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NASA Award

DCMA ATK Thiokol Receives NASA Award

MARCH 8 – Mr. David A. King, director of NASA’s George T. Marshall Space Flight Center, presented nine DCMA ATK Thiokol teammates with a NASA Group Achievement Award. The award honored their successful participation and completion of the Johnson Space Center (JSC) NASA Space Transportation System audit of the Space Shuttle Reusable Solid Rocket Motor (RSRM) Quality and Mission Assurance Program. The NASA Group Achievement Award is presented to individuals or teams that set the standard for achievement in a particular area. The RSRM Program was the first to be reviewed by JSC and has become the benchmark for JSC and associated DCMA organizations. On the left, seven of the nine DCMA honorees are pictured with their NASA colleagues — back row, from left: Mr. Larry Hope (DCMA); Mr. Randy Burbank (DCMA); Mr. Kim Hatch (DCMA); Mr. Robert Gamble (DCMA); Mr. Tom Hartline (NASA); Mr. Mark Pickart (DCMA); Ms.

Amy Schilling (NASA); and Mr. Bryan Cox (DCMA); front row, from left: Mr. Paul Teehan (NASA); Mr. Arnold Baldwin (NASA); Mr. Doug Bateman (NASA); Mr. Thad Poulter (DCMA); and Ms. Suzie Johnson (NASA). Not pictured: Ms. Judy Hennefer (DCMA) and Mr. Gary Jacobson (DCMA). (by Mr. Mark Pickart, deputy commander, DCMA ATK Thiokol)

DCMA Cleveland Employee’s Son Receives National Recognition

MARCH 28 – Mr. Casey Eskew, son of DCMA Cleveland Contract Administrator Ms. Karen Eskew (both pictured right), was inducted into Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, at an awards dinner and reception. Mr. Eskew, a junior at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, is majoring in psychology with a minor in sociology. To be selected for induction, a student must meet the standards required by the Psi Chi national office and the Association of College Honor Societies. Mr. Eskew has met the requirements of Psi Chi by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and remaining in the top quarter of psychology majors in his class. (by Ms. Karen Eskew, contract administrator, DCMA Cleveland; photo by Mr. Wayne Eskew)



Psi Chi Inductee

Aircrew Awarded Air Medal

MAY – A DCMA Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations (AIMO) – Birmingham crew was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during an in-flight emergency on Aug. 20, 2005. The emergency occurred during a routine functional check flight mission aboard an Air Force KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft. While the crew was performing the hydraulic system check, a hydraulic fluid line ruptured, releasing 21 gallons of hydraulic fluid over the skies of western Alabama.



Air Medal Recipients

The DCMA crew members (pictured from left), Air Force Capt. Thomas Clancy (navigator), Air Force Maj. Thomas Philipp (pilot), Air Force Maj. John Pugh (aircraft commander) and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Raymond Ouellette, exercised quick thinking and a great deal of ingenuity to safely recover the multi-million-dollar aircraft with no injuries to the crew. (by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rafael Him, functional check flight program manager, DCMA AIMO – Birmingham; photo by Air Force Capt. Alison Breedon, DCMA AIMO – Birmingham)

DCMA Helps Scouts Get Lean Lesson

MAY 19 – Navy Capt. Dorothy J. Freer (back row, center), DCMA Sikorsky commander and former Girl Scout, led the Girl Scouts of

