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CCAD artisan Carlos Delacruz does some finishing touches on a rotor for the T-700 engine.



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Team, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment to your jobs and to the mission. Thank you for your patience during these frustrating times with furlough and sequestration. I know it wasn't easy.

At this time, nothing is set for FY14. We do not know if there will be furloughs, reductions in workforce, or anything of that nature. But when we do know something, we'll do everything in our power to minimize its impact to you and to our mission.

You have shown me, your community, and our nation's joint warfighters unwavering commitment and we will strive to express our gratitude by doing everything we can to protect your jobs, our depot, and our mission.

If we continue to perform outstanding work, we will continue to be the best value for this great nation.

Sincerely,
COL Billingsley G. Pogue III
Colonel, Aviation
Commanding

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CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE AT DCRF

There was no pause for celebration when construction wrapped on CCAD's new Dynamic Component Rebuild Facility (DCRF), July 30.

Navy Facilities Command (NAVFAC) at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi turned over Build 1700 by issuing the Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD) the same day.

"This signifies that the contract to build the DCRF is deemed complete," explained Victor Lopez, Chief of the Facility Engineering Management Division (FEMD) at CCAD.

"We now have responsibility in ownership of the entire building."

Infrastructure Operations Director Marc Gonzales states that this military construction project (MILCON) will accommodate state-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure to turn around critical aircraft components at a maximized pace, quality, and cost to the customer while reducing its environmental footprint. This positions the DCRF as a model of efficiency that will deliver a swift and steady return on investment to the American taxpayer.

With construction done, CCAD crews are working at a fervent pace to set up shop and begin production.

"There's still a lot of work to be done but that's par for the course, especially considering the size and nature of what's going on here," said Lopez. "It really is an exciting thing to get the BOD."

The facility will house CCAD's powertrain production, mostly for assembly and testing of transmissions and gearboxes for many of the helicopters.

With an evolving mission and increasing capabilities, CCAD has experienced a number of growing pains with its current infrastructure. The new DCRF facility would reduce the overall cost of operations while providing additional and customized spacing to accommodate the critical workload. ■





The 2013 Combined Federal Campaign is right around the corner.

October 1 - November 30

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CCAD Delivers Backpacks to Elementary School Students

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) delivered "One School, One Goal, Drug and Bully Free" backpacks to George Evans Elementary School students (grades K-5) as part of the Army's Red Ribbon Campaign, Monday, August 26.

The giveaway is part of the Army's Red Ribbon Campaign -- an effort to promote drug-use prevention and a bully-free school environment to at-risk students. Depot Commander Colonel Garner Pogue met with students and talked to them about the importance of staying drug-free and to discourage bullying.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense has designated Red Ribbon Week as an official Department of Defense (DoD) campaign in support of substance abuse education and prevention activities in the military. Each year the military services promote Red Ribbon Week activities. The DoD and Army have developed a number of educational programs to raise awareness of substance abuse and disorders. CCAD is no exception.

As in previous years, the CCAD Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) began its annual Red Ribbon events in conjunction with the beginning of the school year. ■



Soldiers with the Ohio National Guard's 638th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) unit were recognized for the special impact they have made to the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) during their annual training, August 10-24.

The 32 Guardsmen are part of an aviation intermediate-level maintenance unit, or AVIM. The men and women have an array of military occupational specialties, but they all tie directly to aircraft maintenance.

"We have everything from general mechanics to all the different breakouts," said Captain Andrew Gupko, the Production Control Officer for the 638th. "We have an avionics shop, an electronic shop, a hydraulic shop, prop and rotor, sheet metal, aircraft structural repair."

Known mainly as the core entity for Army Aviation's maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) for helicopters, engines and their components, CCAD is the perfect training ground for the battalion's specific needs.

During their rotation, the 638th worked alongside the many federal civilians who call themselves depot artisans. CCAD's civilian workforce of approximately 4,000 skilled employees and contractors go to the depot every day to produce indispensable military aircraft for the customer.

