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COVER PHOTO:  
H.M. King JROTC students  
take oath of enlistment at  
Corpus Christi Army Depot.  
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# High School Students Enlist at America's Aviation Depot

Story and photos by Della Adame, CCAD Public Affairs Specialist

Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas – The legacy of the United States is built on history and displayed in the dedication, courage, and heroism of the American Soldier. Any day at anytime, anywhere, and anyhow, the U.S. Army is always on call to defend America with an all-volunteer force.

On May 13, “Be All You Can Be” was on full display as eight students from Kingsville, Texas, answered the call and joined the Army in a ceremony at the Corpus Christi Army Depot. The ceremony was led by Col. Kyle Hogan, commander of the rotary aviation depot.

The students who joined the Army are graduates of H.M. King High School and members of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps. They came from various backgrounds, and each had a reason for joining the military — some looking for a way to

serve their country, others looking for a way to pay for college.

In front of a giant American flag with Black Hawk helicopters in the background, the ceremony began with a welcome from Hogan.

“After I graduated from high school, I enlisted in the Army,” said Hogan. “You can be all you can be just

like I strove to be all I could be. The Army took a chance on me. Through the Servicemembers’ Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the G.I. Bill, I was able to pay for college and return to serve as an officer.”

Hogan spoke about the importance of service and the sacrifices military members make. He also congratulated the students on their decision to join the Army.

“Thank you for taking the step forward,” he said. “Each one of you has taken an opportunity to serve your country; success endures.”

Hogan also thanked the families present for enabling the new Soldiers to succeed. Telling them, “These young leaders are the lifeblood of the Army.”

“The young men and women that stand before you

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Above: CCAD Commander COL Kyle Hogan speaks with a new Army enlistee, an H.M. King High School ROTC student, who will be pursuing a career as a cargo specialist.

## Commander's Corner



### Team CCAD:

I hope this finds you all well and in great spirits! As we conquer the heat and challenges of the summer, please remember to slow down and maintain vigilance and hydration. Surfing, fishing, and working in high-heat environments are all very demanding on our bodies. Each of you is a valuable member of this fantastic team, so be sure to pace yourself and maintain a healthy presence regarding the heat. Our depot runs efficiently and effectively, at business levels not seen in years. Although we always have room for improvement, we make every dollar count every day even in a reduced workload environment.

Thank you for your efforts and enthusiasm in keeping this place humming; I am still humbled to be on this great team!"

**KYLE M. HOGAN**  
Colonel, Aviation

## CCAD and Del Mar College Exchange Visits: Part of Employee Pipeline Development Strategy

CCAD, Del Mar Exchange Visits as Part of Employee Pipeline Development Strategy  
CCAD's Deputy along with several Directors visited the Del Mar College Winward Campus in May to discuss Pathways Program possibilities that would feed into to a skilled future workforce. In turn, members from the Del Mar College strategic planning committee visited CCAD in June and received a first-hand look at processes additive manufacturing, welding, sheet metal and engines. Del Mar is looking at curricula that could be beneficial to future students.



Above: Roderick "Rod" Benson, Deputy & COO, Dalexis Flowers, Director of Engines toured the Del Mar College Winward Campus.



Above: Roderick "Rod" Benson, Deputy & COO, LTC Kenneth Ferguson, Military Deputy & Managing Director of Aircraft; Israel Talamantez, Chief Future Ops toured the Del Mar College Winward Campus.



Above: Members of Del Mar College leadership were led on a tour by the Managing Director of Components, LTC Ken Ferguson.

## CCAD Leaders at Cargo Maintenance Engineering Summit

CCAD leaders, lieutenant colonel Ken Ferguson, military deputy for aircraft production; Zach Anderson, director of production management and Tyler Yeathermon, division chief; provided presentations during the Cargo Maintenance Engineering Summit June 6-8 at the Education Service Center.

Right: Production Management Director Zachary Anderson talks about the parts ordering process.



## CCAD Sergeant Major Guest Speaker at LyondellBasell

By Kathleen (Kat) Pettaway-Clarke, CCAD Public Affairs

With the theme, "Communication is Key," LyondellBasell refinery held its 2023 Global Safety Day June 20, and Corpus Christi Army Depot Sgt. Maj. Jon Trawick was the guest speaker.

Global Safety Day celebrated 514 accident-free days at LyondellBasell refinery. Upon entering Corpus Christi, one will observe the magnificent oil refineries. At night the refineries are a scintillating vision.

