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*Mark Blair, with L3 Communications, installs servos on an OH-58. - Photo by Kiana Allen, CCAD Public Affairs*



CCAD Team,

As we enter the holiday season let me first say thank you for your service and all you do for our country and for our Army. You are absolutely superb! The Department of the Army and Department of Defense recently recognized CCAD with two prestigious awards for depot support, the Department of the Army Army Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME) and the Secretary of Defense Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence. That makes us not only the best Depot in the Army for 2013, we were the best Depot across all of the Department of Defense. Congratulations CCAD – this is a big deal!

While these awards are certainly great recognition of our efforts, recently Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division Combat Aviation Brigade, deployed in Afghanistan, expressed their thanks to CCAD by sending us a “thank you” video. I hope that by seeing and hearing our Soldiers’ gratitude you are reminded how close we really are to the Warfighter – you are truly just an arms-length away. This is the feedback that matters most.

2013 has been a challenging year. Federal budget uncertainty, sequester, and furloughs have had a negative effect on the Depot, on our community, and most critically on each of you and your families personally. Our production schedules were affected, but each and every one of you stayed focused on the mission, and we met the revised schedules. Throughout the year we faced the challenges and you persevered. I am proud to serve with such a tremendously dedicated team of professionals.

Recently the FY2014 mission and balanced scorecards were published. Our workload this year is steady, and we are carrying over a significantly higher amount of work from FY13 to FY14 than we have in previous years. We have clearly defined our goals for this year, and I ask that you take a look at the new scorecard and mission statement – note the differences from previous years and focus your efforts to meet our goals.

In this season of giving, thank you in advance for your contributions to CFC, Toys for Tots, Operation Christmas Spirit and the Kill Share Your Christmas Food Drive benefitting the Corpus Christi Food Bank, among many other worthwhile charities. I am humbled to be associated with a workforce that is as generous as you.

From my family to you and yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Please be safe during your travel and celebration, and take time to enjoy the holidays with your families and friends.

Thank you for your service,

Billingsley G. Pogue III  
COL, AV  
Commanding

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# The 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade thanks for what you do!



*“We are flying over 15K hrs a month on two brigades worth of aircraft and we could not execute that mission or support the ground force commanders without what you do at Corpus Christi, so thank you.”*

- 10th Combat Aviation Brigade

Watch their video online at

<http://www.dvidshub.net/video/305999/corpus-christi-army-depot-thank-you-video>



*“I would like to offer our thanks from the entire Falcon brigade to all the personnel supporting us from CC. We appreciate your hard work. We appreciate the quality product you provide us.”*

- CW5 Buck Butler, Brigade Aviation Maintenance Officer 10th CAB, Bagram, Afghanistan



*“I want to thank you for all your dedication and hard work on all the components we’ve been using on extended missions here. As a MTP and a mission pilot, I can tell you that we have a lot of confidence in our aircraft because of all the dedication and all the work you have done.”*

-CW5 Fitzgerald, Command Warrant Officer 10th CAB, Bagram, Afghanistan



# OH-58D WARTIME REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT

Kiowa Warriors are undergoing A to D modifications at CCAD. These helicopters are part of the Army's OH-58 Wartime Replacement Aircraft program. Look for an update on the OH-58F CASUP in the next Aircraftsman.

Photos by Jose E. Rodriguez.

Mechanic Jeffrey Roten applies Pro-Seal on the bottom of the airframe after removing a bracket to save weight.



Avionics electrician Dan Marth wires a control panel.



Tommy Farnsworth and Ron Pacheco install wiring in the cockpit.



Electrician David Leal inspects wiring on the nose.



CW3 Sean Burman, a Kiowa Warrior program manager from Redstone Arsenal, inspects an OH-58D before taking final delivery.

# CCAD Wins Mason Award for DoD Maintenance

By Brigitte Rox, Corpus Christi Army Depot

With more than 2,000 UH-60 Black Hawks in the Army fleet, the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) plays a critical role in equipping the Soldier with the most powerful and versatile helicopter in the Department of Defense (DoD).

