



## PDMSS—a tool of the trade

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The program, depot maintenance scheduling system (PDMSS) is an automated tool developed to support the tracking and scheduling of aircraft through the depot overhaul and rebuild process. The PDMSS team develops network schedules for each of the aircraft product lines. These networks chart the entire repair, overhaul, and maintenance process, determining how many days are required in each of the major phases of repair/overhaul. PDMSS will not only show the tools and parts needed, but will also show when they are needed in the repair process. The resourcing function is possible by developing detailed logic network flow diagrams with a detailed task level network. The resulting flow diagram depicts when, and for how long, the air-

craft is scheduled in each stage of work. PDMSS is a flexible tool which allows for each network to be customized uniquely for each product line and the various statements of work within that product line. In short, the networks can be customized down to the aircraft tail

number for each phase. To accomplish this detailed network, the PDMSS team works with the artisans on the floor to determine the sequence and durations of the tasks performed on the aircraft. This approach creates an esprit de corps with the

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Lydia Wohltman (left) and Pete Rivera, Director of Resource Management, listen as Don Mendez (back to camera), Glenn Heimbigner, and Susan Wade, from Directorate of Aircraft Production, brief PDMSS to Col Budney in the PSA hangar.

## Short story about President's Day

Until 1971, both February 12 and February 22 were observed as federal holidays to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and George Washington (Feb. 22).

In 1971 President Richard Nixon

proclaimed one single federal holiday, **President's Day**, to be observed on the third Monday of February (this year it's on the 17<sup>th</sup>), honoring all past presidents of the United States of America.

*Note: The Federal statute designates this day as Washington's Birthday. President Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the holiday as "President's Day" in 1971. President Nixon erroneously believed that a Presidential proclamation on the matter carried the same weight as an Executive Order. Since that change in 1971, the common term has been "President's Day".*

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## New Safety Store vendor

The CCAD Safety Store announces the addition of a new shoe vendor to the list of retailers now selling safety footwear. Effective February 10, 2003, CINTAS (the uniform people) will open a new retail outlet. It will be located at 301 Junior Beck Drive in Corpus Christi. To get there from CCAD, travel west on S.P.I.D. and exit at Bear Lane. Turn left onto Bear Lane and left again into the Industrial Technology Park. Go about 1/4 mile and CINTAS will be on the right. Your Safety Store points-of-contact are: Don Hahn, 961-4285; Victor Pena, 961-4285; or Primus Murphy, 961-4700.



Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (left foreground) stopped by the transmission shop during his visit to CCAD on Jan 30 to present AMCOM coins to Terry Burgess from the directorate of production management (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Jerry Silva, from the directorate of components production, and several other employees from the transmission shop. Dodgen thanked the employees for their work on the APACHE transmission surge, which has produced 54 transmissions so far. Col. Jim Budney, CCAD commander (partially hidden behind Dodgen) and James Flinn, deputy to the commanding general (c), and John Chapman from the AMCOM integrated materiel management center (not pictured) accompanied Dodgen on his tour of the depot.

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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## Chris and the Globetrotters

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Ever since I saw the first Harlem Globetrotters game on television more-years-than-I-care-to-mention ago, I have wanted to see them play in person. When I heard that they were playing at Corpus Christi's Memorial Coliseum on Jan. 28, and that the son of one of CCAD's own was a member of the team, I immediately went about getting tickets.

Brenda Mack, equal employment opportunity specialist in CCAD's EEO office is the proud mom of Chris Richardson, the newest member of the Harlem Globetrotters. Chris, a graduate of Carroll High School and University of Las Vegas - Nevada, joined the Globetrotters last Aug. as a forward. Corpus Christi was one of their stops in Texas on their 2003 World Tour.

"Chris played football in school and



Chris Richardson (left), forward with the Harlem Globetrotters, visited with mom, Brenda Mack, from the CCAD EEO Office during the team's stop in Corpus Christi as part of their 2003 World Tour.

switched to basketball in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade because he got too tall to play football," said Brenda.

When Chris was first picked up by the Globetrotters, he was placed on the East Team, so he called and told his mom he probably would not be home for a while. Before the start of their world tour, the team switched him to the West Team so he could play in his hometown and surrounding area. He immediately called mom to tell her he would be coming home. Chris is known for his slam-dunking abilities and says Meadowlark Lemon is his favorite Globetrotters legend. "I saw him play when I was young and it got me excited about basketball," he says.

I had a chance to meet Chris and take some pictures with his proud mom before the game. I

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## CCAD “Big Doggz” take fall softball league championship

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The CCAD “Big Doggz” softball team managed to make it through the NAS Corpus Christi’s MWR Fall Softball League in spite of the adversity encountered at times when team members were absent due to temporary duty requirements. Not only did they make it through, they took the championship, outscoring the Admin (NASCC) team twice by scores of 17-9 and 30-17 to win the tournament championship.