During his remarks, Trawick shared the history of CCAD and talked about modern-day operations, focusing on how safety is incorporated into every step of the process.

"The depot is an organic facility to the Army and that's important because, without the depots, the government must rely on profit-driven original equipment manufacturers," Trawick said. "We are the nation's insurance policy, providing assurance that our sustainment will keep pace



CCAD Sergeant Major Jon Trawick was the guest speaker at the LyondellBasell refinery Global Safety Day celebration in Corpus Christi, TX.

with the nation's demand."

Army civilians and Soldiers must also take annual safety training with communication being the key factor in any given situation.

Trawick continued, "To be an effective communicator, you must empathize and relate to the workers around you. This can be accomplished by listening to understand, also known as active listening,"

Douglas McBroom, Lyondell site coordinator and health, safety, and environmental specialist said, "This event is hosting 450 facility employees and contractors across the Coastal Bend. The sheer importance of communication between the sender and the receiver could result in a fatal accident if proper 'how copy' (feedback) isn't acknowledged."

Trawick echoed McBroom's comments on the importance of communication.

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# Deputy Speaks at Leadership Corpus Christi Session

By Kathleen (Kat) Pettaway-Clarke, CCAD Public Affairs

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas-The deputy and chief operations officer of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, Rod Benson, recently sat on a discussion panel during the Leadership of Corpus Christi, Class 51 education session and spoke to leaders from various industries in the coastal bend.

Accompanying panelists were Brad Albright, Craft recruiter for Kiewit Corporation, and Lance Brown, asset training manager for Cheniere Energy, who shared ideas for attracting and maintaining a skilled, trainable workforce. The theme for the panel was 'Grit Makes Great Leaders', on the basis that nurturing a wide span of awareness provides the ability to 'see things whole.'

In the spirit of sharing informational successes, employees are the best authority on everyday work practices. Benson said, "Receiving that information from the employees is the key to making your organizations more efficient."

The Army of 2030 will ensure our near peer adversaries cannot out-range or outpace us in any battle space.

There are opportunities and challenges that all employers face when attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. One of the collabo-

rative methods that CCAD uses comes from shop floor level employees who have ideas for program improvement. Employee input can help streamline processes and improve proficiencies of daily task completion while giving insight into over the horizon challenges or potential wins.

"We strive to have a culture where we want workforce input to complement a data-driven decision," said Benson. "We find this to be the optimal approach to yield both qualitative and quantitative decision driving information."

Data-driven decisions pro-

vide optimal performance opportunities for current operations for staff and the future generation of workers, optimizing CCAD's contributions to Army Readiness.

Benson reiterated to class members that CCAD is part of the Coastal Bend community and through partnerships with local educational institutions they are creating a pipeline to fill critical positions that ensure aviation maintenance repair and overhaul effectiveness.

Member of LCC Class 51 and CCAD chemical process branch chief, Peggy

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Above: Deputy and Chief Operations Officer Roderick "Rod" Benson sat on a discussion panel for the Leadership Corpus Christi organization's LCC Class 51 education sessions.

# Corpus Christi Mayor Addresses CCAD UPLIFT Class 23-1

By Manny Guzman, Training Specialist and CCAD Public Affairs Office  
Photos by Ervey Martinez

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas - Corpus Christi Mayor Paulette Guajardo, was the guest speaker to 19 members of the Upward Professional Leadership Investment for Tomorrow (UPLIFT) Class 23-1 professional development course April 5.

Guajardo spoke openly to the group about leadership and described her vision of leadership and emphasized topics currently incorporated into the UPLIFT curriculum. She stressed the importance of integrity and trust to set the foundation for developing and sustaining working teams. "Leaders provide a vision and steer the team towards achieving goals and aspirations. The people you lead depend on your honesty and integrity."



Corpus Christi Mayor Paulette Guajardo was the guest speaker to 19 members of the Upward Professional Leadership Investment for Tomorrow (UPLIFT) Class 23-1 professional development course April 5.

The mayor touched on the value of embracing failure and developing the resilience to bounce back from such instances to continue treading forward. While delving into some of her

own leadership practices, she said, "A leader is someone serving people. When you serve people, everything will fall into place." Guajardo also noted

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## Armed Forces Day at Whataburger Field

By Kathleen (Kat) Pettaway-Clarke, CCAD Public Affairs

The Corpus Christi Hooks baseball club at Whataburger Field invited personnel from Corpus Christi Army Depot to participate in Armed Forces Day May 20.

