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CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT  
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## CCAD Welcomes New Commander and Retires Another

By Quentin Johnson, Lead Public Affairs Specialist

Amidst the sounds of “Ruffles and Flourishes” being played in the background by the 323rd Army Band “Fort Sam’s Own”, official party members walked down the center aisle surrounded by more than 300 guests to begin the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) change of command ceremony July 20, 2018. Col. Allan Lanceta relinquished command to Col. Gail Atkins after 24 months of serving as CCAD commander. Lanceta also retired after 27 years of military service during a retirement ceremony following the change of command. Atkins brings more than 20 years of aviation experience to CCAD. Her previous assignment was as the force support division chief, Joint Staff, J-8, at the Pentagon.

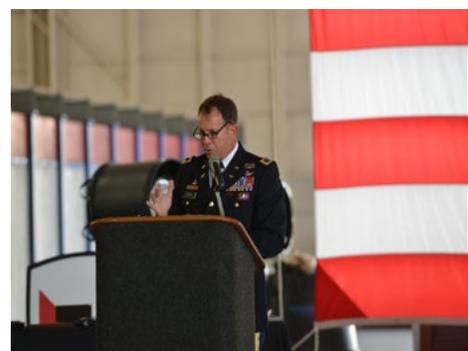
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## Historical Gathering of Former CCAD Leaders

The change of command ceremony provided a perfect opportunity for a historic gathering of former Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) leaders with both the outgoing and incoming commanders. Present at the ceremony, where Col. Allan Lanceta relinquished command to Col. Gail Atkins, July 20, were four of CCAD’s former commanders going all the way back to 2001. The distinguished group was acknowledged and greeted by community leaders and members of the workforce in attendance.

(Left to right) Col. Billingsley G. Pogue III, USA, Ret. (July 2013-June 2016); Col. Joe D. Dunaway, USA, Ret. (July 2007- June 2010); Col. James J. Budney, Jr., USA, Ret. (July 2001- July 2004); Col. Christopher B. Carlile, USA, Ret. (July 2010-June 2013); Col Gail E. Atkins and Col. Allan H. Lanceta, USA, Ret. (July 2016-June 2018).



## COL Mike Morgan Values Artisan Commitment to Quality

The work of Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) artisans is second to none. This message was conveyed to the workforce by Col. Mike Morgan as he awarded Commanders Coins to CCAD artisans for their outstanding performance while assigned on temporary duty in support of the 160th U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command (USASOAC). It is this solid and steadfast effort that ensures the future success of Army aviation. Col. Morgan knows firsthand the importance of the workmanship that goes into every single detail of an aircraft and the incalculable trust that a helicopter pilot has in the product when going into battle against the enemy and protecting forces on the ground. For his gallantry in action while conducting armed reconnaissance over ground forces during his seventh deployment in Afghanistan, Col. Morgan earned the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and an Army Commendation Medal with Valor. Col. Morgan was a special guest at the retirement ceremony of former CCAD Commander, Col. Allan H. Lanceta.



## Medal of Honor Recipient at Salute to the Military Luncheon

Corpus Christi Army Depot Commander, Col. Gail Atkins, along with members of the depot leadership team, attended the annual United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Salute to the Military Luncheon, July 26. Active duty members of the military were honored for their service and treated to a performance by the renowned Veteran’s Band of Corpus Christi. The guest speaker was Medal of Honor Recipient Florent “Flo” Groberg, who tackled a suicide bomber and courageously saved his command team during his 2012 tour of duty in Afghanistan. The organization also awarded numerous educational scholarships to students in South Texas.



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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Army Leader Competency: Communication - Part II

Contributed by Larry Adams, Training Advisor, and Manny Guzman, Training Specialist

CCAD is a business, therefore the need for face-to-face communication is necessary for efficiently completing its business process. Face-to-face or interpersonal communication happens in supervisor-employee, co-worker-to-co-worker, customer service and support information exchanges. With the recent implementation of the DoD Performance Management and Appraisal Program (DPMAP) and emphasis on supervisor-employee communication; throughout this series we will explore the process and provide recommendations for developing and improving the exchange of information. Supervisor-employee communication was once thought of as a process where the supervisor held the power when communicating. Subsequent studies of this two-person relationship and our very own experiences in talking with our supervisors show the employee has a vital role in this communication exchange. Per DODI 1400.25 DPMAP policy, supervisors are required to hold a minimum of three formal documented performance discussions during the appraisal cycle. At a minimum, two additional supervisor-employee interactions are recommended to review employee performance standards and provide feedback accordingly. Next month: Recommended actions to improve communication



