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Cover photo is a view from the UH-60V Black Hawk in flight just north of the Missouri/Illinois state border. Photo courtesy LTC Ken Ferguson, U.S. Army. Read the story on page 2.
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Final Upgraded UH-60 to 106th Aviation Regiment Assault

Corpus Christi, Texas — Two companies of the Illinois Army National Guard 106th Aviation Regiment (Assault), received their final UH-60 Victor Black Hawks in January 2023. The 1-106th was selected to do the final operational testing for the Army and the first unit to be fielded with UH-60V helicopters.

The UH-60V is a recapitalization of the venerable UH-60L and allows enhanced situational awareness using a digital environment in a modern, digital version of the Army’s workhorse. The Global Positioning System in the Victor model enables pilots to fly GPS instrument approaches in the digital environment and fly tactical missions with greatly enhanced situational awareness.

Corpus Christi Army Depot Managing Director for Aircraft Operations, Lt. Col. Ken Ferguson explained, “The aircraft were produced and completed according to the Pentagon’s fielding schedule.”

In a March 2022 news article by Sgt. Trenton Fouche, Lt. Col. Jason Celletti, the Illinois Army National Guard’s state aviation officer, said, “Almost 60 aviators needed to train to fly the UH-60V. First, the aviators had to spend six weeks qualifying in the Army’s existing digital UH-60 ‘M’ model. This was followed by a two-week training support plan to become qualified on the latest ‘V’ model.”

CCAD commander, Col. Kyle Hogan, who piloted one of the final aircraft delivered said, “Think of it as a book. We are finishing the introduction of the Victor. A modernized, reliable, dependable aircraft, which arguably is the best in the fleet right now, of all the UH-60s.” He went on to thank the CCAD workforce, “All of you enabled this to happen. This aircraft is going to deploy in support of our nation’s Army and you enabled that.”

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Team CCAD:

People are at the heart of any successful business. While technology and processes play an important role in meeting business requirements, it is our people who ultimately make things happen. Whether it is the employees who execute tasks or the Soldiers who use our products or service, people are critical to success. Effective communication, collaboration, and teamwork are essential to meet business requirements, and these all require people to be involved. By valuing and investing in people, businesses can create a culture of innovation, growth, and success. In short, people are not just a means to meet business requirements, but the driving force behind them. I am proud to be a part of this "people-focused" organization.

KYLE M. HOGAN
Colonel, Aviation

Depot Participates in AMC’s OIB War Games
By Kathleen (Kat) Pettaway-Clarke, CCAD Public Affairs

Corpus Christi, Texas — Historically, military war games are used to train leaders in tactical and strategic decision making, as well as help predict trends in future battles. The 2023 Army Materiel Command War Games were held Jan. 24-26 at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama for basically the same objective, but applied to the Organic Industrial Base’s modernization investments.

CCAD’s Deputy and Chief Operations Officer, Roderick Benson, and Thomas Sandoval, Director of Production Engineering, represented CCAD at the war games while other CCAD team members held a virtual presence.

AMC’s OIB consists of multiple depots, arsenals, and ammunition plants, which manufacture and reset Army equipment, generating readiness and operational capability around the world. CCAD is listed among the depots and is the world’s premier helicopter and component repair and remanufacture facility.

Marion Whicker, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General and Timothy Goddette, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for sustainment, said the key takeaways to the OIB entities were improved collaboration and synchronization between internal and external organizations/stakeholders on future OIB requirements, and prioritization based on resourcing risks and impacts.

“We are going to ensure we are looking at the removal of antiquated projects that are taking up space in our facilities,” said Whicker. “We want to posture ourselves for the projects taking place now and in the future.”

CCAD started its multi-year modernization journey in 2020 by upgrading existing aircraft

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Corpus Christi, Texas — Florida native and Army veteran Brian Orlando is a Substance Abuse Program Specialist at Corpus Christi Army Depot who enjoys making a difference.

Orlando’s journey with the Army started in 2005. Although he felt himself called to duty much earlier — during the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Once he decided to join the Army, he found himself at the recruiting office in 2003. Following the 9/11 attacks, approximately 181,500 Americans enlisted in the military, which the Department of Defense notes as an 8% increase in interest in joining the Army during the decade after the attacks.