The depot hit a homerun by hosting an informational table, where attendees could ask questions about the mission of CCAD and learn how to apply for jobs, as well as showing a video about CCAD's mission on the jumbo electronic screen just prior to the game.

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Above: Acting Director of Human Capital Management Linda Callejo, Estella Muro, Joanna Vasquez, and Carla Withers pose with Hook's mascot Sammy the Seagull at the Armed Forces Day event to recruit and dispense information to potential employees.

## Honors - Awards - Recognition



CCAD Commander COL Kyle M. Hogan (right) presents the Army Achievement Medal to SGT Ashton M. Magby (left).

While attending the Basic Leaders Course, SGT Magby placed in the top 20% of her class earning herself a position on the Commandant's List and the Iron Soldier Award.

She was also selected as the Commandant's Writing Award Recipient.





# Human Capital Management

## Workforce Management JAN-MAR 2023

### **CIVILIAN SERVICE** **COMMENDATION MEDAL**

GONZALES, DEXTER E  
GUERRA JR, OSCAR  
LIPSKA, DEAN A  
TORRES, JUDY

### **CIVILIAN SERVICE** **ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

AGUILAR, ROBERT  
ALLEN, JOSHUA DWAYNE  
BARRETO GONZALEZ, HECTOR  
BONINCONTRI, MICHAEL  
CARION, JUAN  
CINTRON II, JOSE ANTONIO  
CRAWFORD, BRIAN DOUGLAS  
FLORES, ARNOLFO  
FREDERICKSON, PETER D  
GALINDO, LEROY  
GREEN, CHERYL  
GREGG, BILLY R  
GUILLEN, RICHARD  
HARRIS, KATHRINE MCBEE  
HIGGINS, DAVID W  
HOFFMAN, REGINA K "MICKEY"  
LIPITZ, ADAM  
NEWSOME, CHARLES S  
PADDACK, MICHAEL JEFFERY  
PEALER JR, PAUL D  
PLEASANT II, GARY MARTIN  
RODRIGUEZ III, ROBERTO  
SCHOOLEY SR, WILLIAM A  
SUDELL, DENISE  
TRUJILLO-MARTINEZ, BRIDGET  
WEBB, JASON A

### **CERTIFICATES** **OF ACHIEVEMENT**

FUENTES, JESSE  
WHITTINGTON, KAREN E

### **CERTIFICATES OF** **APPRECIATION**

ANDERSON, ROBERT LEE  
GARCIA, DYLAN V  
GARCIA JR, ROLANDO  
GOMEZ, REUBEN G  
GRIFFIS, TODD A  
MARTINEZ JR, LUIS

### **LENGTH OF SERVICE** **AWARDS**

#### **45 Years of Service**

ARREOLA, RUBEN

#### **40 Years of Service**

BENSLEY, RICHARD ALAN  
BRUNEMEIER, LYNN ARTHUR  
DUNCAN, JIMMY DON  
HERRERA, RAUL  
LOPEZ, JR, ROGELIO  
PERALEZ, JAVIER  
WILKE, ERIC C

#### **35 Years of Service**

BAKLIK, DUANE E  
CONNER, ANDY LEE  
DEWBERRY, ANTHONY GEORGE  
EWALD, ALFRED WILLIAM  
GALLEGOS, MARIA C  
GOMEZ, JR, ELIDERIO R  
GREEN, SCOTTIE  
HEALY, RUSSELL SCOTT  
HOWERTON, JR, PAUL R.

QUINTANILLA, JOSE L  
RESENDEZ, ANTHONY V.  
RUIZ, DONALD RAY

#### **30 Years of Service**

AYER, DAVID AARON  
COLEMAN, ROSA  
DELAFUENTE, ROLAND C  
FOUCH, JOHN LEE  
HARRIS, KATHRINE MCBEE  
LA COUR, KENNETH  
JONES, MARK L  
MEZA, XAVIER A.  
NOROTSKY, LAWRENCE M.  
ZAMORA, JR, ADAN

#### **25 Years of Service**

ADAMS, JR, LARRY LYNN  
ANDERSON, ROBERT B  
CARBALLEIRA, JR, MANUEL A  
GREEN, CARLA PATRICE  
HINOJOSA, BRIAN D.  
KENT, STEPHEN E  
OBRIEN, SEAN MICHAEL  
SMITH, SHAWN L  
SOLIS, JR, RODOLFO  
WHITE, JAMES FRANKLIN

