



Bone marrow registry drive held at depot

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Depot employees recently participated in the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program sponsored by NAS – Corpus Christi. Last Thursday, volunteers from Naval Hospital - Corpus Christi were at CCAD for two hours to register potential donors.

The Bone Marrow Donor Program serves 3,000 children and adults from around the world everyday. The victims of blood diseases, cancer, and other life threatening illnesses hope to find a life-saving marrow match from the program's over 4 million volunteer donors. Unfortunately, many will never find that miracle match.

Bone marrow donations are needed for life-saving treatment for over 60 blood-related diseases such as Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Leukemia, and Aplastic Anemia. Volunteer donors from outside the patient's immediate family make up 70% of the most closely matched donations.

It only took a few minutes to join the marrow registry. In approximately 2 hours, 30 CCAD employees filled out a consent form and donated a small test tube of blood. The blood will be sent to the DoD testing laboratory in Kensington, Maryland, for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing. Once a potential donor is matched with a patient, the donor is flown to a hospital in Washington, DC for a physical examination and to undergo more tests. The donor then returns home to await a medical review by the transplant center's and DoD Marrow Donor Program physicians. If all is well,



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Juanita Wigsмоen, directorate of quality assurance, is pictured giving a sample of her blood for the bone marrow donor program. "It didn't hurt a bit," stated Wigsмоen. CCAD employee, Dina Cruz, who also signed up to be a bone marrow donor, is in the background waiting her turn.

the donor is once again flown to DC and admitted to Georgetown University Medical Center for the procedure.

The marrow is drawn from the back of the hip, along the top of the pelvic bone, with a needle and syringe while the donor is under general anesthesia. The procedure causes some soreness in the lower back for a few days, but within a couple of weeks, most donors are back to their regular routine. Although donors are prohibited by federal law from contact with the recipient following the procedure, they can receive periodic updates on the condition of the recipient. If both parties agree, they can have direct contact after one year.

Veronica Perez from the directorate of production management was the CCAD point of contact for the registry drive.

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Remember to use costumes that the little ones can see and **BE SEEN** in. Flashlights are fun and very safety conscious.

“Share Your Christmas” food drive underway at CCAD

The annual food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Corpus Christi is currently underway at CCAD. In addition to food items normally collected, the food bank is asking for baby formula, baby food, diapers, toothpaste, shampoo, and bath soap. Food items may be assorted canned goods, tuna, beans, rice, soups, peanut butter, and non-perishable packaged dinners. Since bulk items will not fit in the individual food baskets prepared by the food bank, they are asking that packages no larger than family size be contributed (i.e., large can green beans versus restaurant size). “Think in terms of a complete dinner,” says Dick Drilling, general manager at KIII-TV, the “Share your Christmas” Food Drive headquarters.

Starting Nov. 1st, barrels will be placed at strategic points throughout Bldg 8 and the hangars, where you can drop off your contributions. Let’s make CCAD the community leader in food contributions just as we are in CFC/United Way contribu-

tions.

In addition to food items, the food bank is also accepting monetary contributions. For every dollar contributed, the Food Bank is able to provide \$16 worth of food to needy families. Last year’s “Share Your Christmas” produced over

1500 food baskets. Well over four million pounds of food is distributed throughout eleven counties in South Texas annually. Cash contributions help provide for the preservation and distribution of food and its purchasing power is magnified. The annual “Share Your Christmas” food drive makes up one-fourth of the food distributed annually.

This year’s CCAD food



Jerry Silva (l), RA Guzman (c), were on hand to receive a “Share Your Christmas” Food Drive barrel for the transmission shop in the directorate of components production from Fred Salinas (r), co-chair of the CCAD annual food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. The drive runs Nov. 1 – Dec. 4.

drive will run Nov. 1st – Dec 4th. Please remember to drop your food contributions in one of the barrels on your way in to work. Anyone desiring to make a monetary contribution may stop by the Public Affairs Office, Room 124 in CCAD Headquarters Building 8 or email LContre1@ccad.army.mil. for more information.

