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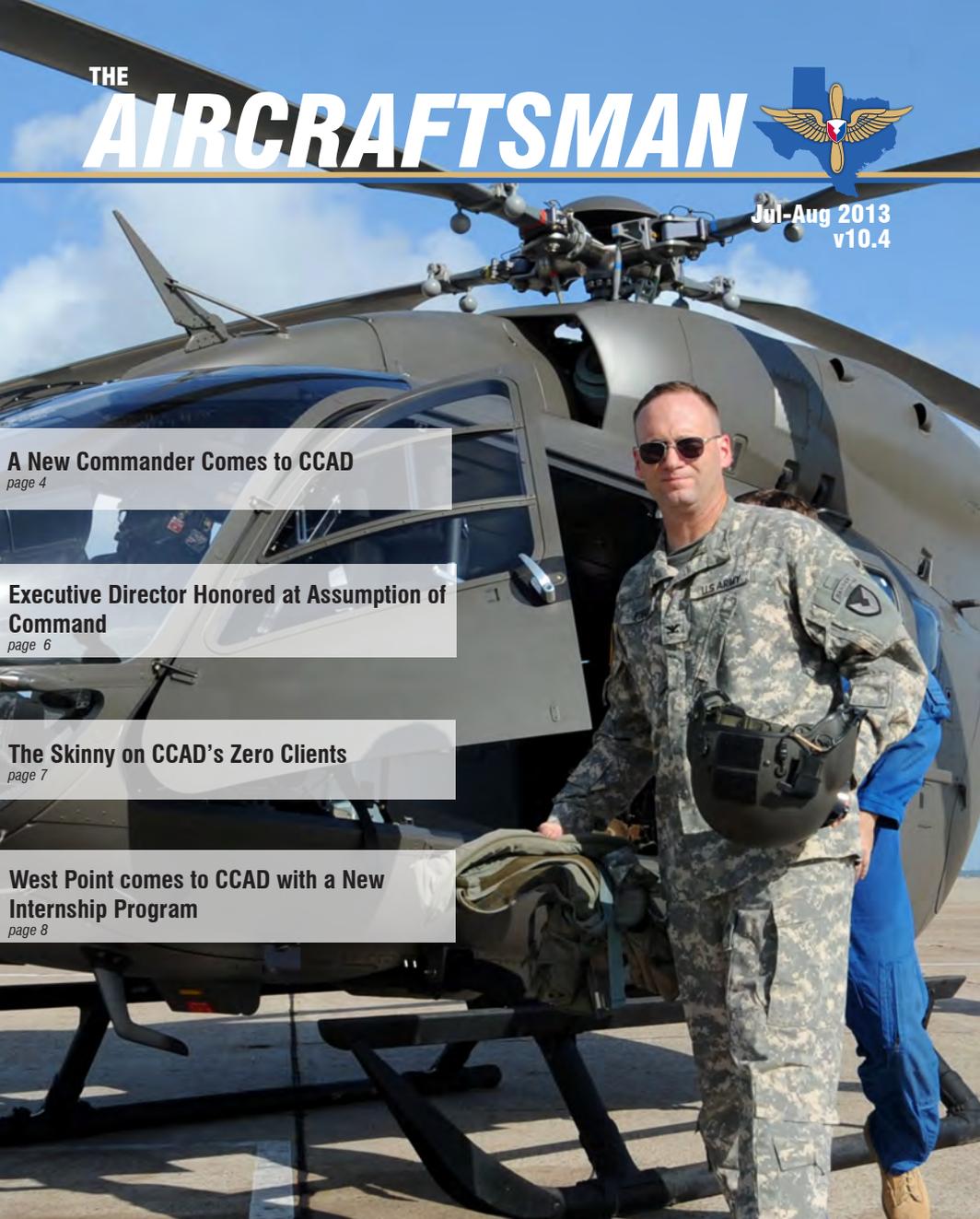
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Messages to the Commander

This month, we wanted to do something a little different and ask the workforce if they had anything to say to CCAD's new commander, COL Billingsley Garner Pogue III. Here's what they had to say.



Berta Garza Welcome to CCAD Commander Col Pogue!
Awesome place to work! We support the troops out in the field and love every minute of it!
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I'm looking forward to supporting you as you take the depot to the next level, and to learning from your leadership.

