



CIMS thanks vets with food, flag

CIMS team members came together to observe the nation's birthday while honoring some of the department's veterans who have helped protect the country's freedom.

Mary Esther Gaitan, Senior Real Estate Specialist, celebrated the return of her 48-star U.S. flag by having a luncheon for CIMS military veterans and re-hanging the flag. The flag, which

draped the coffin of Gaitan's uncle, was missing for a couple of days from the Municipal Plaza Building 4th floor.

Gaitan, shown addressing some of the veterans in the left photo, and colleagues served a "good old 4th of July menu." Afterward, the veterans hung Gaitan's flag on the second floor (right photo).



Bennett, James Blount, Julio Gomez, Jose Hernandez, Samuel Hutchins IV, Victor Maldonado, Manuel Martinez, Mauro Moncada, Fred Rojas, Derik Samuelson, John Wolters.

U.S. Marines: Fernando Lopez, Thomas Nixon, Ricardo Ramirez III.

U.S. Navy: Carroll Coston, Anthony B. Perez, Jackson Whalen.

CIMS salutes our employees who served or are serving in the military:

U.S. Air Force: John Donnelly, Juan Frausto (as well as U.S. Army), **Manuel Garcia Jr., Hugh Guillen, Mick Haase, Carlos Mendez, Jorge A. Perez, Kevin Schmitz, Edward Scott, David W. Sesters.**

U.S. Army: John Barrera, James



Technical Services inspectors win 2nd place at golf tourney

A golf team composed of mostly CIMS Technical Services senior construction inspectors surveyed the Olmos Basin Golf Course just right.

The team of **Ricardo Montes, Paul McClure, and Mario Vasquez** (left to right in the photo) from Technical Services and Manuel Flores from

Community Initiatives won second place at the 2009 City Employee SportsFest Golf Tournament. They shot 10 under for a score of 62, just one stroke behind the winning team.

SportsFest is an annual series of athletic events organized by volunteer City employees. The program offers a variety



of co-ed sporting events.

Other sports in the program are horseshoes, bowling, softball,

basketball, kickball, volleyball, soccer, flag football, and tennis. Call 207-4226 for details.

From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

This month our great country celebrates its 233rd birthday. In terms of world history, the United States is still a relatively young nation.

In the late 1700s, the Founding Fathers had the foresight to lay out the systems and rules to create and sustain this country. Our civic leaders since then have tweaked government here and there as different situations arise and to keep the nation running as intended.

The big news these days, of course, is the economic recession, how much worse it will get, how long it will last, and how we will emerge from this challenge. San Antonio, for the most part, has fared better than many communities across the U.S.

I can assure you that City of San Antonio leaders are doing everything possible to minimize the recession's impact on citizens, services, and employees. This summer, management and Council are addressing City service priorities and financial policies for the fiscal 2010 proposed budget and planning for the fiscal 2011 budget plan. Just like 233 years ago, we are looking ahead.



Yes, our nation's past is filled with leaders who have made difficult decisions for the sake of survival. Despite the economic uncertainty, the United States and San Antonio will rise again and help secure our dreams of a great future.

History shows our country has had dark days, and we survived each one. As we observe our nation's birthday, I know we will come out of our current situation stronger than ever.

Speaking of birthdays, thank you to CIMS colleagues who helped celebrate my birthday June 1.

Happy July birthday

Happy birthday to CIMS team members born in July:

Jesus Rodriguez, Horizontal (2nd); **Jesse Acosta**, Fiscal Services (5th); **Alan Mota**, Contract Services (7th); **Chester Slimp**, Vertical (9th); **Juan Tapia**, Technical Services (12th); **Mauro Moncada**, Technical Services (13th).

Carlos Gallegos, Technical Services (14th); **Julio Gomez**, Technical Services (20th); **Monica Vasquez**, Fiscal Services (21st); **David Sanchez**, Real Estate (23rd); **Henry Estrada**, Public Art San Antonio (25th).

Jackson Whalen, Technical Services (25th); **Johnny Saldaña**, Real Estate (26th); **Theresa Larson**, Environmental Management (27th); **Juan Mata**, Technical Services (29th); **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, Horizontal (30th); **Manuel Garcia**, Technical Services (31st).



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CIMS Mission Statement

Together, Dedicated to Our Community ...
Building a Great San Antonio



Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking



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Thank you Trudy



CIMS Director/City Engineer **Mike Frisbie**, P.E., and department staff look on as Trudy Bussey speaks at her farewell reception June 5. Bussey was Frisbie's Executive Secretary for 18 months.