



CCAD graduates first apprentice class in 20 years

by Lois Contreras, CCAD Public Affairs



Photo by Lois Contreras

Engine apprentices pose for a graduation photo after a ceremony held in their honor in the Cribbins Conference Room on May 22. On hand to congratulate the new engine mechanics were Phil Demarias (on left in back row), team leader, workforce revitalization program from the U.S. Army Materiel Command's office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel and Dr. Jerry Peek (on right in back row), from the AMC logistics leadership center.

Two years ago, 15 engine apprentices started a three-year training program with the goal of becoming fully trained mechanics. On May 22, ten of the fifteen completed the program ahead of schedule due to their perseverance and hard work.

The ten, made up of eight male and two female apprentices, received classroom training at Del Mar College and hands-on training in the engine shops at CCAD and are now fully trained aircraft turbine engine mechanics, journeyman level.

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Apprentice graduation—Earl Walters (top left), top graduate with a 4.96 GPA, accepts plaque from Joe Herrera, director of engine production; a graduate (photo in middle), talks to a KZTV reporter as Tom Diaz-de Leon is seen in the background; members of the Patriots Band Color Guard (top left) ready to post the colors for the ceremony.

May 16th marks first CCAD Springfest

by Ronnie Perez, CCAD Rep, CWRFC

Last November the Partnership Council voted to allocate \$7 of the \$10 annual allocation per employee by the Civilian Welfare Recreation Fund Committee for the Christmas luncheon and defer the remaining \$3 towards an event in the spring.

Planning for the event began in Jan. with a committee of eight comprised of Melody McGuire, Adela Ornelas, Carla Withers, Cheryl Jones, Antonio Gusman, and Betty Jo Vela. The purpose of this function was to bring the CCAD family together in a relaxed, fun setting and strengthen existing camaraderie among the workforce.

Approximately 900 employees enjoyed the barbecue brisket plate, music, karaoke, and horse



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CCAD employees are shown at the food line during Springfest celebration where they enjoyed brisket with trimmings catered by the CC Bay Club. Approximately 900 employees attended the event, the first of its kind for CCAD in a number of years.



shoe pitch at the fest. Col. Jim Budney, depot commander, thanked the attendees for their hard work and talked about the 200 new positions that CCAD is in the process of filling. SGM Scott Hendershott acted as master of ceremonies and helped draw the tickets for the door prizes which included DVD players, deck chairs, family tickets to Sea-world, Schlitterbahn, the Texas State Aquarium and the USS Lexington Museum.

Also helping with the planning and at the site were volunteers Erma Nelson, Sam Ramon, Mari Rivera, Larry Simone, Theresa Parish, Larry Williams, Bradley Bonham, Jim Kaylor, Paul Lewis, Rey Cortez, Jim Fulton, Sharon Haynes, and John Davila.

Thank you, volunteers and committee members, for your dedication and efforts towards making this event a success. I look forward to working with you on the next employee celebration.

Some folks were content to enjoy the food and visit with friends...



CCAD celebrates Springfest

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...still others chose the horseshoe pitch...



Col. Jim Budney, CCAD commander (l), poses with Ronnie Perez (c), and members of the Springfest planning committee.

...while others chose karaoke...

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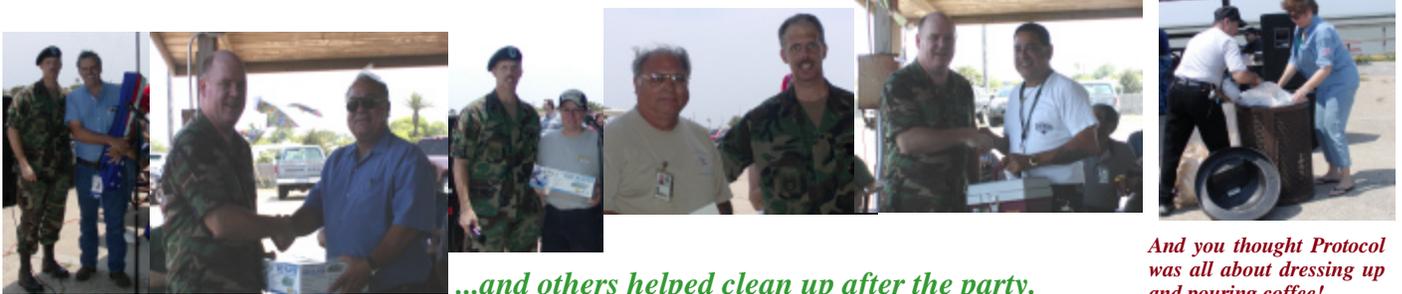


Ed Cooper, directorate of engineering services, had us rocking to his rendition of “Mambo #5”...

...while Jose Ray Alvarez from the directorate of production management treated us to a bit of romance with “Strangers in the Night”...

...and Jesse Tellez let us know that he had “Linda on My Mind.”

...some took home the door prizes...



...and others helped clean up after the party.

And you thought Protocol was all about dressing up and pouring coffee!

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Apprentice class graduates ahead of schedule

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The graduates were treated to cake and punch to celebrate their accomplishments courtesy of the CCAD skills development center. Accepting a CCAD training certificate and a Department of Labor certificate were: Jason Bradley, T700 sub-assembly shop; Randy Branstetter, T700 assembly shop; Arthur Diamond, T700 fuel control shop; Brandy Gomez, T700 mod assembly shop; Ricardo Gonzalez, engine test cell shop; Peter Hernandez, T700 mod assembly shop; Carla Reyes, T700 sub-assembly shop; David Schadel, T700 fuel control shop; Earl Walters, T700 assembly shop; and, Philip Whitaker, engine test cell shop. Walters also took outstanding apprentice honors, finishing the course with a 4.96 grade point average.

Awards and NAS sports day CCAD winners...



Length of service
Dir, Eng Pdn
Benjamin Dovalina
5 years

1st Place Bowling
Lew Stoops
Wayne McConley
Wayne Sykora
Tom Irby (No photo)

8th Place Dart
Tournament
Tim Cantu

1st Place Tennis
Doubles
Mark Avalos
Ron Gracey

Visits to CCAD and directorate of production management meeting



Col. John Smith (far left), U.S. AMCOM chief of staff, met with CW3 Daniel Loomis, Lt. Col. James Lang, and Lt. Col. Michael Mack, all on reserve active duty at CCAD during a visit on May 21.



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Charlie Richardson (l), directorate of engine production, briefs Dr. Jerry Peek (c), AMC logistics leadership center and Phil Demarias (r), team leader, workforce revitalization program, G1 at AMC during their visit on May 22.



Al Gonzales (standing at right) talks to the directorate of production management employees during a meeting to familiarize workers on functions performed by each area and the correlation and dependence throughout the directorate. The meeting was held at the CC Bay Club ballroom on May 19.

Safety Topic for June: 101 Days of Safety Boating and lawn mower safety awareness