



## CCAD welcomes new deputy

**R**oy P. (Pat) Oler comes to CCAD with a wealth of Army aviation maintenance knowledge. The 27-year Army veteran, commissioned after his 1970 graduation from Tarleton State University where he was a member of the Army ROTC, started his Army career in the Transportation Corps. After attending the Transportation Officer's Basic Course, Oler went through flight school and later, the Aircraft Maintenance Officer's Course and the Maintenance Test Pilot Course.

During his Army career, Oler served



Pat Oler (l), takes the oath of office as the new CCAD deputy to the commander. Sgt. Maj. Scott Hendershott (r), representing CCAD Commander, Col. Jim Budney, administered the oath in the commander's absence.

in many levels of command and worked on the Department of the Army (DA) Staff in the office of Mr. Joseph P. Cribbins, followed by an assignment as military assistant to then Lt. Gen. Jimmy Ross the DA deputy chief of staff for

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## AMCOM LAR-U at CCAD conducts training

by Bob Jones  
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Battle damage assessment and repair, or BDAR as it is commonly referred to, has once again taken center stage in the combat aviation arena. Recent events in South West Asia have reaffirmed the necessity for effective and responsive BDAR skills and techniques. The Army's BDAR program was last updated in the mid 80s, and since then has had no further appreciable modernization. The Logistics Assistance Representative-University (LAR-U) training program, under the

organizational leadership of Norbert Lutz, logistics assistance division chief, provides advanced depot level aviation training to worldwide AMCOM field logistics assistance personnel. The program operates under the complete support of AMCOM senior leadership and Col. James J. Budney, commander, CCAD. The addition of BDAR training to the AMCOM LAR-U curriculum seemed to fit well.

Mike Johnson, AMCOM director aviation training, soon determined that the updated BDAR skills needed to train our LARs were just not readily available within the Army. Johnson contacted Mel Dobbins, senior aircraft structures instructor at Corpus Christi Army Depot, for assistance. After considerable research, Dobbins contacted the U.S Air Force Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Robins AFB, Ga. for their assistance. The Air Force not only had

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Roy Carrizales, from the directorate of components production instrument shop and spouse Irene, had more than the Christmas holiday to celebrate in Dec. – daughter Veronica Carrizales' graduation from TAMU-CC with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and the birth of their first grandchild, Bella Marez.



Glenda Turner, from the directorate of components production's instrument shop, and spouse Huey, celebrated daughter Natasha's graduation from TAMU-CC with a bachelor's degree in business.



**(Above left):** Col. Jim Budney (l), Norbert Lutz, AMCOM logistics assistance division chief (c), and Tom Diaz-de Leon (r), are shown during the recent LAR-U graduation ceremony. **(Above right):** Lutz (l), congratulates Mel Dobbins, aircraft structures instructor. Lutz presented On-the-Spot cash awards to CCAD instructors Diaz-de Leon and Dobbins for their professionalism and outstanding contributions to the LAR-U advanced technical training program. The program's success is built around the skills and cooperation of the CCAD and AMCOM instructor staff.



Twin brothers Danny (l) and Randy Havel (r), retired on Jan 2 after 38 years at CCAD. Said Randy, "We came to work at CCAD on the same day, and we're leaving on the same day." Marcia Davenport (c), also retired on Jan 2 after 37 years. The three are among 23 CCAD employees who retired this month whose cumulative length of service sums up nearly 800 years.

# GONE FISHIN'

Congratulations, CCAD retirees, and thank you for your service to our country. May you enjoy the best of health in your new adventure.

Director of Quality Assurance

Pedro DeLeon, Jr. – 36 years  
Manuel Vasquez – 38 years

Directorate of Resource Management

Gwendolyn B. Grace – 27 years

Directorate of Engineering Services

Rodolfo Rodela – 33 years

Directorate of Production Management

Marcia O. Davenport – 37 years  
Randy R. Havel – 38 years  
Antonio F. Martinez – 21 years  
Enrique R. Perez – 32 years

Directorate of Aircraft Production

Andres B. Lara – 41 years  
Crescencio (Cris) Santos, Jr. – 33 years

Directorate of Components Production

William C. Chism – 39 years  
Joy D. Collins – 37 years  
Lydia R. Gonzáles – 35 years  
Refugio A. (RA) Guzman – 37 years  
Daniel C. Havel – 38 years  
Ronald S. Lauritzen – 32 years  
Oscar Lopez – 40 years

Directorate of Components Production

Gerardo Silva – 31 years  
George V. Wilmot – 39 years  
David A. Zepeda – 32 years  
Eloisa Figueroa Paulino – 25 years

