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Fun Facts

- November 6th is election day. Go out and use your right to vote!
- November 9, 1989 - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961.
- November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789
- Veteran's Day is on November 11th. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day as the Armistice Day to honor veterans of WWI. In 1938, Congress made the day a national holiday and, in 1954, was renamed to Veteran's Day to remember and honor veterans of all wars.
- November 22nd is Thanksgiving Day. In 1621, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in Plymouth, Massachusetts with the Native Americans and Pilgrims. Take this day to give thanks to those around you.
- November 30th is Computer Security Day. Security is an important consideration when working with computers, internet or any electronic devices. Use Computer Security Day to ensure that your passwords are regularly updated, that your personal information is safe and secure, and that your systems are protected.





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Thanksgiving

Message from the Command Office

In the month of November we celebrate two important holidays: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. It's a season for being thankful for the sacrifices our veterans have made for our nation and to remember how CCAD supports our veterans and Warfighter.

As individuals, we are thankful for our family, friends and loved ones. On behalf of the depot, we give thanks for the hard work and services given to our Warfighter day in and day out. The work we do provides our Warfighter with quality equipment to help bring them back home safely to their families.

Remember this holiday to reflect upon the things that truly matter to you and give thanks for the blessings we enjoy.

To all our CCAD employees, veterans and their families, we wish you a pleasant Thanksgiving and thank you for all that you do here for our nation. Happy Thanksgiving!



Salute to the Military

Col. Christopher B. Carlile served as a special guest at a Salute to the Military luncheon on October 9th. Congressman Mike Conaway and Congressman Blake Farenthold spoke at the event hosted by the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center. Military leaders and veterans throughout the community attended the appreciation event.

Photo by Every Martinez

Early Voting

Employees lined up in droves to make their voices heard on Early Voting Day. Mobile Voting set up shop on October 24th in front of the Subway in Building 8 so that employees would have the opportunity to vote.

Photo by Ervey Martinez



CCAD EVENTS



Combined Federal Campaign

The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the military and civilian workforce contributing support for deserving charities. Col. Carlile is serving as the 2012 Chair for the Coastal Bend Area Combined Federal Campaign. The campaign will solicit funds from October 5th through

November 16th.

Last year, the Coastal Bend raised \$1,310,490 with approximately \$770,000 coming from CCAD. Our theme for this year's campaign is "Give a little. Help a lot."

Incentives

Eagle Statue

Civilian-\$40 per pay period-\$1,040 total gift

Military-\$84 per pay period-\$1,008 total gift

Insulated Tumbler (16 oz.)

Civilian-\$25 per pay period-\$650 total gift

Military-\$50 per pay period-\$600 total gift

Ceramic Mug

Civilian-\$10 per pay period-\$260 total gift

Military-\$20 per pay period-\$240 total gift

Thank you for giving as generously as you have in the past in our effort to support CFC.



CCAD's E-Recycling Event

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

1030-1300

In front of Subway in Building 8

In support of the City of Corpus Christi's Recycle Week and the 5th Annual E-Recycling Event, Corpus Christi Recycling Department personnel will be on-hand with presentations, free "goodies" and will accept Electronics for recycling.

During this E-Recycling event, CCAD personnel are encouraged to bring in their unwanted computer, computer accessories and other small appliances for recycling or just visit the information table to learn more. Items such as TV's, refrigerators and microwaves will not be accepted due to process requirements. It's recommended that hard drives be removed from all computers prior to turn-in.

Point of contact for this event is Derrick Born, S-4, Environmental Support Division, 961.6454

IceRays Hockey Team Visit

The Corpus Christi IceRays Hockey Team and Sting Ray, himself, are coming to a work center near you! The team and their mascot will be at CCAD on Wednesday, November 14th to promote the Military Appreciation Night game on November 17th at American Bank Center. Don't miss our Commander who will be on the ice and "dropping the puck!"