-John Davis, Machinist Supervisor



Fred Paul Welcome to CCAD Sir.
July 11 at 11:02am · Like · 1

I look forward to the next two years and I hope you can do great things for CCAD.

-Jessica Rodriguez, Aircraft Mechanic



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- DLA Change of Command
- Transitioning to Zero Clients

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DLA Change of Command



BG Susan A. Davidson, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Distribution Commander, officiates their change of command ceremony as Lieutenant Colonel Ryan D. Fearnow takes command from Lieutenant Colonel Marvin D. Kellem IV, June 19. (Photo by Ervey Martinez)



New Commander Comes to CCAD



COL Billingsley Garner Pogue III joins the AMCOM family as he accepts command of the Corpus Christi Army Depot. Pictured left to right: MG Lynn A. Collyar, COL Billingsley Garner Pogue III, Mr. William L. Braddy, CSM Todd Glidewell. (Photo by Kiana Allen)

By Brigitte Rox

The Corpus Christi Army Depot welcomed Colonel Billingsley Garner Pogue III as he took command of one of the Department of Defense's largest helicopter and component maintenance, repair, and overhaul facilities, July 15.

Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command (AMCOM) hosted the assumption of command ceremony in one of CCAD's hangars with AMCOM Commanding Major General (MG) Lynn A. Collyar presiding.

CCAD's last commander, COL Christopher B. Carlile was set to transfer command to COL Pogue in July but was spirited away mid April to work directly for Army Materiel Command (AMC) before his official end of duty date. Mr. William (Bill) Braddy, CCAD's Deputy Commander for Production Operations, served as Executive Director in the interim.

"I will tell you that Garner is ready for the command," the AMCOM commander said. "We have had a succession of superior commanders in this depot and Garner is going to fit perfectly in that. He has all the right experiences, he has all the right knowledge, he has all the right background. We are getting a great leader...and he'll be the right person to take this depot on to the next level over the next couple of years."

"I've grown up knowing about CCAD," said COL Pogue who seemed ready and eager to assume command. "I've grown up knowing about the depots as a maintenance officer and as a platoon leader, even when I was a second lieutenant."

"I was out on the flight line opening up cans of components and parts that we were putting on aircraft. You open up a can and see that CCAD sticker on that item."

"I've also come through the Army in my services as a maintenance officer and a maintenance commander."

"I've always had a great appreciation for the high quality of components and helicopters and anything that this organization touches," COL Pogue added. "It goes out to the field to our pilots and to our aviation soldiers who are doing maintenance on our aircraft and keeping our aircraft in the fight. I've just always had a tremendous appreciation for this great capacity."

"The fact that I was chosen to come out here and serve with you is just an honor. I'm really looking forward to learning more about the organization," he said.

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Leading In a Period of Transition

COL Pogue's first day as CCAD Commander coincided with the first day back from DoD's first furlough day.

"People have been telling me, almost apologizing to me that I'm taking command the day after the first day of furlough," COL Pogue said. "Don't apologize about that. I'm proud to be here. I'm not getting paid just to lead during the easy times. I'm getting paid to help lead through these difficult times as well."

"MG Collyar and his staff are doing hard work to plan to get us through this very difficult period of time...as we come out of a period of combat," said the commander.

"COL Pogue is probably going to have the most difficult two years of command tour here of any of the depot commanders of the last several years," MG Collyar admitted.

CCAD, along with DoD, is in a period of transition but COL Pogue believes that this change is good news for America.

"It's not a bad thing that we're going to spend less money on military operations," he said. "It's a great thing that we have been successful in military operations in the past ten years. It's a great thing that our military has been able to provide the level of national security that we have and that we've been able to help those in other places get a taste of freedom."

"It's good news to enter a time of peace. It's good news to our taxpayers to not carry such a heavy burden. And it's going to cause us to focus in on being better, more careful managers of our national treasure."

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Civilian Honored for His Time as CCAD Leader

By Daphne Martin and Brigitte Rox

The charge of leading Corpus Christi Army Depot went from a civilian back to a uniformed military leader during an assumption of command ceremony at the depot, July 15.

Mr. Braddy, the CCAD Deputy to Commander for Production Operations, served as the Executive Director for nearly three months pending the arrival of CCAD's new Commander Colonel Billingsley G. Pogue III.

Mr. Braddy's term as a civilian leader was celebrated with honor, reverence and recognition as the U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Life Cycle Command (AMCOM) Commanding General, Major General Lynn A. Collyar awarded Mr. Bill Braddy the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award.

