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CCAD Commander Atkins 2020 APBI Guest Speaker

Theme: Innovating to increase supply availability
and reduce the warfighter maintenance burden



CCAD Commander, Col. Gail Atkins, addressed the Team Redstone's 2020 Center of Excellence - Advance Planning Briefings to Industry (APBI) forum at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. APBI gives CCAD a valuable forum to collaborate with industry in our effort to support the warfighter and promotes an exchange of information, capabilities, future advancements and op-

portunities between CCAD, Industry and Academia. This year, CCAD participated in a "Match-Making" event that provided industry exclusive time with the Chief Operating Officer and Future Operations office to meet and discuss individual capabilities with the Depot and provide a look at contract opportunities and resource planning to sustain and enhance warfighting capabilities.



1st CCAD ROCKSTAR Award of 2020

The Directorate Of Accessories & Rotor Blade Production received the Commanders Award For Excellence ROCKSTAR trophy for the month of January. Hydraulics Branch #2 P61C2 celebrated another 100% P2P schedule conformance for seven months straight. Together with Hydraulics Production Control they've shown what great team work & communication can accomplish in meeting their customer goals.

ORIGINS OF CRECY STREET: NOT THE BATTLE, THE HERO



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The next time you travel down 3rd Street in front of CCAD headquarters, it will have a new name.

Next Friday, before lunch, it will be renamed Crecy Street in honor of a WWII war hero, Major Warren G.H. Crecy, who was born on Jan. 4, 1923 and died Oct. 26, 1976.

He was a native of Corpus and graduated from Solomon M. Coles High School in 1942.

[Crecy] served in the Army Air Corps from December 1942 until October 1952 progressing from enlisted to [the rank of] Major. Crecy was an original member of the 761st Tank Battalion, one of the first all-Black units formed in WWII. [The] unit was part of General George Patton's' [3rd] Armored Division [in 1944].

It was during this time that war correspondent named. T. Anderson wrote, "The baddest" man in the 761st was a seemingly mild, meek, fuzzy-faced young man, but his bravery inspired his men to follow, without question, wherever he led them into battle."

"His concentration on getting a destroying the enemy so great, that on many occasions, mounted atop his tank, he personally killed so many of the enemy soldiers that could not be counted, and he had to be pruned away from his overheated guns!"

After WWII, the Major remained in the Army and was the Prisoner Officer during the Nuremberg Trials. He was wounded in action in Korea, in October, 1952, being totally disabled after recovering from his wounds.

Former Commander Tours CCAD

Retired Col. David Fowler, former CCAD Commander from 1993-95, visited the Depot in January with his wife, Dianne. COL Fowler received a warm welcome, toured the facility for a first-hand look at the Depot modernization efforts that current budget resources are funding. He spoke with CCAD Artisans committed to equipping the warfighter with the best products in the field. He and his wife took a stroll down Fowler Trail, a fire lane named in his honor and utilized daily by employees in Building 8. Thank you, Col. Fowler for the leadership and service you invested during your time as Depot Commander.



City Council Presentation

Colonel Gail Atkins, CCAD Commander, addressed Corpus Christi City Council members and the community at the January City Council Meeting. Mayor McComb asked that military or local industry are added to the council agenda on the third Tuesday of the month to highlight their organization. Colonel Atkins received a standing ovation following her presentation as a testament to CCAD's long-standing relationship with the City of Corpus Christi. CCAD has been a tenant on Naval Air Station Corpus Christi for nearly 60 years, employs well over 3,000 employees and contractors and contributes \$1.12 billion to the local economy.

Campaign Plan: Forward

In February, Col. Gail Atkins, CCAD Commander, hosted an off-site Campaign Plan 2025 workshop at the Educational Service Center in downtown Corpus Christi.

She emphasized to attendees how each part of the plan plays a role in solidifying CCAD's future to building strategic depth through the implementation of proper and enhanced forecasting, partnerships, and identifying the right workforce to match Depot needs.

Discussion of the plan to nest the Depot under AMCOM's goals for sustainment beginning with the identification of

supply chain demands and proper forecasting to produce supply readiness was met with great interest. Integration of human capital strategies, which involve infusing our technological advancements and procedures into CCAD hiring practices, training and retention of the workforce followed on.

Finally, the importance of reviews of P3 cooperative agreements, which take past and current practices, and restructures them to future endeavors made for further dialogue amongst the leadership as the teams broke off into group sessions.



Above: COL Gail Atkins, at the Campaign Plan event. Below: Bryan McMillan, Training Specialist Lead, leads a break out session.