As a 13B or Cannon Crewmember, Orlando worked with Howitzers, a technologically advanced weapons system that supported infantry and tank units. Before leaving the Army in 2013, Orlando served in Hawaii, Korea, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The former artilleryman credits the Army with providing him with training, discipline, and camaraderie. While on active duty, Orlando was a collateral duty unit prevention leader.

“I was a substance abuse program specialist, drug test coordinator testing civilians and military” he said. “Now, I teach employees about suicide and drug and alcohol prevention.”

Recently, Orlando represented the depot at a local elementary school career day. Metro Elementary School of Design wanted to help students understand drug abuse, drug addiction and the importance of drug avoidance while safeguarding their future. During his visit, Orlando told them, “If you stay drug-free, maybe you’ll work at CCAD or join the Army when you are older.”

According to Metro School Counselor Josie Licon, another goal was to familiarize the students with career and education opportunities within the Corpus Christi community. Licon said that she wanted to “Exposé the students to the vocabulary of their future.” Other participants were the Corpus Christi Police Department, the Corpus Christi Fire Department, and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Making a difference motivates Orlando. The safety of CCAD’s test pilots, artisans and all employees is his top priority. Drug awareness campaigns aid in keeping employees aware of the ramifications of drug use. Employees knowing the cause and effects of drugs and alcohol over time and the impact on the job are vital.

“I still love doing what I’m doing” Orlando said. “If you get one person you know, pass on the knowledge to them about the importance of not abusing drugs and alcohol — that’s a win. The work [at CCAD] is earnest, and pilots’ lives are at stake. So, everything has to be done by the book, and everything here is systematic. Staying healthy and drug-free is important because one little thing can cause a helicopter mishap.
Aviation Maintenance Skill Development On-the-Job at Depot

By Della Adame, CCAD Public Affairs

Corpus Christi, Texas - Throughout the year, U.S. Army active-duty, National Guard and Reserve aviation units arrive at Corpus Christi Army Depot ready to hone their skills. Not only does the Army provide specialized skills training for Soldiers who want to advance their Army careers, but Soldiers also receive ongoing technical training opportunities to develop skills for an Army career and beyond.

CCAD Sgt. Maj. Jon Trawick recently hosted Chief Warrant Officer 5 Raleigh Strabala and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Don Bullock from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, located on Katterbach Army Airfield, Germany. Their visit was to learn more about the UH-60V Black Hawk helicopter line and meet with leaders to discuss technical on-the-job learning opportunities for aviation transportation Soldiers.

The visit also included a tour of depot processes, such as engine repair and overhaul, blue light scanning technologies, aircraft painting, electronics and tools available to support the Army’s aviation needs.

“The professional atmosphere of the depot team and its facilities, combined with the technology employed to give our warfighters the best modernized equipment is truly awe inspiring,” said Strabala. “We are excited to get the new UH-60V deployed in support of our nation and NATO allies.”

The depot is a premier location for sharpening aircraft repair and maintenance skills, and when paired alongside a skilled artisan with decades of knowledge, the practical experience received at the depot becomes very valuable in real-world scenarios.

The UH-60V Black Hawk is among several aircraft that a visiting Soldier works on to maintain the necessary skills to keep the aircraft in the best condition at the unit’s home base. While at CCAD, Soldiers use a variety of maintenance techniques, such as restoring airframes, engines, and components to like-new condition. Other opportunities include aircraft painting, engine rebuilding, and avionics wiring.

Strabala added, “This is the next chapter in a long-term relationship based on our trust in CCAD products, confidence in your continual support to aviation and the endurance that is a hallmark of the depots ability to meet the future demands of the 12th CAB and Army avia-

“Hands-on experience is what you really need,” Trawick said. “The fact that a Soldier can actually use equipment and conduct the repairs in real time, instead of learning from a video, or reading an instruction booklet is invaluable.”

CCAD will continue to be the world’s premier helicopter and component repair and remanufacture facility to support Army requirements.

We answer the nation’s call, we keep the Army flying!


Above: CW5 Raleigh Strabala and CW5 Don Bullock, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, Katterbach Army Airfield, Germany re-conned the Depot for future on-the-job training opportunities. Photo by Samantha Treadway.