COL Pogue thanked Mr. Braddy for his support and guidance during his transition to leadership, referring to Mr. Braddy as a legend in the aviation branch.

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"We [AMCOM] put Bill in and he did a magnificent job just like we expected him to," MG Collyar said as Mr. Braddy passed the colors to COL Pogue. "Now he'll step down and really be the true advisor and deputy for Garner which will be very valuable for him over the next few years."

"It is people like that that continue to serve, that make our Army as good as we are today," MG Collyar said of Mr. Braddy. "We don't have the uniformed personnel to do all of those jobs and this depot is a great example of that," he said of the workforce, made up almost entirely of civilians. ■



MG Lynn A. Collyar awarded Mr. Bill Braddy the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award for his service as CCAD leader for nearly three months. (Photo by Kiana Allen)

The Skinny on CCAD's Zero Clients

By Brigitte Rox

To maintain the cutting edge of digital communications and technology, CCAD's S6 — Information Technologies team deployed the new zero client system.

This will replace about 2,200 old thin client computers throughout the hangars and CCAD. Mass deployment began on July 1 and should wrap up sometime in August or September.

"The zero client is better than the thin client," said Hector Leyva, CCAD IT System Admin. "You don't have an actual PC at your desk but [the zero client] gives you that experience as though you do."

While thin clients utilize a Windows Embedded Compact (CE) operating system to connect with other computers, zero clients operate using a cloud-based architecture that resides in our local data center. This new technology simplifies and reduces administrative support, a move that allows S6 to become more efficient and cost effective.

Each zero client workstation will offer a full Windows 7 desktop complete with Outlook, CCAD's e-mail system, and other applications like Microsoft Word and Electronic Shop Production System (ESPS). The clients will also have full audio to play depot videos and news programs -- a welcomed change for current thin client users.

"Now you can watch the CCAD News and listen to it," said Chad Hammer, the lead project manager for the zero client initiative. "This is becoming one of the popular features of the zero client. Thin clients could not play videos and some of the thin clients didn't have sound at all, so you could see why many users are excited about this."

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CCAD's Information Technologies (IT) team is replacing thousands of thin client computers with a new zero client system. Chad Hammer (Right) is leading the project. Patrick Soliven (Left) was one of the engineers who designed the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) environment. (Photo by Kiana Allen)

West Point Comes to CCAD With a New Internship

By Brigitte Rox

West Point cadets are swapping the classroom for the shop floor at the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD).

The United States Military Academy sends West Point cadets studying systems engineering around the globe each summer to work with industry, Department of Defense, government, and academia for three weeks through the Advanced Individual Academic Development (AIAD) program.

While this program has been around for some time, this is the first time it has come to CCAD, an industrial depot responsible for the repair, manufacture, and overhaul of joint rotary wing aircraft — the very helicopters warfighters rely on in the field.

West Point Cadet CPT Elizabeth O'Donnell wraps up her Systems Engineering internship at CCAD. (Photo by Kiana Allen)



"I was the first one to take part in this internship [at CCAD]," said Cadet Jed Lee, who interned at the depot in June. "This is a growing program we're still trying to develop and it's already improving."

"They wanted us to see real-world systems like CCAD and try to apply what we learned in our studies and classes," said Cadet Elizabeth O'Donnell, a twenty-year-old aspiring pilot. "I wanted to get a real life experience and apply engineering to it," she said. "I didn't really know what CCAD was so I wanted to learn more about that. I want to learn more about aviation in general."

While Lee and O'Donnell were aces in engineering, seeing it applied at an Army depot was something entirely new and challenging, especially since they only had three weeks.

"It was cool to see how complicated the process is for a single aircraft to undergo for repair," Lee said. "It's interesting to see how systems engineering can be incorporated into a government [facility like] CCAD that works directly for the military."

"My first day here, I viewed the production process from disassembly to final line to test," Cadet O'Donnell said. "I had no idea that it was that complicated and complex."

"It takes a long time to understand how an industrial operation runs," admitted Mr. William L. Braddy, Depot Executive Director. "The cadets are only able to scratch the surface."

The internship culminated in a project to identify production improvements that could benefit CCAD. This Master Scheduling project was briefed to CCAD leaders on their final day, impressing upon senior leadership the value these cadets bring during their three-week stay.



