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1,000th Chinook Engine Completed at Corpus Christi Army Depot

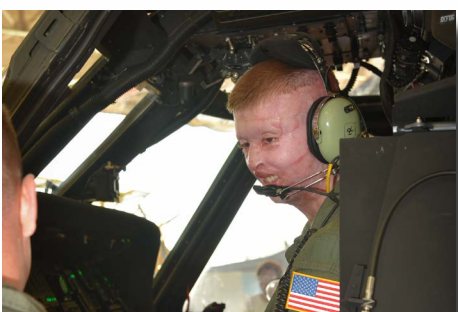
By Brigitte Rox, Public Affairs Specialist

Corpus Christi Army Depot and industry partner, Honeywell International, achieved their 1,000th T55 engine overhaul program designed to rapidly and affordably equip the U.S. Army with powerful aircraft ready to transport troops and equipment at a moment's notice. The team paused to thank the many hands involved with a celebration on Jan. 25, 2018. Read the story at <https://www.army.mil/article/200249/>.



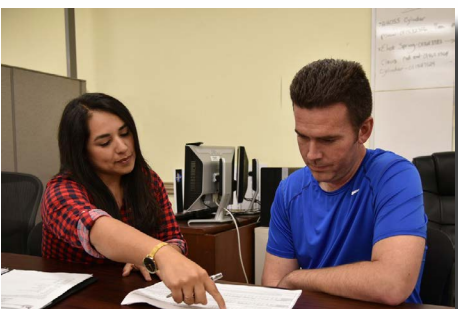
Paths to Success for CCAD Women's Careers

In a historic and fitting event kicking off Women's History Month, the Corpus Christi Army Depot held its first all-female leaders panel. The 30-minute 'Brown Bag Lunch & Learn' allowed women the opportunity to hear success stories, sacrifices and struggles experienced in reaching career goals within each leader's respective career path. Attendees were able to speak with senior leadership and ask questions they thought may help them in their own careers. The panel was comprised of Annette Cross, Chief of Staff; Maxie Dennis, Chief of Finance & Accounting; Connie Salas, Director of Information Technologies; Dalexis Cavaness, Chief of Production Management Division; and Brandy Gonzales, Management & Program Analyst.



CCAD hosts Pilot for A Day

The Corpus Christi Army Depot welcomed 14-year-old Kaden Bradley as this month's Pilot For a Day (PFAD). Kaden had his pick of aircraft to explore on his day and was overjoyed at the sight of seeing his younger brother, who accompanied him, explore each aircraft. Kaden received a Commander's coin and a goodie bag of souvenirs to commemorate his visit. This event is a partnership that includes Driscoll Children's Hospital, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) VT-35 Squadron, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi.

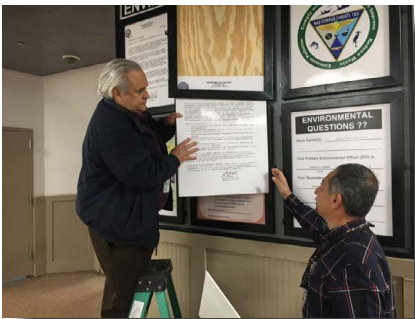


Benefits of Mentorship Available to All

Corpus Christi Army Depot's on-site workforce training center is a hub of mentorship activity that enables growth and professional development to Army Civilians at the Army Aviation maintenance readiness center. Workforce Development training specialist, Manny Guzman, shares feedback he's received from those who have benefited from a dose of CCAD mentorship. Read the story at <https://www.army.mil/article/201510/>.



www.ccad.army.mil



A Strong Environmental Partnership

By Derrick Born, Chief, Environmental Programs Compliance Branch

On January 12, 2018, a joint effort to raise environmental awareness of the command policies for both Navy and Army Environmental Management Systems (EMS) occurred with the removal of the previous Command Policy and the posting of a new and enlarged EMS command policy signed by Captain Phillip Brock, NASCC Commander. The Environmental Awareness Board is located in Bldg. 8, in the main hallway outside of the Subway restaurant and includes both Navy and Army Command Policies, the Navy's EMS C.A.R.E logo, and Environmental Officers designated for the CCAD.

“Policy and protocol often dictate the need for partnering and coordination in so many areas” says the Director of Infrastructure and Risk Management, Victor Lopez. “This is especially true when it comes to protecting our environment. Requirements of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) state that all persons working for, or on behalf of the government are expected to have awareness of existing Environmental Policies. This joint Environmental Awareness Board assists in elevating personnel’s awareness of the EMS Program. “Policy and regulations certainly drive what CCAD and NAS do regarding environmental compliance, but the how we do it is based on motivation at a deeper, more personal level. We put extraordinary efforts into our partnership with the Navy because at the end of the day it so much better to say that we had a tough day today, but we are in this fight together!” “As the largest tenant command on the installation, the Navy enthusiastically appreciates CCAD’s Environmental Management Systems support” said Ross Ybarra, NAS-CC EMS Representative. “Captain Brock and Colonel Lanceta have established an operational liaison that encourages a joint interservice effort to promote environmental stewardship for sustainable environmental excellence. The Navy’s Environmental Policy meets the ISO14001 standard and is supported by the CCAD Commander’s Environmental Policy, environmental staff and artisans.

