



## CCAD welcomes 21st Commander

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With the 62<sup>nd</sup> Army Band Brass Quintet and Drummer from Ft. Bliss, Tex. playing “The Yellow Rose of Texas,” Patricia Valdez, command secretary, handed a bouquet of three yellow roses to DeNise Budney, outgoing commander’s spouse as a symbol of friendship and gratitude and to Linda Sassenrath, incoming commander’s spouse, as a friendly welcome. This depot tradition started the ceremony that saw the transfer of command from Col. James J. Budney, Jr. to Col. Timothy A. Sassenrath, the 21<sup>st</sup> commander at Corpus Christi Army Depot on Fri., Jul. 30.

“This is really a fantasy come true,” said Budney to the crowd of approximately 600 guests and depot employees, recalling his first visit to CCAD as a captain. “I met a young bar back, Mo Garza, at the (Naval Air Station) Corpus Christi Bay Club who told me that one day he would be running the lounge. ‘Sure,’ I said, ‘and one day I’m going to command Corpus Christi Army Depot,’” he chuckled. “This is a pinnacle assignment for an Army Aviator.”

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Budney had been in command two months when the 9/11 terrorist attacks occurred. The war on terrorism brought about surges on production of aircraft components needed for support of the war effort.

“I looked at the supply status and



Col. Timothy A. Sassenrath, incoming depot commander, accepts the CCAD flag from Maj. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, commanding general, AMCOM, to signify assumption of command of Corpus Christi Army Depot. The Change of Command ceremony was held on Fri. in CCAD Hangar 45.

found one 701C engine and one Apache transmission on hand,” said Budney as he thanked the depot workforce for their contributions. “You stepped up to the plate and ensured that the assets the warfighter needed were on hand.”

Maj. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, praised Budney and the depot workforce telling them that the depot’s reputation is “top-notch” with the warfighter.

“During the ten days I visited Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq, not once did I hear a complaint about CCAD,” said Pillsbury. “The bad guys do not attack when the convoys have air cover. Your work ensures that the assets are in place to save lives.”

Sassenrath comes to the depot from the Pentagon where he was deputy director of Army Safety. He received his Regular Army commission as a transportation officer and distinguished graduate from the Reserve Officer’s Training Corps Program at Northeast Missouri State University in May 1981. After completion of the Transportation Officer Basic Course and earning the Army Aviator Badge, Sassenrath was assigned to Fort Bragg, N. C. where he served in various capacities in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne

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# Around CCAD...



Joe Herrera, director of engine production (l), presented Eddie Longoria a 20-year length of service certificate and pin. Longoria works in the T700 subassembly branch.

**One last game**— The CCAD “Command Golf Team” consisting of (photo at right; l-r) Jorge Aguilar, Lee Haynes, Col. Jim Budney, and Oscar Recio enjoyed a last golf outing on Fri., Jul. 23 at the Gulf Winds Golf Club. First place went to Art Maldonado; second to Amando Garcia;



and coming in third was Jorge Aguilar. Longest drive honors went to Lee Haynes from the directorate of manufacturing and process production. Budney and his team were joined by members of the CCAD workforce and the CCAD partners. Seemed a fitting farewell to Budney, an avid golfer.

## New CCAD commander *(continued from page 1)*

Corps. Following assignments in Germany, Ft Riley, Kan., Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Hunter Army Air Field, Ga. before serving at the Pentagon. In addition to the Transportation Officer Basic Course, Sassenrath is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Naval War College. He holds two masters degrees; an MA in Administration from Central Michigan State University, and an MA in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. His

awards include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, with five Oak Leaf Clusters (OLCs) the Army Commendation Medal with four OLCs, the Joint and Army Achievement Medals, and Southwest Asia Campaign and Service Medals. His qualification badges include the Senior Aviator Badge, the Army Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Badge. He is a veteran of Grenada and

Desert Storm. He and his wife Linda have three daughters, Kelly, 17; Kari, 15; and Kimberly, 12.