Directorate of Engine Production

Hilario Villarreal – 39 years

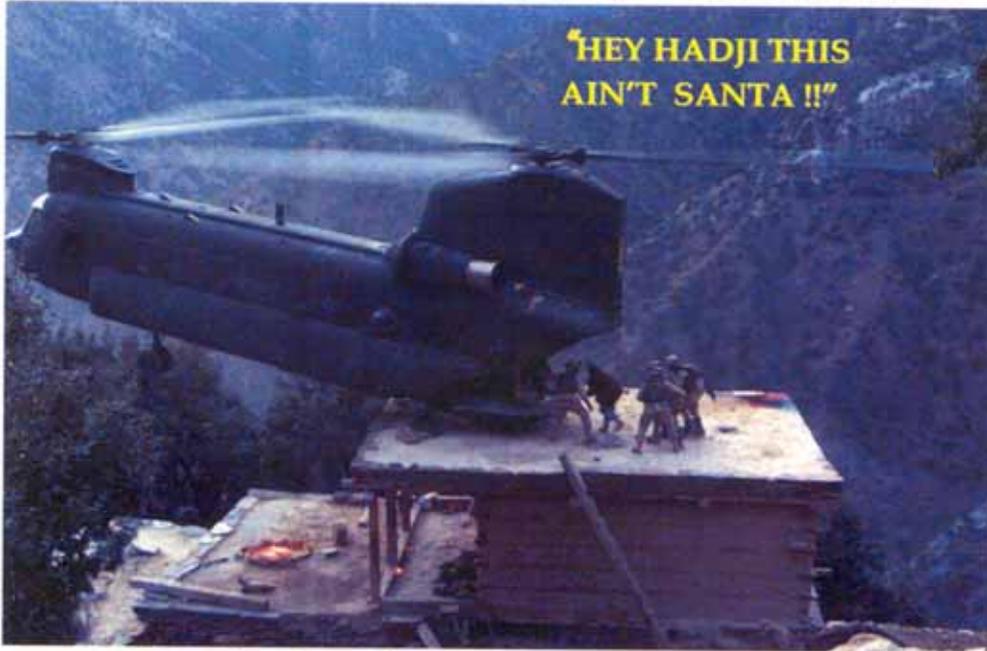
Directorate of Manufacturing/Process

Richard S. Lewandowski – 34 years



# OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

BAGRAM AIRFIELD & KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE COMMANDER, STAFF AND SOLDIERS  
OF COMPANY G, 104<sup>TH</sup> AVIATION REGIMENT

*James Brown*

*Tate Moore*

*Joshua Skovell*

*Mark Wood*  
104<sup>th</sup> AVN

*Mark Wood*

The magic of Christmas never ends, and its greatest gift is family and friends. Wishing you all the magic and joy of the Christmas Season.

*St. Carolyn Barr*

*Ben Tracy*

*Ryan Wood*

*Mark Wood*  
DAVE WOOD  
Yankee 6

*Mark Wood*  
T.J.M. Design

PA | CT ARNG

"DAMN YANKEES!"

This Christmas card was sent by the commander and troops of Co G 104 AVN of the Pennsylvania ARNG currently serving in Afghanistan. A crew from the unit picked up Chinook aircraft #1C105 86-01674 after undergoing overhaul/repair process at CCAD. Although late, I felt it important that CCAD employees know that the troops in SWA know and appreciate your support.

- Aircraftsman Editor

## Engineering Services establishes customer information desk

The directorate engineering services (DES) has established a customer information desk, located in the joiner shop, building 8. The information desk is established to receive ALL DES facilities and equipment maintenance (FEM) work order inquiries and provide status pertaining to production equipment and facilities projects. The DES goal is, "We value our customers and we work to provide courteous service and best support possible." Points of contact at the customer information desk are Betty Price 1-6714 and Celia Castro 1-6715.



Celia Castro (left) and Betty Price (right), are the two new DES customer service representatives, ready to provide assistance on FEM work order inquiries and status on production equipment and facilities projects.

**Days of operation**  
**Monday - Friday**

**Hours of operation**  
**0600 - 1430**

**FEM Program Manager**  
**Cruz Escamilla 1-3010 ext 259**

## Unfinished business brings new D2C to S. Texas

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logistics. Oler also served as chief of depot maintenance at then U.S. Army Aviation Support Command at St. Louis, Mo., deployed during the Gulf War and remembers meeting Joe Garcia from the CCAD directorate of quality assurance and a CCAD maintenance team there. Oler then returned to St. Louis where he became product manager for acquisition of the Army's new training helicopter and after promotion to the rank of colonel, was selected to be the project manager for aviation electronic combat.

After his retirement in 1997, Oler was hired by DynCorp in Ft. Worth where he worked on major contracts between DynCorp and U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command at Huntsville, Ala. until Jun. of last year when he left to start his own

consulting business.