The Gonzalez Building Namesake

By Della Adame, Contractor, Public Affairs Specialist

As you enter Building 1260, the Workforce Development Division, you walk by a bronze plaque honoring a Medal of Honor recipient. It memorializes the life of a heroic man who was killed in battle over 50 years ago on February 4, 1968.

“Gonzalez Hall” was once a Navy mess hall and recreation center that served up food for the military during World War II on Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. The building was named after USMC Sergeant Alfredo Cantu Gonzalez who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on October 31, 1969, for his heroism, courage, and leadership during the Battle of Hue in South Vietnam. Born in post WWII Edinburg, TX, in 1946, “Freddy” enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1965, a month later he received a discharge so he could enlist in the regular Marine Corps.

After a one year tour in Vietnam as a rifleman and squad leader, he became an instructor of guerilla warfare techniques and made the request to return to the Republic of Vietnam. He received shrapnel wounds while carrying an injured man to safety.

While engaged in heavy combat in the city of Hue, Gonzalez was seriously wounded and refused medical treatment. With the North Vietnamese Army inflicting heavy casualties on his company, he stopped the advance and used anti-tank weapons to silence a rocket emplacement before being mortally wounded by a rocket. He died gallantly, giving his life for his country.

Sergeant Gonzalez is honored on Panel 37E, Row 21 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. In 1996, the United States Navy commissioned the guided missile destroyer, USS Gonzalez (DG-66), in his honor at Naval Station Ingleside.



What is Continuous Process Improvement?

By Rob Ratcliffe, Chief, Office of Continuous Improvement (Acting)

The Defense Acquisition University defines Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) as “an integrated system of improvement that focuses on doing the right things, right. It is also an enterprise-wide ‘way of thinking’ for achieving lower cost, shorter lead times, and higher quality.” Simply put, CPI means constantly getting better at what we do and how we do it.

CPI was adopted by the Department of the Army in 2006 to initiate wholesale change in our institutional culture, processes, policies and procedures. Lean Six Sigma (LSS) was chosen as the centerpiece of how we pursue CPI. Lean focuses on the elimination of wasteful practices that cause slower production and higher costs than promised. Six Sigma focuses on reducing the “ups and downs” – variation – in our work and our products. Together, Lean and Six Sigma combine to provide the powerful approach to solving problems and achieving a CPI culture.

The ‘ninjas’ of LSS are our trained Black Belts, Green Belts, and Yellow Belts. These belt resources are taught to look for and clearly define a problem before doing anything else. Once a problem is clearly understood and the scope is defined, it can be measured, analyzed, improved, and ultimately controlled – a journey we sometimes call the Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control (DMAIC) roadmap.

At CCAD, the Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI) is responsible for implementing the Commander’s overall CPI strategy through LSS projects and Rapid Improvement Events (RIEs). OCI currently has five full-time belts whose job is to make YOU and your work center successful in what you do and how you do it. Our goal is to meet every customer requirement on time, at cost, with zero defects -- period.

For more information on CPI and LSS in the Army, visit the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) home page at <http://www.us.army.mil>. Click on “Quick Links” then “Army Business Transformation” to access the main LSS Home Page. To find out about LSS training or how we can assist you in your CPI journey, contact Rob Ratcliffe at 961-5566 or robert.c.ratcliffe1.civ@mail.mil.



CCAD Cyclists: Bicycling to Work (Part III)

By Della Adame, Contractor, Public Affairs Specialist

In the final installment of our three part series on Cycling to Work, we get insight from Gilbert McMurray, an Aircraft Parts Mechanic in the AH64 Transmission Examination & Evaluation shop.

Gilbert’s initial reason to ride a recumbent bike to work was because of traffic. Now, he rides because he needs the exercise and it’s an easy four miles a day. It’s vital to

learn the bike riding rules. The rules are different on and off base. When on base, the Navy requires you to have a red rear light on your bicycle and a helmet on your head. The key to being safe is being visible to the motorists. Gilbert has one bright headlight, three flashing tail lights and turn signals on his bike. There are no bike lanes on base, so he prefers to ride on the sidewalk. Cyclists are allowed to use the crosswalks to cross the streets but just as pedestrian traffic has learned, you must always be vigilant for the second car lane that fails to stop especially near the hospital and the gymnasium.

Have you thought about taking the plunge and riding in to work on your bicycle in support of a healthier lifestyle?



