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## LEADERSHIP

# Commander's Update to the Workforce Highlights

“Your work continues to build trust and a reputation that speaks for itself.”

-COL Consedine

COL Kevin Consedine, Sgt. Maj. Angelo Rickert, and Deputy and Chief Operations Officer Roderick Benson addressed the workforce and focused on three strategic priorities designed to ensure CCAD's longevity: right sizing the workforce, reducing expenses, and securing future missions.

One pivotable achievement was the success of the cost-cutting efforts that have saved \$80 million, a massive achievement that puts CCAD on track for its first positive net operating revenue in 12 years.

In addition, several promising workload opportunities were outlined: Apache Storage, Repair-and-Return Programs, Black

Hawk Conversions, and Direct Partnership Agreements.

Furthermore, CCAD has secured new authority for lateral reassignments and the use of temporary promotions to quickly align skills with urgent missions. This ensures right sizing without sacrificing quality.

Despite the ongoing challenges, CCAD stands to adapt, modernize, and sustain its role in keeping the Army flying strong. The depot needs to be agile in adapting to fluctuating workload demands.

CCAD's reputation and future success hinge on each employee's commitment to innovation and accountability as the depot aligns with the Army's core mission.



# CCAD hosts Army Logistics Leaders

Army logistics leadership recently toured the Corpus Christi Army Depot to view modernization efforts in cutting-edge technologies that boost aviation readiness.

The tour showcased additive manufacturing, advanced engine repair techniques, and digital integration processes. Among the visitors were Maj. Gen. Gavin A. Lawrence, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Operations for the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and Brian Wood, Executive Director of the AMCOM Logistics Center.

CCAD directly supports the Army's wider strategy: to accelerate readiness by adopting "dual-use" technologies that streamline sustainment operations across the force.

**"CCAD is more than a repair facility-it's an innovation hub."**  
Deputy and Chief Operations Officer Rod Benson





# INNOVATION



**CCAD Collaborates with students  
from Texas A&M Kingsville to provide  
real-world experience putting what they  
have learned to the test.**



# Engineering Excellence: TAMUK and Del Mar Students Innovate at CCAD

Article by Dr. Kurt Adams, Force Modernization Specialist



Eleven engineering students from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Del Mar Community College recently participated in an intensive eight-week internship at Corpus Christi Army Depot, sponsored by grants from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Department of Education. Representing a diverse array of engineering majors, including mechanical, industrial, and architectural engineering, the interns tackled real-world challenges. Their projects focused on improving material flow, optimizing shop floor layouts, and designing innovative tools and fixtures, all aimed at enhancing CCAD's operations.

This internship program, a result of years of collaboration between CCAD and TAMUK, owes much of its success to the efforts of Dr. Hua Li, TAMUK Professor of Engineering. Dr. Li's dedication and diligence secured the funding necessary to make this opportunity a reality.

"The internship at CCAD gave the students invaluable opportunities outside their classrooms to experience real-world work environments, learn new applicable knowledge, and apply their knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems,"

Dr. Li stated. "More importantly, the internship enhances students' professional development skills and increases their confidence and career readiness."

The internship program is making a significant impact, not only on the students but also on the depot's mission to maintain and repair military aircraft. Through hands-on experience, interns tackled complex challenges and delivered innovative solutions that improved safety, efficiency, and operational effectiveness.

## Key Projects and Achievements:

- Tool and Fixture Design: Interns prototyped tools that reduced processing time, increased safety, and enhanced asset protection.
- Power Distribution Panel Handling:

Developed safer and more efficient methods for transporting the PDP into the AH-64E Apache helicopter, mitigating risks to parts and personnel.

- Shot Peen Shop Improvements: Addressed a single point of failure in the UH-60 rotary shaft fixture, ensuring operational continuity and reducing delays.
- Hydraulics Shop Innovation: Designed a specialized tool to streamline O-ring installation, cutting time from an hour to minutes and eliminating damage.
- CH-47 Transmission Painting Safety: Eliminated unsafe practices by introducing solutions that removed hazards during the painting procedure.
- Rotor Blade Spar Installation: Improved measurement methods to reduce variability and ensure structural integrity, preventing leaks and damage during cuff installation.