Above: An unidentified soldier from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, gains valuable on-the-job experience by working on the rivets of a helicopter skin during disassembly at CCAD. Photo by Ervey Martinez.
**Outstanding Performers**

### CARLOS GARCIA

Mr. Carlos Garcia from the Directorate of Facility and Property Management was responsible for correcting an issue with sensors and gauges, restoring operations at 808G, 1882. He installed and then coordinated with Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) to calibrate the magneto-helic gauges and humidity sensors. Mr. Garcia worked expeditiously and determined the most efficient route to get the Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility running and back in production. His efforts restored multiple booths to operation with minimal down-time.

“Winning Matters” is not just a motto for Mr. Garcia, but a call to action.

### LINDA TREVINO

The Outstanding Performer for this reporting period is Ms. Linda Trevino from the Directorate of Production Engineering. Linda coordinated with Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare, and Sensors to transfer two automatic wire test sets for use in the On Condition Maintenance’s (OCM) electrical stage. This wire test set is indicative of the potential to provide more robust wire harness testing at America’s Aviation Depot. A #CCADSalute and congratulations, Linda!

### OSCAR GUERRA, JR.

Oscar Guerra, WG-9 plumber in the Directorate of Facilities and Property Management (DFPM), was all over America’s Aviation Depot before/during/after the recent freeze on December 23. He helped repair the fire suppression line days before the freeze, averting major flooding in Building 8. After the freeze, he responded beyond regular work hours to resolve freeze-related issues. He returned at 0600 on Christmas Eve to handle additional freeze related issues, and then he reported on 26 DEC to help restore the central utility plant, ensuring that it was fully operational before the Workforce returned. Mr. Guerra was instrumental in mitigating burst pipes in multiple areas that, if left unattended, would have led to considerable water damage to the building, lost production, and damage to equipment. He constantly demonstrates dedication and a sense of ownership to the Depot, for which we are grateful. Oscar exemplifies the #WeAreCCAD motto and shared his recognition with his team at DFPM.
An extraordinary event happened between Corpus Christi's major education institutions and America's aviation depot. An outreach agreement was signed as the depot continuously seeks to recruit and train the next generation of artisans and employees. Students and recent graduates from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Del Mar College, and the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend will have the opportunity to participate in employment programs with Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Letters of agreement raise awareness of the many possibilities in today's Army and provide various narratives of success after school.

"From GED to Ph.D., we're glad to be associated with this partnership and what we provide, not only here for our people, but for the rest of the world," said Colonel Kyle Hogan, commander, CCAD.

This program provides local graduates a pathway to explore career opportunities related to their academic field while simultaneously learning about civilian careers within the Department of the Army and CCAD.

Dr. Mark Escamilla, president and chief executive officer of Del Mar College, said, "Our curriculum supports that very high level of technology needed here. When the Army evolves, we evolve, which is the primary reason for reaffirming the letter of agreement."

The depot employs over 3500 civil service and contract employees in direct and indirect roles supporting aircraft production. Sustainment must keep pace with every modernization effort to maintain a strategic advantage over our adversaries. The depot will further educate and train these future artisans on specialized rotary-wing repair and refurbishment procedures on aircraft undergoing repairs in direct support of Organic Industrial Base modernization efforts.

Dr. Kelly Miller, president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, said, "This is a great program for students because it piques their interests in jobs, they [students] never knew existed."

CCAD has been the premier employer for many generations. Leaders want the community to understand the available technical, administrative, and leadership roles available. As the most prominent industrial employer in the Coastal Bend, the depot has expanded their recruitment efforts, for anyone to how they can become an asset to the nation's national security.

