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Hurricane season has begun! Now through November 30 stay prepared. The links below will help you and your family prepare. (Cut and paste each link)

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Happy Birthday to our U.S. Army!

Remembering the U.S. Army... This year the Army turned 244! CCAD held a cake cutting ceremony to commemorate the event. Col. Gail Atkins, CCAD Commander, said a few words on the importance of remembering those who served, are serving and will continue to serve our nation's highest calling. The U.S. Army is full of proud traditions and we at CCAD support them. Thank you to all who serve!

Memorial Day 2019 - In remembrance of D-Day

This year’s Memorial Day theme was centered on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The ceremony, held at the Seaside Memorial Park, paid tribute to all the men and women who served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces. CCAD Commander Col. Gail Atkins, was keynote speaker for the event.
Supporting our Schools

As the school year came to an end, CCAD enjoyed a plethora of activities in support of our partner-school, Kolda Elementary. CCADers took part in reading buddies, judging a talent show, the 5th-grade graduation, and providing support for the Kolda 5-star Cadet Tour of CCAD. We wish the Zachary Kolda Elementary staff and students a wonderful summer!
Coping with a problem is a normal part of life. Most times we are able to resolve problems that arise before they have a serious impact on our lives. However, there may be times when you feel that you could use a helping hand. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) was designed for those times.

The EAP is a confidential, short-term counseling and referral service that provides resources and referrals to help resolve personal problems before they disrupt personal and/or work-life. EAP services are available to CCAD personnel (military/civilian), immediate family members and retirees.

Key components regarding EAP services are confidentiality, resources and crisis intervention. Personnel who have accessed the EAP understand the importance and scope of EAP confidentiality. Others may have reservations based on a false perception that the EAP shares reported information to others (i.e., management). This could not be further from the truth.

Confidentiality means that information that an EAP client discloses is used only for the purpose of identifying the most appropriate resource(s) to address the client’s concerns. Information shared with the EAP will not be disclosed to anyone without the client’s written permission (42 Code of Federal Regulation Part 2, Subpart C). Exceptions to this policy are imminent threat to self/others (actively suicidal/homicidal), suspected child or elder abuse and neglect, information required by a court order and medical emergencies. These limitations are reviewed by each client prior to an EAP session, including follow up sessions.

While scheduled appointments are preferred, allowing face-to-face communication to assess needs and resources, personnel may opt to contact the EAP by email. EAP replies are sent encrypted. For cases requiring immediate intervention, an employee may arrive as a walk-in. In the event that the EAP is not available (e.g., attending to a client, evaluating a resource, leave/TDY status), Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) personnel will provide assistance and schedule the client for the next available appointment.

The Employee Assistance Program is located in Bldg 8, Rm. NO44a, next to the dispensary. Hours of operation are 0600 – 1500. In case of after-hours, non-911 emergencies, the EAP is available for call backs through CCAD Security at any time. Additionally, the ASAP Division Chief may be reached 24/7 at 361-442-9456.

The possibilities of prayer are established by the facts and the history of prayer. Facts are stubborn things. Facts are true things.

Theories may be but speculations. Opinions may be wrong. But facts are reliable. They cannot be ignored. What are the possibilities of prayer judged by the facts? What is the history of prayer? What does it reveal to us? Prayer has a history, written in God’s Word and recorded in the experiences and lives of God’s saints.

History is truth teaching by example. We may miss the truth by perverting the history, but the truth is in the facts of history.
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and CCAD welcomed two individuals for their Pilot for a Day program. In May, we welcomed Ezequiel “Zeke” Cuestas (left), and in June, we welcomed Logan Martinez. Both visited multiple sites around NASCC, “flew” the Black Hawk via a simulation, and received a myriad of goodies that include stickers, magnets and other fun stuff compliments of our artisans in the silk screen and sheet metal manufacturing shops.

LSS Grads 2019

Department of the Army Black Belt Class #19-014, 4 weeks over 4 months (February - June) graduated. Bottom Row (L-R): Mr. Dexter Rhines, Mr. John Sena, Mr. Roland Delafuente (middle row) Mr. Robert Straiton, Mr. Samuel Villalobos (top row) (Instructors): Dr. Colin Wasiloff, Mr. Robert Ratcliffe, CPT Andrew Clark, USA.

Photo by: Ervey Martinez
In a change of command ceremony on June 18, Army Lt. Col. Justin McGovern assumed command of DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas.

“As one great leader departs, another arrives to take the helm,” said Navy Rear Admiral Kevin M. Jones, commander DLA Distribution. “Only the best are nominated to serve as joint commanders at our distribution centers.”

McGovern graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2003 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps with a branch detail to the Chemical Corps.

His assignments include a battalion in the 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, including a deployment to Iraq; then the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, including a deployment to Afghanistan.

Later he would command a forward support company in the 82nd Airborne Division whom he led in Afghanistan. He would later serve as the battalion executive officer for the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team and 82nd Airborne Division. McGovern also deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In addition to multiple combat tours and prominent positions, McGovern’s civilian education consists of a Master of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from The Citadel.