*Cont.*







# “Internships provide students with engagement in a dynamic environment.”

Dr. Li emphasized the importance of local internship opportunities, particularly for students with personal or family responsibilities. “Students are the heart of our Javelina family. The internship at CCAD provides our students with the highest levels of engagement in relevant and dynamic learning experiences, which will transform these students into well-rounded leaders in their future careers,” he said.

The partnership between CCAD and TAMUK aligns closely with TAMUK’s mission and vision, leveraging the resources and capacities of both institutions to create sustainable opportunities for students and faculty. SGM Angelo Rickert

highlighted the broader significance of this collaboration: “CCAD partnerships with institutions of higher learning, such as Texas A&M Kingsville, demonstrate the Army’s commitment to investing in workforce development in the Coastal Bend.”

As this program continues to flourish, it promises to provide students with outstanding real-world experience while creating a future talent pool for CCAD. The innovative solutions developed by these interns not only enhance CCAD’s operations but also prepare the next generation of engineers to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.





SPC Aaron Boudreaux  
Security Department



PRECISION  
AND PEOPLE

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# CCAD representing the Army’s Best

Meet SPC Aaron Boudreaux, A member of the CCAD Security Department.

Boudreaux said he was inspired to enlist by his father, Col. Allan Boudreaux, and that he aspires to become a commissioned officer through the Army’s Green to Gold program. He is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology.

His military awards include the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

*“The Soldier mentality is different from others; we drive on through the pain, and we do the hard things so others can live smoothly, and we volunteer to do them happily.”*

SPC Aaron Boudreaux



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**PFC Daniel Alejandro  
Security Department**



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Introducing PFC Daniel Alejandro.

Alejandro, has earned the Army Commendation Medal for exemplary service.

He plans to attend the U.S. Army Airborne and Air Assault school.

*“I hope to become a leader who inspires others.”*

PFC Daniel Alejandro



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## AROUND THE DEPOT



James Jimenez and Rigoberto Perez(top photo), both from the Directorate of Engine Production, detected foreign object debris and immediately halted the test. The decision adhered to safety guidelines and prevented what could have been significant engine damage. For their actions, Jimenez and Perez were each awarded a Commander's Coin.

Also, Christopher Flores and Astrid Hopkins(bottom photo)received Command Safety Stars and coins for quick thinking and courageous response during a medical emergency. Their actions reflected exceptional compassion and commitment to a coworker in need, reinforcing CCAD's culture of safety