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SALAS, CONNIE

CIVILIAN SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL
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PEREZ JR, DAMASIO
PUENTES, NORMA
SIEMONS, RAY
SMITH, JOHN
SPURGEON, JAMES
STUDER, ALMA
SUMMERFIELD, CHARLES

CIVILIAN SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
BARRERA, HILDA
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ESTES, DAVID
GARCIA, AUGUSTINE
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GORENA JR, JOSE
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TOSCANO, NORMA
WILBURN, JAVIER
WOOLDRIDGE JR, SAMUEL
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

40+ Years of Service
DELEON, RACHEL
MUNIZ, ROBERTO
MURO, ESTELLA AMAYA

35+ Years of Service
CORTINAS, MICHAEL
GAMINO, JERARDO
HARNISH, TODD
YOUNG, MARC

30+ Years of Service
LANGDON, MATTHEW

25+ Years of Service
GARCIA, JR, CARLOS
HIGGINS, DAVID

20+ Years of Service
ACUNA, ARNOLDO
CASIANO, EDWARD
CASTELLANOS III, THOMAS
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RAMIREZ, III, NICOLAS
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WATSON, JR, WILLIAM
SHELL, MARS
SIMMITT, SCOTT
TREVINO, MARCOS
VALADEZ, ANTONIO
VASQUEZ, JOANNA
BUSSEY, JEFFERY

15+Years of Service
EDWARDS, ADRIAN
FLORES, JOHNNY
GARCIA, CHRISTOPHER
GODDARD, DUSTIN
MORGAN, EDWARD
OLIVARES, ERIC
GARCIA, III, ANDRES
GONZALEZ, DANIEL
HINOJOSA, FRANCISCO
ORLANDO, BRIAN
SANDERS, JR, RICKY
SCHMIDT, NATHANIEL

10+ Years of Service
RUSSELL, KALEN JOHN

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CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT RETIREMENTS

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Nieto Jr, Augustin
Aircraft Mechanical Parts Repairer
PT

Ortega, Jr, Raul
Aircraft Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic
Directorate of Accessories & Rotor Blade

Puentes, Norma
Management & Program Analyst
Directorate of Aircraft Production

Reyes Carolina
Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Directorate of Engines Production

Rodriguez, Roberto
Machining Inspector
Directorate of Quality Management

Rowland Paul
Aircraft Mechanical Parts Worker
Directorate of Accessories & Rotor Blade

Ruiz, Richard
Sheet Metal Mechanic
Directorate of Aircraft Production

Salas, Connie
Supervisory IT Specialist
Directorate of Information Technology

Sanchez, Juan
Composite Fabricator
Directorate of Manufacturing/Process Production

Siemons, Ray
Quality Assurance Specialist
Directorate of Quality Management

Silva, Arnoldo
Engineering Technician
Directorate of Facility & Property Management

Spurgeon, James
Industrial Specialist
Directorate of Infrastructure & Risk Management

Studer, Monica
Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Directorate of Engines Production

Summerfield, Charles
Safety & Occupational Health Specialist
Office of the Commander

Summerfield, Phyllis
Materials Expediter
Directorate of Planning & Supply Management

West, German
Aircraft Mechanical Parts Repairer
Directorate of Accessories & Rotor Blade

Background photo by Jerry Duenes.
The driving force behind each task performed at CCAD is to provide our nation the best value for modification, repair, and overhaul of rotary-wing components and aircraft in support of the strategic readiness of the Army.

The depot vision is to continue to be the world’s premier helicopter and component repair and remanufacture facility. With that focus, CCAD remains postured to ensure we synchronize aviation assets, material support, and enterprise resources to ensure we keep the Army flying.

“Be proud of what you have done,” said Hogan. “We look forward to the next chapter of this great tool for our nation’s warriors to operate.”

Sustainment must keep pace with every modernization effort to maintain a strategic advantage over our adversaries. Benson said, “Current designs facilitate present and future workload. For future projects, it will be critical to get designs completed and be shovel ready.”

The Army relies on the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and AMC to lead OIB modernization.

“More complete and stable designs are a recipe for projects that stay on schedule and cost,” Benson continued, from the perspective of CCAD’s fluidity, “Overall, we are in a good position; however, we should find ways to reduce maintenance costs in our facilities.”

The OIB Modernization Implementation Plan outlines the Army’s way forward to bring the OIB into the 21st century while infusing industry’s best practices and refining human resource management structures to maximize the skills and capabilities of the workforce.

“Cultivating a specific spirit for responsible workers’ attitude, we’ve created the foundation for people to succeed and achieve their career goals,” said Dr. Wayne Kelly, president of the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend.

Building the Army of 2030 and beyond requires the Army to care for its greatest strength and top priority – its people.
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