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Six Decades of Service to the Warfighter

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), originally named the U.S. Army Transportation Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), marked their 60th birthday as the U.S. Army's only aviation maintenance facility on April 21.

Colonel Joseph H. Parker, CCAD Commander, hosted a Facebook Live event to celebrate the milestone with a ceremony on the platform of the iconic Building 8, CCAD Headquarters. Colonel Parker thanked the past and present workforce for their commitment to the operational environment through decades of peace, war, hurricanes and a pandemic.



"As CCAD marks its 60th birthday, we have earned trust through the outstanding work ethic and highest quality performance in support of Army Aviation," Colonel Parker said.

Congratulatory greetings and well wishes from Army leaders, former commanders, employees, area leaders and members of congress were shared on the social media broadcast. In true Army tradition, two workforce members, Mr. Abelardo R. Garza Chief, Production Equipment Support Branch, Equipment Maintenance Division, Directorate of Infrastructure and Risk Management, and Mackenzie T. Bisher, Engine Equipment Cleaner, represented the generations of CCAD and joined Depot military leaders to cut the birthday cake with the Depot saber.



Colonel Parker added, "We have to harness our past and set conditions for future growth by modernizing our facilities to provide safe, state-of-the-art flexible locations to continue to meet our mission."

The Depot has marked numerous milestones in the past year with the completion of the first UH-60V Black Hawk helicopter with the glass cockpit Pilot-Vehicle Interface; and ribbons cuttings for Phase 2 of the Dynamic Component Repair Facility and the Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility.

People, modernization and readiness remain the Army's priorities. CCAD stands ready to meet any challenge to defeat any future threats.



Thank you to our outstanding workforce for 60 years!

Senior CCAD leaders along with over 70 employees gathered on the flight line with a trio of Black Hawk helicopters for a formation to commemorate CCADs 60th birthday.

720 months of putting the mission first!

21,915 days of "Keeping the Army Flying!"

Photo by Ervey Martinez, CCAD Photographer

Commander's Corner

Team CCAD:

As we mark our 60th birthday, we have learned that trust is earned through our outstanding work ethic and the highest quality performance in support of Army Aviation the Army and the Nation.

We cannot rest on the laurels of our past accomplishments. By harnessing our past and setting the conditions for future growth, we want to ensure that 60 years from now, there will be a 120th birthday.

People will continue to be our #1 priority. The workforce, past, present and future will continue to ensure that we meet our mission.

I am CCAD
We are CCAD
We keep the Army flying

Joseph H. Parker
Colonel, Aviation



Guajardo Makes First Official Visit As Mayor



Corpus Christi Mayor, Ms. Paulette Guajardo, toured CCAD for the first time since taking office on March 9. She witnessed modernization efforts, production efficiencies and the use of new, emerging technologies. Photos by Ervey Martinez.

General's Challenge Met with Enthusiasm



Photo credit: (Above) CCAD Public Affairs Office and Anniston Army Depot Public Affairs Office.



Photo credit: (Above) U.S. Army Watervliet Arsenal Public Affairs Office

After a recent tour of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, General Ed Daly, Commander of the Army Materiel Command, challenged the leaders of the U.S. Army's Organic Industrial Base to study modernization operations at each other's facilities.

Colonel Joseph H. Parker, CCAD Commander, hosted Anniston Army Depot Commander, Colonel Marvin Walker for a tour of the new Dynamic Components Repair Facility Phase 2 where he observed processes used to prep UH-60 Black Hawks for painting.

Colonel Parker and Sergeant Major Peden joined Colonel Walker at Anniston Army Depot to see the Nichols Industrial Combat Vehicle Repair Facility, where vehicles are completely overhauled.

The leaders then visited the U.S. Army Watervliet Arsenal to witness cannon production and other modernization efforts to fulfill General Daly's challenge.

AMC Commander General Ed Daly Tours the Depot

The head of U.S. Army Materiel Command, Gen. Ed Daly met with Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) Commander Col. Joseph Parker and top leaders to review the ongoing efforts to modernize existing manufacturing technologies.

Daly toured the rotary-winged aircraft maintenance facility, which observed its 60th year of service to the nation April 21, to see firsthand how industrial base modernization and the expansion of infrastructure can help sustain CCAD's recapitalization operations.

"CCAD is using available technology such as robotics and automated blue light scanning, to develop a multipurpose assembly and disassembly line that can adapt to future modernization efforts," Daly said as he walked through the post-Hurricane Harvey repaired and renovated hangar.

To get an accurate account of the day-in and day-out operations in support of the Army mission, Daly spent time talking to artisans and subject matter experts in metal spray, T700 engines, the UH-60V line and the new Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility.

CCAD has the advantage of a trained, tested and veteran workforce with a future forward-thinking mindset toward 3D capabilities, heavy metal eradication and real-time data technology and processes.