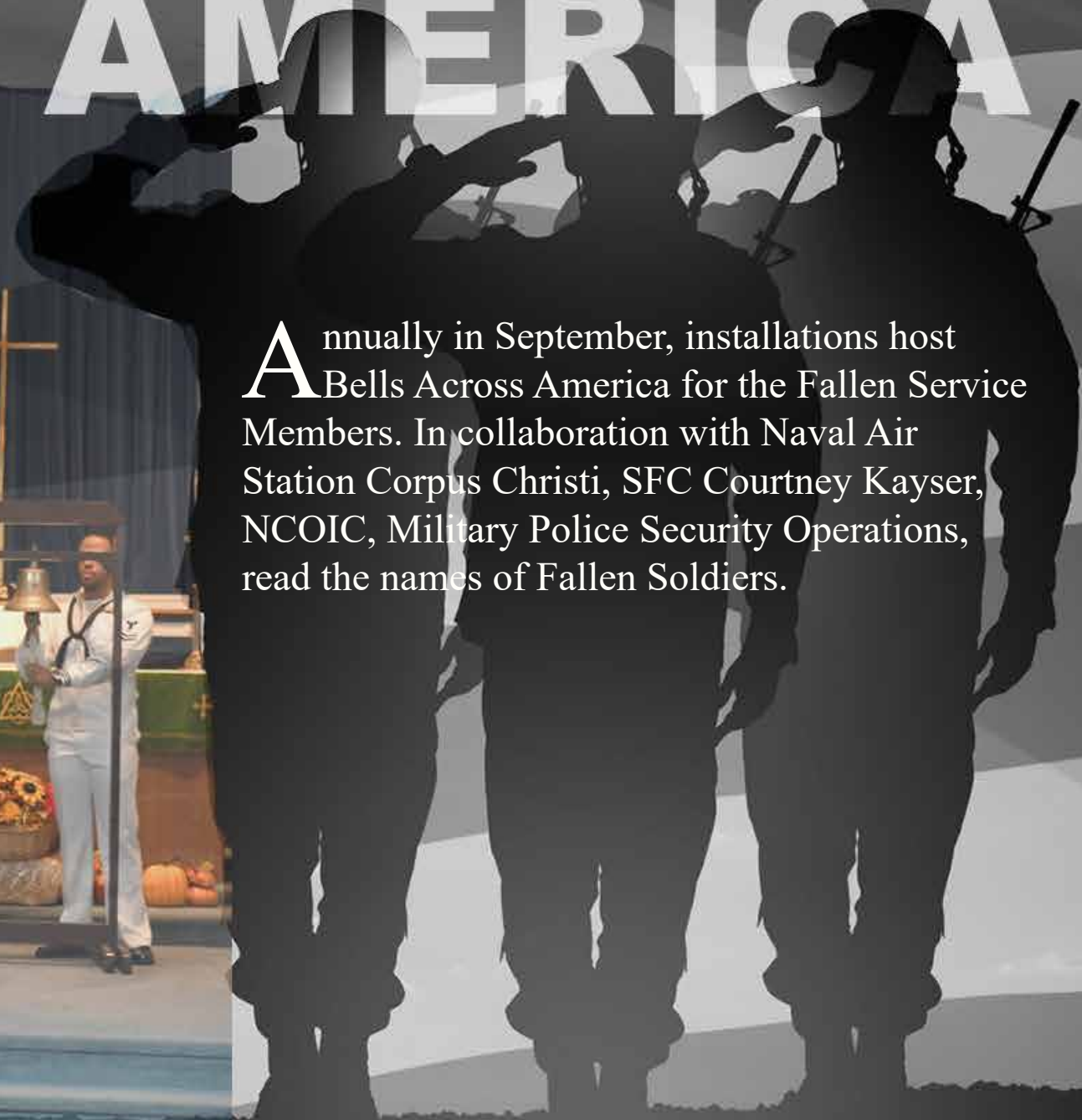
EXCELLENCE



# BELLS ACROSS AMERICA



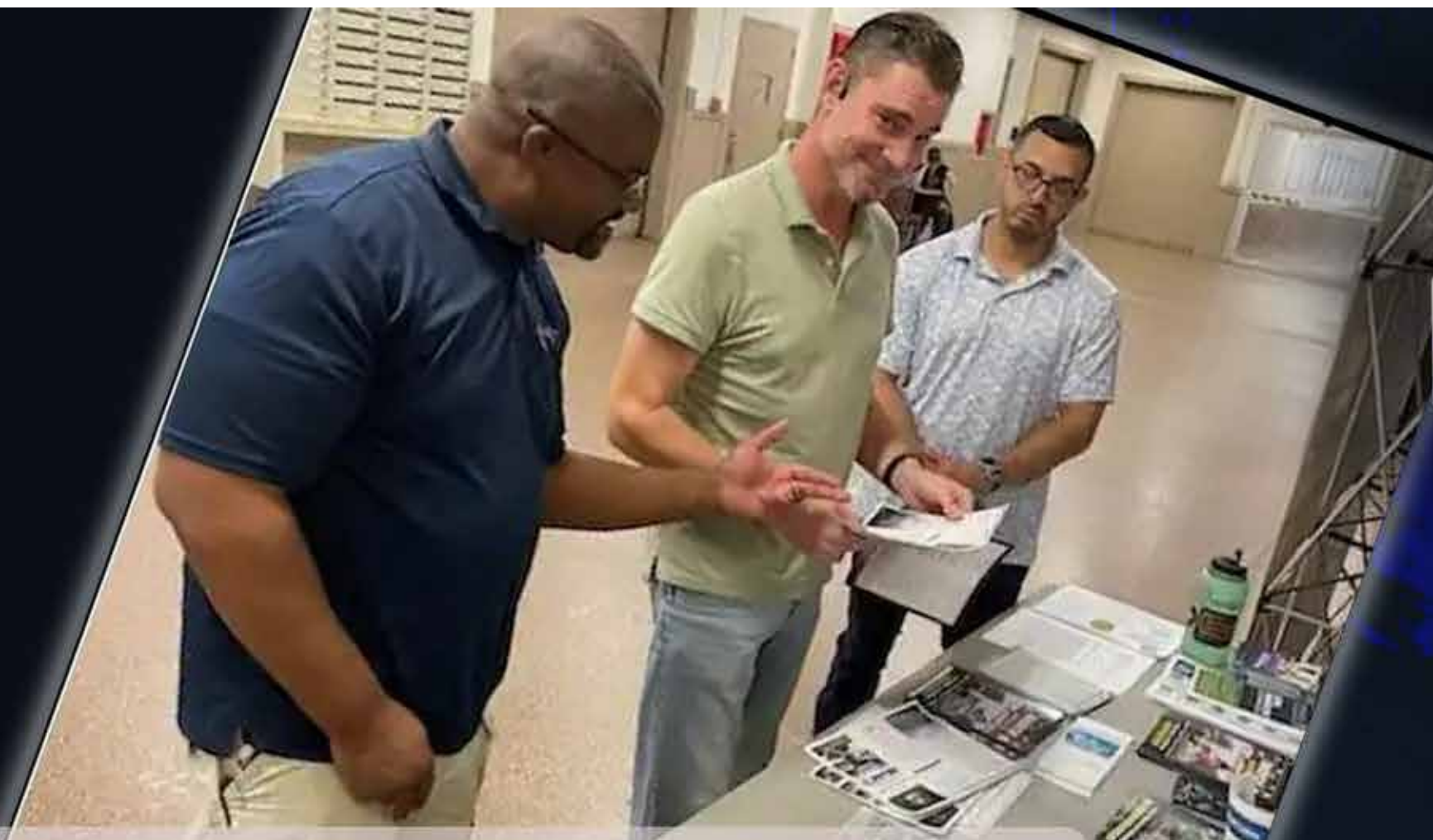
Annually in September, installations host Bells Across America for the Fallen Service Members. In collaboration with Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, SFC Courtney Kayser, NCOIC, Military Police Security Operations, read the names of Fallen Soldiers.