West Point Cadet Jed Lee is Corpus Christi Army Depot's first intern in West Point's Systems Engineering Program. (Photo by Ervey Martinez)

West Point cadets in the program are typically rising juniors or seniors majoring in one of three Systems Engineering majors: Systems Engineering, Engineering Management, or Operations Research. The opportunities give cadets a chance to observe how Systems Engineering methodologies, tools, and techniques are applied in world-class organizations. This helps bring concepts they have learned in the classroom to real-life scenarios.

When they weren't hitting the shop floor, the cadets got the chance to enjoy what Corpus Christi had to offer. Cadet O'Donnell visited the local beaches, aquarium, and other tourist spots in South Texas. Lee opted for fishing.

"I got some red snapper on the first day of the season on a deep-sea fishing trip...and I accidentally caught a sea turtle," he said.

At the end of their three-week internship, cadets out-briefed the senior leadership of the organization.

"I was able to see all the work going in to build an aircraft," said Cadet O'Donnell. For the future, if I am a pilot and something breaks down and we have to repair, I know there's a lot of attention to detail. If we need to repair it we can send it to CCAD and it's a lot cheaper than buying new."

CCAD is the only facility in the Army's organic industrial base currently available to Systems Engineering Department (SED) interns. While the program is still new, CCAD is learning all it can from these first interns to maximize the learning opportunities for future interns. ■

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A Resilient Workforce with a Critical Mission

As he addressed his audience of CCADers, partners, and legislators at the assumption of command ceremony, MG Collyar asserted that CCAD's future was secure. "The mission the Corpus Christi Army Depot has is too significant to not be executed effectively. It is too important for the Army."

"It's going to be tough," COL Pogue said of leading a depot during sequestration. "It's going to be hard...but we have to get through it. I know that I'm with the organization that can get through it because this is a resilient workforce."

"As I walk around, I don't see people looking at their toes and kicking the dust," he said of his new workforce. "I see people getting after their jobs. I see people getting after aircraft maintenance — getting after what they do here."

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"This place is filled with the most dedicated artisans, mechanics, and support people — from every aspect of this organization, whether it's administrative or maintenance of our buildings, moving supply and parts, our warehouse people. This all comes together in such a tremendous organization to really support our warfighter and our aviation fleet," said COL Pogue.

"We still have a critical mission. All the aircraft are going to be coming back from theater. We're still going to have a significant demand to continue to fly those aircraft. We're not getting rid of aircraft so they are going to have to be maintained. We're still going to have to provide component repair. We're still going to have to provide all the functions of our mission to those units. We're just going to have to figure out how we're going to get through this period of sequestration and maintain good morale."

"We will work everything we can to make sure everyone's job is as secure as it can be and that we have the capability to do the work to support the Army," the new commander said. ■

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: ARMY FEM

CCAD eFEM has migrated to a new database called ARMY FEM. More information, including a link to the system, can be found on the CCAD Portal. FMI contact the CCAD ARMY FEM Program Office at 961-4051/3833/9069.

Dealing with Debt & Credit Problems

What can the Employee Assistance Program do?

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can refer you to services in the community where you can obtain help for problems with debt. The EAP has information on where to find budgeting and money management help, debt repayment services, and financial counseling programs. These services can help you develop budget, spending, and debt payment plans.

For more information contact the EAP

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Issues with thin clients sparked the need for this change.

"We tend to lose connection with the smartcard," Leyva said of the old thin clients. "Users have to log off every now and then which is becoming a problem because it takes time to launch everything back up again." In fact, thin client users had to reboot about ten times a day from Common Access Card (CAC) failure, equaling about 2.5 hours of wasted time just to log in.

But this won't be a problem with the new zero clients. Once a user logs in, they stay in. The login procedure is also faster. IT found no CAC issues with zero client hardware or applications.

The system is an obvious boon for IT. "It allows S6 to standardize and improve the end user computing experience and back-end infrastructure management," said Connie Salas, S6 Director. "The standardization will result in increased mission effectiveness through improved accessibility, user device flexibility, tightly controlled security and enhanced computing capability.

For CCAD's IT technicians, zero clients mean better support and fewer trips to physical workstations since most issues can be resolved via remote troubleshooting. It should only take about 20 minutes to replace each system. Once they're installed, users can log back in, launch their new profile, and start rolling. ■



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