#### **20 Years of Service**

ALANIZ, ADRIAN  
ALANIZ, JOE EDWARD  
ALMARAZ, JR, ROBERTO  
ANDREW, MARIE DELORES  
BENTH, BARANT JACOB  
BREWER, JEREMY SCOTT  
CARRILLO, JR, JOSE GILBERTO  
CONTRERAS, RICHARD JAMES  
COX, DAVID RAYMOND  
FELGENHAUER, JAMIE W  
GARZA, JR, RAUL



## Awards & Recognition



GONZALES, JOSE LIBRADO  
GONZALEZ, JR, EUGENE DIAZ  
GUEVARA, MICHAEL ANDREW  
HERNANDEZ, JR, EUSTOLIO  
HERRADA, CARLOS A.  
HOLLINS, ROY ALOIS  
LONGORIA, JAIME J  
LOPEZ, JOHN THOMAS  
MANNING, CHRISTOPHER M  
MARTIN, BENJAMIN WILLIAM  
MARTINEZ, JOSEPH M  
MUHAMMAD, NARI ALI  
NOYOLA, JUSTIN GABRIEL  
ODEAY, TERENCE PATRICK  
ORTIZ, RANDY G  
RAMIREZ, PRECILLA A  
RAMON, LEE ADOLFO  
RANDLE, JR, JAMES VEAL  
RANDLE, WILLIAM SANCHEZ  
SANTOS, III, LUIS  
SMITHWICK, RANDY  
SUAREZ, JACOB  
YBANEZ-HUERTA, MS. JULIE  
TRACY, MELODY  
ZANER, TERRY L

### **15 Years of Service**

BELEW, TOM W  
BOTELLO, JONATHAN PETER  
COSTALES, MELINDA  
DUNCAN, STEPHANIE A.  
ESQUEDA, JOHN MICHAEL  
EVANS, TERRANCE P  
FIGUEROA, JR, DAVID T.  
GARCIA, JUAN EDUARDO  
GARZA, JENNIFER L.  
MOLINA, JOSHUA

HOLLAND, CHRIS W  
BARRAZA, DEANA DONNELLE  
CASTILLO, LAURA LEE  
CHARLES, BRIAN JUSTIN  
CORONADO, CHRISTOBAL F  
FRANCO, STACY HINOJOSA  
GARCIA, JORGE G  
GARCIA, LISA G  
GARCIA, MARTIN REYES  
GARZA, MONICA MARIE  
GOMEZ, JR, ELIDERIO R  
GONZALES, PHILIP GEORGE  
GRANT, DAVID EARL  
GUERRA, DANIEL F  
GUTIERREZ, STEPHEN A  
GUZMAN, JR, MANUEL  
HEALY, RUSSELL SCOTT  
HERNANDEZ, HECTOR  
HINOJOSA, JR, JUAN G  
HUNDLEY, KYLE BRUCE  
JIMENEZ, VILMA  
KOHR, JAMES JEREMY  
KYSER, DOUGLAS LEE  
LLAMAS, GABRIEL FLORES  
LOFTON, CYNTHIA Y  
LOFTON, SONYA YVETTE  
LOPEZ, MELISSA  
LOPEZ, VALENTIN  
MARTINEZ, JONATHAN JAY  
MONTGOMERY, SHANE D  
MOORE, MICHAEL R  
ORTIZ JR, DOMINGO  
OVERSTREET, MARK C  
PEREZ, JACOB  
PEREZ, ALFREDO

RAMIREZ, JOSEPH PAUL  
REYES, MARIO ANTONIO  
REYNOLDS, TEESHA M  
RITTGERS, KAY LYNN  
RODRIGUEZ, ALBERTO S  
RODRIGUEZ, DAVID  
RODRIGUEZ, JR, JOSE G  
RUIZ, DONALD RAY  
RYE, JR, THOMAS GARY  
SANCHEZ-POUSSON, VALERIE  
SIFUENTES, ALEJANDRO  
STEVENSON, CHRISTOPHER D  
TREVINO, JAMES R.  
VILLANUEVA, JAMIE  
WILLIAMS, JR, JAMES W  
YBARRA, CYNTHIA A.  
YOUNG, MARC DARRELL  
ZARATE, LUIS LEONEL  
ZAMORA, JOSE ENRIQUE  
**10 Years of Service**  
CLAWSON, CURTIS EDWARD  
BAEZA, JOSE A  
GRANADOS, GABRIEL  
MARTINEZ, III, RICARDO  
POTTER, TIMOTHY LEWIS  
SNYDER, TROY DEON  
VARNEY, EVAN K  
**5 Years of Service**  
APODACA, JAY THEODORE  
CAREY, RALPH MAJOR  
GARZA, ANTHONY RUBEN  
JOHNSON, JESSICA KAYE  
NERO, BROLIN DAMON  
PRICE, DEVANTE RAY RAUSHAD  
RAMSEY, JR, TRAVIS DWIGHT  
WATTS, KEVIN CHRISTOPHER

