Capt. Phil "Lou" Brock has exercised his role to its capacity.

Barely one month after he took command this summer, Brock's fortitude was put to the test when Hurricane Harvey came bearing down on the Coastal Bend and he had to issue an evacuation order to all personnel working and living on the base.

The outcome was better than expected as all personnel were able to return safely, he said, but now the long and arduous process of getting repairs completed to buildings across the installation has become a new priority.

"It's been very busy," Brock said. "It's a steep learning curve and there isn't any training necessarily on how to be a base CO.

"I'm very thankful that there was a great staff in place already so I've been able to learn as quickly as I can. It's been a hectic four months, but it's also been fun."

Brock said that handling the challenge of Harvey went about as smooth as he could have hoped for.

"The staff had just completed a hurricane exercise prior to my arrival so the plan and rehearsal was in place," he said. "I thought the staff did a tremendous job with the curve balls the storm threw at us. I couldn't be happier with how everyone responded and how quickly we were able to get the base back up and running."

There is still much to be accomplished, Brock said, but a lot has been done already

getting personnel working in temporary conditions back into permanent structures. Some of the larger projects may take months to complete.

Besides the day-to-day activity and challenges a base commanding officer faces, Brock was also faced with another extreme weather-related decision when a rare winter storm blew through Corpus Christi, bringing freezing temperatures with a lot of rain and snow onto the same buildings he is trying to have repaired.

Brock has engaged the Corpus Christi community and feels he has been welcomed into the community, as well.

"They have been awesome," he said. "The leaders and citizens in the city are always interested in what is happening aboard the base and to ensure we continue to succeed. There are also initiatives in place to keep the base closely connected to the community.

"It's great to have a community outside these gates like Corpus Christi."

The new commercial entrance gate that is nearly complete was a gift from the city of Corpus Christi.

"I think that it's going to greatly improve how we bring people aboard the base daily, relieving a lot of traffic buildup during the peak hours," he said.

Brock said he plans to continue to meet with community leaders and have dialogue with what they would like from the base.

Communication is important to Brock as he has said on multiple occasions. He uses opportunities to discuss topics with Sailors as often as he can.

"It's easy for word to travel down from the command but I want to hear from our junior Sailors and leaders," he said. "I want to hear what can be done better and what can be fixed. Some of the best ideas come from those in the thick of things.

"There are a lot of efficiencies gained by personnel working through the challenges, or even problems, and resolving them on their own," he added. "I cannot assume to have the best answers for those challenges our Sailors or civilian personnel may face, so again, hearing from our folks is great."

Brock is quick to point out that his "open-door policy" is available. He does recommend Sailors and civilian personnel use their chain of command when possible, but he fully understands there are times when it



Brock, addresses NJROTC students and NASCC personnel. He says communication is one of his top priorities and tries to take advantage of every opportunity to discuss Navy and base topics as often as he can with personnel.

is appropriate for some things to be brought right to him. He said he is always interested in trying to help and fix any problems where he can.

"I do not mind being left a note, being sent an e-mail or a knock on my door when someone feels they really need to see me," he said. "But as always, when I ask someone or even a group if they have questions or concerns, I really mean it. I want to hear from our personnel.

"I try to make my way around the base often, checking on personnel just to ensure they see my face and to reiterate that my time is their time."

Brock has 27 years of Navy service and been married for 22 years to Amie. They have four children together that he said stay very busy with their own schedules.

"Having a healthy life-work balance is really important," he said. "You have to ensure to take care of the family because your family is going to enable you to get the work done, and support you, through the most difficult challenges that can arise with military service."

Brock added that

he feels things are going well aboard NASCC. There will always be a number of challenges going on day-to-day for families and personnel, but he believes that personnel aboard the base are continuously using 'best practices' they are trained for and meeting even the most difficult situations above reproach.

He believes that, "taking care of the team first, helps the team take care of you," meaning to always take care of personnel so that they will always be able and willing to give 100 percent to the mission.



Brock's wife, Amie, pins his command trident onto his chest during the base's change of command ceremony in July. He said family support is paramount to a Sailor's success



Brock, pinning an award on a Sailor, emphasizes the importance of actually pinning the medal on personnel versus clipping it on as he appreciates the efforts the Sailors put forth to earn it and never wants to 'short change' them.

How the JAG stole Christmas

by Lt. Mike Johnson
Staff Judge Advocate, NASCC

Happy Holidays, NASCC!

While this is a time when many will engage in gift-giving activities, it is important to remember that ethical rules still apply to both military and civilians.