# Hurricane Preparedness

**E**mergency Manager Rodney Myles(left) and Security Specialist Johanian Melendez(right) met with the workforce to increase employee awareness, preparedness, and contingencies for natural, human, and accidental disasters, whether at home or at the depot.



Hurricane Preparedness

## Assemble Disaster Supplies



Food & water



Medicine & prescriptions



Keep gas tank full



Cash on hand



Radio, batteries, phone chargers





## Two Artisans Earn Safety Excellence Awards

Gualberto Gonzalez was honored for quickly spotting an out-of-place dial indicator during a lost tool stand down, ending the event and preventing prolonged recovery efforts. His vigilance safeguarded the T700 assembly line and upheld CCAD's mission readiness.

Melissa Villanueva received the award after reporting a near-miss involving a door. Her swift action led to corrective measures, including updated signage and workforce alerts, averting a potential mishap and strengthening workplace safety.



AMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Doss and Depot Sgt. Maj. Angelo Rickert recognized great leaders!

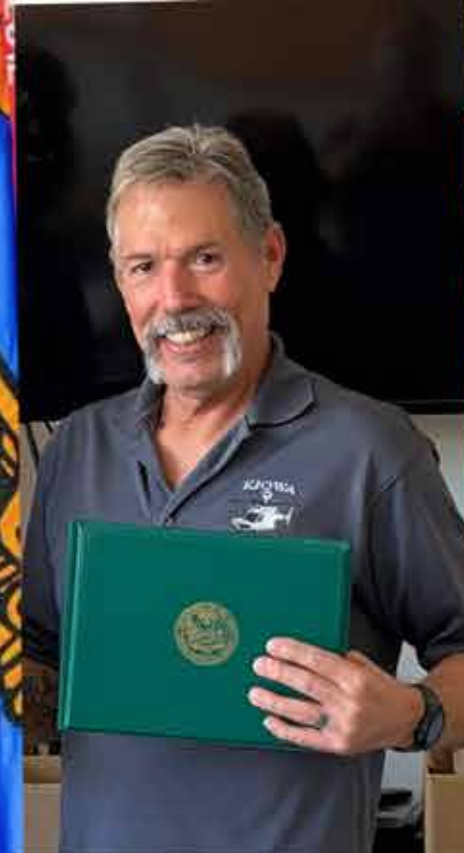


## CCAD Honors Workforce Management Chief for 36 Years of Service

The Corpus Christi Army Depot recognized the Linda Callejo, Chief of Workforce Management Division, Directorate of Human Capital Management, for 36 years of dedicated federal service.

Her decades of leadership and commitment reflect great credit upon herself and the U.S. Army. She was commended for her service and congratulated on her retirement.