It was their job to help the Guard develop the critical skills they need for their next mission.

"We host units here regularly for aviation maintenance training across a wide array of aviation MOS categories," said Colonel Billingsley Garner Pogue III, Depot Commander.

"This block of training is our biggest bang for our buck," said Sergeant First Class Brad Pietzcker of the 638th.

He says that the nature of training the National Guard has its challenges. "Throughout the year we meet one weekend a month, twelve months a year. If they are deployed, our people are going to have to know how to do exactly what they do here at CCAD. We're going to have to know how to tear down hydraulic components, engine components and engines, we're going to have to know how to do in-depth sheet metal repair."

"CCAD is like nowhere else," added CPT Andrew Gupko. "You can't get this experience anywhere else in the Army. That's why it's very important for us to keep coming down.

Here, they know these guys by their first names. They embrace them, they slow down, they train them, and they make them a part of the CCAD family which, to me, is pretty cool."

You come in every day and there's going to be something to do and it's always going to be something that you probably have never done before. It leads to new experience."

"The people here [at CCAD] are the best," said SFC Pietzcker. "I've taken [Soldiers] to other places where you go in the shop and the guy that's in charge of the shop just does not want to train anybody.

National Guard Swoops In for Training

By Brigitte Rox

"Our artisans love having Soldiers among us," said COL Pogue. "And the Soldiers helped us reduce some furlough- and sequester-related backlog."

Specialist Sarah Cloutier is an Automated Logistical Specialist (92A) with the 638th. She came down to CCAD for her second rotation of training. She and SPC Tyler Ganzer were assigned to work in one of CCAD's Aircraft Production Control Division hangars.

Joe Quintanilla, the manager in the hangar, had a special assignment for the team – they would develop a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for a neglected tool room – a process that could become a template for all production hangars at the depot.

First, the specialists assessed the ebb and flow of a cluttered tool cage. Then, they used their logistical prowess to create a plan.

"We came up with an idea of what we can change in 30 days and beyond 30 days to improve the logistics and flow of the tool cage," said SPC Cloutier. "The very last briefing we did wasn't just for the hangar [we focused on], but for all the hangars that will implement our new SOP."

"I learned all about tool rooms," SPC Cloutier said of her project. She doubles as a college student at Kent State where she studies accounting and business management. "I don't know anything about tools, but I learned the little things to make it efficient and accountable to control it."

"This project fit perfectly with my minor," she said. "It now runs like a tool room should," said SFC Pietzcker. "CCAD only has room to improve now."

Quintanilla expects to have the new process fully implemented in Production Control's five tool cages by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

"This was a particularly successful rotation and a win-win for both of our organizations," the depot commander said of the 638th.

"These troops have left a legacy in that department," said SFC Pietzcker. Their legacy will be fully realized when they return to CCAD next year to build on all they have learned. ■

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AAAA Scholarship Awards

The Corpus Christi Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) has been awarding hard-working students with college scholarships for 11 years.

This year, they awarded 13 scholarships for a total value of \$11,000 to: Stephanie Adams, Jeffery Bonham, Chelsea Brinks, Marina Busto, Matthew Bustos, Monika Burt, Lourdes Dawson, Marco Garcia, Nathanael Johnston, Erin Martinez, Michael Salinas, Julia Straiton and Shirley Verastiqui.

The chapter also sent \$4,000 to the national level where the funds are matched for an additional \$8,000 in scholarships to the local chapter. The Jimmy Johnson and Don Luce families each gave \$1,000 endowments. The ceremony was held on August 15 outside of the Building 8 Subway.

This year is the AAAA Scholarship Foundation's 50th anniversary since it was started in 1963. In total, the foundation has provided over \$4.5 Million to more than 2,700 applicants.

The foundation awards scholarships and interest-free loans annually to members of AAAA and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased members. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Department of the Army Civilian members.

To learn more about the scholarship program or about becoming a member of AAAA, contact Oscar Recio at 961-5740, or visit the website, <http://www.quad-a.org/> ■



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