

Aircraft Operations Annual Awards

Contract Safety Specialist of the Year

Mr. Jeffrey L. Eickholt

DCMA Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations – Greenville (S.C.)



Mr. Eickholt is the contract safety specialist responsible for the oversight of the Lockheed Martin Aircraft Logistics Center and Stevens Aviation facilities. Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations (AIMO)

– Greenville supports U.S. Navy P-3 aircraft programmed depot maintenance, U.S. Air Force C-130 unscheduled depot maintenance and C-130 depot maintenance for several foreign nations. Mr. Eickholt developed a comprehensive safety surveillance tool that covers all 17 hangar facilities and tracks their compliance with over 130 different safety requirements. Mr. Eickholt routinely briefs his surveillance results to his contract management office's commander and Lockheed Martin's vice president at monthly corporate council meetings. The results of Mr. Eickholt's surveillance are used by both the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) and Lockheed Martin to target follow-up surveillance for the subsequent 30-day period. Mr. Eickholt's surveillance tracking tool has been lauded by the DCMA Safety Center and AIMO – Aircraft Operations as a benchmark for the Agency!

Aviation Maintenance Manager of the Year

Air Force Master Sergeant Kenneth Spinler

DCMA Boeing Long Beach (Calif.)



MSgt. Spinler is an essential member of the Boeing Long Beach Aviation Program Team, overseeing one B-1B bomber and three C-17 cargo aircraft contracts totaling over \$3 billion annually. He

provides leadership and critical communication on all facets of aircraft engineering, production and modification. A true leader on the ramp, his supervision has ensured the delivery of 16 new-production and 12 modified C-17s, mission ready and ahead of schedule. MSgt. Spinler was also a vital member of the team assembled to recover a heavily damaged C-17 in the area of operational responsibility. He worked with Boeing and the Air Force Material Command en route maintenance to ensure the safe and successful recovery of a heavily damaged aircraft.



(Background) A C-17 Globemaster III comes to a stop after landing on the dirt runway at Fort Irwin, Calif. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Zuccaro)

(Above) A C-5 lands for the Air Force Reserve's 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta's flight operations team executed an aggressive flying schedule for the C-5 program, performing 130 functional and developmental test sorties totaling more than 529.3 hours. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Government Flight Representative of the Year

Air Force Major Edward Alcocer

DCMA AIMO – Kelly (Texas)



Maj. Alcocer provides oversight at five geographically separated facilities over 400 miles apart that are run by various companies, maintaining over 100 aviation contracts valued in excess of \$13 billion. This equates to the largest and most diverse flying operation within the Aeronautical Systems Division and the third largest flying billet within all of DCMA. This year has resulted in 1,933 flying hours and 516 flights flown, all mishap-free and flown under Maj. Alcocer's direct oversight. This year 56 aircraft were delivered to the warfighter, far beyond the expectations, forecasts and projected schedules. This responsibility covers the Presidential fleet and over 30 other types of aircraft.

Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year

Air Force Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Paul Barger

DCMA Boeing Seattle (Wash.)



Lt. Col. Paul Barger is the primary government flight representative for Boeing's Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) program and multi-million dollar contracts for development, flight test and modification of all NATO, Saudi Arabian, Japanese, Australian and U.S. AWACS aircraft worldwide. He instituted an innovative pilot currency solution that will save resources and assure critical aircraft are delivered on time. Contractor pilots can now use simulators to help maintain currency, and the program will eventually save the government millions of dollars.