Troop 49 on a tour of Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Conn. With help from Capt. Freer and Troop Leader Ms. Tina Lennertz (back row, left), the Girl Scouts of Troop 49 (shown with a bust of Igor Sikorsky at right), based at Elizabeth Shelton School in Shelton, Conn., learned the basics of lean manufacturing in business operations to earn their business badge. Ms. Cara Capoccitti, a fourth-grader at Elizabeth Shelton School and daughter of Ms. Cheryl Capoccitti (back row, right), DCMA Sikorsky contract administrator, planned the tour that began with a history lesson of the Sikorsky helicopter. In a small museum in the lobby of Sikorsky’s administration building, the Girl Scouts witnessed the beginnings of the helicopter as envisioned on paper by Igor Sikorsky. The tour continued with a walk down the factory production line and, finally, to a completed aircraft in the main hangar. Most of the Scouts were not aware of the number of operations in an assembly line and expressed surprise at the amount of machinery. All tour participants agreed that the best part of the tour was saved for last — the main hangar. In the hangar, the Scouts got up close to the inside of an aircraft to marvel at the vast number of dials, switches and pedals. Thanks to tour leader Capt. Freer, who flies helicopters and commands a DCMA office of more than 100 employees, the Girl Scouts learned about aircraft production and business practices and were able to see firsthand several non-traditional career paths for women. (by Ms. Cheryl Capoccitti, contract administrator, DCMA Sikorsky)



Lean Lesson



Ms. Marion Julian

National Institute of Packaging, Handling and Logistic Engineers Award

JUNE 7 – Ms. Marion Julian, packaging advocate, DCMA Boston, was selected as this year’s winner of the National Institute of Packaging, Handling and Logistic Engineers (NIPHLE) Annual Achievement Award for her outstanding accomplishments and contribution in the field of packaging. Each year, the NIPHLE awards committee considers nominations for recognition of individual accomplishments. Mr. Franklin Guerrero, retired from



DCMA Headquarters Packaging, presented Ms. Julian with her award during the 2006 Annual Achievement Award banquet. The Institute was founded on Aug. 8, 1956, in Washington, D.C., with the objective of improving communication between distribution and logistics professionals. Today, NIPHLE is committed to serving government and industry specialists by providing a common ground for the exchange of information in all areas of packaging and handling with a view toward improvements in design, materials, equipment, application, standardization and cost evaluation methods to facilitate logistic planning. (by Ms. Anna Muti, quality assurance specialist, DCMA Aeronautical Systems Division)

Army Celebrates 231st Birthday

JUNE 14 – The U.S. Army's 231st birthday was marked by a celebration at DCMA Boeing Mesa (Ariz.), manufacturing site of the AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sheer (4th from left) presided over the cake cutting while DCMA Boeing Mesa employees (shown from left) Mr. Donny McGlothlin, Mr. Brad Rounding, Mr. Stu Lang, Mr. Cliff Grines, Mr. Brian Klink and Army Master Sgt. Allan Holcombe looked on. (by Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sheer, aviation maintenance manager, DCMA Boeing Mesa)



Army Birthday



Change of Command

DCMA Lockheed Martin Change of Command

JULY 18 – Army Lt. Col. Douglas B. Bushey (right) relinquished command of DCMA Lockheed Martin Dallas to Army Lt. Col. Quentin T. Rashid (left) in a ceremony held at the Ruthe Jackson Convention Center in Grand Prairie, Texas. Army Col. Paul M. McQuain (center), DCMA Dallas commander, served as the commander of troops and presided over the ceremony. Lt. Col. Rashid is a native of Greensboro, N.C. In 1987 he graduated from Hampton University in Virginia with a bachelor's degree in management. He later earned a master's degree in business administration from Webster University. Lt. Col. Rashid's military education includes Air Defense Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Materiel Acquisition Management course and attendance at the Command and General Staff College. He is Level III certified in contracting and is a member of the Acquisition Corps. His previous assignments include duty with DCMA Southern Europe; Third Army/Coalition Forces Land Component Command; Tank-automotive and Armaments Command; Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space; Joint Tactical Missile Signatures; Defense Language Institute English Language Center; 18th Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and 32nd Army Air Defense Command, Schweinfurt, Germany. Lt. Col. Bushey departs as a result of early selection to the highly competitive Senior Service College (Army War College) and a fellowship at the University of Texas in Austin. Lt. Col. Bushey leaves command with many accomplishments. In particular, he led DCMA Lockheed Martin in transitioning three Army Category I programs valued at \$5.5 billion from limited to full-rate production and helped establish a strategic plan and a procedure for improving supply chain management operations. (by Ms. Susan Soule, program analyst, DCMA Lockheed Martin Dallas)