“Most of the team has been together for the past seven years,” said Coach/



**Big Doggz** – The CCAD softball team took the MWR Fall Softball League tournament championship beating the NASCC Admin team in the tournament championship at the end of the season. Team members include: Trent, Bobby Steinocher, Joe Contreras, Gregory Johnson (coach), Rudy Flores, Mike Riggins, Alex Munoz, Ben Huff, J. R. Harris, CC Milligan, Oscar Trevino, Doug Drewery, Harry Falcon, Rudy Flores, and Col. Jim Budney.

player Greg Johnson, “and most of us are over 45 though we have picked up a couple of younger players from new hires. We had to go through a lot of adversity, especially during the tournament when some of our players went TDY and MWR wasn’t very receptive to changing the schedule to accommodate us.”

Since the Big Doggz lost one game to the Admin team during the regular season, they had to play them twice in order to take the tournament championship. They played a total of 45 games during the season.

## Globetrotter’s Tour brings son home

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only asked him one question: How do you feel about children looking to you, a sports celebrity, as a role model? “We talk about this to kids at the clinics we hold. We tell them their teachers and their parents are their real role models. They see them every day where they only see us (in person) maybe once,” answered Chris.

The game was even more enjoyable than ever, especially knowing that one of the players is not only a native Texan, but a Corpus Christian, at that. Their antics, even the old confetti-in-the-bucket trick, still made me laugh out loud. Their playing still amazes me and the way they relate to children and the audience in general is part of what makes them such a special organization. I watched Paul



Chris Richardson (#21) is shown in action during the exhibition game on January 28th at Corpus Christi’s Memorial Coliseum.

“Showtime” Gaffney and Aundre “Dre” Branch (another Texan, from Houston) with some of the children from the audience before the game and their down-to-earth attitude is really refreshing. After the game, the team signed autographs for eager fans, yours truly included.

Brenda and her two other sons, Christen, 14, and Chandler, 10, drove to San Antonio to watch Chris play at the Alamodome on Jan. 25 and 26, and then drove to Houston to watch him play at the Summit on Feb. 1.

Thank you, Brenda, for giving me the chance to meet that polite, impressive young man—a wonderful reflection of the parent who raised him.

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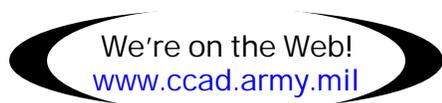
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## Length of Service Awards

### Directorate of Resource Management

Vickie Garcia – 20 years  
Angelica Salazar – 25 years  
Margaret Moreno – 25 years  
Brunetta Hardeman – 30 years

### Equal Employment Opportunity Office

Connie Nelson – 30 years

### Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

Mary Lou Hays – 35 years

## Sick Leave Savers

### Directorate of Resource Management

David Salas – 500 hours  
Susan Scott – 1500 hours

### Directorate of Component Production

Robert L. Garza – 2500 hours

## Production tracking with PDMSS

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artisan taking ownership of his/her process. As the networks are built, the artisans have a visual reinforcement of their daily work plan and can see where improvements to the network can be made. This system employs a total team effort with the artisan leading the way.

This tool has been proven in the case of the APACHE Longbow program, where it is well used and understood and has improved the repair cycle time considerably. It has already proven to be a value added in the disassembly phase of the rebuild process. Since inception of the PDMSS, the depot has not missed a schedule on the APACHE Longbow.

The PDMSS team consists of two CCAD employees, Lydia Wohltman from the directorate of resource management and Susan Wade, program analyst in the directorate of aircraft production; and six Robbins-Gioia employees, Sal Reza, John Maldonado, Dave Erickson, Amber Gaston, Walter Coumbe, and Richard Allison. Although PDMSS was first introduced

to the depot in 1993, due to shifting depot requirements and funding constraints, full implementation of the program did not begin until August of 2003. Wade is a big advocate of the program and kept the concept alive even before Robbins-Gioia was awarded the contract to proceed with the program.

In addition to the PDMSS effort, the Robbins-Gioia team is working with depot personnel to develop a new tool called role-oriented capability—CCAD (ROCC). This tool offers a web-based view of the standard depot system (SDS) data. The view pulled up by the individual accessing the data is based on the role that individual plays in the system.

“The program managers are really excited about ROCC,” says Wohltman. “Currently they spend a lot of time digging through SDS data to get the information they need. This PDMSS means big improvements for CCAD once it’s fully implemented.”

The ROCC system is scheduled to be online by Feb. 14. Both PDMSS and ROCC are strong tools within CCAD’s Lean toolbox.



Ursula Holland (left), Lydia Wohltman, DRM, and James Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, AMCOM, discuss PDMSS prior to the briefing the team presented to Col. Jim Budney, CCAD commander.