"We do things here that no one else in the Army does," Parker said. The depot is committed to investing in the future by focusing on new and emerging capabilities such as additive manufacturing and reverse engineering technology, while ensuring the readiness of today's Army with an adaptive and agile service.



Prior to wrapping up his visit, Daly said to employees, "Keep doing great things and making a difference. [I] appreciate what you do."

Story by Della Adame, CCAD Public Affairs Specialist. Photos by Carla Green, CCAD Public Affairs Officer.



MG Royar Recognizes CCADers Work & Ethics



During the recent visit to the Depot, AMCOM Commanding General Todd Royar presented Javier Limones (Aircraft Mechanic), Cheryl Green (Plans Architecture and Services Division Chief), Adam Lipitz (Production Technical Analyst), and Ricky 'Bubba' Weikel (Combined Machine Shop Supervisor) with commander's coins to recognize them for their contributions to the Depot.



AMCOM Command Sergeant Major Mike Dove presented a coin to CPL Justin Mandy during the visit. Mandy is at the Depot with his unit, 6th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th ID, Fort Carson, Colorado, for training alongside CCAD artisans.



National Guard Units Conduct Training Recon

Colonel Joseph H. Parker, CCAD Commander, hosted Brigadier General David L. Hall, Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard for Aviation and Information Warfare, during a tour of the Depot on March 8. The groundwork for future modernization efforts was showcased giving General Hall an opportunity to see efficiency and readiness that is the hallmark of CCAD.

South Dakota National Guard Detachment 2, B Co, 935th ASB, recently conducted a leader's reconnaissance of CCAD. The Soldiers will be training at the Depot later this year working alongside the highly skilled workforce. The Soldiers will learn valuable repair and maintenance skills to meet the Army's readiness requirements.



THANK YOU TO OUR CCAD 60TH BIRTHDAY VOLUNTEERS



Carol-Anne Cox
Branch Chief, Directorate
of Accessories and Rotor
Blades, Rotary Wing
Branch 3



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Industrial Specialist/COR
Directorate of Infrastruc-
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P64A4 DMPP



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and Supply Manage-
ment



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Program Analyst,
DPSM

Thank you to the many volunteers,
who unselfishly gave their time to assist
with the planning and execution of
the 60th Birthday events.

We also want to give a
#CCADSALUTE
to all the unsung heroes who worked below
the radar to get the job done because...
#WE ARE ALL CCAD!



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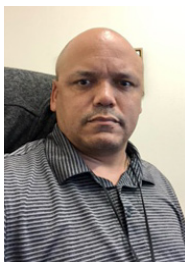
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Deputy Awarded Order of Saint Michael

Mark Wagner, Deputy to the Commander at the Corpus Christi Army Depot, received the Order of St. Michael Bronze medal from the Army Aviation Association of America.

Marc Garza, Corpus Christi Chapter Senior Vice president, presented Wagner with the medal and certificate on behalf of the organization for his outstanding contributions to the community of Army Aviation.

A native of Houston, Texas, Wagner has over 20 years combined civilian and private industry experience. He joined CCAD in September 2015 as the Director of Resource Management with a broad range of financial management experience at multiple organizational levels in the Department of Defense, including championing initiatives to reduce cost and improve management of resources.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in both Communication Disorders and Psychology from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Texas.



CCAD MP is AMCOM Soldier of the Year

AMCOM partnered with USAACE and Fort Rucker, for a five-day Best Warrior Competition (BWC) this year. Spc. Christian Kerkado-Colon represented the Corpus Christi Army Depot at the event.

Kerkado won the AMCOM competition by outpacing three others to the finish line after a 12-mile forced march.

Enlisting in the Army National Guard in 2016 as a military policeman, he joined the Army for "a greater calling" and to follow in his father's footsteps. His father also was an MP who achieved the position of first sergeant and served for more than three decades.

Kerkado, has been in the Army for four years and considers his father his personal and professional mentor. "He raised me and taught me, not only what it is like to be a man but also, what it is like to be a great leader and a Soldier."

As the AMCOM Soldier of the Year, Spc. Kerkado-Colon will represent AMCOM at the U.S. Army Materiel Command level of the BWC later this year.

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua McKee, CCAD Security Division MP NCOIC, described Kerkado as a very positive and motivated Soldier and personable individual who volunteered for this challenge. "Now, keep in mind, he's also going through Auxiliary (Security) Force (ASF) training at the same time with the Navy," McKee said. ASF personnel provide augmentation to base security during contingencies, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, civil disturbances, exercises and special events that require heightened levels of security. "As an MP, we don't really get to participate in this type of environment – we usually just do law enforcement" he added.



Specialized Aviation Mechanic Training



Soldiers from the 6th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado recently trained along-side CCAD artisans. For two weeks, the Soldiers worked on blades, composite materials and engine components involved in the overhaul, modification and repair of aircraft.