Red Ribbon Week

CCAD's CW4 Tammy Stewart and Training Wing, LT Vincent Gomes both volunteered to be motivational speakers at Gibson Elementary School for Red Ribbon Week. They talked to over 180 students and 4th graders about the importance of staying in school and saying "NO" to drugs. They both showed a united front (Army/Navy) in our fight against drugs in our community.



Photo by Ervey Martinez



Boss's Day

The front office honored Col. Christopher B. Carlile on Boss's Day on October 16th. CCAD thanks all the bosses that work hard to support our Warfighter.

Photo by Ervey Martinez

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

ITT Black Friday Trip to San Marcos

"Shop till you drop!" Join ITT on a shopping trip on Black Friday to Tanger and Premium Outlets in San Marcos, TX.

Friday, November 23, 2012

Price: \$30 per person

Price includes:

- Transportation to and from outlets on a chartered bus.
- Both outlets will also be providing free coupon booklets that include exclusive money savings coupons!

The bus will depart ITT, Building 1785 parking lot at 4 a.m. Arrive at the outlets at approximately 8 a.m. Shop until 5 p.m. when the bus departs to return home. The bus will arrive back at NAS Corpus Christi at approximately 9 p.m. To sign up for the trip, please visit the ITT Office in Building 1785. For more information, please call 961.3961. This trip is open to military, retired military, their dependents, DoD/NAF employees and contractors at NAS Corpus Christi.

For more information contact ITT Office at 961.3961. You can also visit the MWR Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/mwrcorpuschristi> for more events this month.



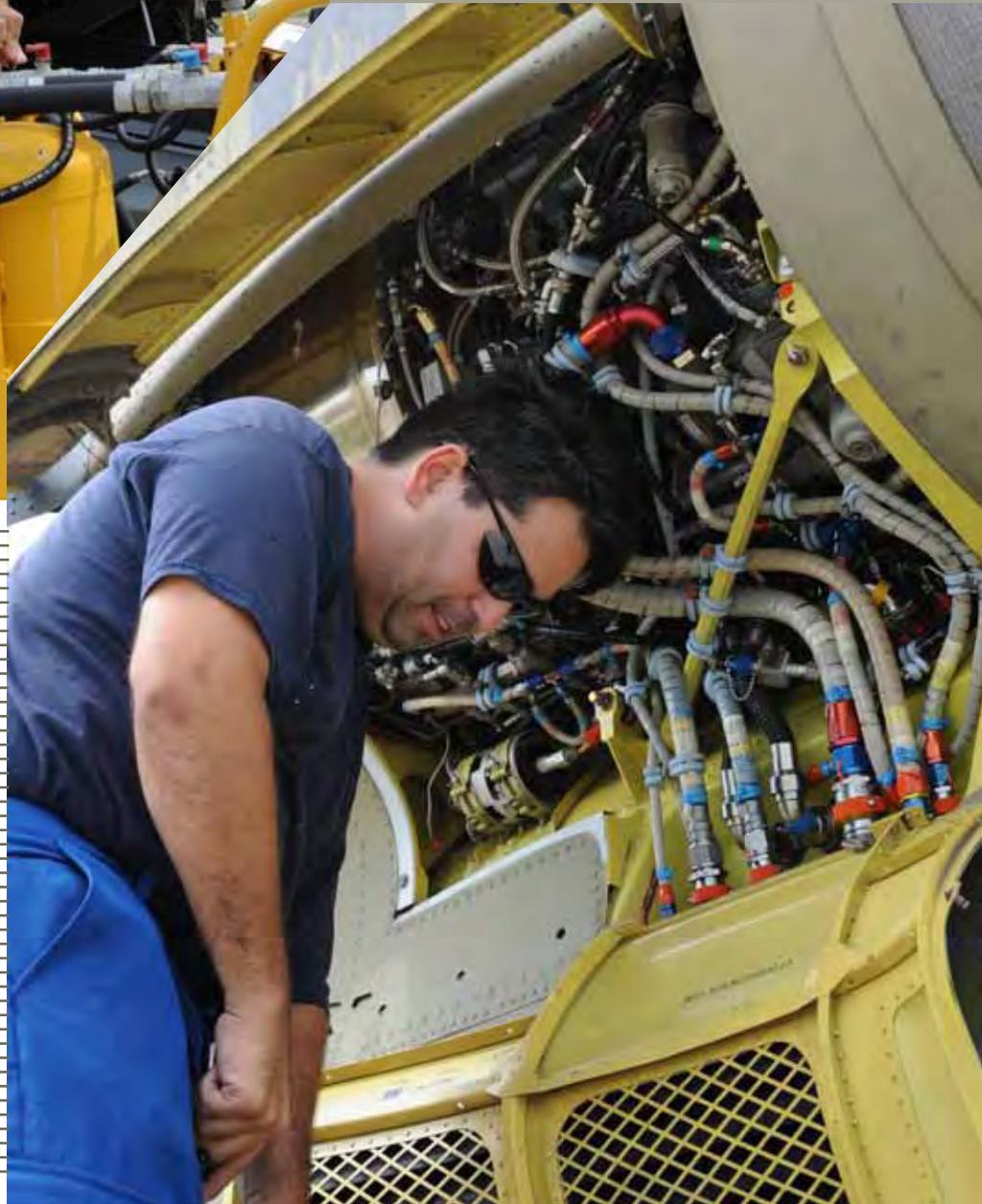
It's Toys For Tots time!