These rules do not exist to ruin your fun, but to maintain the trust that the public has placed in us. There are three big rules in particular that sometimes go ignored around this time of year, so please remember:

- Superiors cannot accept gifts from subordinates.
- Employees cannot accept a gift from another employee who receives less pay, unless the donor and recipient are personal friends who are not in an official superior-subordinate relationship.
- Employees may not accept gifts from a prohibited source (anyone who may want to do business with the Navy) due to the employee's official position.

There are exceptions to these rules. Gifts of the following nature are acceptable:

- An item valued at \$10 or less, not cash;
- food and refreshments to be shared in the office;
- a traditional hospitality gift given for hosting a social event.

"But JAG," you may ask, "how big of a deal is it if I violate these rules?"

Here are two true stories from the aptly named Encyclopedia of Ethical Failures:

• A Lt. Col. received a bottle of 30 year-old Scotch valued at \$400 as a gift and failed to report it and properly dispose of it. As a result, he was charged with dereliction of duty. In lieu of a court martial, the Lt. Col. resigned from the military service for the good of the service, under other than honorable conditions.

• A supervisory contract specialist was terminated after it was discovered that she had accepted a total of \$2,820 in gifts from a subordinate (a subordinate that the specialist had personally hired) on two occasions. Despite the specialist's claims that she did not know that accepting the gifts was wrong, an administrative judge affirmed the termination of the person's 20-year federal career.

You can always find relevant guidelines in 5 C.F.R. 2635 - Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.

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Social Networking Risks

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But, there are risks inherent in social networking.

Once information is posted to a social networking site, it's no longer private. The more information you post, the more vulnerable you may become. Personal information you share could be used to "assault" you, your friends or family. The more information you share, the more likely someone could "impersonate" you.

There are risks or hazards of social networking that you should be aware of before you "share" online: impersonation, identify theft, harassment, damaged career or personal reputation, damaged data or networks, target for spam and phishing, burglary just to name a few.

But there are many preventive measures you can take to help minimize the risks.

- Monitor your bank statements, balances and credit reports.
- Avoid accessing your personal accounts from public computers or through public WiFi spots.
- Don't store any information you want to protect on devices that connect to the Internet.
- Use high security settings on social networking sites and limit the personal information you share.

• Monitor what others are posting about you on their online discussions.

• Change your passwords periodically and don't reuse old ones. Don't use the same passwords for more than one system or service.

• Don't post anything that might embarrass you later or that you don't want strangers to know.

• Verify those you connect with online. It's easy for people to fake identities over the Internet.

• Disable Global Positioning System (GPS) encoding. Many digital cameras encode the GPS location of a photo when it's taken. If that photo is uploaded to a site, so are the GPS coordinates, which will let people know that exact location.

Also, keep in mind that once you post something on line, you "lose" ownership of the information.

I know, we tend to be bolder and less discretionary with what we share on line versus what we share in person. But, it may be smart for us to pause before hitting the "post" button. What's the old adage? "Measure twice, cut once." It might be time for a new one, "Count to 3 before you hit 'send.'" For more information about social networking risks and what you can do to protect yourself and others, contact your Information Assurance Manager, or visit these sites: www.fbi.gov, www.dhs.gov, www.ftc.gov or www.ic3.gov.



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Merry Christmas From Sea to Shining Sea

To our dear friends near and far, go our very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. May your Christmas be filled with the warmth of friends, family, peace, goodwill and contentment.

The Wingspan Advertising Team

Bravo Zulu

Advancement

The following were advanced to the next rate were frocked at an All-Hands ceremony held recently: (Pictured alphabetically are) MA2 Hector Arreola, MA2 Darron Austin, AC2 Shane Bacon, AC2 Elizabeth Bequerengman, MA3 Timothy Brock, AC3 Brandon Enzweiler, ET2 Micheal Fuller, MA3 Jamie Garner, AO1 Jackie Johnson, MA2 Toucheleak Mael, AC3 Brayan Mondragon, DC1 Ronald Monteroso, AC2 George Ochoa, AC3 Rebecca Odom, RP2 Steven Riggert, AC3 Phoebe Sharp, OS2 Kayla Smith, MA2 Monique Watson, and MA2 Shay Wines. (Photo by Jason Kucera)



Col. Allan Lanceta, commander, Corpus Christi Army Depot, speaks with Joe Gazin, KIII-TV news anchor after personnel from CCAD delivered about 2,200 pounds of donated food to the television studio as apart of their 30th Annual Share Your Christmas Food Drive benefiting the Coastal Bend Food Bank. (Photo by Ervey Martinez, CCAD photographer)



Good job!