“I feel like a sixteen-year-old who has been handed the keys to a Ferrari,” Sassenrath said of his assumption of command. “I know it will go really fast, but I’m a little scared of denting the fenders. But I take this very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to command this depot.”

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*--Col. James J. Budney, Jr.*

## WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY LUNCHEON— AUG. 26 @ CC BAY CLUB

### Women’s Equality Day

It was a 72-year struggle, but the Women’s Rights Movement succeeded in getting the women the right to vote. These women risked attack and arrest to organize marches, boycotts, and pickets for their cause and finally on August 26, 1920 the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

Today, women have endless opportunities. Women’s Equality Day honors

the courageous women who were determined to effect changes needed to provide women the opportunity to participate in our democracy, improve our society. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as “Women’s Equality Day”.

Corpus Christi Army Depot opened job opportunities for women with Discovery Week, a program developed in the early 1980s to give women in the general schedule (GS) field an opportunity to observe and work in the “blue collar” field. This led to women applying and being accepted into the apprentice program and being trained for the highly skilled journeyman level jobs. Other areas in which women employees at CCAD have succeeded have been the upward mobility programs such as the intern program and the student career experience program, formerly known as the Co-op Program. Women at CCAD have the opportunity to land highly skilled, highly paid positions. *by Brenda Mack, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity*

# Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom Images

**M**edics rush an Iraqi patient onto a medical evacuation helicopter in Samara, Iraq. The Iraqi was shot in the neck during a firefight. The Soldiers are assigned to the 1st Infantry Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment. The "Big Red One" division is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This photo appeared on [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

*Photo by Pvt. Brandi Marshall, August 4, 2004*



**S**oldiers sling-load a vehicle to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during an operation near Bagram, Afghanistan. The Soldiers are assigned to the 25th Infantry Division supporting the Joint Logistics Command during Operation Enduring Freedom. This photo appeared on [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

*Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Watkinkeough, July 29, 2004*



*"The transmission that you worked to double the capacity to ensure that there are enough on the shelf so that it's in the aircraft may mean that a pilot has a wingman out there to protect him instead of him having to go it alone, or that there's cover for a convoy." —Col. Timothy A. Sassenrath, new commander addressing the CCAD workforce, Jul. 30*

**S**pecial Forces Soldiers and a Marine Corps contingent maintain security as a medical evacuation helicopter lands to evacuate wounded Coalition personnel after a combat action south of Camp Blessing, Afghanistan. The Army is working with other services to defeat terrorism in Afghanistan. This photo appeared on [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

*Photo by Department of Defense, July 7, 2004*



## Family member achievements...

**Army Aviation Association of America awards scholarships**— The Corpus Christi Chapter, AAAA, held its annual scholarship awards on Fri. Jul. 9. Jackie Flores, daughter of Juan Flores, employee in the directorate of components production (seen in photo at right) earned the \$1,000 scholarship. Dallas Rees, son of Kevin Rees, chief of aviation, missile research development and engineering center (also seen in photo at right) and Juan Cantu, son of Juan (directorate of aircraft production) and San Juanita (directorate of components production) Cantu (unavailable for photo) each received \$550 scholarships.



Scholarships are awarded on merit and a written essay. The Corpus Christi Chapter thanks Leonore Delos Santos from Texas A&M—Corpus Christi for her assistance in ranking the essays.

Scholarships are open to all AAAA members and their families. For more information on the scholarship program, contact Annette Cross, vice-president for benefits at 361.961.4645, extension 257 or stop by the Public Affairs/Protocol Office in CCAD Headquarters, Bldg 8, Room 124

## Fire Prevention Week/Fire Safety

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK FACT #3:

In 1999, children playing with fire started 41,900 fires that were reported to U.S. fire departments, causing an estimated 165 civilian deaths, 1,901 civilian injuries, and \$272 million in direct property damage.