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. Last year, CCAD donated over 56 boxes of toys and 586 bicycles to the campaign. Boxes will be located throughout Building 8. Let's make it a memorable Christmas for the children of South Texas. If you need a box for your area, additional boxes are available in Hangar 44 Rm 209. POC: CW4 George Aldridge, 961.0516.



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Test pilots make inspections to a CH-47 prior to test flight.



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Repair & Return

Army Depot Breaks Its Record for CH-47 Chinook Repair

*by Jaclyn Nix & Brigitte Rox
photos by Ervey Martinez*

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) workforce is hoping for more Chinooks now that they repaired one in a record time of 28 days.

When a fuel tank was damaged on a near mint CH-47, the Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) program managers knew that it had to get fixed before it could fly again but they didn't have much time.

They called on CCAD: the only repair facility in the Army's Organic Industrial Base (OIB) capable of a quick turnaround for Department of Defense (DoD) helicopters.

"We told them we could do it," said CCAD On-Condition Maintenance Repair Division Chief Charlie Garza. Depot analysts and Boeing representatives surveyed the damage to estimate the work ahead of them. It would cut it close but, if they worked together, they could repair and return the helicopter in less than a month.

Repair and Return helicopters receive special attention at the Army depot. In many cases, a deployed unit relies on that helicopter to achieve their mission. The longer CCAD keeps the helicopter, the longer the Warfighter has to wait.

To minimize downtime, CCAD artisans streamlined the entire repair process. They also found ways to minimize cost. This would get the aircraft to the Warfighter sooner while costing the American taxpayer less.

"We have highly skilled, motivated artisans and a partnership that helps us. The combination of the two makes quality aircraft, a faster

turnaround and ends up being cost-effective for the Warfighter and taxpayer," said Garza.

But when it all came down to it, many CCADers credited their ability to work together to get the Chinook running again. Part of being a CCADER is understanding the critical nature of their work every day. They know lives are on the line.

The workforce unites in a singular mission when it comes to the Warfighter, from the production specialists, quality managers, mechanics to the front-line supervisors and industry partners. "Working as a team was instrumental," said Garza. "Everyone knew what needed to be done, who needed to be where and at what time."

True to their word, the repaired Chinook was ready for flight 28 days later.

"CCAD does an amazing job and we are surprised how fast they work and how fast we got [the aircraft] back," said Staff Sgt. Jean Munoz, one of the crew members of the unit receiving the repaired CH-47.