Suggestion Page Updated for Ease of Use

The CCAD suggestion page has been revamped to give you an opportunity to voice your concerns. The Commander understands the importance of workforce input and wants to hear from you. You can submit a great idea that just needs some support or visibility. Or you can provide a feasible solution that will benefit the depot in return directly benefit the Warfighter such as reduction in costs, defect and time. You’ll find that the [new page](#) is much easier to use. Instructions and videos are available to help you navigate the process of submitting a suggestion.

Awards & Recognition



CLICK TO SEE THE LATEST AWARDEES

HOW DOES A CCAD DEPARTMENT OF ARMY CIVILIAN REGISTER FOR ON-BASE COLLEGE COURSES?

There are two universities and one college that offer registration/classes for the NASCC population. Each has a dedicated POC for registration assistance.



St. Leo University
POC: Grace Moreno (361) 937-1452



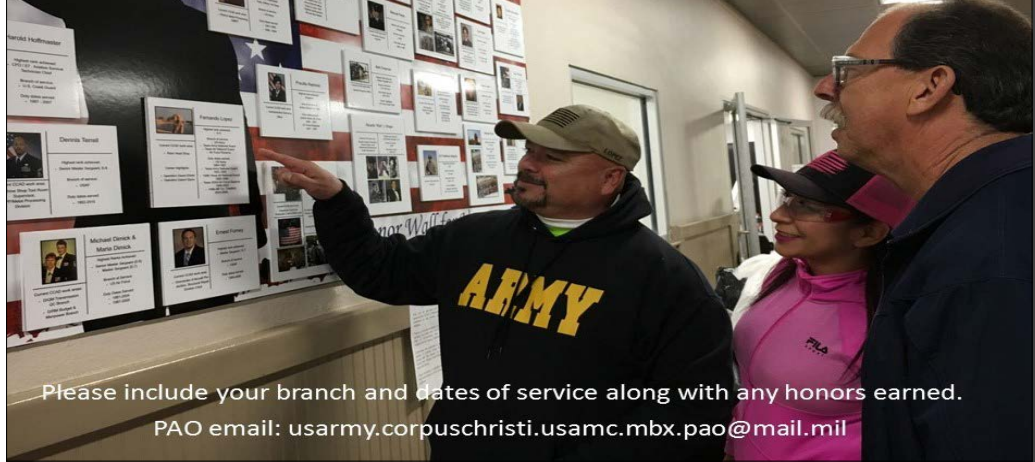
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
POC: Toni Cox (361) 937-4551



Coastline Community College
POC: Rob Warrick (361) 230-5007

Veterans Wall of Honor

Submit your information to the
Public Affairs Office via email
or drop off at Bldg 8 Room 115



Please include your branch and dates of service along with any honors earned.

PAO email: usarmy.corpuschristi.usamc.mbx.pao@mail.mil

COMMANDER'S FITNESS CHALLENGE II

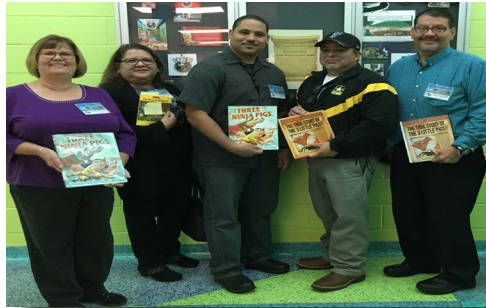
READY  RESILIENT

Did you accept the Commander's Fitness Challenge to lower your body fat percentage? The Challenge ends 16 April 2018 with final body fat percentage analysis being conducted and tabulated. COL Lanceta will recognize individuals and teams with the highest percentage of body fat lost. The Occupational Health Clinic (OHC) is here to help you succeed. Participants are welcome to visit the OHC for weighing and body fat testing during the Challenge. OHC staff can answer any questions you may have and help you measure your progress. For more information visit https://ccadpoportal.ccad.army.mil/amcc-co/OHC/Pages/Branch_Home.aspx.



A tour of CCAD is a highlight of Buc Days Young Leadership curriculum for participating area high school students.

Kolda Elementary School Partnership Corner



As part of our ongoing partnership and commitment to the students at Zachary Kolda Elementary School, the CCAD employees and retirees participate in the Reading Buddies program. With CCAD leaders as readers, they have the opportunity to engage with the students about the importance of reading and comprehension in their fields of work.



Employees gave 5 Star Cadets from Kolda Elementary School a tour of CCAD. The students earned the tour with stellar grades, behavior and good citizenship. Students sat inside a helicopter and watched a UH-60 Black Hawk conduct a flight test.



CCAD employees from the Directorate of Aircraft Production judged the Kolda Elementary School Quest competition modeled after the popular Shark Tank show. Participants provided a business plan and an actual product. Fifth grader Payton Loosemore, the winner received a grant to produce his product.