Photos by Della Adame



ACCF: First Class N Primer Black Hawk



The new "Class N" primer is ready to head to the field! In another milestone event at CCAD, a Black Hawk helicopter is the Army's first aircraft to receive an undercoat unlike others in the aviation fleet. The primer removes heavy metals entirely from primer operations during the aircraft maintenance process. With the first aircraft using all Class N primers completed, the team got to #RingTheBell in commemoration of the milestone. CCAD is proud to lead the way in implementing controls and protections for safer environments in depots and in the field where Soldiers and civilians perform maintenance.

Above: Luis Colsa (Painter Journeyman)

At right: Raul Rodriguez (Painter Journeyman), Donovan Babcock (Division Chief), Prelvis Lofties (Supervisor), Andy Gonzalez (CFT), Jose Zepeda (Supervisor), Lauro Moya (Work Lead), Kenneth Ray (Painter Journeyman), Luis Colsa (Painter Journeyman), Reuben Gomez (CFT), and Luis Martin (Painter Journeyman). Photos by Ervey Martinez



Awards & Recognition



Human Capital Management – Workforce Management October 2020 – March 2021

CIVILIAN SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDALS

1st Quarter
Jorge Aguilar Kennet Long
Kenneth Norman
2nd Quarter
Victor Sprunger Ruben Yanez

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

1st Quarter
Eva Bell Adrian Canas Maria Dimick
Rosalynn Duenes Stephanie Gonzales
Kevin Kell Gerald Larrivee
Bryan Leal Amanda Peralez
Mari Rivera Gilbert Rodriguez III
Megan Tamez Michael Tiefenbach
San Juanita Trevino Thomas Volk
2nd Quarter
Federico Balli, Jr. John Michael Rodriguez
Fidela Campos Jane Scott
Thomas Moulton

CIVILIAN SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS

1st Quarter
Charles Benson Elma Garcia-Trevino
Santiago Rodriguez Nicholas Clarke
Gaye Harris Jose Salas
Augustin De La Rosa
Gabriel Rodriguez Mike Stewart
Ruth Rodriguez William Edgar Jr.
2nd Quarter
Reynold John Robert Sollars
Robert Kunicki Carla Withers
Esequiel Rivas

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

1st Quarter
Tom Alexander Chris Johnson
2nd Quarter
Michael Galvan Roberto Tamez

RETIREMENTS

Mr. Kenneth Weeks retired on 29 January after 40 years of combined federal service. A native of Corpus Christi, Mr. Weeks attended king high school and was drafted into the United States Army soon after graduation. Completing a tour in Vietnam, Mr. Weeks returned home to Corpus Christi where he met and married his wife Sheila. Over their 30 years together Ken and Sheila have raised 6 children. Mr. Weeks started his CCAD career in 1982 as a helper, being promoted numerous times over the years, and held the position of aircraft engine mechanic when he retired. Additionally, Mr. Weeks was heavily involved with the local union at CCAD, first serving as a steward, chief steward and the last 6 years as union president.

Mr. Armando Leal retired on 26 February 2021 after 19 years of combined federal service. Mr. Leal came to CCAD in 2004 and retired as a machinist in the Directorate of Manufacturing and Process Production. Good luck Mr. Leal and enjoy your retirement. You earned it!

Mr. Ray Castillo retired on 1 April 2021 from the Directorate of Manufacturing and Process Production after 46 years of federal service. Mr. Castillo finished out his career as an aircraft sheet metal mechanic. His work will be flying throughout the world for quite some time. Thank you for your service, Mr. Castillo.

Mr. Louis L. Alvarado, also from the Directorate of Manufacturing and Process Production, retires on 30 April 2021 after 17 years of federal service. Mr. Alvarado worked long hours at CCAD as an aircraft production controller. We are sure his wife Debbie is happy to have him home. Enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

#Teamwork



The CCAD Riggers move things all around CCAD! One day they may be offloading large items like Black Hawks from the back of 18-wheeler trucks, and the next day they'll be moving small furniture items with just as much care and coordination. The team supports other activities throughout Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, including helping out with the giant American flag used in various change of command ceremonies. Pictured above, the team is assisting with the 2021 DLA Change of Command Ceremony.

Photo by Ruben Rivera

Be Prepared!

It is never too early to start preparing for Hurricane Season. CCAD Emergency Manager Juan Hernandez distributed emergency document bags to Depot employees to help with hurricane preparedness actions at building 8 recently. The document bags are a great way to safeguard ID's, insurance financial/property/ vehicle documents, medical prescriptions and phone numbers of family, friends and neighbors all in one place. Keep the waterproof bag readily accessible for when you need to bug out. You can pick up an emergency document bag at the Emergency Management Office, Bldg. 1260. For more tips on emergency preparedness go to:

<https://www.recovery.texas.gov/preparedness>



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Sergeant Major

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