CCAD hopes to get more work for the Chinook in the future. The depot's CH-47 recapitalization program came to a close in April 2012 after the eleven years it took to upgrade the entire Chinook fleet to the new F models. Now, depot artisans only receive Chinooks for repair in either their Repair & Return or their Crash Battle Damage program. As a critical platform to DoD, CCAD will be there to get the Chinook flying again. ■



What is a Heart Attack?

submitted by Safety and Occupational Health

Every 36 seconds, someone dies from heart and blood vessel diseases, America's No. 1 killer. Since most of those deaths are from coronary heart disease — about 452,000 each year — it's important to learn all you can about heart attacks. Don't ignore heart problems. It's a matter of life and death!

For example, you should know the warning signs so you can get help right away, either for yourself or someone close to you. Acting quickly can save many, many lives!

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. But most start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are some of the signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- *Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.*
- *Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, your back, neck, jaw or stomach.*
- *Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.*
- *Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.*

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) in your area (fire department or ambulance). Get to a hospital right away.



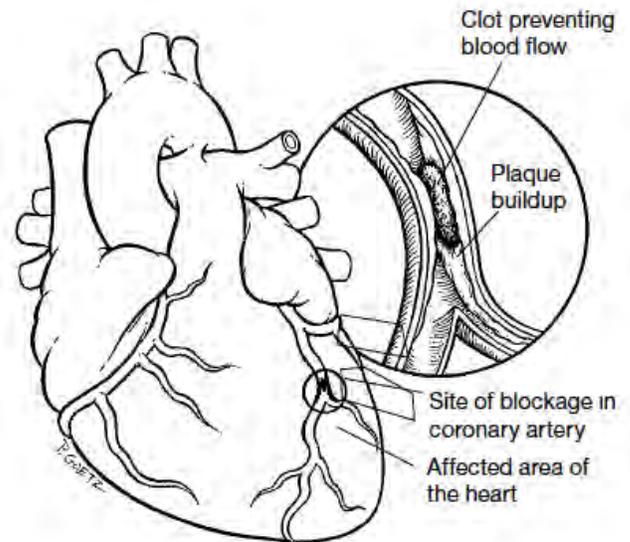
What Causes a Heart Attack?

A coronary attack (heart attack) occurs when the blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked (often by a blood clot). This happens because coronary arteries that supply the heart with blood slowly become thicker and harder from a buildup of fat, cholesterol and other substances, called plaque.

If the plaque breaks open and a blood clot forms that blocks the blood flow, a heart attack occurs. Then the heart muscle supplied by that artery begins to die. Damage increases the longer an artery stays blocked.

Once that muscle dies, the result is permanent heart damage.





How Can I Recover?

Depending on the extent of your heart attack, you may only be in the hospital a few days. But your recovery is just beginning.

- *Start making changes in your life now to reduce your risk of having another heart attack. Eat healthful meals, be more physically active, and if you smoke, quit.*
- *Talk with your doctor and nurses about how you can live as normal a life as possible. Ask how soon you can go back to work, drive a car, have sex, and what to do if you have chest discomfort. They can answer your questions about other matters, too.*
- *Join a cardiac rehabilitation program in your area.*

How can I avoid a heart attack?

Even if you have heart disease, there's a lot you can do to improve your heart's health.

Ask your doctor or nurse for help. Together, you can set goals to reduce the things that raise your risk of heart attack.

- *Don't smoke, and avoid other people's tobacco smoke.*
- *Treat high blood pressure, if you have it.*
- *Eat a healthy diet that's low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and salt.*
- *Exercise at least 30 minutes on most or all days of the week.*
- *Keep your weight in the normal range.*
- *See your doctor for regular check-ups.*
- *Take your medicines exactly as prescribed.*
- *Control your blood sugar if you have diabetes.*

You can help prevent a heart attack! You must control your blood pressure, stop smoking, eat a healthful diet, exercise and know the warning signs!

How can I learn more?