Source: NFPA's Children Playing with Fire, November 2003

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**Engine Familiarization Training graduates:**  
 (Photo at left) 1<sup>st</sup> row (l-r): Gilbert Gonzalez, Fermin Garza, John Griffin, James Morrison, Victor Ochoa (Honor Graduate); 2<sup>nd</sup> row (l-r): Joe Herrera (Director of Engine Production), Albert Villarreal, Jose Reyes, Christopher Powell, Fred Saenz, and Earl Walters (instructor).



(Top photo): Herrera (l) hands training certificate to Connie Gonzalez (unavailable for group photo).

## First intra-directorate engine training class graduates ten students

by Earl Walters, Instructor, Engine Familiarization Training



The Army's leadership manual extols four tenets of leadership: Leading, caring, maintaining, and training. Here at CCAD our depot mission includes producing. A thorough understanding of these principals reveals training to be the foundation for all the others.

With a college degree in occupational education, Joe Herrera understands this and has initiated an intra-directorate training program.

The first course to be developed was T700 Turbine Engine Familiarization. On July 29, the directorate of engine production graduated ten of its personnel from this class. An additional T55 Turbine Engine Familiarization Class has also been developed that includes the T712, T714, and T714A Engines.

The new T700-701D and the T55-GA714A engines will be arriving at CCAD all too soon. The proactive training programs that have been initiated will increase each mechanic's base knowledge, raise morale, and prepare us to meet the new work ahead.

Joe Herrera shared a training lesson with the class that he learned while working at Kelly AFB. Due to a lack of training, a small preventable refueling mistake ultimately caused two casualties and the catastrophic destruction of a multi-million dollar B-52 Bomber. Lessons like that are too tragic and too expensive to ignore. Our soldiers in the field depend on CCAD for a quality product - their lives depend on it!

Training is imperative to building a better future!



## Army Focus Area: Task Force Logistics restructures theater

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 3, 2004) - A Task Force Logistics conference July 28-30 at Fort Lee, Va., asked operations officers from the field to provide their take on the new Theater Sustainment Command.

This conference was the most recent phase of Task Force Logistics' design of a new organizational structure that will help the Army be more effective and efficient in its battlefield operations, officials said.

"We're bringing in the best and brightest from the field to get the fields' expertise," said Col. John Wharton, Task Force Logistics deputy.

Field attendees include operations officers from major military commands, the current theater support commands, and joint commands, Wharton said. The invited joint commands represented a push to involve all the services in the development of the joint-capable TSC.

"Certainly (Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker) has made it clear that he is a joint Soldier first," Wharton said.

The changes in logistics have been in the making since February when the chief of staff approved the separate focus area task force for logistics.

The new TSC will eliminate layering of commands by combining operational level functions of the current corps support command and the theater support command, officials said.

"(Theater Sustainment Command) is going to work on (eliminating) redundancy and maximizing flexibility," said Maj Chris Stolz, Task Force Logistics operations officer. "We want to maximize throughput by knowing demands and tailoring to the needs of the units of actions."

TSC will be a modular organization with a standard headquarters and subordinate support units tailored for the mission requirements of specific operations. Modular subordinate units will provide capabilities for theater opening; theater distribution; medical; petroleum, oils and lubri-

cants; aviation, civil engineering and multifunctional supply, maintenance and transportation support.

Wharton emphasized the collaboration with CASCOM to develop new standard requirement codes, known as (SRCs, that are associated with tables of organization. He said SRC teams as small as one or two Soldiers will be able to provide support based on their specific capabilities. Currently, a whole unit would be required to be mobilized to provide support for a job that could be done by a few.

TSC will work under the new unit of employment operational headquarters known as the UEy, with the TSC commander serving as the senior Army logistics commander in the UEy. TSC headquarters will provide command and control of assigned, attached and operationally controlled units.

Sustainment brigades will provide support to operational-level units in the UEy's area of operations and sustainment support to tactical-level forces engaged in combat in forward areas. This will allow throughput of critical sustainment, like fuel and ammunition, from the theater logistics hubs at ports to brigade units of action engaged in combat, Stolz said.