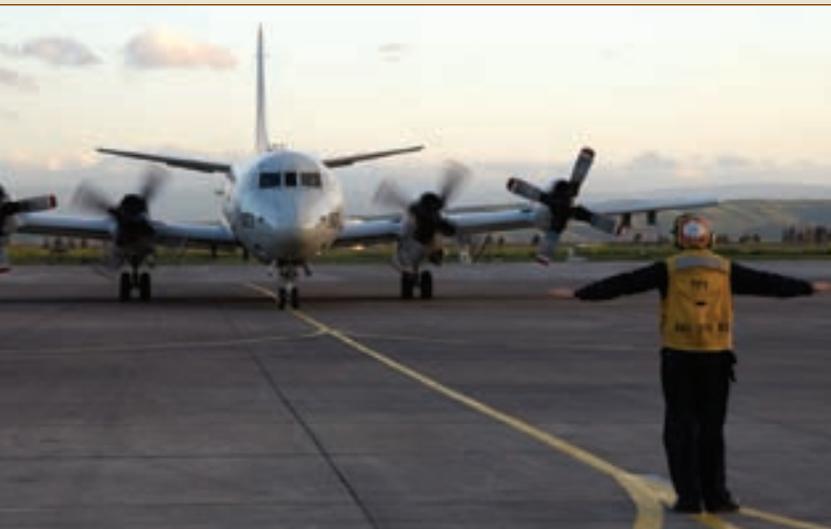
Chief of Flight Operations of the Year

Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Peter Lautzenheiser

DCMA Boeing Mesa (Ariz.)



CWO5 Lautzenheiser has provided oversight for over 1,849 sorties and 1,755 flight hours for five different contractors this year. Individually, he has flown over 25 acceptance missions while also acting as



(Above) Aviation Technician Airman Justin Kirschbaum uses hand signals to taxi a P-3C Orion from the taxiway in Sigonella, Sicily. Mr. Jeffrey Eickholt, Contract Safety Specialist of the Year, DCMA AIMO – Greenville, supports U.S. Navy P-3 programmed depot maintenance. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Jacqueline Hall)

a standardization instructor pilot, instrument examiner and maintenance test pilot, completing over 100 hours of flight time. He has maintained an active involvement with the contractor by flying surveillance flights with over 50 percent of the contractor production pilots.

Aviation Program Team of the Year **DCMA – AIMO St. Augustine (Fla.)**



DCMA AIMO – St. Augustine’s Aviation Program Team, located at Northrop Grumman’s St. Augustine Manufacturing Center, oversees a complex mix of active, reserve and international contracts. Their responsibilities range from the monitoring of the Swiss upgrade of excess F-5E/F Tigers to a U.S. Navy Reserve/U.S. Marine Corps Reserve configuration; through the re-winging, upgrading and testing of the EA-6B Prowler to the latest configuration; to the production of the latest variants of the E-2C Hawkeye. Mishap-free flight operations for the three series of aircraft totaled over 600 hours and 350 sorties and resulted in the delivery of 61 new and remanufactured aircraft to the fleet.



(Top left) From left: Navy Capt. Dave Moroney with members of the Aviation Program Team of the Year from DCMA – AIMO St. Augustine – Navy Adm. Robert Ibarra, Navy Lt. Matt Dodge, Navy Lt. Josh Greene, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brian Kulley, Navy Cmdr. Phil Porter – and Mr Keith Ernst, DCMA acting director (DCMA staff photo)

(Top right) From left: Navy Capt. Dave Moroney with members of DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta Flight Activity of the Year – Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Blalock, Air Force MSgt. Richard Withrow, Air Force Maj. Paul Holst, Air Force Col. Nicole Plourde, Air Force Lt. Col. Eric Kreul, Air Force Senior MSgt. Jeffrey Benham, Air Force Maj. Mark Truchan – and Mr. Keith Ernst, DCMA acting director (DCMA staff photo)

(Above) A B-52 Stratofortress taxis during an alert exercise at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 6, 2006. Alert generation exercises are held to ensure the base can respond rapidly to national objectives. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jocelyn Rich)

Flight Activity of the Year

DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta (Ga.)

DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta’s flight



operations team is one of the busiest within DCMA. They excelled at the acceptance and test support for four high-visibility aircraft programs: C-130J upgrade, C-5 Avionics Modernization Program, C-5 Reliability Enhancement Re-engineering Program and F/A-22 upgrade. During fiscal year 2005, DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta flight operations oversaw 1,019.5 flying hours on 502 sorties, accepted/delivered 19 C-130Js and 25 F/A-22s, bringing more than \$4.5 billion in assets to the warfighter. The C-5 program also executed an aggressive flying schedule, performing 130 functional and developmental test sorties totaling more than 529.3 hours. The F/A-22 team’s forward thinking allowed the F/A-22 production line to incorporate major upgrade modifications. This saved Lockheed Martin Marietta 18 weeks and now has them on schedule despite the massive upgrades.