Graduation ceremony held for maintenance students

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satisfactorily meet employment requirements of the job, drug and alcohol policies, attendance, attitude, teamwork, and safety.

At a graduation ceremony held last Thurs. for the 38 students who have completed the program, Larry Simone, director of aircraft production, emphasized to the assembled graduates

The Co-op Program is intended to provide a balance between academic studies and “real world” work.

and guests the importance of the role they play in providing support to the soldier in the field. Simone spoke of his experiences in Viet Nam and how he waited for the helicopter that he knew would take him and his wounded buddies to safety—a helicopter that had been overhauled/repared at CCAD.

(The following is an email received by Cathy Castor, from the CCAD contracting office. Cathy forwarded same with the explanation that though not blood-related, she considers Mike her son. Mike, who is Cathy's daughter's best friend is a captain with the U.S. Army currently in Baghdad and in Cathy's words, "A wonderful young man and an awesome soldier. It [email] makes me realize that the war over there is far from over and our men and women are not just physically involved in conflict but have seen things they will never forget and that will forever change them. They more than deserve our support and prayers." With Veterans' Day so close, I felt it appropriate to include it in this week's issue. – Editor)

Do not be sad, be proud; he was a soldier

Hello Everyone,

Last night I attended the memorial service of a fellow sapper killed on October 27, 2003. Private Jonathan Falaniko was a sapper in the 70th Engineer Battalion, the Kodiaks, from Fort Riley, Kansas. He was killed instantly when he was struck by a rocket propelled grenade, or RPG, while helping secure a site just west of Baghdad where a bomb had been found on the side of the road. Jonathan was 20 years old. He joined the army on May 1, 2003.

I know Jonathan's father, Command Sergeant Major Ioakimo Falaniko, from my time on the 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade staff in Giessen, Germany. CSM Falaniko is the highest-ranking enlisted engineer in Baghdad. On September 29th, when I was hit by a bomb similar to the one Private Falaniko was guarding before he was killed, CSM Falaniko visited me with words of wisdom, strength, and prayers, within hours of me being wounded. And he was by his son's side within hours of him being killed. Yesterday, I had the chance to visit with CSM Falaniko for almost an hour. Although his heart was broke, his spirit was not. He takes pride in his son's accomplishments. He was proud his son was a soldier. He understands that soldiers make sacrifices. But that is part of being a soldier. This is war. It is what soldiers have done since the beginning of time. It is what soldiers will do for eternity. Soldiers, and their families, will continue to make the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation.

Tonight's memorial service was the first I have ever attended, and it will be one I will remember forever. There was a huge gathering of soldiers in an auditorium on the north side of Baghdad. They ranged from the privates sitting next to Jonathan when he was killed, to the highest ranking general in charge of all US forces in Iraq, Lieutenant General Richardo Sanchez. Every commander in Iraq in the soldier's change of command was present, from captain to 3-star general. And the engineers of Baghdad gathered the likes I have never seen, with representatives from all companies, battalions, brigades, and the Corps of Engineers. The thunder of a dozen helicopters could be heard overhead. Hymns were sung, the National Anthem was played, scripture was read, remarks were made. A moment of silence was announced, followed by the benediction from the brigade chaplain. Then Roll Call came. The names of soldiers were listed off, and each soldier sounded off with "Here, First Sergeant." And then, slowly, the name of the fallen was read. "Private Falaniko. Private Jonathan Falaniko. Private Jonathan Ioakimo Falaniko." But no answer was made, just perfect silence, and then the sound of the bugle playing Taps. Slowly, each soldier made his way to toward the display of Private Falaniko. His boots, his helmet, his weapon, his dog tags, his pictures, and his Bronze Star and Purple Heart, all displayed proudly in front of an American flag. Each soldier stood at attention, one by one, in front of the display and rendered a final salute.