- *Talk to your doctor, nurse or other health-care professionals. If you have heart disease or have had a stroke, members of your family also may be at higher risk. It's very important for them to make changes now to lower their risk.*
- *Call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721) or visit americanheart.org to learn more about heart disease.*
- *For information on stroke, call 1-888-4-STROKE (1-888-478-7653) or visit StrokeAssociation.org.*

We have many other fact sheets and educational booklets to help you make healthier choices to reduce your risk, manage disease or care for a loved one.

Knowledge is power, so Learn and Live!

How can I learn more?

Take a few minutes to write your own questions for the next time you see your healthcare provider. For example:

- *What about desserts?*
- *What's a good, healthful cookbook?*



Awards AROUND THE Depot

Photos by
Ervey Martinez



Commander's Coin

Col. Christopher B. Carlile

(left to right) Enrique "Leo" Gonzales, Jameson Cardenas, Joseph "Joe" Wassmann, Kiana Allen, Jose Rodriguez, Audrey Gossett, Brigitte Rox, Jaclyn Nix, Alex Molina, Ervey Martinez, Daphne Martin, Shawn Clark



Composite Risk Management Award

Col. Christopher B. Carlile

(left to right) Jonathan Williams, Patrick Causey, Joseph Saenz, Mark Sandoval, Jeremy Smith, John Epperson, Robert Stebbin



Certificate of Appreciation

Col. Christopher B. Carlile & Dir. S6 Connie Salas

(left to right) Adrian Medina, Steven Botello, Donna Valentine, Valarie Hawkins



Certificate of Appreciation

Col. Christopher B. Carlile & Dir. S6 Connie Salas

(left to right) Jerry Huffman, Jason Martinez, Jose Medina, Cristina Treviño



Certificate of Appreciation

Col. Christopher B. Carlile & Dir. S6 Connie Salas

(left) Cynthia "Quita" Gonzalez and (right) Donald "Scott" Lichtenberger



Certificate of Appreciation

Col. Christopher B. Carlile & Dir. S6 Connie Salas

(left to right) Ricardo "Rick" Enriquez, Mark Overstreet, Melanie Ochoa, Belinda Canales, Cynthia Lofton, Michelle Garcia



Length of Service Award

Presented by Jamie Felgenhauer,

Recap Division Chief

Carl Moore (right), 10 year Length of Service Certificate



Yellow Belt Certificate

Col. Christopher B. Carlile

Top row: (left to right) Kathi Rodriguez, Jason Perez, Barbara Castro, Dara Rosenzweig, Roland De La Fuente, Mark Gomez, Joel Torres
Bottom row: (left to right) Jaime Longoria, Cain Garcia, Linda Lopez, Alan Middleton, Fred Mehary

Commander's Coin

Col. Christopher B. Carlile

Frances Rosarius, Ram Treviño, Sylvia Garcia, Pete Barrientes, Patti Puckett, Sakeena Venegas, Mario Soto, Ruby Landeros, Brandy Gonzales, Chris Schofield, Norma Villarreal, Kennet Long, Michelle Garcia, Sylvia Deleon, Robin Bonham, Steve Knoll, Danielle Finley, Linda Lewis, David Rodriguez



Achievement Medal for Civilian Service
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Jose Quintanilla



Certificate of Achievement
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Danny Fiscus



Certificate of Achievement
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Homero Silva



Certificate of Achievement
Col. Christopher B. Carlile

(left to right): Jeffery Coronado, David Medina, Juan Sanchez and Errin Sliwinski



Achievement Medal for Civilian Service
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Linda Lewis



Length of Service Award
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Damasio Perez, 40 year
Length of Service Certificate



Certificate of Achievement
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Curry Stegen



Air Force Senior Master Sargent Anthony Quartaro from Air National Guard 129 MXS/MXMI, Moffett California, presented pictures to Flight Test and Sheet Metal shops in appreciation for their extraordinary effort in completing the inspection and maintenance of their HH60 aircraft serial number 88-26107 in record time that contributed in the 129th success for preparation and passing their recent Operational Readiness Inspection and sustaining their real world mission readiness.



