



CCAD-Sikorsky teamwork nets results

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April 24, 2003 marked the day that CCAD and Sikorsky proved together

that a newly-developed material requisition process for 35 components' piece parts works. Parts to support the 35 selected components are released from an on-site Sikorsky-managed warehouse directly to CCAD

automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS), and from ASRS to depot production shops. The new process represents a part-

nered approach to material, technical and engineering support to CCAD from Sikorsky Aircraft Cor-



The first material release from Sikorsky Warehouse, Bldg 22, a critically-needed swashplate bracket was turned over to Richard Ochoa (center of photo, shaking hands) supervisor in the rotor control shop by Michael Montgomery (holding package),DERCO Aerospace field service representative/Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (SAC) warehouse manager. The new process represents a partnered approach to material, technical, and engineering support by SAC. This process is the result of another team effort by CCAD and SAC. Team member list on page 4.

poration which targets getting material to depot artisans at the right time in a very complex, ever dynamic depot overhaul environment.

There has been a lot of work by many people who are not shown in this photograph, and to the many folks who partici-

ated in developing the process, both at CCAD and Sikorsky-- thanks for your patience, your input and your good ideas! The

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Conversion process on first T701C engine completed

by Tony Conrad
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The first of 58 conversion engines (T700s/T701s to T701Cs) identified by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command to be produced by CCAD this year passed the test phase to complete the process on Tue. Based on the critical

need to produce these engines (used on the Blackhawk, Apache, and Chinook aircraft) as quickly as possible to support the war effort, the GE/CCAD PULL Teams worked diligently in their respective areas to make this effort a success. The material was staged and shop travelers reviewed and uniquely identified by a green tag. Additionally, shop personnel were briefed on the scope of work, each phase of the operation, and the significance of the

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GE/CCAD teams work together on engine conversion

(“Engines” continued from page 1) conversion process. The first engine, inducted on Mar. 31, completed the compressor rotor conversion cycle in 19 days, the power turbine module in 23 days, and the final assembly cycle in 7 days—a total of 38 days from induction to ship. This is an incredible demonstration of the talent and dedication of CCAD employees and partners. A special thanks to Freddie Garcia from the ASRS operations/material delivery shop, Pete Resendez from the engine process support shop, and the GE/CCAD PULL teams for their relentless leadership in implementing this program.



Recapitalization and conversion of the first T701 to T701C at CCAD was completed in 38 days. Shown at left, representing all the shops involved in the process are left to right (1st row): Jerry Jass, T700 sub-assembly shop; Santos Rodriguez, aircraft production controller; Mr. Joe Herrera, director of engine production; Patti Puckett, engine production control shop; Eliseo Martinez, T700 turbine/GG rotor shop; Merri L. Hale, PSA record/exam and evaluation disassembly shop; Hector Galvan, engine production control; (2nd row): Edward Salinas, T700 assembly shop; Billy Quintanilla, Engine PSA; Frank Castillo, engine test cell shop; Joe Tietz, T700 fuel control shop; Freddy Puckett, engine quality control shop; Bill Shirko, GE rep at CCAD; Calvin Perry, T700 compressor shop; Jimmy Fiscus, T700 modular assembly shop; and Vicente Villarreal, machine shop.

photo by Lois Contreras

CCAD Career Day!



“What do you want to be when you grow up?” (photo left) – Eron Samocha, senior at Flour Bluff High School (l), stopped by the CCAD display booth to talk with Sharon Flores from the skills development center (c), and Art Gomez, business development and marketing division during Career Day at the high school on Fri. Flores and Gomez handed out CCAD posters and pens and provided information on job opportunities and CCAD’s co-op training program to members of all four classes at the high school.

Harlingen High School JROTC cadets (photo right) were treated to a tour of CCAD on Apr. 25. Dennis Campbell (2d from left) from the CCAD directorate of industrial risk management, who acted as tour guide, had a captive audience as evident in the photo above. Lt. Col. Ed Kellam (left, facing Campbell), JROTC commander, had a chance to visit briefly with Col. Jim Budney, who was a member of his staff while both were serving at what was formerly known as the U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis, Mo. (now AMCOM in Huntsville, Ala.).