At the end of the ceremony, Command Sergeant Major Falaniko boarded a helicopter to the Baghdad International Airport. He will escort his son from Baghdad, to Germany, where he will meet up with his family, and then continue on to his son's final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. I will always remember CSM Falaniko's words to me when he said, "Do not be sad, but be proud, he was a soldier."

Mike

Remembering those who served.

Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

VETERANS DAY IS A SOLEMN DAY TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR NATION IN WAR AND IN PEACE. THIS YEAR, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIANS HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF SERVING IN WARTIME. COUNTED AMONG THEM IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF RESERVISTS AND GUARDSMEN ACTIVATED SINCE THE KOREAN WAR.

THE WAR ON TERRORISM IS LIKE NO OTHER WAR WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT - AND IT IS FAR FROM OVER. WE WILL PREVAIL, BUT IT WILL REQUIRE OUR PATIENCE, OUR FULL COMMITMENT, AND THE WILL TO WIN AGAINST AN ENEMY WHO TRIES TO CREATE FEAR AND DESTROY FREEDOM.

WE HAVE SEEN TREMENDOUS DISPLAYS OF COURAGE, DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE TO DEFEAT THE TERRORISTS WHO ARE TARGETING THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES WITH HATRED AND INTOLERANCE. THIS TRADITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE LINKS THIS NEWEST GENERATION OF VETERANS TO THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND DEFENDED OUR NATION WITH HONOR AND DEDICATION DURING PREVIOUS TIMES OF THREAT.

(PARA) THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND I JOIN OUR FELLOW AMERICANS IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS, THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE AND THE COURAGE THEY HAVE DISPLAYED IN DEFENDING FREEDOM AND SECURITY AROUND THE WORLD.

SIGNED RICHARD B. MYERS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

**It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
who has given us the right to vote.**

**It is the VETERAN
who salutes the Flag,
who serves under the Flag,
who has given his/her life for the flag.**



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DOD-wide life saving program here at CCAD



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Fred Salinas, QA inspector in the T700 shop, also joined the registry. "I hope they find a matching recipient for me," said Salinas.

Jim Budney for supporting this life-saving drive," stated Perez.

"This program is very good. They should do it more often. It didn't hurt a bit," said Juanita Wigsмоen from the directorate of quality assurance after her blood sample was drawn. SGM Scott Hendershott had the honor of being the 100th potential donor to join the registry.

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"I am very happy and thankful for your help and also express my appreciation to our CCAD family for their great support. I also thank Col.

For more information about the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program, call 1-800-MARROW-3 or visit the web site at www.dodmarrow.com.



Members of the CCAD family include father Mike (r), and son Ruben (l) Guevarra. Mike is a 19-year CCAD employee in the directorate of quality assurance and Ruben is with the co-op training program working in the directorate of engine production at time of photo.



Dianne L. Warren has been promoted to the position of chief of the Lean Office at Corpus Christi Army Depot. The Lean Office is responsible for planning and executing Lean manufacturing, methods improvements, and work standards initiatives. Warren who started working at the depot since November 1981 as an Industrial Engineer, has served as project manager for various modernization programs. She was appointed to the position of commercial activities program manager in April 1998 and promoted to the position of recapitalization project manager in February 2002. Warren is a graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station where she earned a BS degree in industrial engineering. She is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas.



Carol Bullington has recently been selected as chief of Corpus Christi Army Depot's Business Development Office. Business development personnel are responsible for the depot's force modernization, logistics modernization, and public-private partnering strategies. Bullington began her 28-year career at the depot in 1975 in the secretarial field. Since then, she has held positions as mechanics helper, materials expeditor, and production controller. From 1990 on, she has held quality assurance, industrial specialist, and business development specialist positions. Bullington completed her MBA studies at Texas A&M - Corpus Christi in 1995 and graduated from the USDA Women's Executive Leadership Program in 1996.