Oler recalls that when fellow Army retirees contacted him about the deputy job at CCAD, he first felt he wasn't interested.

"I thought, I have a nice home on the golf course, my two children and grandchildren are within 30 minutes, I'm working out of my home...I just didn't think I wanted to leave all that," he recalls. "Then I remembered that as a young captain at Ft Eustis I met Mr. Cribbins and

decided I wanted to be an aviation logistician. The Army assignments officer had asked for a career development plan from me and among the things I listed was working in the Pentagon for Mr. Cribbins and the various command assignments. The last thing on my list was an assignment as director of maintenance at

CCAD. I realized I had accomplished everything on my 1975 list except for director of maintenance at CCAD. I saw this as my opportunity to achieve that goal."

When Oler told his family of his decision, his children were not exactly happy about it. Once he explained the reason, they responded with "Dad, you've got to do it."

Oler and his wife, Jennifer, who grew up together in Greenville, Tex. and started dating during their junior high school days, have been married for over 34 years. They have one son and one daughter, both married, and two granddaughters, all residing in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

"I realize I have a lot to learn. I am eager to learn all that I can, quickly, so that I can become a productive member of the CCAD team, and hopefully make a difference in the way that we support Army Aviation. I firmly believe that CCAD is a national asset and feel honored to have been selected for this position," says Oler.

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CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT  
COL JAMES J. BUDNEY, JR.  
DEPOT COMMANDER

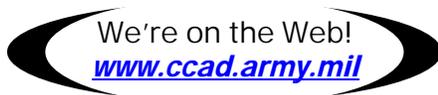
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My Friends,

The time has come for me to exit CCAD quietly. It has been a pleasant journey the past 30 (plus) years of service. I can not say I will not miss CCAD. It has been good to me and my family. Without this job I would have not accomplished the many goals I had set for my family and myself. I have no regrets! When I first started working out here I had three priorities in my life – my God, my family, and my job – in this order. Without any one of these priorities it would have been impossible for me to have succeeded.

I would like to share a note I found in an old book when I first started to work out here. I have held on to it for the past 30 years as a reminder for me. I don't remember the title but here it is:

"You say you love me, but sometimes you don't show it. In the beginning you could not do enough for me. Now you seem to take me for granted. Some days I wonder if I mean anything to you at all. Maybe when I'm gone you'll appreciate me and all the things I do for you. I'm responsible for the food on your table, for the clothes you wear, for the welfare of your home, for the thousand-and-one things you want and need. Why, if it weren't for me, you wouldn't have the car you drive. I've kept quiet and waited to see how long it would take for you to realize how much you really need me. Cherish me....and I'll take good care of you. Who am I? I'm your job."

Enough said. I will be leaving a lot of friends behind but I will not forget you. Several of you played a big part for me being in the position from which I am retiring today and I thank you. I will always be proud to say I worked at CCAD and the service I have given to my country. God bless all of you and your families.

Respectfully,  
Gerardo (Jerry) Silva, Chief, XMSN/Gearbox Div

## Advanced depot-level training available

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BDAR training available but offered to send two of their BDAR instructors, Tech. Sgt. Brent Mewszel and Tech. Sgt. Sean Hackney to teach a 48-hour "pilot" BDAR course at LAR-U as part of the ongoing Phase I LAR training program. The course combined classroom and structured hands-on training and was significantly enhanced by the efforts of Dobbins, who was instrumental in locating and acquiring actual UH-60 structures and components for use as training aids. Trainees were able to perform actual structural, pneudraulic, fuel and electrical BDAR on UH-60 structural



Mel Dobbins and BDAR instructors Tech. Sgt. Hackney and Tech. Sgt. Mewszel observe hands-on repair procedure.

making combat maintenance /BDAR a relevant part of the Objective Force. It is a unique opportunity that provides the LAR advanced up-to-date technical knowledge and skills to better serve and support the soldier in the field.

As aviation maintenance continues to evolve and become ever more technically challenging, so must the technical expertise of those who support it. The readiness of Army aviation maintenance is greatly enhanced by the addition of BDAR to the LAR-U curriculum and ensures that competency and professionalism remain the cornerstone of

the aviation logistics assistance representative today and into the future. It is cooperation and professionalism such as that exhibited by this joint training effort that is truly indicative of the attitude we, in the Department of Defense, must adopt if we are to continue to meet the challenges of the future.



LARs Brian Newton and Dennis Mullen prepare to make repair.

members and components.

This joint service BDAR "pilot" training was conducted Dec 4-11 and was very successful, both in terms of training and sharing technologies and innovative cutting edge advancements in BDAR. The joint effort has provided a roadmap to further develop and reach the Army's goal of

**Security Awareness**

**Mandatory annual training for all employees is ongoing. Check with directorate admin officer for more information.**