His military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Combined Logistics Captain Career Course, Chemical Officer basic course, Jumpmaster Course and Airborne School.

Addressing the DLA Distribution Corpus Christi workforce, McGovern said, “I am truly humbled to be part of this remarkable team and I am looking forward to working with you to take the center to the next level,” said McGovern. “We are setting the stage for the key modernization efforts for the entire distribution enterprise. Your efforts will set the standard for every distribution center to follow. This will make the world class support we provide the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, even better!”

Lt. Col. Justin McGovern, Commander, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas

Article and photo courtesy DLA

Supporting the Community

Tens of thousands celebrated the 2019 Buc Days Parade. CCAD was represented by SGM Patricia Wahl, Deputy to the Commander, Mark Wagner, and Army Sergeant Michael Benítez. CCAD leadership greeted parade goers along the Buc Days Illuminated Night Parade route filled with floats and marching bands. Not only was the weather beautiful, but so was the crowd atmosphere. CCAD was proud to be a part of another Buc Days!

CCAD Commander Col. Gail Atkins (center) presented the commencement address at St. Leo University graduation, Friday May 25. Five CCAD artisans graduated. (pictured left to right) Bachelor’s Degree: Lionel Garcia - Criminal Justice; Homeland Security, Richard Smith - Business Administrative; Logistics, Ramon (Ray) Rios Carrion, Jr. - Criminal Justice; Homeland Security (Magna Cum Laude Honor Graduate), Vance Killian - Criminal Justice and earning an Associate’s Degree: Efrain Herrera - Liberal Arts. CCAD congratulates you on your outstanding achievement!

Photo by Ervey Martinez
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Lahmon is scheduled to visit CCAD July 23-25, 2019. This will be the Chaplain’s third visit to CCAD within his first year of his assignment at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM).

With each visit he made the most of his time at the Depot, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and the local Community. His itinerary included worksite visits, individual sessions with CCAD personnel, a home visit with an employee and family members, an excursion to a local non-profit, and participation in a retirement ceremony.

Chaplain Lahmon lives by the expression, “have a gentle spirit and take time for people.” He is looking forward to returning to CCAD this month to focus more of his attention on the CCAD workforce.

What does this mean for CCAD employees?

In addition to extensive worksite walk-throughs, Chaplain Lahmon will be providing individual, face-to-face sessions with employees.

Personnel are invited to request a 15 to 30 minute session with the chaplain upon supervisor approval. All requests must be submitted through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at usarmy.corpuschristi.usamc.mbx.ccad-eap@mail.mil.

Chaplain Lahmon also offers weekly Bible study devotionals, which are emailed to the recipient. If you would like to be added to the devotional list, please email the chaplain at charles.h lahmon.mil@mail.mil. The subject line should read: “Add to Devotional.”

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) gave a big thank you and hearty salute to our Occupational Health Clinic (OHC) nurses during Occupational Nurses Week (April 15-19) and Nurses Week (May 6-12)!

Our Nurses promote health and safety in the workplace every day by observing, monitoring and managing the health status of employees and Soldiers through injury tracking and occupational health program illness statistics. They also ensure that the Depot provides a non-hazardous and healthy working environment in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970.

Keep up the great work team!
Blood Donors... Saving Lives

By Brian Nestor

Corpus Christi Army Depot employees rolled up their sleeves to help in the fight against cancer.

CCAD hosted a blood drive sponsored by the Coastal Bend Blood Center, May 8 to benefit patients at the MD Anderson Hospital, Houston.

Over 75 CCAD employees donated blood during the four hour time period. All blood donated at the event was given to MD Anderson Hospital patients to help with their cancer treatments.

Long-time blood donor, Juan Perez, said donating is more than just a charitable action, but a fulfillment of joy knowing he can help save lives.

“I like to give back. Knowing that I can save a life, knowing my blood is going to someone who needs it... that’s the best part,” said Perez.

With the new online appointment scheduling and a commitment to be on time, the blood drive was a true success, said Ruben Ramirez, CCAD Prevention Coordinator.

“Advertising well ahead of time and utilizing an online scheduling system reduced the wait time, screening process, and provided a higher turnout,” said Ramirez.

Celeste Bagget, a donor recruiter for the CBBC was grateful for the turnout and donations, calling the drive “a success.”

Employees noted that with just a great experience, they will be donating again.

Every donor received a San Antonio Spurs©-themed shirt, a Jack in The Box© coupon, cookies, crackers, sports drink, and water.

CCAD... Looking Forward

Pilot for a Day..................................................................................................................................... July 17 & August 21
Luther G. Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum....................................................................................... August 20 - 21
Kolda Elementary First Day of School.................................................................................................. August 26
Unit Training: multiple units will be training at CCAD throughout July and August.

Changes of Command:

Chief of Naval Air Training.................................................................................................................... July 26
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