**James Aiken,  
Sheet Metal Mechanic,  
who retires after  
20 years**

**Hershel Lovette Jr.  
Production Controller  
Supervisor  
who retires after  
39 years**



**Retiring Aircraft Mechanic Parts Repairers:  
Jesus Guevara Jr.(36 years),  
Wallace Ham( 36 years),  
Douglas Carter (36 years),  
and Jimmy McCombs.(37 years)**

**David Higgins  
Budget Specialist ,  
who retires after  
27 years**



**Curtis Titus  
Chief of the Staff Support Division.  
who retires after  
41 years**



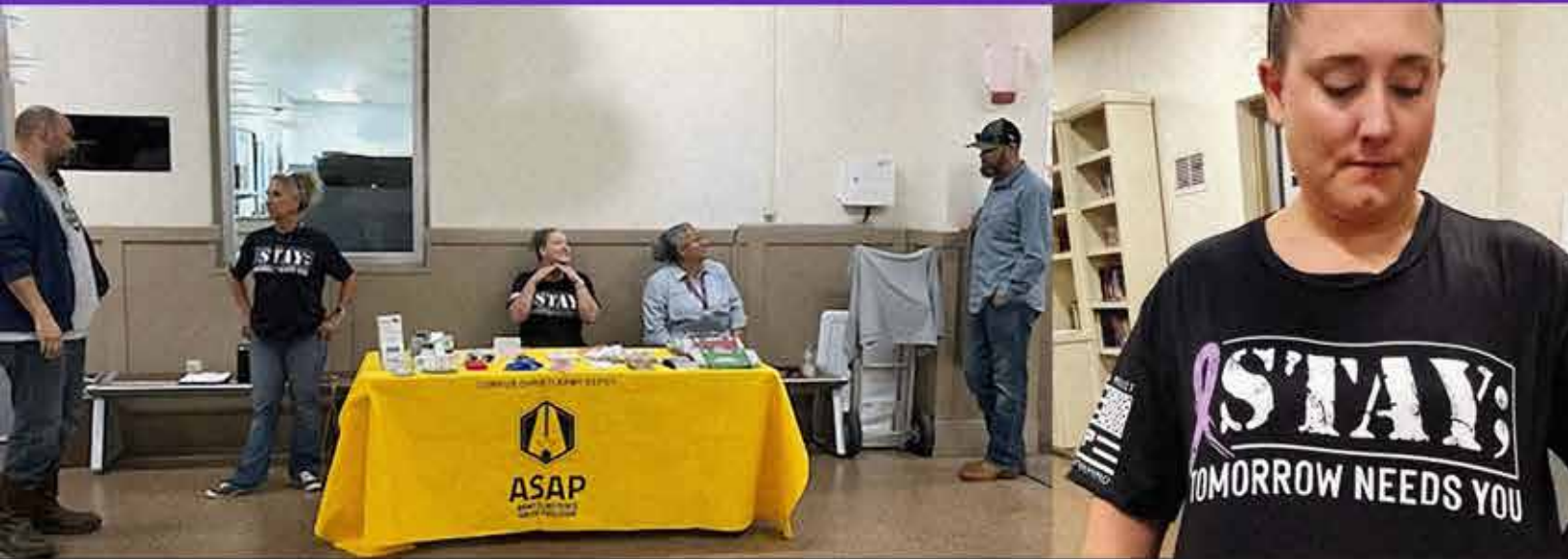
**Sending a proud  
CCAD Salute to  
outstanding individuals!**

These remarkable careers supported the critical mission to #KeepTheArmyFlying. This powerful legacy will fuel and inspire the next generation of CCAD artisans.

By honoring its rich history, the Army cultivates pride and reinforces the values of service and continuity



# SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH



## “STRONGER TOGETHER!”

Suicide Prevention Month was a time to raise greater awareness of resources for Army Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members who may need crisis support or want to help someone they know. “We Are Stronger Together. Connect to Protect.” This theme emphasizes the role that strong, positive relationships play in countering suicide risk. Connecting with others fosters a sense of belonging, encourages healthy coping, and creates a support system of people and resources we can rely on when difficulties arise.

The CCAD Army Substance Abuse Program is offering outreach opportunities to connect with employees and military members. Stop by to connect, learn about available resources, and discover the support for the workforce. Whether you have questions or want to chat—ASAP is here for you!





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