# Outstanding Performers

## CCAD Outstanding Performer

### VERONICA MARTINEZ



America's Aviation Depot would like to recognize Physical Science Technician, Ms. Veronica Martinez, Directorate of Quality Management. Her due diligence and selfless service to monitor and control electroplating special process chemistry and physical testing ensures that requirements are met to produce a quality product. Communication with shop SMEs, work leads and supervisors is key to expedite on-the-spot corrections and overturn a mindset from reactive to a proactive strategic approach. In addition, she closely works with CCAD chemists, equipment engineers, AMCOM G-4 environmental engineers and material modernization teams focused on Toxic Metal Reduction and implementation of safer materials for the CCAD workforce and the Army. Congratulations, Veronica!!



## CCAD Outstanding Performer

### Ruben Ayala



America's Aviation Depot recognizes aviation accident investigator Ruben Ayala. Ruben's unique perspective as a former Aircraft Investigation Board mechanic, operations assistant, and current aviation accident investigator, allows him to train and mentor multiple job series within AIB. CCAD appreciates Ruben's continued support within his role as an accident investigator, and his role as an outstanding colleague who trains, assists, and advises many members of our workforce. His great attitude, selfless service, and genuine nature is greatly appreciated and serves as a role model for those in Materials Process and Engineering Division (MPED) and the depot. Congratulations, Ruben!



## CCAD Outstanding Performer



### Maricel Perez



Mrs. Maricel "Mari" Perez, a member of the Material Planning & Forecasting Team, accurately ordered and tracked safety stock requisitions for FY24 requirements. She also conducted a material requirements listing (MRL) review for the T-55 Engine Production Line, to validate and improve the accuracy of material requisitioning. Maddie's knowledge and skills in various areas such as planning models and consumption reports were instrumental in completing FY23 requirements. Her dedicated efforts allowed for continued collaboration with key stakeholders for mission success. #CCADSalute and congratulations, Mari!



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UPLIFT CLASS 23-1 GRADUATION  
JUNE 29, 2023

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# Milestone Retirement for Diane Fjeldahl

By Della Adame, Public Affairs Specialist  
Photos by Ervey Martinez, Multimedia Specialist

It was a historic day at America's Aviation Depot as Ms. Diane H. Fjeldahl retired with 55 years of dedicated service to the Corpus Christi Army Depot on June 29.

When she began her career at the Depot in 1968, it was still the Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC). Over the last five plus decades, she has been a witness to the many changes in Army aviation, including the name change to CCAD in 1974, the departure of the Huey, the arrival of the Black Hawk, and construction of many new buildings.

She also served under the command of 23 colonels, beginning with COL Luther Jones and ending with COL Kyle Hogan. Hogan and Fjeldahl cut a celebratory cake with the official ceremonial sword to commemorate her retirement and the start of a new chapter of her life.

Her 55 year career was also featured on the local ABC affiliate new station, KIII-TV3.

On her final day at the Depot, co-workers from the Directorate of Supply Management gathered to bid her a fond farewell with many hugs, well wishes and gratefulness for her outstanding career as a Department of the Army Civilian.

Diane truly epitomizes the civilian who answered the Nation's call and helped to keep the Army flying.



# CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT RETIREMENTS

January - March 2023

**Guillen, Richard**

***Painter***

Directorate of Manufacturing/Process

Production

12/31/2022 15

**Silva, Arnaldo A**

***Engineering Technician***

Directorate of Facility & Property Management

12/31/2022 46

**Flores Jr, Juan a**

***Machinist Leader***

Directorate of Manufacturing/Process

Production

12/31/22 21

**Lipska, Dean A**

***Facilities Specialist (Plumbing)***

Directorate of Facility & Property Management

1/27/2023 22

**Rodriguez Enrique E**

***Aircraft Mechanical Parts Repairer***

Directorate of Accessories & Rotor Blade

1/28/2023 17

**Newsome, Charles S**

***Logistics Management Specialist***

Directorate of Supply Management

1/31/2023 13

**Hoffman, Regina K**

***Secretary (OA)***

Office of the Commander

1/31/2023 26

**Martinez Jr Luis**

***Sheet Metal Mechanic (Aircraft)***

Directorate of Manufacturing/Process

Production

1/31/2023 28

**Barreto Gonzalez, Hector M**

***Sheet Metal Worker (FLO) Leader***

Directorate of Manufacturing/Process

Production

1/31/2023 29

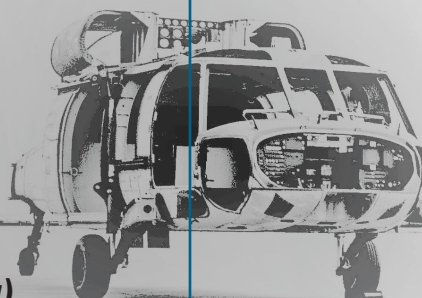
**Fredrickson Peter D**

***Sheet Metal Mechanic (Aircraft)***

Directorate of Manufacturing/Process


Production

1/31/2023 32




# CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT RETIREMENTS

January - March 2023



**Hernandez, Raul Z**  
***Aircraft Engine Mechanic***  
Directorate of Engines Production  
**2/28/2023 38**



**Harris, Kathrine McBee**  
***Budget Officer***  
Directorate of Resource Management  
**2/28/2023 30**

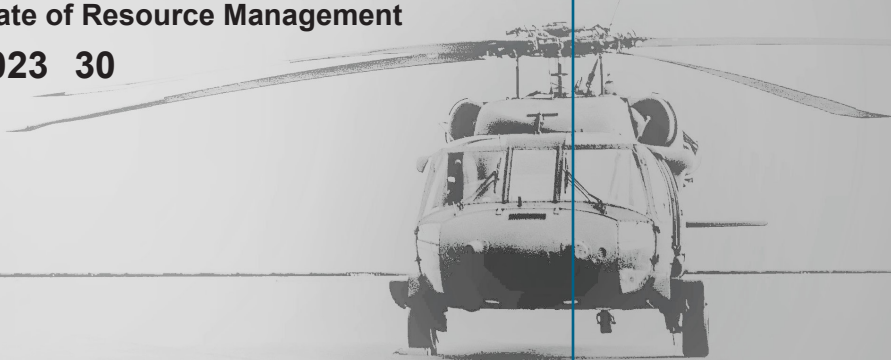
**Murray, William P III**  
***Electrical Equipment Repairer***  
Directorate of Accessories & Rotor Blade  
**2/28/2023 33**

**Fuentes, Jesse**  
***Mechanical Parts Repair Inspector***  
Directorate of Quality Management  
**2/28/2023 21**

**Pealer, Paul D Jr**  
***Nondestructive Tester***  
Directorate of Manufacturing/Process  
Production  
**2/28/2023 23**

**Greenwood, Christopher R.**  
***Sheet Metal Mechanic (Aircraft)***  
Directorate of Aircraft Production  
**3/1/2023 43**

**Ramirez, Robert D**  
***Aircraft Engine Mechanic***  
Directorate of Engine Production  
**3/30/2023 42**



**Carion, Juan A.**  
***Aircraft Mechanical Parts Repairer***  
Directorate of Powertrain Production  
**3/31/2023 40**

**Alexander Jr, Donald J**  
***Aircraft Mechanic***  
Directorate of Aircraft Production  
**3/31/2023 33**

Background photo by Jerry Duenes

## Around the Depot



## Around the Depot



## Tours



# Tours



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### RECRUITS

today represent the best future Soldiers of Kingsville, Texas' area of recruiting operations," said "Capt. Christopher Palme, commander of the Corpus Christi recruiting company.

"They provide a single geographical snapshot of why the U.S. Army continues to strengthen its force through diversity and inclusion of people and thought.

This is happening all over the country. This how we win the day and prepare to win tomorrow's wars."

After meeting the educational requirements, passing a physical exam and signing a contract, the new recruits will begin their journey with 10 weeks of boot camp at either Fort Moore, Georgia, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, or Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Regardless of where they go, they are eager to learn the skills they will need to be successful in the military, as they are the leaders who will shape tomorrow's Army.