CCAD's vital recapitalization program extends the life of each helicopter and maxes out its capabilities for the Soldier on the field. In 2012, depot artisans made strides to churn Black Hawks out better and faster than ever before when they produced a record-breaking fifty recapitalized Black Hawks at an uncompromising value to DoD and to the American taxpayer.

This feat earned the depot two major awards this year from the Army and the Department of Defense with the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence



(AAME), given by the Army Chief of Staff; and the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence, the highest award for depot-level maintenance in all of DoD, given by the Secretary of Defense Maintenance.

"The entire CCAD team is humbled and honored with this recognition," said Kresten Cook, Deputy to the Commander for Support at CCAD.

Depot leaders say that the success of the recap line was a result of a number of significant innovations and strategic maintenance moves that lowered program costs, but the CCAD workforce credits a superior commander and unfaltering teamwork as the forces that kept them motivated to deliver.

Former Depot Commander, Col. Christopher B. Carlile made CCAD's situation clear to his team: "When it comes down to it, the U.S. government can't afford to purchase new aircraft each time one is damaged," he said. "They rely on [CCAD] to take those damaged aircraft and components and get them flying again."

## *The 2013 Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence is the highest award for depot-level maintenance in all of DoD*

CCAD's recap program reduces the costs of replacing aging helicopters with new ones, saving taxpayers approximately \$12 million with each rebuild. Since 2003, CCAD has saved the taxpayer more than \$20 billion through a number of programs designed to cut time and costs while making smarter choices in workload. These savings are critical to Army Aviation as budget cuts in the Department of Defense loom over the next ten years.

The Army Chief of Staff awards the AAME Award to recognize Army units and activities that have demonstrated excellence in maintenance operations. Recipients must embody logistics mastery by making a significant contribution to maintenance readiness that better equips the Army, improves efficiency and reduces waste. Each year 12 winners and 12 runners-up are awarded for their superior maintenance operations.

The Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence is presented to an outstanding Defense program from a major organic depot-level maintenance facility that exemplifies responsive, transformed, depot-level maintenance support to DoD operating units. The plaque and Robert T. Mason Trophy are courtesy of the Society of Automotive Engineers International (SAE).■



# CW3 Long's Daughter Earns NCAA Volleyball Scholarship



CW3 Rendell Long with his daughter, Lauren.

Story and photos by Dr. Mary Jane Garza

NAS-CC School Liaison Officer

Chief Warrant Officer Rendell Long, a serviceman with the Army Contracting Command has reason to smile knowing that his daughter, Lauren, is pursuing her dreams.

Lauren Long considers herself an academically-focused athlete with hopes to become a sports medicine

physician. She just received a four-year scholarship to Hofstra University, a Division I school in New York.

She's considered one of the key volleyball players to lead Flour Bluff High School to the co-District 31-4A championship during the 2013 season.

As a military transfer student it was an uphill challenge to prove herself on the varsity volleyball team but, once on the court, there was no doubt that she was an asset.

Lauren is no stranger to hard work and training is part of the daily regimen. Her father lettered on the Florida State Football team from 1994-1995. She says he is the inspiration and guiding force in her life. "My family, my mother and father motivate me and always believe that I can achieve. Waking up at five in the morning to practice, attend camps, and stay focused was a family effort."

These challenges are easily surmountable, Lauren says, because she has an excellent support system and a mindset to achieve. "Never give up. Go for that dream no matter what," she said. "As long as you have a family that believes in your abilities, skills, and opens the doors of opportunities for you, you will succeed." ■

## Profiles IN Professionalism

### John Sena Supervisor Bearing Reclamation Facility, P64B1



**Where is your hometown?**  
Three Rivers, TX

#### **Can you give us a brief job description?**

I'm the supervisor of the Bearing Reclamation Facility. We're the Department of the Army's only Level Two Bearing Reclamation Facility. We inspect, clean, polish and perform minor rework on bearings. In short, we take a bearing that's been used, rework it, and put it back into production for another tour. We support all CCAD work for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Border Patrol and Foreign Military Sales. We have commercial service agreements with private industry. We also support other Army units.