Honorable Order of St. Michael
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Samer "Sam" Sinjlawi



Memorandum of Appreciation
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
Carzell Campbell



Certificate of Achievement
Col. Christopher B. Carlile
John Kummer





Corpus Christi Army Depot Welcomes its First Female Test Pilot

BY JACLYN NIX
PHOTOS BY ERVEY MARTINEZ
AND KIANA ALLEN

For the first time in its 51 year history, Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) welcomed a female maintenance test pilot.

CW2 Trina Moreno, a test pilot for the UH-60 Black Hawk, came to the depot in 2011 to help with crash battle damaged and recapitalized (recap) Black Hawks. She could be found in the hangar or on the flight line dressed in her ACUs performing inspections, test flights and the occasional aircraft delivery.

"I love that I get to fly every day and work on aircraft that I know will make a difference," she said.

She hopes to influence others in Army aviation by bringing her knowledge and experience to the field for the Warfighters.

"When an aircraft happens to break, I can go out, troubleshoot it and get it flying again," she said. "I [can] take the experience I learned at CCAD and show the unit how to troubleshoot the aircraft to repair."

A 17-year Army aviation specialist, CW2 Moreno came to CCAD from Fort Campbell, Kentucky after serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan and after a devastating accident that left her husband as a quadriplegic. The U.S. Army and CCAD worked to secure a job for CW2 Moreno that would bring her and her family closer to their extended family in South Texas.

CW2 Moreno inspects every inch and rivet of the Black Hawk with safety flight crews before the aircraft is ever lifted off the ground. She ensures that the hundreds of *Continued on page 16*

new or remanufactured components and engines in each aircraft work properly with ground runs. After each hover and flight test, CW2 Moreno and the crew continually service the helicopter to ensure a perfect bird until it returns to the Warfighters needing it the most.

“When I was a little girl my parents used to take me to air shows. I remember seeing the aviators, people in uniform and the helicopters and I knew then that [flying] is what I wanted to do,” said CW2 Moreno.

“I started out as a mechanic and now I’m a pilot which is awesome. We are starting to see a lot more females doing that which is great.”

One of CW2 Moreno’s greatest achievements while working at the depot was assisting the CCAD team complete and deliver 50 recapitalized UH-60s to the Warfighter, breaking the production record of CCAD Black Hawks in a given fiscal year. CCAD produces state-of-the-

art UH-60 Black Hawks for the Warfighter at the lowest possible cost to ensure the Army remains battle-ready and capable to maximize Army combat power. The recap program involves the teardown of older model UH-60s to rebuild it with the best and latest technology and systems. Upon completion, the aircraft comes out equal to or like new UH-60L Black Hawk with a life extension of up to ten years.

“Working at CCAD is a great experience,” said CW2 Moreno. “[Soldiers] are getting a great product.”

“I think it is important for women to strive in the military because women before us have strived to get us to where we are today. I’m thankful that I can pave the way for future female test pilots.”

CCAD welcomed its second female maintenance test pilot in September. CW4 Tammy Stewart will assist CCAD as they replenish the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior for the Army. ■



*CW2 Trina Moreno inspects a UH-60 Black Hawk prior to test flight.
Photos by Kiana Allen*



Empowered Employees Form Guiding Coalition To Take Charge of CCAD's Future

By James A. Dussliere
 Edited by Public Affairs

Front row (left to right): Doris Hill, Elizabeth Jimenez, Melanie Edwards, Mary Ann Hinojosa, Rose Rust, Jesefina Huape, Cristina Buseman, Christina Lara, Linda Lopez, Pamela Janek, Cesar Garcia and Dina Cruz. Second row: Michael Webb, Michael Johnson, Jamie Pettis, James Dussliere, Edward Dominguez, Jutta Nelschoff-Burt, Latoya Young, JD Villasenor, Michael Sparks and Jacob Berdan. Third row: Roberto Ramos-Figueroa, Jesus Gomez, Jazmine Benavidez, Rob Ratliff, Andreas Burt, Michael Barreto and Daniel Young photo by Ervey Martienz

A team of hard-working employees, known as Corpus Christi Army Depot's Guiding Coalition, are busy tackling a mounting list of employee ideas that could improve productivity and efficiency at CCAD.