Right now, both COSCOM and TSC have to funnel supplies and services through different layers of management before getting to Soldiers in the rear and forward of the battle areas. With the new technology, trucks will be able to transport materiel right from the ports to the brigade or units of action where they are needed, officials said.

Eventually, predictive technology will even be able to tell where units of action will be and what they will need, officials said. They said, consequently, UAs will have their necessary supplies even sooner. This technology is still in the conceptual phase, officials added, but said the prediction will take into account the

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*Welcome to CCAD  
Col. & Mrs. Sassenrath  
and Family!*

(1) Official party arrives: (l-r) Col. James J. Budney, Jr., outgoing CCAD commander; Maj. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command; and Col. Timothy A. Sassenrath, incoming CCAD commander; (2) Sassenrath accepts the CCAD colors, symbolic acceptance of responsibility for the depot from Pillsbury; (3) Sassenrath moves to the CCAD commander's position to the right of Pillsbury as Budney moves to his left; (4) Pillsbury presents Budney the Legion of Merit with spouse DeNise standing by; (5) Budney receives the ceremonial Flag after the reading of his retirement orders as (6) Pat Valdez, command secretary wipes away a tear. Seen behind Valdez is former command secretary Dina Graves, now retired with CW4(Ret) Jimmy Johnston to Valdez's right. Also seen is Mo Garza from the CC Bay Club; (7) (l-r) Cpl. Justin Noone, USMC, a Budney family friend; James J. Budney, Sr.; Jimmy Budney; Jonathan Budney; Jennifer Budney; and DeNise; (8) After the ceremony, new CCAD Commander Sassenrath prepares to cut the ceremonial cake; (9) Sassenrath is joined by his family (front row l-r): daughters Kimberly; Kelly; and Kari (back row l-r) spouse Linda and sister Marie Johns; (10) The CCAD First Family pose for a photo in front of a UH-60 Black Hawk on display for the ceremony.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND IMAGES**

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT

Col. Timothy A. Sassenrath, Commander

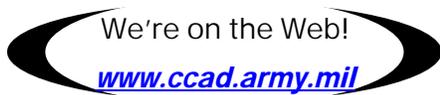
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operational environment of the units and anticipate their needs, Stolz said.

The big difference is in the way that the logistics systems will operate, according to Stolz. He called the present systems "stove-piped systems" that do not talk to each other. The emerging systems have integrated communications, Stolz said. This means that the logistics information system will receive all requirements and the computer network will show that.

"The big difference is everybody will see what everyone else sees," Stolz said. In the past units could only see what affected their specific segment, he said. With integrated communications, it will be possible to look down the entire pipeline and speed the process by prioritization and reallocation, Stolz said.

The objective is to get rid of the layering of commands and redundant combat services support activities to get the necessary services to the field, Stolz said.

"The Soldier is going to see that he or she is not going to have to ask for the same thing two or three times," Stolz said. "Soldiers will see shortened echelons of support, but the support that is forward with them is much more robust."

The goal is have much

more rapidly deployed equipment and the way to do that is through visibility to the Soldier and the command, Stolz said. The command will be able to know where the Soldier is and what he or she needs and the Soldier will know when he or she will be receiving the supplies needed.

TF Logistics is working with the Army Logistics community (Army Staff, the Army Materiel Command, the Army theater support commands) to develop the required capabilities based upon tasks, functions, and missions. Collaboration includes work with the Joint Forces Command and several regional combatant commands according to Stolz.

"Everybody knows we have to do this, everybody wants to see it done and everybody is working to get it done as quickly as possible," Stolz said.

The new modular structure is underway with brigade combat teams and the 3rd Infantry Division which now has four units of action, Stolz said. He said it's now imperative is to implement an end-to-end distribution system that can support the modular Army. TF Logistics hopes to have 80% of the TSC design in place no later than Sept. 30, Wharton said.