Alex Elijah Gonzalez's mother, Stephanie Morales, beamed with pride as her son, who leaves for boot camp June 10, stood at attention.

"We have eight grandsons in our family; Alex is the very first member of our family to enlist to serve in the military," she said. "He is eager to get his education benefits and pursue a Bachelor of Science degree while doing his duty to our

country as a cargo specialist."

Gonzalez, the salutatorian of his graduating class, said, "I have wanted to join the Army since I was 13 years old. I have a great support network — my recruiter, Sgt. Miranda and my family."

Gonzalez's friend Omar Garcia will also train as a cargo specialist, learning the skills of cargo documentation, securing cargo, manually loading and unloading, and operating material handling equipment, like cranes and forklifts.

Garcia confidently explained, "If the Army needs to move it, whether it's mail or equipment, I'll be the one operating the crane."

Reflecting on the day, Palme said, "What could be better than spending a Saturday morning at CCAD, with Col. Hogan and his team, multiple Army aircraft, Army Soldiers, future Army Soldiers and Army families, all committing and recommitting to serving this great country?"

The U.S. Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Christine Wormuth, said the Army set a goal this year to bring in 65,000 recruits, which would be 20,000 more than in 2022. Recruits must be between the ages of 17-35 to enlist in the active-duty Army.

For more information call 1-800-550-ARMY.

### LYONDELL

"Safety relies on effective communication, especially in dangerous and ambiguous situations,"

Trawick concluded. "There is never a time to rest with safety, take an active approach and hold each other accountable."

### DEPUTY

Hatcher said "It's great to see CCAD as part of the Coastal Bend community and the collaborative efforts with local educational institutions. I am confident our efforts will lead to an increase in employee retention, local economic growth and a sense of Corpus Christi and Army pride."

The U.S. Army relies on cohesive teams that are highly trained, disciplined, and fit to fight and win. For that reason, he said, "CCAD must be ready to take on work when the situation arises. [To build a trainable workforce] we must start now. It takes 20 years to have 20 years of experience."

### MAYOR

the value of building professional relationships and the significance of fostering them through candid collaboration.

She humbly described how she leads every day through the philosophy of servant leadership and service to others. "Communication contributes to garnering the respect of your team members. Listen to and be able to speak to many different employees. Encour-

age diversity of thought and foster leadership in others.”

CCAD made an indelible impact on the mayor’s life. As the daughter of a retired CCAD employee, she experienced firsthand the opportunities afforded during his time as an Army Civilian. His livelihood, as an artisan in the blade shop, allowed for a stable family life that ultimately paved the way for her future aspirations.

At America’s Aviation Depot, the UPLIFT course offers employees the opportunity to shadow a leader for a day during the six-month interactive experience. A strong emphasis on team building keeps students engaged with colleagues and mentors.

The leadership strategies and concepts presented are in line with Army leader development and industry best practices.



## Denim Day



Above: On the last Wednesday of April, CCAD’s Materials Process Engineering Division, Chemical Process Branch, showed their support in observance of the 2023 Denim Day. On this day of action and awareness the workforce wears denim to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence.

## Administrative Professionals Day



Above: Administrative Professionals Day 2023 was observed at Americas Aviation Depot in the Rotary Wing Division. A luncheon was held for the Directorate of Accessories and Rotor Blades (DARB) Admins. The team also wore denim in support of the Denim Day national campaign to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence.

## Teal Tuesday



Above: The Workforce Management Division participated in the Teal Tuesday campaign at Americas Aviation Depot. Teal Tuesdays is a national campaign that encourages people to wear teal clothing and/or teal ribbons to demonstrate their support for survivors of sexual violence.

Left: the T700 Sub-Assembly E&E shop showed their support for the #TealTuesday campaign by wearing teal shirts to bring awareness and show support for sexual violence survivors.

## ARMED FORCES

The Corpus Christi Hooks is a minor league baseball team and an AA affiliate of the Houston Astros. The Double A classification is the second-highest level of play in minor league baseball. That night, the Hooks played the Tulsa, Oklahoma Drillers.

Brady Ballard, general manager of the Corpus Christi Hooks, recently attended a Regional Economic Development Council meeting, and it resonated with him the need for more awareness of what is going on at the Corpus Christi Army Depot, both from a community and economic impact.

"I was able to strike up a conversation with Col. [Kyle] Hogan, [CCAD commander], and shared that Armed Forces Day was coming up on May 20, and invited CCAD to participate," Ballard said. "It just so happens that alignment was relevant here, and I am just excited to have CCAD out to interact with folks and educate them about the organization."