Ramiro "Ray" Castillo was recognized as Chief of Naval Air Training's Civilian of the Quarter for his substantial efforts in managing quality assurance programs at five separate geographic locations. His work and attention to detail ensured safe aircraft were provided for training. Castillo, a native of San Antonio, has been with CNATRA since November 2013, where he currently serves in the Aviation Maintenance Department as the quality assurance program manager. Ramiro retired after 28 years in the Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. (Photo by Anne Booher, CNATRA Public Affairs)

Naval Health Clinic 'ohana' bids farewell to CMC

Story and photo by Bill Love
NHCCC Public Affairs

Command Master Chief Rikki Lynn Brown, front and center for the very last time at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, conveyed a bittersweet farewell to her military and civilian family amidst laughter, some tears and several hearty rounds of applause in the Crew's Lounge earlier this month.

Brown, from Conroe, Texas, had served as CMC since June 12, 2014, and was responsible for popularizing the word, 'ohana' at NHCCC.

Part of Hawaiian culture, 'ohana' means family. The concept emphasizes that families are bound together and members must cooperate and remember one another.

During Brown's initial message to the staff after becoming CMC at NHCCC, she reinforced family unification and underscored patient service.

"We are a family. We rely on each other and we help each other just like we would any of our own immediate family members," said Brown. "I want you to enjoy what you do, and I want you to reflect our pride in the service to our country and to our patients when you meet and care for those who serve and those who have served."

NHCCC commanding officer, Capt. Miguel Cubano, recalled meeting Brown for the first time.

"When I met her during the Surgeon General's conference, I was seated next to her, all of the files in front of me were in order, and she said, 'Skipper, you're safe right here and I'm going to take care of you.' I knew at that moment that no matter what,

things were going to be okay," Cubano said.

As the CMC, Brown served as the primary liaison between 487 staff members providing the highest quality healthcare to more than 13,000 beneficiaries throughout the Texas area of responsibility. She also served as the commanding officer's senior enlisted advisor, often called upon to gauge morale and battle readiness.

Cubano said he admired Brown's concern for the staff.

"She often told me, 'they are my Sailors, they are my people,'" he said.

"And I believe for those of you planning on becoming something in this life, not only in the Navy, but throughout your life, then you should take a look at her life because the key thing is caring for others – not caring for yourself – but caring for others first. So for that I am really grateful, and I've learned a lot from Master Chief Brown."

Brown reported to NHCCC in December 2013, after serving for three years aboard USS New Orleans (LPD 18), where she mentored 284 enlisted Sailors and junior officers. There she earned her Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist insignia and qualified as Combat Information Center Watch Officer.

Prior to being selected as the CMC, Brown served as the senior enlisted leader of NHCCC's Director for Health Services, a directorate that encompasses Medical Home Port, Operational Medicine, General Dentistry, Optometry and Audiology, and Behavioral Health.

Brown's other naval assignments have included Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas; 1st Marine Logistics Group; Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; Field Medical Training

Battalion, West; Naval Hospital Balboa, San Diego, California; and Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida.

In 2002, Brown deployed for a year to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where she served with Charlie Surgical Company.

During her farewell remarks, Brown said that 'good-byes' are the most difficult aspect of Navy life.

"Every one of you has touched my life in one way or another – every single one of you. And when we talk about the Navy, and we talk about the [challenges] that go along with it, and you think, 'Oh yeah, I'm ready to go!' well, I'm ready to go, but I'm not ready to leave my people. Because it's the people that make the place. It's the people that you meet that become your family. Thank you for becoming part of our 'ohana' and believing in what we do," Brown said.

"It's been an absolute privilege to lead,



Capt. Miguel Cubano, NHCCC commanding officer, bids farewell to Brown in the Crew's Lounge Dec. 1. Brown, from Conroe, Texas, has served as CMC since June 12, 2014, and was responsible for popularizing the word, 'ohana' at NHCCC.

and I don't take it lightly. I'm a better person for having you in my life. So thank you all very much. This family I will see again without a doubt!"

Brown's follow-on assignment is at Navy Medicine Training Support Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

HMCS Raymond Manahan will serve as senior enlisted leader until Brown's replacement reports in February 2018.

Breakfast with Santa



Families lined up after Santa's arrival via a US Coast Guard helicopter, so their children could tell the "old man" what they wanted for Christmas and a photo opportunity. (Courtesy photos by MWR)



Santa Claus, adorned in a flight suit, enjoys time with a child that came to visit with him Saturday, Dec. 9, aboard NASCC.



Clara Shorthose, left, and Minna Alcorn of MWR were two of the personnel who helped serve more than 1,500 parents and children during Breakfast with Santa.



Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre are Dec. 26-29 at Wings Auditorium. Youth have the opportunity to participate in a week long musical production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. During the week, youth will learn their perspective lines, songs, dance, stage information, costume, make-up and other hands-on learning experiences. Call the Youth Activities Center at 961-2355 for more information.