The Guiding Coalition became an official entity at CCAD. The team was recognized by Col. Christopher B. Carlile, CCAD Commander and other depot leaders as they received red shirts customized with their Guiding Coalition logo, October 17.

Through initiatives like the Guiding Coalition, Leading Change Teams, and Lean Six Sigma; CCAD employees and partners are making strides to create a more efficient Department of Defense starting at the Organic Industrial Base.

These members come from all areas of the depot and have a wide range of experience, ranging from aircraft cleaning to engine repair and office personnel. CCAD's growing Lean Six Sigma Black Belt experts offer their skills and tools as employee suggestions are researched and analyzed for potential implementation. The best suggestions address one or more of CCAD Balanced Scorecard's objectives, which could respond to a financial, customer, quality, personnel or organizational goal.

Once an employee's suggestion passes through the submission process, the Guiding Coalition will contact the individual or team that submitted the idea with the good news. Mentors will work with the innovator, offering guidance to make their idea a reality. In many cases, they develop Leading Change Teams and get buy-in from subject matter experts and supervisors to get the ball rolling. Other suggestions may become projects for those seeking Lean Six Sigma certification or may even become Quick Wins for a shop or directorate. In any situation, these ideas could see long-term benefits in reduced turnaround time, lower costs, and efficiency.

Volunteers are always welcomed for Leading Change Teams and for the Guiding Coalition. If you are interested in leading change, talk to your supervisor or other chain of command personnel and visit the CCAD homepage to volunteer or to update your contact information.

To get involved, visit the Office of the Commander page on the CCAD Intranet and check out "CCAD Leading Change Team" and "CCAD Suggestion Box" on the right sidebar (<http://ccadportal.ccad.army.mil/AMCC-CO/Pages/Commander.aspx>). ■





Emergency Notice
FIRE ALARM
EVACUATION ROUTE
EXIT

NASCC & Tenants Work Together For Readiness Exercise

by Jaclyn Nix & Brigitte Rox
photos by Ervey Martinez

Is Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi (NASCC) prepared to prevent another Ft. Hood massacre at its military base?

NASCC and their tenants chose not to take any chances when they put their response tactics to the test during a simulated emergency exercise on October 18, 2012.

Navy teamed up with Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), Coast Guard and other tenants to fabricate a controlled role-playing exercise complete with a gunman, victims and even their families.

Though regimented clearance procedures are rigidly followed at the base, it is no guarantee that all workplaces are secure. Violence is a possibility for any workplace and federal installations are no exception. "With the high number of employees and the current economic climate we're in, places like CCAD that employ thousands of civilians, many of which are combat veterans, are uniquely susceptible to such a threat," said Commander Robin Higgs, from the Jacksonville Navy Region Training Team.

All NASCC and CCAD participants and volunteers worked together to create and respond to a situation in which an armed individual infiltrated a work environment and opened fire on civilians. Various scenes set across the naval facility engaged all aspects of emergency response to include military police, security, EMS and fire crews. On another side of the base, a command center operated in real-time to follow all aspects of protocol, including contacting victim families.

The simulated shootout was staged in a work area of one of CCAD's main facilities. A volunteer from the United States Coast Guard played a terminated employee who returned to work angry and armed for revenge. Four depot employees volunteered to be victims of the bloody shootout.



Navy Security use mock weapons as they search for the active shooter during a drill exercise.

CCAD participants enact injuries sustained as part of an Active Shooter Drill.



Navy Security apprehends suspect as part of the drill exercise.

Throughout the exercise, participants referred to the assailant as an “active shooter.” The National Tactical Officers Association defines an active shooter as “one or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating their intent to continuously cause serious physical injury or death to others.”