### OCI 120 Day LSS Green Belt Rotation Pilot

Contributed by Ramiro Trevino, Process Improvement Specialist

In April 2018 the Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI) initiated a 120-day trial period for select Green Belt candidates to join OCI and assist with Lean events, training, and coaching of Yellow Belt candidates. The goal of this action was to supplement OCI staff with Lean events and training while completing requirements for Lean Six Sigma (LSS) certification. With respective director approval Gloria Rodriguez and Steve Garza were selected and allowed to participate in the trial period. Rodriguez and Garza reported to OCI and immediately began leading several Lean events and Rapid Improvement Events addressing Complex Assembly Manufacturing Solution (CAMS) Operation 0040 in T55 Assembly, Work In Process Tracking in Supply Management and Planning, and mega-projects like improving process lead time for pre-authorization requests in Master Data Management. Both candidates completed requirements for certification as Department of Army LSS Green Belts and are awaiting certification approval from Army Materiel Command. Congratulations on a job well-done!



### Donation of USNS Corpus Christi Bay Model Evokes Historic Memories

By Della Adame, Public Affairs Specialist

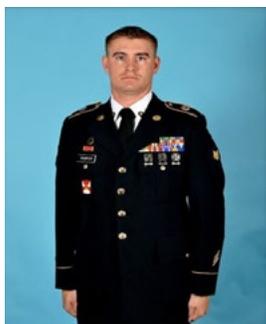
In a touching ceremony, Suzie Wollek, widow of retired U.S. Army SFC Donald Wollek of Fort Hood, Texas, gifted a replica of the USNS Corpus Christi Bay to the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) to honor all who served on board the namesake ship. In 1965, the World War II ship the USS Albemarle (AV-5) was recommissioned as the USNS Corpus Christi Bay (T-ARVH-1) a floating maintenance depot for the Army. As an extension of CCAD, (then called Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC)), the ship brought nearly every depot maintenance and repair process to the shores of Vietnam. Damaged aircraft were repaired in eight days, 10 days quicker than sending them stateside.



The model was constructed as a gift, a task that took many years because there were no blueprints for an old scrapped ship. A display case was constructed with both Navy and Army seals etched in the glass in honor of Mr. Wollek's service, duty, and dedication. Together they traveled to numerous ship reunions across the Midwest with the model, including the 2016 reunion held in Corpus Christi. After CCAD received permission from the Secretary of the Army to accept the gift, Mrs. Wollek, a retired Department of the Army civilian employee and her family gathered for the ceremony and a VIP tour of CCAD. As Mrs. Wollek gazed at the model through teary eyes she said, "I wanted to make sure that the model would be taken care of and appreciated for many years. My husband loved this ship, the 2 1/2 years he spent aboard and his time here in Corpus Christi, so I knew CCAD is where she should be, so that everyone will know the history of the ship for generations to come, including my grandkids and everyone who works here too."

The model is currently on display in the Luce Lobby trophy area at CCAD HQ Bldg. 8, along with many other artifacts from the ship.

## Soldier and Employee of the 2nd Quarter 2018



**SPC Brandon Thompson**

SPC Brandon Thompson joined the Army National Guard in August 2007 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Specialist Thompson has served as a Squad Leader/Cadre instructor, team leader, supply specialist, corrections officer, and Military Police Officer. He participated in Operation Enduring Freedom as a corrections officer and as an advisor in the Train Assist and Advise mission training of the Afghan National Army. His military and civilian education includes U.S. Army Military Police School, Internment/Resettlement School, Warriors Leaders Course, and Level 1 Modern Army Combatives course. SPC Thompson is enrolled at St. Cloud Technical and Community College where he is taking paralegal courses.



**Ferdinand Penny**

Ferdinand Penny joined the Corpus Christi Army Depot as a materials expediter in the Airframes Cross-Service Division in 2007. He has served as a Production Controller, and is currently a Production Controller Lead in Accessories Rotor Blade Production Control Branch 2. He was instrumental in implementing the Art of the Probable within the UH-60 Main Rotor Blade programs, increasing throughput and reducing cost and turnaround time. With safety always in mind, he recognized that the current blade wagons were unsafe for transporting main rotor blades throughout the depot. From conception to prototype, to full production of the new blade wagon, his contributions have been vital to the project.