Gang violence tarnishes family outing

by Lois Contreras
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What started out as the sixth birthday celebration for Everetta Hardman's granddaughter ended with one family member in the hospital and two others being released after treatment. Hardman, who has been at CCAD for nine years and works as an equipment specialist in the directorate of quality assurance was visiting family in Salt Lake City, Utah last Mar. On Mar. 29, the family, which included her husband, Al, two daughters Althea Richards and Tracy Thomas, one son-in-law Ron Richards, and four grandchildren, celebrated her granddaughter's sixth birthday at a family amusement center contained in a large building in Salt Lake City Valley.

Around 9:00 p.m., as the family walked out of the building, Hardman heard popping noises that she thought were firecrackers and felt what she thought were pebbles pelting her arms. Closing her arms tighter around the one-year-old granddaughter she was carrying, Hardman continued walking towards the direction of the noise when she heard her husband, who saw a flash coming from what he thought was a toy, shout "It's a gun—get back!"

"The shots were coming from in front of us, so we turned and ran back (towards the building), and the whole time, you're thinking you're going to get shot in the back and praying 'Don't let me fall on this baby,'" she says, still visibly shaken. She managed to get in the building, with her six-year-old granddaughter and the one-year-old she was carrying.

"My younger daughter, Tracy, who had her one-year-old son on her hip came in beside me and crouched down screaming 'He's hit!' and I thought she meant the baby she was holding. We looked at him and she said 'Where's Justin?' referring to her four-year-old," relates Hardman. By now the whole family was back in the building and the shooting had stopped. Her son-in-law, holding Justin, said he was all right—he had just been knocked down, but heeding the mother's instinct in her, Thomas insisted they check him. As they re-

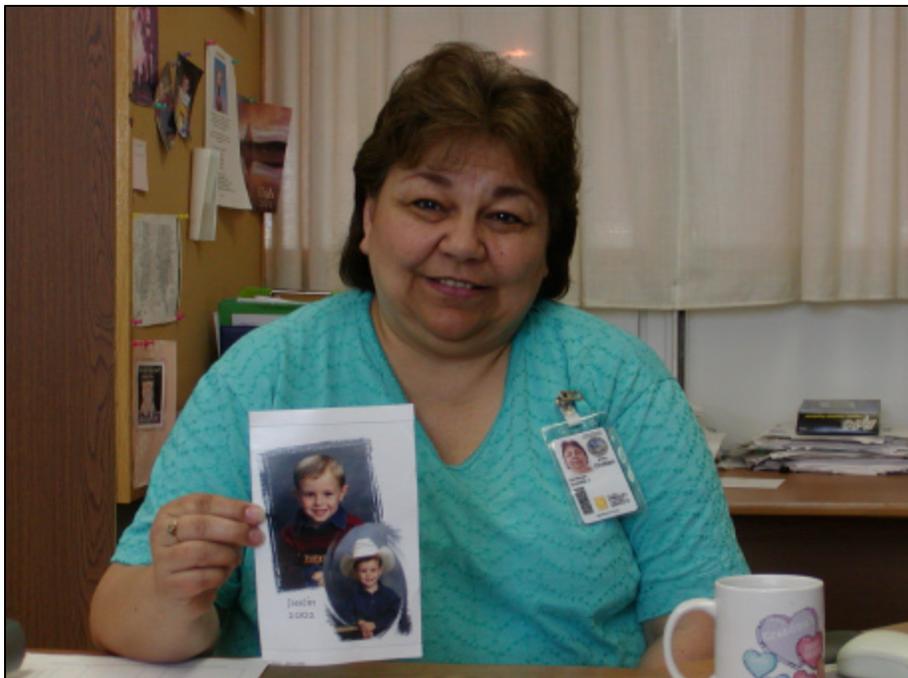


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Everetta Hardman from CCAD's directorate of quality assurance holds a photo of her grandson, Justin. The four-year-old is recovering from a shooting which occurred after the family attended a birthday celebration at an amusement center in Utah last Mar.

moved his pants, they were horrified to find his right side covered with blood. "The bullet entered the right side of his abdomen and exited his left buttock," says Hardman, her eyes filling with tears at the memory. "You can't imagine how horrible it was—the sight of your grandson covered with blood."