“This is a realistic scenario and exercise designed so that the role players and participants can take away from the experience,” said Commander Higgs. The Navy Region Training Team drills installations once a year for training to ensure security and personnel are ready to respond at a moment’s notice.

After Navy Security swept the area and neutralized the threat, fire and safety response crews came to treat the pretend wounds to the

four CCAD employees. At the Fleet Family Service Center, employees assumed roles as family members and friends of the victims to simulate the impact such an event would have on the center. Fleet Center representatives were on-hand to assist family members that would be affected by a similar incident.

“Every training you learn something new and how to work together as a team and I think everything we learned in the training we can take with us,” said Bryan Hall, Navy Petty Officer Second Class.

The Navy was not the only entity benefiting from the exercise. CCAD practiced on the Army side with accountability and mass notifications.

NASCC security is responsible for all security measures occurring within the military base. “It’s important to always have a working relationship with all the tenants on the base,” said Petty Officer Second Class Hall.

The risks associated with an active shooter incident can be mitigated through planning, education, training and evaluation. Open communication with those you work with is especially pivotal.

This drill was a way to establish and maintain communication internally between the Navy and CCAD but everybody benefits from the training.



Navy EMS assess the mock injuries of a participant as part of the drill.

“I just want everyone to know it’s a real viable threat and you need to be familiar with what to do,” said Danny Fiscus, CCAD Emergency Manager.

If you find yourself involved in an active shooter situation, try to remain calm and use the neces-

sary precautions. Be sure to have an escape route and plan in mind if you decide to flee, call 911 if possible, shelter in place or lock yourself into an office if one is available and turn off your phones and radios. ■



Profiles IN Professionalism



Melinda DeLaFuente Equipment Certification Lead

Where is your hometown?

I don't have a hometown, but I was born in Andrews Air Force Base. I'm an Air Force brat because my Dad was active duty. My parents hometown is in San Antonio, Texas so if I had to call a place my hometown it would be there to visit my parents.

Can you give me a Brief Job Description?

I work for Quality Assurance as the Equipment Certification Lead. My responsibility is to certify incoming, new, modified or upgraded equipment to release for production. It has me all over the depot and I really love my job!

What has been your greatest CCAD achievement?

My greatest achievement would be that I take advantage of the opportunity to improve or enhance different processes of my job. This is where I feel like the opportunity is out there and everyone should take advantage of it. I look at different things or aspects as a whole in order to be motivated and show improvement. I'm a firm believer on the suggestion program where you can come up with your own ideas.

Who has been your biggest influence at CCAD?

Many have helped me along the way, but the biggest influence would be Pete Epperson. He was a professional, helpful, and responsible manager with a positive attitude. He knew how to look at the whole picture and come up with the best solution. Jim Kaylor is another who is committed to his job and has inspired me with good advice.

What do you enjoy most about working at CCAD?

I enjoy being a part of the CCAD team and having a main, single mission and focus knowing that we are all in it together. We all strive for the best, there is no second best in everything we do.

What is your personal, professional motto?

"If you see someone without a smile today, give them one of yours."

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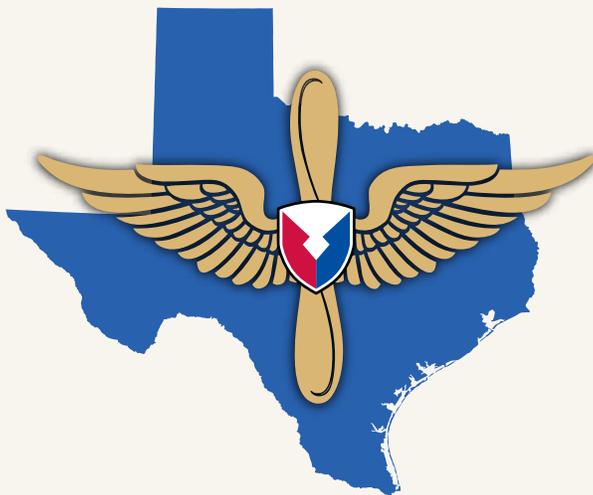
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