Friday social hours will no longer be held at the Catalina Club every week. They will only be held on "Winging Fridays."

Each Wednesday from 3:30 till 7 p.m. is Aviators Social giving a chance for fellow aviators to unwind and discuss topics together.

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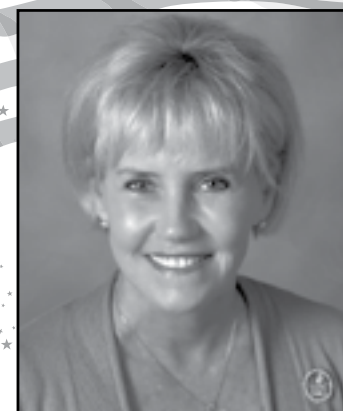
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Upcoming Trips:

Must register for each event a minimum of 2 business days prior to the event.

- Friday, December 22, 2017: Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum & Big Lou's Pizza in San Antonio, Texas. Cost: \$37.00 per teen. (Depart 0800/Return 1700)
- Tuesday, December 26, 2017: Beach Getaway/Clean-Up at Padre Island National Seashore - Games, Campfire, S'mores and Hotdogs. Cost: FREE (Depart 1630/Return 2130)
- Wednesday, December 27, 2017: Alamo Draft House - Pitch Perfect3 Movie with meal. Cost: \$25.00 per teen. (Times TBD)
- Sunday, December 31, 2017/Monday, January 1, 2018: New Year Eve Lock-In at the Youth Activities Center. Cost: \$25.00 per teen. Must have a minimum of 8 Teens for the Event to take place. (Time 2000—0800)

For more information, please call 961-2355.

Trip Details are subject to change. Fees include ticket price and meal.



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your spouse's 'love languages' are. The five 'love languages' according to Gary Chapman include: words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch.

Once you understand how your spouse wants to be loved based on their 'love language,' you can truly love them fully. We can only love people the way that they desire to be loved. If you do not know what your spouse's 'love language' is and you want to find out, my Chaplain Religious Enrichment Development Operation Facilitator, Charokee Molina, would be delighted to sit down with you and your spouse and administer the 'love language' questionnaire, so that you both can be empowered to love each other the way each wants to be loved. In addition, couples can receive excellent skills through a marriage enrichment retreat.

The next retreat is Feb. 23-25 and it is free to active-duty members and their spouses. If you are interested in any of those marriage building opportunities, you can reach Charokee at 961-3751 or e-mail him at charokee.molina.ctr@navy.mil.

I hope that our experiences and lessons from the last 23 years will be a blessing to you as you seek to continue to build upon your marriage. I am so excited about the future when my wife and I will be able to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. I can guarantee we will be using some of those same tidbits I mentioned in this article.

Retirement from pg. 1

much, she ended up spending 12 years there.

"The base was new so a lot of what I did was find appropriate community housing in the surrounding towns for our inbound Sailors, keeping up with home listings and communicating with the various realtors," Dyckman said. "We had no housing aboard the base at that time."

Once the Navy decided to go with "Public Private Venture" for their housing communities, her housing director asked her to take the lead in helping with that project for Ingleside.

"We were chosen as one of the first two sites to build PPV throughout the Navy, so as that progressed I was invited to different conferences around the country to discuss our project."

The initiative was responsible for building nearly 500 homes in the Ingleside area.

Dyckman returned to NASCC in 2004, eventually becoming the Housing Director, a position she has held for the past 13 years.

"One of my fondest memories here is centered on the relationships I've built with the families that come to Corpus Christi, assigned here at the base, and helping to take care of their housing needs," she said. "It's a huge weight off of a family if we are able to get them settled quickly."

Dyckman said she plans to spend a lot more quality time with her grandchildren and caring for her mother.

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Thrift Store from pg. 1

a drop box located outside the building.

The thrift store is one avenue of fundraising for the non-profit charitable organization that is sponsored by the Navy. NMCRS provides financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval services, eligible family members and survivors when in need.

Clockwise from top left, Angela Wightman, spouse of the Naval Health Clinic's Jerry Wightman, makes the first purchase at the new store. Volunteer Evelyn Doss is behind the cash register. Top right, Matt, 2 year old son of Beatriz and Lt. Cmdr. Tom Younghans, enjoys shopping at the Thrift Store, especially the toy section. Bottom right, the NMCRS relies on volunteers to staff the Thrift store, some of which are pictured here with CMDCM Greg Williams (back right) and Capt. Phil Brock (back left). Bottom left, the Thrift Store is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It carries a variety of items from uniforms to toys, home furnishings, pots and pans to Christmas decorations, and much more.

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