Hardman and her family later learned that the incident evolved when a sixteen-year-old gang member started shooting at a rival gang member some ten feet away. Failing to hit his target, the shooter vented his anger by emptying seventeen rounds from his 9mm semi-automatic weapon into the crowd. He, along with his accomplice, also sixteen, sped out of the parking lot in a car driven by a nineteen-year-old woman, but not before their license plate number was jotted down by a witness to the incident. The three were picked up by police and incarcerated by 2:00 a.m. and the shooter was charged with ten counts, four of which were first degree felonies.

Even as terrifying an ordeal as this was, Hardman says she considers herself fortunate that it was not worse. In

addition to the bullet that hit Justin, another bullet nicked her husband's eyebrow and still another grazed Thomas' shoulder, missing the child she was holding by mere inches.

Hardman says the experience has left her husband very apprehensive and overprotective whenever the family goes out. She, herself, still suffers the long term effects.

"We used to enjoy going to the movies, but since this happened, I have not been to large public gathering places. You always think you can protect your family, but there's nothing you can do," says Hardman. Her husband recalls seeing the two gang members and feeling that something just wasn't right. "I just hope that this will help others to be aware of their surroundings and know that something bad can happen to anyone. We all think that it only happens to other people not 'us,'" she concludes.

After spending over a week in the hospital and suffering some anxiety about leaving home, Justin is on his way to a full physical and emotional recovery.

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Parts availability a joint effort

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combined efforts of many contributors--program managers, production controllers, CCAD and Sikorsky information technology communities, CCAD facilities engineers, CCAD and Sikorsky managers and many more, will pave the way to better timing of parts to depot work stations. Our partnered efforts target reducing the number of critical item stockouts that normally impact CCAD production, and ultimately reducing CCAD component repair turnaround time to support our customers.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation is positioning material

both at their Stratford, Conn. facility and here in Bldg 22 to support depot workers in their production. Ultimately, the goal is to kit material in the warehouse for CCAD artisans providing what they need *when* they need it.

Team members pictured on page 1: The team included (l-r): Bruce Stanley, QA specialist; Grenate Brinkman, accountant; Karen Greenwood, supply tech; Leonard Cantu, chief, ASRS operations; Stella Espinoza, inventory management specialist; Mike Perez, production Controller; Joe Quintanilla, chief, material management; Ochoa; Bill Ryall, SAC material manager; Montgomery; Mike Caruso, SAC material specialist; Bill Chapman, SAC site manager; Carol Bullington, business development specialist; and Robert

Around the depot

Safety

The safety topic for May 2003, is "**Confined Space Entry, Lock-out-Tagout & Electrical Safety**".

Safety videos entitled "**Confined Space: Hazards Awareness**", and "**Lock Out/Tag Of Energy Sources**" will be shown on Channel 9 on the local area network at 0800, 1200, 1400, 2000, 2400, and 0200 during May.

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Hispanic Employment Program

Resumix Survey - The Hispanic Employment Program Committee (HEPC) is putting together a survey on the Resumix system. Five hundred surveys will be distributed to employees regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, etc. in the near future. The survey will be used determine whether employees need/desire training on writing good resumes and posting them in Resumix or Answer. Employees who receive a survey are asked to return the

completed document to an HEPC member. The HEPC board members are: Gilbert Lopez, Chair; Mario Chapa, Vice Chair; Lois Contreras, Secretary; and Juan Valdez, HEPC Manager. Anyone interested in serving on this committee (with supervisor's approval) is requested to contact HEPC manager at X13317.

Federal Women's Program

The Federal Women's Program Committee (FWPC) has elected its executive board for the year 2003. The new board consists of Cynthia Holmes, chairperson; Dina Cruz, vice chairperson; Shirley Villarreal, secretary; and Sherlyn Johnson, historian. Anyone interested in serving on the committee (with supervisor's approval) is requested to contact the FWPC manager, Brenda Mack at X13317.

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Sharon M. Lee has been designated contracting officer's representative (COR) for the AMCOM-CCAD T700 contract with General Electric.