#### **What has been your greatest achievement at CCAD?**

Having the opportunity to work my way up from a WG-5 to WS-9 shop supervisor I gained experience from being trained and mentored by the best in the industry. Then taking the knowledge passed to me by those mentors and using it along with my prior management experience to the advantage of my shop. I'm very proud that my shop helps CCAD lower production costs. In fiscal year 2013 the bearing shop achieved \$45 million in cost avoidance. I received a Lean Sigma Six Yellow Belt certification for a project that saved approximately \$5 million over a three year period.

#### **Who has been the biggest influence at CCAD?**

I couldn't single out anyone specifically as I've been afforded the opportunity to work with many good co-workers and leaders. I've learned a lot from each of them. There's a lot of talent here at CCAD, a lot of smart people. I've taken away a little bit from each of them.

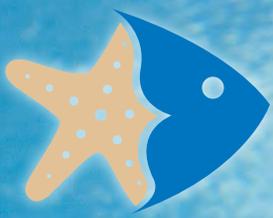
#### **What do you enjoy most about working at CCAD?**

The satisfaction of seeing the end item. Seeing stories in the news of helicopters in the field. Knowing that most of the components in those aircraft have bearings, and that we processed those bearings in our shop. Knowing that my shop helps those Soldiers.

#### **What is your personal professional motto?**

"Verso l'Alto!" Which simply means in Italian "To the Top!" which means in everything you do, strive for the top!





# TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM®

## December is Military Appreciation Month at the Texas State Aquarium

Starting December 1, the Texas State Aquarium is offering half-price admission to all military personnel, both active and veteran, and their families.

For the entire month of December (December 1 – 31), anyone with valid military identification will receive half-price admission for themselves and family members who join them at the Aquarium.

Aquarium President and CEO Tom Schmid says, “We’re very grateful to those who serve, or have served, our country and we’d like to offer them something special this holiday season. We are excited to offer this discount to families who so deserve it.”

The Aquarium is open throughout the holiday season from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[www.texasstateaquarium.org](http://www.texasstateaquarium.org)

# SEASON OF GIVING

## Combined Federal Campaign

13 December - last day to turn in pledge form  
POC: Billy Fulgham 961-5535



## US Marine Corp Toys for Tots

Boxes will be in place throughout the depot in early December for employees to drop off their donations for their designated age group. POC: CW4 Aldridge 961-0516.



## KIII-TV Share Your Christmas Food Drive benefitting the Corpus Christi Food Bank

Food Drive kicks off the week of 25 November. Drop of your donation in the empty barrels throughout the depot. All donations will be collected on Friday, 6 December.



## Operation Christmas Spirit

Volunteer this season by providing gifts and holiday cheer to local nursing home residents.

10 December	Location	POC
6:00 PM	Trinity Towers 101 N. Upper Broadway	S1 Sandra Schoggins 961-2321
6:00 PM	Alameda Oaks 1101 S. Alameda	S6 Norma Puentes 961-5773
7:00 PM	Windsor Nursing Home 3030 Fig Street	S1 Sandra Schoggins 961-2321
7:00 PM	River Ridge 3922 W River Drive, Calallen	AAAA Tammy Tuttle 961-6306
12 December		
6:00 PM	Wooldridge Place 7352 Wooldridge Road	FMA Lynn Withers 961-5541
7:00 PM	Westwood 801 Cantwell	Commander's Office Tina Shaffer 961-3771
7:00 PM	The Palms 5607 Everhart	DAV Mary Ann Hinojosa 961-4816
17 December		
6:00 PM	Sunnybrook 3050 Sunnybrook	DAR Maria Leal 961-3123
7:00 PM	Tri-Sun Care 202 Fortune Drive	DLA Blessings Foster 961-4040
19 December		
6:00 PM	Retama Manor 2322 N. Morgan	FMA Lynn Withers 961-5541
6:00 PM	Cimarron Place 3801 Cimarron Blvd.	DAP Sandra Garcia 961-3656
7:00 PM	Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehab 2735 Airline Road	S4 Miranda Cortez 992-0816 (x27)

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