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### 15Kth Aircraft: 500th Recap

Another milestone was reached at the Corpus Christi Army Depot with the rollout of the 15,000th aircraft. The aircraft was a UH-60 Black Hawk designed to provide infantry squad delivery anywhere on the battlefield - it is the Army's utility helicopter of choice. As the primary air platform used by commanders to initiate, sustain and conduct combat operations, it can deliver arms, troops and supplies at a moment's notice. This UH-60 Black Hawk also marked the 500th recap. Recapitalization, or "recap" for short, is part of the Army's effort to reduce platform sustainment costs and contain the expense of replacing aging helicopters with new ones. Overhauling and upgrading structural, engine, and airframe components provides the Army with an asset that is equal to or better than a new one. CCAD delivers the most modernized and advanced aircraft to the Army at a significant reduced cost to the taxpayer. At the ceremony to commemorate the milestone, CCAD leadership thanked all involved for their relentless pursuit to building a quality aircraft on schedule. With logistical support to ensure on-time availability of materials and on-time deliveries, artisans synchronize their efforts to improve readiness. Readiness ensures efficiency for Soldiers to win wars and return home safely. At CCAD it's one team with one mission. For the more than 3,300 civilian employees who support the CCAD mission it is a way of life.



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### Suicide: Check Yourself, Your Friends, & Your Kids

Contributed by Ruben Ramirez, Prevention Coordinator

Bullying is the number one cause of adolescent suicides, leaving suicide the 2nd leading cause of death among adolescents. With school starting just weeks away make the time to talk your children. In a survey of high school students, the National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center found that almost 1 in 5 teens had thoughts of suicide, and 1 in 6 teens made plans for suicide. More than 1 in 12 teens had attempted suicide in the last year, and as many as 8 out of 10 teens who commit suicide try to ask for help in some way before committing suicide (i.e. by seeing a doctor shortly before the suicide attempt).

Since 2007, suicide rates for adolescent boys and girls are steadily rising. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the suicide rate for girls ages 15 to 19 doubled from 2007 to 2015, reaching its highest point in 40 years. The suicide rate for boys ages 15 to 19 increased by 30 percent over the same time period.

If you're facing crisis in your life, take a time out. Talk to your supervisor about scheduling an appointment with your Employee Assistance Program Manager, Juandalynn Givhan-Simmons or contact her directly to schedule an appointment; she can be reached at 961-6570 or [juandalynn.r.givhansimmons.civ@mail.mil](mailto:juandalynn.r.givhansimmons.civ@mail.mil).

If you know of anyone who is presenting suicide ideation or you are concerned about someone's wellbeing, The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours a day.

**The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255**





# Back to School Safety Tips

1. Practice walking to school with your child
2. If seat belts are available, buckle up
3. Before crossing the street, stop and look left and right
4. Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

# Awards & Recognition



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## The 101 Critical Days of Summer

Contributed by Juandalynn Ghivan-Simmons, Employee Assistance Program Manager

You don't have to step outside of your home or office to know that summer is in full swing. Despite the soaring temperatures, the hottest part of the summer is yet to come as we enter the dog days of summer in South Texas. We are still in what is referred to as the "101 Critical Days of Summer." The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is when safety receives a special emphasis. During the largest vacation period of the year many summer enthusiasts are participating in outdoor events that could be potentially dangerous if precautions are not taken. Whether enjoying water or landlocked activities with family, friends or in solitude, make safety an essential part of your planning. A short summer getaway starts with preparing your vehicle for your trip, whether it's across the country or state, it ends with your safe return home. Take a moment to review safety tips for your favorite outdoor activities with your family and friends to increase your summer safety awareness. This safety message was brought to you by Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

## Were you in the Armed Services?

We want your photos for the CCAD Veterans Honor Wall!

Submit your photos along with your branch, dates served and highlights of your military service.

For more information contact the Public Affairs Office via email: [usarmy.corpuschristi.usamc.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.corpuschristi.usamc.mbx.pao@mail.mil)

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