The depot employs about 3,000 people, with 41% of that population being military veterans.

The Hooks game allowed the directorate of human capital management to promote the depot as an employer with quality jobs

and excellent benefits. The team representing the depot were Linda Callejo, Estella Muro, Joanna Vasquez, and Carla Withers, who engaged all ages of game-goers about using the QR code to search for job prospects.

Callejo, acting director of human capital management, said, "We're super excited, and many people stopped by our table. We have a QR code that will take you straight to our USAJobs.gov page where CCAD positions are posted. And here's some advice, always have a resume ready and be knowledgeable about the job you're applying for."



Whataburger Field has other military initiatives that show their support of the armed forces within South Texas and educate attendees of the sacrifices made.

A former Army veteran, season ticket holder, and No.1 Hooks fan has a memorialized permanent purple seat reserved only for purple heart recipients. It was named for John Joslin, a retired lieutenant colonel who served 27 years on active duty and was a decorated veteran — earning the Pur-

ple Heart, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal and Bronze Star Medal. Joe Martinez, section 120 manager, who served as an Army specialist in the late-1960s and deployed to France, said, "Until John's health failed, he never missed a game and always sat in this seat."

Joslin served two combat tours in Vietnam throughout his career and was stationed abroad in Korea, Germany and Italy. He held numerous positions; most notably being assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Whataburger Field, in partnership with the Port of Corpus Christi, assists with pre-deployment and post-deployment units by allowing military units to stage Apache and Black Hawk helicopters and other military equipment in their parking lot. This activity, also known in the U.S. Army as Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration is crucial to set conditions for successful because combat commanders can effectively leverage all available assets and enter the training exercise ready to fight and win. Since Hurricane Harvey hit in 2017, more Army equipment has gone through the Port of Corpus Christi after the flooding at the Port of Beaumont.

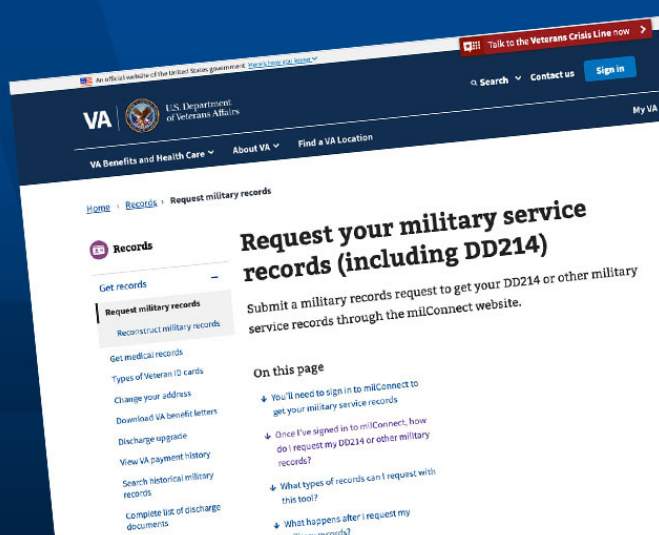
The Drillers won against the Hooks 3-4.

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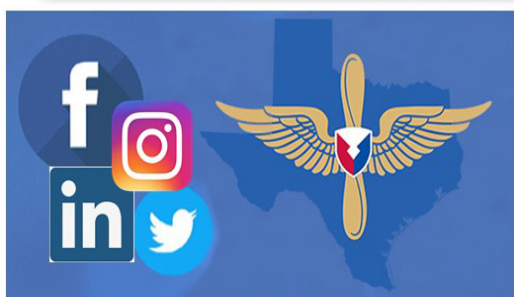


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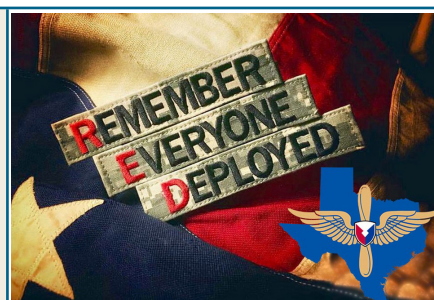
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It's a tradition for CCADers to wear RED shirts on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed. We are proud to show solidarity and support for all military personnel regardless of rank. Whether military personnel are stateside or stationed abroad, we salute all our Warriors. #TillTheyAllComeHome #REDFriday #RememberEveryoneDeployed

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