Metro Elementary School

During Metro Elementary School’s Career Day on February 20, Maj. Yadira Rodriguez, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kylene Lewis, and Mr. Ruben Ramirez spoke to grade levels K-6 about choosing the Army or CCAD for a career. They shared their journey that led them to the military and civil service, focusing on self-worth, the importance of making the “right” choices, and dealing with

peer-pressure. The students were encouraged to avoid drugs and alcohol, while they experienced the effects over indulgence by donning Drunk Goggles and saw drug kits. Ms. Licon, Coordinator for the Career Fair, stated that “It’s nice to have other people tell the students what we have been telling them all along, they can be or do anything.”

Pilot for a Day

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) welcomed 13-year-old Yaneli Ortiz as January’s Pilot For a Day (PFAD). Joining Yaneli were her parents, Cesar and Karla and brothers Julio and David. Yaneli received a CCAD plaque along with other souvenirs to commemorate her visit.

In February, CCAD welcomed 15-year-old PFAD Ohm Thoomas. Joining Ohm were his mother, Jennifer, brothers Isaiah, Jordan, and friend Joseph. Ohm received a CCAD plaque designed by Artisan Justin Hanson and Work Leader Arturo Gomez along with other souvenirs presented by CW3 Kylene Lewis to commemorate his visit.

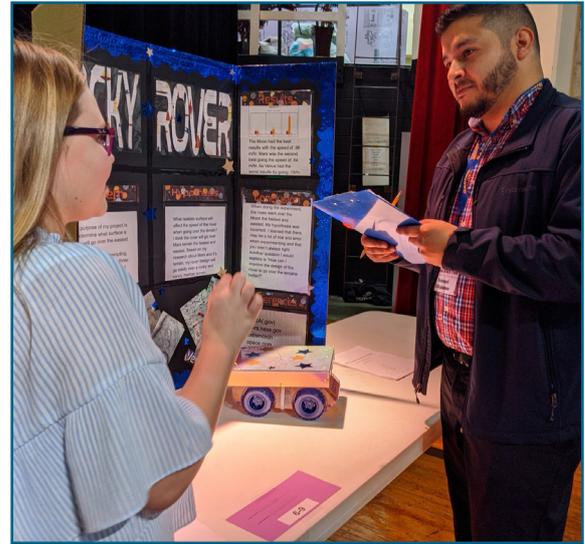
This event is a partnership that includes Driscoll Children’s Hospital, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) VT-35 Stingray Squadron, NASCC and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.



Corpus Christi Army Depot Celebrates 59 Years



The Depot celebrated its 59th birthday by conducting the old Army tradition of cutting the ceremonial cake with the CCAD saber. For almost 60 years, the Depot of over 3,000 Department of the Army Civilians and contractors, have supported the strategic readiness of the Army to provide aircraft worldwide for the Warfighter. Joining in the cake cutting ceremony is (left to right), Tina Marie Cox whose birthday falls on the same day, with 52 years of service, Deputy to the Commander Mark Wagner and Della Adame, employed at CCAD for one week.



Science Fair/Career Day at West Oso Junior High

January was a great month! Sam Villalobos, an engineer from the Directorate of Production Engineering represented CCAD at the West Oso Junior High School 2nd Annual Science Fair. Villalobos anticipated observing “great minds of the future” as he judged incredible projects from the next generation of scientists. West Oso High School held a Career Day on February 6. Students were immersed in information from several subject matter experts in multiple disciplines such as Music, Healthcare, Social Services, Sci-

ence and Technology, Banking, and Engineering. Sam Villalobos, an Industrial Engineer from the Directorate of Production Engineering spoke to approximately 36 students and shared opportunities that are available at CCAD. Students were very interested to learn that the Depot supports the Warfighter. Mr. Jose Garza, math teacher, hosted CCAD’S sessions, he reiterated to the students that preparing for a job is like math “There is a process.”

Kolda Partnership: Readers As Leaders

CCAD Volunteers from Directorate of Planning and Supply Management participated in January’s Reading Buddies event at Zachary Kolda Elementary School. Deborah Digesti, Sam Sinjlawi, Lori Garza, and Vickie Garcia (CCAD Retired Ladies Group), read to the seven Kindergarten classes. Thank you to all the wonderful educators for welcoming CCAD into your classrooms and to the Cadets for their respectful manners and great behavior. The Kolda Cadet Kindergarten teachers have a combined total of 84 years of experience!



February’s Kolda Reading Buddies were from the Directorate of Infrastructure and Risk Management, Facility Engineering Management Division shared the “Love” as they read Valentine-themed stories. The volunteers were Mike Paddack, Mark Templeton, Sean Dust, Carlos Garcia, and Vickie Garcia (CCAD Retired Ladies Group). All participants left the school smiling wanting to read longer. Thank you, Kolda Cadets, for always being such fun-loving children.

April is the Month of the Military Child

CCAD joins the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, to recognize the important role resilient military children play in the Armed Forces community. Established in 1986, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome. CCAD salutes all military children and thanks them for their sacrifice to the mission.



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